



17-NIGHT LUXURY RUSSIA & JAPAN EXPEDITION CRUISE SAILING ROUNDTRIP FROM TOKYO

Russian Far East & Japan

TOKYO ROUNDTRIP SEP 16 - OCT 3, 2023, 17 NIGHTS



From exploring geothermal wonders and hiking Japan's Mount Yotei (a Mount Fuji look-alike) on Hokkaido to searching for ribbon seals in the Sea of Okhotsk, cruise to the Kuril Islands to and discover steaming volcanoes and extraordinary wildlife.



ASIA

Zhupanova River

Morzovaya Bay

Tyuleniy Island

Atlasova Island

Korsakov

Listvnishaya Bay

Wakkanai

Yankicha & Srednego Islands

Rishiri Island

Sea of Okhotsk



Otaru




Chirpoy Island



Hakodate

NORTH PACIFIC OCEAN

TOKYO

Day	Date	Ports	Arrive	Depart
1	Sep. 16, Sat	TOKYO, JAPAN	Embark PM	7:00 PM
		ANCIENT & MODERN From the timeless beauty of the Meiji Shrine to the glittering Ginza District and impressive Tokyo Tower, Tokyo is a complex blend of East and West where houses of wood and paper stand beside soaring steel skyscrapers while kimono-clad women stroll along trendy teenagers. Here in this city of more than 11 million people, the timeless Imperial Palace bears testament to Japan's enduring traditions, existing in a verdant parkland of isolation.		
2	Sep. 17, Sun	CRUISING THE COAST OF JAPAN, DAY AT SEA	-	-
3	Sep. 18, Mon	HAKODATE, JAPAN	-	-
		JEWEL OF THE NORTH Whether you reach the spectacular summit of Mt. Hakodate by gondola or invigorating hike, sprawling vistas of the town below offer a beautiful reward. Venture further into the rich natural wonders to Lake Onuma Park, where trails in every direction lead to adventure and tiny lake islands are just a canoe quest away. In town, the local fish market, modern Motomachi neighborhood and Russian Orthodox Church express the storied past and varied present-day culture of Hakodate.		
4	Sep. 19, Tue	RISHIRI ISLAND, KUTSUGATA, JAPAN	-	-

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	<p>WOODLANDS & WETLANDS</p> <p>Along the 39 miles of pristine coastline lie abundant opportunities for active pursuits. Gaze upward as you kayak from shore for expansive views of Mount Rishiri, the dormant volcano that rises from the sea. Ashore, Rishiri Island's rich woodlands and ecologically significant wetlands paint a nature-lover's paradise, with invigorating hikes through virgin forests that surround Mount Rishiri's towering peak.</p>			
4	Sep. 19, Tue	WAKKANAI, JAPAN	-	-
	<p>JAPAN'S NORTHERNMOST CITY</p> <p>With street signs in Japanese and Russian, Wakkanai is a city situated at cultural and geographic crossroads. Roughly 27 miles south of Russia's Sakhalin Island, this northernmost city in Japan sits at the northern tip of Hokkaido and provides access to a beautiful national park located on nearby Rishiri Island. Within the city itself, enjoy a stroll through Wakkanai Park, with its grassy hills, monuments and panoramic views, or visit the Old Seto House, a historical showpiece.</p>			
5	Sep. 20, Wed	KORSAKOV, RUSSIA	-	-
	<p>GATEWAY TO YUZHNO-SAKHALINSK</p> <p>The Russian city of Korsakov is nestled on the southern end of Sakhalin Island in the Sea of Okhotsk, just north of Japan's Hokkaido Island. Korsakov is a gateway to the capital of Yuzhno-Sakhalinsk, where the architectural style recalls an earlier Japanese presence. The Sakhalin Regional Museum, with elements of European and Japanese design, is the best example of this east-meets-west atmosphere and worth a visit. Other attractions include the Church of St. Nicholas, Lenin Square, and more.</p>			

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6	Sep. 21, Thu	TYULENIY, RUSSIA	-	-
		 <p>FUR SEALS & SEA LIONS A nature lover's wonderland in the sparkling Sea of Okhotsk, little Tyuleniy Island is a breeding ground for northern fur seals and Steller sea lions. Not surprisingly, its name translates to "seal" in Russian. During the summer months, the rocky island is virtually blanketed in sea mammals barking, bellowing and jostling for the best locations. Other wildlife species literally flock to the island as well, including common murre and kittiwakes.</p>		
7	Sep. 22, Fri	YANKICHA & SREDNEGO ISLANDS, RUSSIA	-	-
		 <p>TEEMING WITH WILDLIFE An island of jaw-dropping beauty, tiny Yankicha is the tip of an extinct volcano and one of two islets that form Ushishir Island in the middle of the Russian Kurils. The centerpiece of this lush, green gem of an island is its steep-walled caldera that becomes a glistening lagoon during high tide. Its cliffs and grassy slopes attract scores of birds and a few foxes. Srednego, a speck of an island to the north, is known as a breeding ground for northern fur seals.</p>		
8	Sep. 23, Sat	ATLASOVA ISLANDS, RUSSIA	-	-

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		UNTAMED KURILS		



Off the southern tip of Russia's Kamchatka Peninsula, in the Sea of Okhotsk, are Paramushir and Atlasova islands, part of the volcanic Kuril chain. Paramushir, the largest of the northern Kurils, exudes a natural beauty partly blemished by the presence of abandoned whaling stations. Sea otters are often spotted in its pristine waters. Also visible from its shores is nearby Atlasova, a speck of an island majestically crowned by the Alaid Volcano, the tallest volcano in the Kuril Islands.

9 Sep. 24, Sun

LISTVNISHAYA BAY, RUSSIA - -





VOLCANOES & WILDLIFE
Part of the Pacific 'Ring of Fire' along with the Kamchatka Peninsula, the islands comprising this stunning archipelago are the summits of stratovolcanoes, with some 40 active volcanoes and many hot springs. The marine-rich waters are home to true seals, Stellar sea lions and sea otters, while dramatic seaside cliffs attract extraordinary birdlife, from tufted puffins and whiskered auklets to the Arctic warbler, Japanese robin, pine grosbeak and more.




10 Sep. 25, Mon

CRUISING THE ZHUPANOVA RIVER, RUSSIA - -



NAVIGATING VOLCANOES & WILDLIFE
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11	Sep. 26, Tue	MORZOVAYA BAY, RUSSIA	-	-
			<p>A KAMCHATKA COVE A magical scenery of emerald-green mountains dappled with snow welcomes you to serene Morzovaya Bay. Nestled snugly on the eastern shores of Russia's volcano-dotted Kamchatka Peninsula, north of the city of Petropavlovsk and south of the Zhupanova River, this cozy crystalline inlet of the Pacific Ocean is a nature lover's paradise. Brown bears and seals as well as Steller's sea eagles may be spotted in this isolated oasis.</p>	
12	Sep. 27, Wed	CRUISING THE SEA OF OKHOTSK, DAY AT SEA	-	-
13	Sep. 28, Thu	CHIRPOY ISLAND, RUSSIA	-	-

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	<p>PRISTINE & REMOTE Pristine Chirpoy Island is situated in the Russian Kurils, a string of island gems bordering the southeastern edge of the sparkling Sea of Okhotsk. Home to steaming volcanoes, jade-green plateaus and black-sand beaches, this uninhabited island has dramatic headlands often blanketed with nesting kittiwakes, puffins and guillemots, making it a bird-watcher's dream. The surrounding waters also attract an abundance of wildlife, including orca whales and Steller sea lions.</p>			
14	Sep. 29, Fri	KORSAKOV, RUSSIA	-	-
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15	Sep. 30, Sat	OTARU, JAPAN	-	-
	<p>RETRO & REVITALIZED CANAL CITY A small harbor city, Otaru once played a pivotal role as a fishing and trade port, its main canal still a beautifully preserved representation of that era. Today, the canal district is illuminated with character by old-fashioned gas lamps, lined with warehouses that have been transformed into museums, shops and restaurants. Adventure seekers have an easy quest from Otaru to Mount Yotei, the active stratovolcano that offers challenging hikes and extreme crater skiing.</p>			
16	Oct. 01, Sun	CRUISING THE COAST OF JAPAN,	-	-

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DAY AT SEA

17 Oct. 02, Mon

TOKYO, JAPAN - -



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18 Oct. 03, Tue

TOKYO, JAPAN 10:00 AM Disembark AM



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