

# Following the arctic race

Chukotka dog sled expedition



The traditional “Nadezhda” (Rus. for “Hope”) dog sled race is held on Chukotka since 1991. We offer you to pass a part of the legendary route and get to the easternmost point of Eurasia, Cape Dezhnev, accompanied by real mushers.

# Experiences you'll have

## Journey to the edge of the world

In this expedition, you will see how people live in the Far North and try your hand at being a real nomad. You will learn to drive a dog sled at “musher school” and spend a few nights in the locals’ homes and at the reindeer herders' camp.

Traveling across the endless tundra, the lack of "civilization" for hundreds of kilometers around, severe northern food and hospitality of the people living on the edge of the world – all this will remain in your memory for a long time!

While sledding along the route you will be accompanied by professional mushers – the winners of previous races, and the sleds will be pulled by a unique breed of Chukchi sled dog

During this expedition you will:

- cover about 300 km by dog sleds through snow-covered tundra and reach Cape Dezhnev — the easternmost continental point of Russia and Eurasia
- visit the remote Chukchi settlements Lorino and Uelen, where the traditional way of life has remained unchanged for centuries
- spend time with families of the mushers and meet natives of Chukchi and Eskimos cultures
- meet reindeer herders and learn how a modern nomad's life is organized
- try to cook reindeer meat on your own and take a master-class in lasso throwing and bone carving
- swim in the northernmost hot springs in Russia

### We accept bookings for groups of 6 or more

The route passes in the border area of the Russian Federation. For foreign citizens, including citizens of the CIS, it is necessary to issue a border pass. You need to submit the documents for it 40-45 days before the start of the tour.

**Note:** until the end of August 2021, you can book this tour at a special early booking price for 328 EURO per person. Later the cost of the tour may increase.

## Itinerary

The journey begins in Anadyr, where you should get to on your own. We recommend the UTair Airline flight arriving in Anadyr at 12:45 am. We are ready to assist with the purchase of tickets. If necessary, leave a comment in the application.

**Note:** the dates of the expedition and the itinerary can change. It depends on the "Nadezhda" race days, the severe weather conditions in Chukotka and domestic flights' scheduling. Please, check with your manager before buying tickets.

### Day 1

#### After meeting at the Anadyr airport you will be taken to

the city. You will be accommodated in a hotel, have lunch and rest.

#### You will have dinner in a restaurant: you will taste redfish,

caviar, and other local delicacies. You will learn about local rituals and traditions and witness a rite of feeding the spirits.

### Day 2

#### After breakfast at the hotel you will visit the "Chukotka

Heritage" Museum Center. During the tour, you will learn about the history of the exploration of the region and see the exhibitions dedicated to the culture, everyday life and traditional art of the locals.

After lunch at the hotel restaurant you will have a city tour

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Group size	from 6
Duration	12 days

### Accommodation at the trip



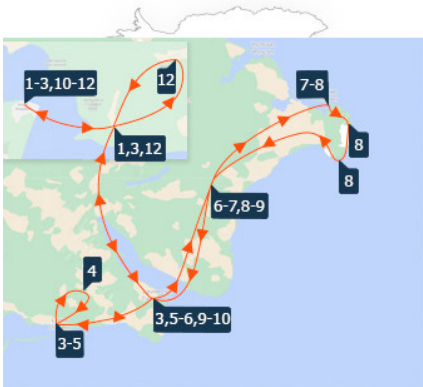
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guide

from 3 280 EUR



**Arter lunch at the hotel restaurant you will have a city tour**

of Anadyr and its surroundings. You will stroll through the easternmost city of Russia, surrounded by harsh northern landscapes, and see monuments dedicated to famous people of the region.

**Dinner will take place in a restaurant. In the evening you**

can communicate with your guide and the locals and discuss the history of Chukotka's exploration.

**Day 3**

**After breakfast at the hotel you will be brought to the**

airport to take a flight to the Lavrentiya village. Then you will be transferred to the Lorino village by TRECOL or UAZ all-terrain vehicles. Your way will pass through the snowy tundra.

**Upon arrival to Lorino you will meet the mushers and stay**

in their apartments, one person per family. After lunch you will take a guided tour of the village, accompanied by a guide and local residents, the whalers. Lorino is the largest national settlement in Chukotka. More than 90% of the population here are Chukchi.

**Lorino is often called the "whaling capital of Russia". Every**

year about 40 whales are caught in this area. You will get acquainted with the history of sea fishing and discover the way of contemporary village life. You will see the lagoon filled with whaling boats, kayaks made of walrus skin, meat pits, dugouts and traditional hunting tools.

**You will then visit the bone carving workshop, where you**

can take part in a master-class, order souvenirs and meet representatives of Eskimos and Chukchi cultures.

**Dinner will be hosted by the mushers: you will**

taste homemade food and traditional dishes. In the evening you will listen to a lecture on the history of whaling, given by the guide and the head of the local community.

**Day 4**

**After breakfast you will go to "musher school": you will be**

introduced to the sled dogs and learn how to control the sled. Then you will make a training trip to the Lorino hot springs (15 km, 1 hour), some of the northernmost hot springs in Asia. You will swim in the thermal pools and have a picnic. Back to the village you will be taken by car and the sled will be driven by mushers.

**After dinner you will have a rest and get ready for the next**

day's trip.

**Day 5**

**You will have breakfast and then be taken by dog sled**

to Lavrentiya village (40 km, 2-3 hours).

**You will have lunch in the local club and then take a guided**

walk around the village. You will visit a small local history museum, see the monument to the Chukchi and Eskimos talisman, known as the Peliken.

**In the evening you will meet the local administration and**

have dinner. At night you will be accommodated in apartments or in a hotel.

**Day 6**

**Today you will have an early start: right after breakfast**

you will have a dog sled ride to the place where the reindeer breeding team is camped out (4-6 hours, 50 km). You will be accompanied by a TRECOL and two snowmobiles. On the way you will make a stop for a picnic with hot tea and snacks.

**After reaching the herd you will meet the reindeer herders**

and exchange gifts. Then everyone can try their hand at lasso throwing.

**You will spend the night in heated tents or yarangs,**

traditional Chukchi dwellings. In the evening you will have a venison cooking workshop and dinner with local specialities.

**Day 7**

**You will have breakfast with reindeer breeders and then go**

to Uelen village (50 km).

**Uelen is the easternmost settlement in Russia and Eurasia,**

located on a long narrow strip of land between a lagoon and the Chukchi Sea. The village is famous for its bone carvings of large sea animals.

**In Uelen you will visit the local museum and bone carving**

workshop, have dinner and stay overnight in a hotel or a school.

**Day 8**

**After breakfast you will travel by dog sled to the**

easternmost point of Russia and Eurasia — Cape Dezhnev (15 km).

**Upon reaching the cape you will see the monument to**

Semyon Dezhnev and visit Naukan — the ancient Eskimos settlement. You can see Ratmanov Island at the opposite side and the coast of Alaska is also visible from here in good weather.

**Then you will move back to the reindeer herders camp. On**

the way you will stop for lunch, and then have dinner and spend the night at the herders' camp.

**Day 9**

**You will have breakfast with the reindeer breeders and go**

back to the Lavrentiya village on sleds afterward. On the way you will have a picnic with snacks and hot tea.

**In Lavrentiya you will have dinner and stay in an**

apartment or a hotel. In the evening you will say goodbye to the mushers and dogs that will head home to Lorino.

**Day 10**



**After breakfast, you will be driven to the local airport and**

fly to Anadyr. You will be met and taken to your hotel upon arrival. Lunch and dinner be served in a restaurant. You can go to the sauna and relax after the trip in the evening.

#### Day 11

**After breakfast at the hotel, you will have some free time.**

You can go for a walk, buy souvenirs or just relax in the hotel. Lunch will be served at the hotel restaurant.

**In the evening, a farewell dinner will be held. During it, you**

will exchange impressions about the expedition and watch the performance of the folklore group (throat singing or traditional dances).

#### Day 12

**You will have breakfast, pack your bags and leave the**

hotel. Before you leave, you will have a guided tour to the abandoned Gudym military base.

**This is the former Soviet and Russian Strategic Missile**

Forces base and accompanying military town. The base was finally abandoned by the military in 2002, and the population of the town was relocated to other cities. You will walk through the abandoned buildings and listen to the guide's stories about the history of the place.

**A picnic with army MREs (ready-to-eat meals) will await**

you at the base, after which you will be taken to Anadyr airport for your flight to Moscow.

## Accommodation at the trip

In Anadyr you will spend nights at **the Anadyr Hotel** (days 1, 2, 10, 11). You will have double rooms with two separate beds, a TV, a mini-bar and a bathroom with a shower.

In Lorino village you will spend two nights (days 3-5) in the **private apartments** of the mushers. You will be accommodated one person per family and spend the nights in simple, but cozy apartments with all the conveniences.

In Lavrentiya village you will be accommodated in double rooms **in a hotel or in an apartment** with all conveniences (days 5-6 and 9-10).

The sixth and the eighth nights of the trip will be spent in the tundra **at the reindeer herders' camp**. You will spend the nights in heated tents or yarangas, the traditional dwellings of the Chukchi (accommodation for 4-6 people).

In the Uelen village (days 7-8) you will be accommodated at a school (4 people per room) or at the hotel (1-2 people per room).

## FAQ

Who will be my guide

Experienced guides will be with you throughout the tour.

On the route from the Lavrentiya village to Dezhnev cape and back you will be accompanied by experienced Chukchi mushers — the winners of one of

the most difficult dog sled races in Russia: Alexander Dolgodushev, Gennady Tomilov and Oleg Tyneneut.

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## Meals

The price of the trip includes three meals per day. You will have breakfasts and dinners at the spot of your accommodation, and lunches in cafes during the route. You will also have small outdoor lunches (hot tea and snacks) during long dog-sled rides.

During the tour, you will try homemade reindeer venison dishes and traditional Eskimos food.

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## Can I take part

This is an expedition program. The dog sledding distances are 30-50 km per day in the tundra. Participation in the tour does not demand any special skills and training, but you should be ready for severe weather conditions and lack of the usual comfort during your stay in the reindeer herders' camp.

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## What transport is used on the route

Transfers around Anadyr will be organized by minibus. To the Lorino village you will go on all-terrain vehicles on low-pressure tires TRECOL or UAZ.

On the dog sled race route from Lorino village to Dezhnev cape and back to the Lavrentiya village the group will be accompanied by a TRECOL all-terrain vehicle and 2 snowmobiles, which will carry equipment, food and other necessary things.

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## What to bring with you

- thermal underwear (two pairs)
- fleece jacket and pants
- winter overalls/coveralls or warm pants and an insulated jacket (synthetic or down)
- high (or medium) EVA winter boots
- hat with ear coverings, mittens, gloves, fleece face mask
- sunglasses and ski goggles (necessary in blizzard conditions)
- sleeping bag (you will be provided with one on the spot if necessary)

We recommend that you bring gifts for reindeer herders and locals: flashlights, thermo mugs, knives, thermoses, lighters, etc.

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## What will the weather be like

The apparent temperature in March in Eastern Chukotka is -15 to -25°C. Blizzards are a possibility. There are 14 hours of daylight.

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## Border pass registration

This tour takes place in the border area of the Russian Federation. Citizens of the Russian Federation do not require a pass. For foreign citizens, including citizens of CIS countries, a border pass is necessary with documents submitted 30 days prior to the start of the tour. The cost of the pass is included in the price of the tour.

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# Booking

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Accommodation at the trip

7 nights

2 nights

2 nights

from 3 280 EUR

What's included in the price:

— accommodation as per program

— breakfasts, lunches and dinners

— transport service as per program (local flights, rent of all-terrain vehicles and snowmobiles)

— guides and professional musher services

— folklore entertainment program

— entrance tickets to the national park and museums

— issuance of passes to the border zone and national park passes

— sauna visit

Extra charge:

— [air tickets to Anadyr](#) (starting at 544 EURO for a round-trip)

— single occupancy in a hotel (+61 EURO a day per person)

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