

SYLVIA EARLE | WRANGEL ISLAND



TRIP CODE

ACAUWI

DEPARTURE

19/07/2022, 01/08/2022

DURATION

16 Days

LOCATIONS

Not Available



INTRODUCTION

BOOK AND SAVE: Up to 20% off select departures and cabins*

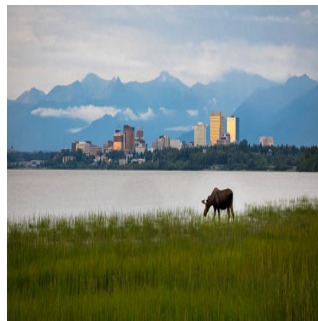
Set sail from Nome on a true expedition experience to one of Russia's most remote and treasured wildlife sanctuaries, Wrangel Island. This is a truly unique place where unforgettable wildlife opportunities and remote expedition experiences reign supreme. Discover humpback and beluga feeding sites by zodiac or perhaps let your expedition leader guide at a safe distance toward hidden polar bear dens. Be one of the few travellers to ever visit this unique corner of the world.

PLEASE NOTE: Prices displayed are subject to change and availability at the time of booking.

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DAY 1: Arrival in Anchorage

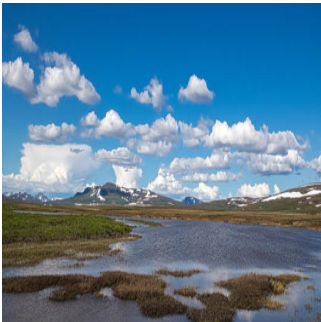
Arrive in Anchorage and transfer to our group hotel. Upon check-in, reception staff will provide you with your Aurora Expeditions cabin tags. Please fill out the luggage tags clearly, showing your name and cabin number to allow us to deliver your luggage to your cabin. Enjoy a welcome drink and meet fellow expeditioners at our voyage briefing this evening. Accommodation: Hilton Anchorage (or similar)



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DAY 2: Nome

Transfer to Anchorage airport, board our charter flight to Nome and embark the Sylvia Earle. After boarding, there’s time to settle into your cabin before our important safety briefings. This evening meet your expedition team and crew at the Captain’s Welcome Dinner. In the evening, meet the expedition team and crew at the Captain’s Welcome Dinner.



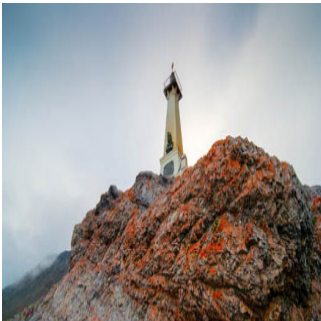
DAY 3: Provideniya

Informative briefings prepare you for upcoming landings, and sightings of beluga and grey whales enchant as you cross Bering Strait to Chukotka. In Provideniya, the administrative centre, you’ll be cleared into Russia and if time allows, visit the museum of history and culture, and perhaps take in a traditional Yupik dance performance.



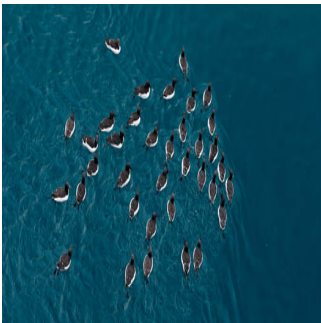
DAY 4: Lorino Village, Cape Dezhnev


Chukchi villagers warmly welcome you into Lorino with traditional dance, samples of local delicacies and the chance to observe life in this outpost of reindeer herders and marine mammal hunters. Weather and sea permitting, you land at Cape Dezhnev, Eurasia’s easternmost point, to explore the ancient Inuit settlement of Naukan, and remains of a Soviet-era research centre (both now abandoned). Note the massive whale bones, somehow brought up the cliffs for building material.



DAY 5: At Sea

Enjoy informative talks from our team of experts as your Captain navigates an approach to Wrangel Island. Although pack ice can block the way, it varies from year to year. Even if the way is clear, it’s likely you’ll delight in sea ice in upcoming days.



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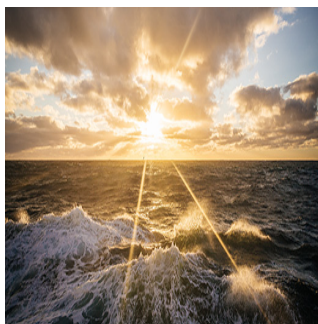
DAY 6: Wrangel Island - Day 6 to 9

Your exploration of Wrangel and Herald Islands depends on ice and weather conditions. Whether searching pack ice for polar bears, ringed seals and walrus, or Zodiac cruising beneath slopes dotted with polar bears (adults and cubs) and walrus haulouts, you'll be joined by local rangers keen to share their knowledge and love of this special place. Follow them across a vast landscape in search of reindeer, musk oxen and Arctic fox. Search for fossilised remains of woolly mammoth, a kaleidoscope of wildflowers and listen to tales of Inuit and Chukchi hunters, the first European explorers and the survivors of the Karluk disaster.



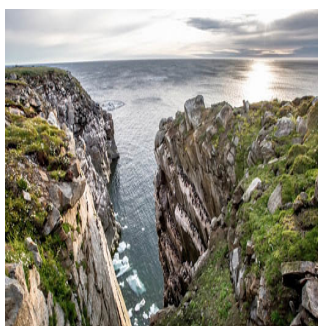
DAY 10: At Sea

As you sail south, reflect on the wonders you've seen as you edit photos, enjoy entertaining talks or treat yourself to a gym workout and massage in the wellness centre.



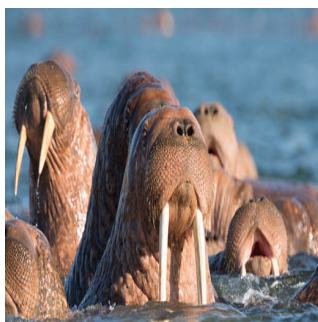
DAY 11: Kolyuchin Island

Weather permitting and with a wary eye for polar bears, you land on Kolyuchin Island, with its abandoned meteorological station and some of the Arctic's most spectacular bird cliffs, where nesting puffins, guillemots and gulls are easily photographed. The tidal estuary of Kolyuchin Inlet offers wildflowers and a host of birds from yellowbilled loons to endemic emperor geese, as well as remains of dwelling mounds and graves of past inhabitants.



DAY 12: Arakamchechen Islands, Penkigngey Bay

Humpback, grey and bowhead whales feed in the waters around Arakamchechen Island, while on land is the chance to quietly approach a walrus haulout. Sea cliffs on nearby Nuneangan Island are home to guillemots, tufted puffins and crested auklets. Penkigngey Bay, a long fjord, offers tundra wildflower walks and a scenic dip in hot springs.



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DAY 13: Ytytygran Island, Provideniya

On Ytytygran Island, visit Whale Bone Alley, where bones are thickly strewn for half a kilometre along the beach, and ‘meat pits’ attest to a busy Chukchi whaling camp. Still standing, immense bowhead whale jawbones and ribs form a monumental, ceremonial archway, while just offshore grey whales are frequently seen feeding. In Provideniya, bid a fond farewell to Russia and begin the return voyage across the Bering Sea.



DAY 14: King Island

As we pass through Bering Strait, separating Russia and North America by only 100 kilometres / 60 miles, we hope to see beluga and grey whales. Conditions permitting, we land at King Island and explore the eerie, ancient village Ukivok, now abandoned after a tragic run of events. Murres and kittiwakes frequent the surrounding sea cliffs. As we depart, we celebrate the voyage end with a farewell dinner.



DAY 15: Nome and Anchorage


Disembark in Nome, transfer to the airport and board our charter flight to Anchorage, where we spend the night. Accommodation: Hilton Anchorage (or similar)



DAY 16: Depart Anchorage

Enjoy free time until check-out before continuing your journey.



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INCLUSIONS & DETAILS

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| Accommodation | Cabin on board ship |
| Inclusions | Cabin Accommodation on board vessel Charter flight Anchorage-Nome-Anchorage Transfer airport to hotel Day 1 and 15 and hotel to airport 2 and 16 One night hotel accommodation in Anchorage Day 1 and 15 All meals on board vessel All shore excursions and zodiac cruises Complimentary polar jacket Complimentary access to expedition doctor/medical clinic (initial consult) EXCLUSIONS International flights Transfers not mentioned in itinerary Passport, visa and reciprocity fees Travel insurance and emergency evacuation charges Optional activities not mentioned in itinerary |
| Difficulty Rating | 2 (light adventure) |
| Single Surcharge | Available upon request. Contact us for more information |
| Notes | Please note this itinerary may be subject to change depending on weather and sea conditions. |
| Price Dependent upon | Departure date, seasonality and availability |

SUSTAINABILITY

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

A trip to the Antarctic is a completely different experience and quite unlike any other trip you have probably been on. We use a highly regulated, licensed vessel which is well equipped to operate in this vulnerable ecosystem. We are fully compliant with all rules set down by the IAATO and all activities are governed by the Antarctic Treaty System. We carefully select all ships we work with and choose them for their small size as this creates far less impact on shore landings with wildlife. We view the voyage to the Antarctic as an expedition, not a sightseeing trip. Smaller boats such as ours can navigate narrow waterways and are far less polluting than the larger ships in Antarctic waters. By carrying less passengers, we have far less waste, and all waste is carried back to the home port to allow for environmentally conscious waste management and disposal, unlike some of the larger ships which do not facilitate this. This trip begins in Ushuaia where you will have time to sample local food and shop at local boutiques which we encourage individuals to take part in for experience and in support of the local community. We discourage the buying of souvenirs made from endangered species or

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wrongfully taken from the environment i.e. shells. Our pre-departure pack provides you with all the information required for your tour, from what to take with you to practical advice about how to minimise your impact on the Antarctic environment. This pack highlights initiatives such as waste reduction, and how to appropriately engage with wildlife and the environment around you.

For more information visit our [sustainability page](#).

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