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| Two spectacular expedition cruises of the most southern continent, “Antarctica” on the Plancius, operated by Oceanwide Expeditions | <p><i>Exploration of the Falklands, South Georgia and the Antarctic Peninsula</i></p> <p><i>Exploration of Weddell Sea & Antarctic Peninsula, not only by ship, but on foot, by kayak and overnight on the ice and more.</i></p> <p>ESCORTED by Aaltje</p> | <p>Feb.04-, 2011. Departures and return to Ushuaia</p> <p>Mar04-Mar 15, 2011</p> | <p>From \$11,000.00pp based on double occupancy</p> <p>Basecamp Plancius, all activities (1x) included from \$8,000 pp , based on double occupancy</p> |
| “Mosaic of Cultures” an exploration of the traditions and lives of Indigenous cultures of the Russian Far East | <p>This 21-day journey will take us from the Even and Yakut in Yakutat, to the Even living on Lake Baikal; the Nanai, Ulchi, Nivkh in the Khabarovsk Krai, and the Even and Koryak in Kamchatka</p> <p>ESCORTED by Aaltje</p> | <p>16 Jul-06 Aug</p> <p>We will immerse ourselves in the traditional lives of the native people,</p> | <p>Upon request</p> |
| Discovering Chukotka/Wrangell Island by expedition ship | <p>We travel from Nome Alaska to the most northern part of Russia by expedition ship,</p> <p>ESCORTED by Aaltje</p> | <p>09Aug-23 Aug, 2010</p> <p>From Anchorage, Alaska</p> | <p>Starting at \$11,500pp</p> <p>Main deck share</p> |
| Exploring the wilderness and cultures of the Russian Far East by ship | <p>We travel from Chukotka, along Kamchatka, the Commander Islands to Sakhalin</p> <p>ESCORTED by Aaltje</p> | <p>Sep 7-Sep26, 2011 from Anadyr</p> | <p>Starting at \$8,200pp</p> <p>Main deck share</p> |

**Please note that all costs are based on Double Occupancy-
Single rates can be provided upon request
No International airfare or domestic airfare included unless noted in the itinerary**

The Realm of the Amur Tiger Upon Request

Vladivostok-Terney-Vladivostok

Minimum 2 – Maximum 8

Costs will depend on the size of the group

Escorted by Aaltje van Zoelen

Highlights: The Amur Tiger certainly is the King of the Russian Far East. Its numbers have been fluctuating over the past fifteen years, but due to the effort of WWF/Russia and other project dedicated to preservation of this magnificent animal, right now the numbers are increasing. Nevertheless, actually observing the Amur Tiger is nearly impossible, as it is elusive and requires long term dedication. However, it is possible to observe and learn about what is done to protect the tiger from poachers and other hazards.

Logistical details: After a day of acquaintance with the great city of Vladivostok, you will transfer by car to the Sikhote Alyn Preserve. You will explore the area by foot and be accompanied by a naturalist who will explain the Tiger protection efforts. You will be partly accommodated with families and in cabins with outdoor toilets. On the way back to Vladivostok, you will stop at Victor Yudin's small protected area where he usually takes care of 4-6 Amur tigers which were left as youngsters in the woods.

Exploring the Culture and Nature of Lake Baikal during winter

Spring – Upon Request

Minimum 5 – Max 14

Escorted by Aaltje van Zoelen

Highlights: Lake Baikal is magnificent whether in winter or summer. This time we have chosen winter time to enjoy this majestic lake. We will be walking on the ice, go ice-fishing or skating and spend time in private homes or comfortable guest houses. We'll even have the opportunity to observe the fresh water seals, and perhaps participate in some dog sledding. The focus of the trip is to truly understand the various aspects of this magnificent fresh water lake.

Logistical details: Arrive and depart from Vladivostok. After a day of exploration of Vladivostok, depart by plane for Irkutsk the next day. Around Lake Baikal, you will stay in modest accommodations, travel by bus from Irkutsk and alongside the lake to participate in different winter activities. A post extension to Buryatia to visit the Datsan and explore small Buryat villages is available. **Domestic airfare from Vladivostok to Irkutsk and return is included.**

Expedition Cruising around Spitsbergen

Upon Request

Cruise – June 28-July 7, 2010

No Minimum – No Maximum

Escorted by Aaltje van Zoelen

Highlights: To observe the beauty of the Arctic, the best way to travel is by expedition ship. No need for ports, just a rocky beach or a small bay will do for landings. If the weather does not allow landings, the zodiacs will ferry us around, giving us the ability to observe the magnificent polar bears and the soaring birds accompanying us.

Logistical details: The best way to get to Spitsbergen is through Oslo, Norway, overnight and the next day take the group flight from Oslo to Spitsbergen. There, the ship will become our home until we get back to Spitsbergen, where our flight back will go again through Oslo.

Mosaic of Cultures

16 July – August 6, 2011

Minimum 4 – Maximum 8

Escorted by Aaltje van Zoelen

Highlights: Like others we truly believe that the better we understand the culture and traditions of indigenous populations, and take some of their advice, the more our own lives will improve. East Russia hosts approximately 70 small and large tribes of indigenous peoples, most of them intertwined with regular Russian life. On our trip, we will visit the more distant villages to really take a closer look at how they live and how they still follow and pass on their cultural traditions.

Logistical details: There are a variety of cultures that inhabit the Russian Far East. We start our journey in Yakutia, where we visit the Even and Yakut in their traditional villages, From Yakutsk, we fly to Neriyungry, where we take a car to visit a local school of children of various indigenous groups, who are taught in their native language. Then in Tynda, we board the BAM, for Komsomolsk and while on the way, meet with the local Russian population. Getting off at Komsomolsk-na-Amur, we take a small vessel which will stop at the local Nanai and Ulchi villages and finally during our last stop in Nikolaevsk-na-Amur, we will meet the local Nivkhs. From Khabarovsk, we fly to Kamchatka and further north, where we meet with the Koryak people .Our accommodations and transportation will be simple but our experiences will be rich in many different ways.

You may also book different dates and different itineraries through World Wise Ecotourism Network. We always offer the lowest rates

Discovering Chukotka and Wrangel Island by Expedition Ship

August 09-23, 2011

No minimum or maximum

Escorted by Aaltje van Zoelen

Highlights: Some of the most difficult to reach areas of Russia are the most remarkable; such is Chukotka and Wrangel Island in the north. Most of this area is populated by indigenous Eskimo's or Chuckchi people, who are still practicing whale hunting on a subsistence basis. Yet, these areas are also known for their varied flora and fauna, and other marine life such as polar bears and walrus populations. Thus your experience on this expedition cruise will magnify the riches of the polar areas, this one vested rarely, is probably the richest of all.

Logistical details: This one is actually very easy, all you need to do is to get to Nome, most likely through Anchorage, Alaska. We would suggest that you spend an extra day in Nome, as village life there is quite interesting.

Explore the Russian Far East coastline by expedition ship

September 7-26, 2011

No minimum – No maximum

Escorted by Aaltje van Zoelen

Highlights: It is difficult to explain to those who have not ventured in true wilderness. It combines the magic of discovery, the thrill of exploration, in an adventure that goes way beyond one's dreams. There is the absolute wilderness, the shorelines on which no one has stepped before, and the abundance wild and marine life that perhaps nowhere else can be found. Sharing all this with likeminded people brings out the best in everyone and builds a community that vibrates with excitement and wonder.

Logistical details: Getting a visa to Chukotka takes three months, thus you need to book quite early. You will fly from your home town to Moscow and then on to Anadyr. Visa and flight costs are not included.

DETAILS

International Flights to Eastern Russia and Siberia

The cost of International Airfare is NOT INCLUDED in the above listed itineraries. For our programs in Kamchatka, you may fly on any international carrier to Seoul, Korea and connect to Korean Air, operating on Fridays, Saturdays, Mondays and Tuesdays to Vladivostok. During the period July/Sep, there may also be direct flights from Anchorage to Yelizovo, Kamchatka operating from Anchorage and back. From Vladivostok there are Russian carriers who will fly to Kamchatka almost daily. Most flights require an overnight in Seoul as well as Vladivostok. From Moscow there are

daily flights to Kamchatka. Our local partners can assist you in any city of Russia if you need additional services.

Asiana Airlines operates a twice a week flight from Seoul, Korea to Khabarovsk on Wednesdays and Sundays and Dalavia from Seoul to Khabarovsk on Wednesdays and Sundays. Asiana also operates regular flights to Sakhalin Island on Mondays, and Thursday.

We can advise you regarding domestic airline schedules and assist you in making your reservations. We can handle all your air ticketing within Russia.

Invitations and visas

We provide invitations for all visas necessary to participate in our programs. We also can assist with visa processing at an additional fee of \$50 per person. Visa fees depending on the length of visa processing time, differ and must be paid by the client by personal check, made out to Far East Development.

Our Russian Partners

We have worked with our Russian partners for almost twenty years. They are professionals in their field and are extremely knowledgeable about their area and its possibilities. Their guides have worked with many foreign travelers and are well acquainted with worldwide standards. They are personable and have a good sense of humor.

Our Expedition Cruise partners

We have worked with Oceanwide Expeditions for the last fifteen years and have traveled to both of their destinations on different ships. We also have cruised multiple times along the Russian Far east coastline, with various vessels for the last twenty years. We have know and worked with Heritage Expeditions for ten of those years.

Transportation

We use modern vehicles in the more developed regions. In far away destinations, we use local transportation, which sometimes may not be the same as what you are used to at home. However, we always make sure that you have a safe driver and that alternative procedures are in place in case something happens. **We would also strongly recommend that you take out your own Travel Insurance.**

In areas that we use helicopter transportation, we require that you sign a Release Form. **We would also strongly recommend that you take out your own Travel Insurance.**

Program Registration

Registration for each land program requires a \$300 deposit per person, which is refundable less \$50 administrative fee, up to sixty days prior to departure. For expedition cruise departures, please read the supportive documentation for terms of deposits and refunds. Full payment is due sixty days prior to departure by check. All our payments to

our Russian cooperative partners are made by wire transfer that is why we require payment by check rather than credit card.

All our programs require a minimum of passengers to operate. We will keep you updated as to the status of passengers on your programs. If the program does not operate, we will make a full refund of your deposit.

All costs are based on a minimum of six passengers participating in the program. Should there be less, than the cost per person will increase, should there be more than your costs will be reduced and you will receive a refund prior to departure.

Refunds

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| Up to 60 days prior to departure | Amount of deposit less \$50 |
| 59-30 days prior to departure | Fifty percent of tour cost |
| 29 days and up to departure | No refunds |

Our tours are operated mostly in areas with very little infrastructure. We expect our travelers to be constantly aware that, however you feel personally about this, that you respect both the people and their property and the way they live their lives

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