

THE ARCTIC - PONANT: THE BEST OF KAMCHATKA



INTRODUCTION

Set sail on an amazing 15 day expedition to the far East of Russia. On board the Le Soleal you will find the perfect blend of luxury and elegance to provide a one of a kind expedition cruising experience. Embark from Nome and sail the Bering Sea to discover a rarely visited corner of our world. Uncover the vast expanses of colorful tundra in Chukotka before witnessing the stunning volcanic landscapes of Kamchatka. Visit some of the most isolated places in the world and encounter some of the most unique Arctic wildlife on this incredible voyage.

ITINERARY

DAY 1: Embarkation in Nome

Embarkation is scheduled between 4 & 5PM with disembarkation scheduled for 10PM. During your day at sea, make the most of the many services and activities on board. Treat yourself to a moment of relaxation in the spa or stay in shape in the fitness centre. Depending on the season, let yourself be tempted by the swimming pool or a spot of sunbathing. This day without a port of call will also be an opportunity to enjoy the conferences or shows proposed on board, to do some shopping in the boutique or to meet the PONANT photographers in their dedicated space. As for lovers of the open sea, they will be able to visit the ship's upper deck to admire the spectacle of the waves and perhaps be lucky enough to observe marine species. A truly enchanted interlude, combining comfort, rest and entertainment.



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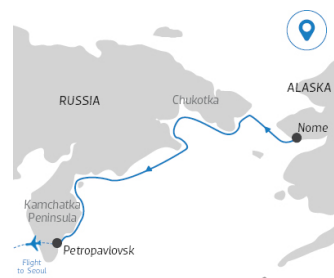
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DAY 2: At Sea - Day 2-3

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DAY 4: Chukotka - Day 4-5

Located between the glacial Arctic Ocean and the Pacific Ocean, on the eastern point of Russia, Chukotka is one of the world's most isolated regions. Made up of vast plains of tundra, which take on magnificent colours in summer, the region is the kingdom of the Chukchi, a nomad people that has now settled. Present on these lands for millennia, they are one of Eastern Siberia's oldest communities and still live from hunting and fishing today.



DAY 7: Kamchatka Peninsula - Day 7-14

The Kamchatka Peninsula evokes the power of wild and preserved nature. Dotted with over 200 volcanos, making up a UNESCO World Heritage Site, this "land of ice and fire" stretches over more than 1,000 km between the Sea of Okhotsk and the Bering Sea. Its vast forests and prairies, islands, rivers and wet lands fed by glaciers located inland are home to many tens of thousands of Kamchatka brown bears, and rich biodiversity: the largest variety of salmon in the world and many sea birds and marine mammals (northern fulmars, guillemots, puffins, cormorants, Steller's eiders, Aleutian terns, Steller's sea eagle, Steller's sea lions and other species of sea lions, and whales).



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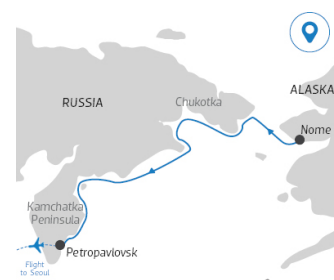
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DAY 15: Disembarkation in Petropavlovsk

Disembarkation is scheduled for approximately 6AM. Petropavlovsk, the oldest town in the Russian Far East, was established in October 1740, when the ships Saint-Pierre and Saint-Paul, captained by Vitus Jonassen Bering, the Danish explorer working for the Russian Navy, first entered the bay. The Military Glory Museum, found in the town centre, is the most important in all of northern Russia. Keep your camera at the ready, though, as nearby is the picturesque Petrovskaya Hill, which also has some surprises in store for you - don't forget to admire the sumptuous views across the Bay of Avacha from its summit. The bay's circular shape creates a natural protection against the impetuous wind, all the while providing ships with easy access into port.



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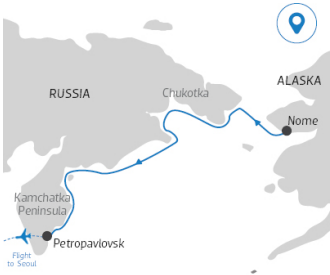
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INCLUSIONS & DETAILS

Accommodation	Cabin on board ship
Inclusions	<p>Cabin accommodation on board Le Soleal All meals whilst on board including snacks All scheduled landings and excursions Expedition jacket provided (yours to keep) Pair of expedition boots for use during your voyage Group transfer to/from pier Guiding by experienced expedition leader and team All port fees All landing fees Open bar (excluding premium brands) Flight from Seattle to Nome on Day 1 Flight from Petropavlovsk to Seoul on Day 15</p> <p>Exclusions International Airfares to Seattle & from Seoul Visa fees (if applicable) Travel insurance Personal expenses, such as laundry, onboard communication (telephone calls, faxes and email service) Gratuities for the crew Pre or post cruise travel expenses Optional activities, refer to optional activities section for details.</p>
Difficulty Rating	2 (light adventure)

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Single Surcharge	Available upon request, contact us for more details.
Notes	<p>Flight from Seattle to Nome is included for Day 1. It is highly recommended you arrive in Seattle 1 day prior to embarkation.</p> <p>Flight from Petropavlovsk to Seoul is included for day 15.</p> <p>Itinerary is subject to change depending on weather and ice conditions.</p>
Price Dependent upon	Departure date, season and availability

SUSTAINABILITY

Being environmentally accountable is a crucial part of our organisation. Chimu is currently striving towards using less paper, taking several initiatives to do so and tracking our progress along the way. Our goal: A paperless organisation. For this reason, all information given to you will be sent electronically. We encourage those who choose to travel with us to support our aspirations and actions and ask that you reconsider printing out documentation. To view these documents, you can download them to your iPad or portable computer before and during your trip.

Chimu is passionate and dedicated to sustainability measures and understands the crucial part sustainability plays within the tourism industry.

We use local guides and office staff to both maximise local employment opportunities and minimise carbon footprint. Local guides also ensure you benefit from the intimate knowledge, passion and culture of the country you're visiting. Our guides are all highly qualified (most with university degrees) or equip with many years of experience and are paid above the standard wage. Whether it be our knowledgeable local guides, locally produced meals or the transport on tour, we do not use imported goods when local products are available. We aim to minimise our impact on the environment and give as much back as possible to the communities we work in.

While visiting the many national parks, heritage sites, museums and landmarks our travellers are encouraged to explore whilst remaining culturally aware and sensitive. We further encourage you to buy appropriate souvenirs and discourage the buying of anything wrongfully made or taken from the environment i.e. shells and endangered species products. Information on how you can be environmentally conscious, and travel responsibly will be made available in our Travellers Guides and provided during your travels by guides and staff.

For more information on our sustainability policies, including how we are striving towards being a paperless organisation, click [HERE](#)

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