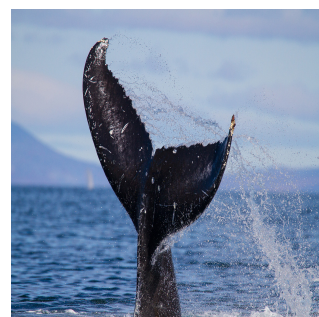
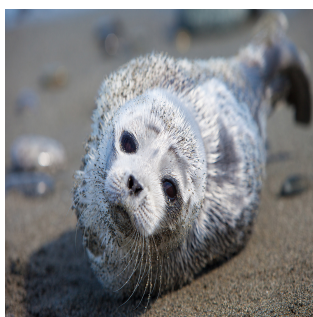
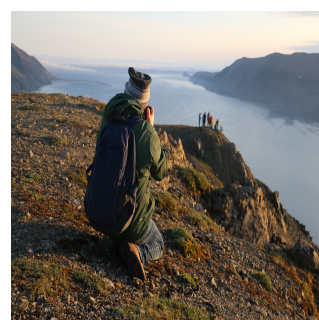


# Providence Bay

Expedition to Beringia National Park



Beringia National Park is the easternmost nature protected area of Russia. You will explore the most beautiful part of Beringia — the Providence Bay. Reach fascinating fjords and capes by all-terrain vehicle to see monuments of early Eskimo culture. Take a bath in natural hot springs and get encounters with rich wildlife. Meet the indigenous people of Chukotka who have been still living on traditional sea fishing and hunting.

# Experiences you'll have

## Summer trip to Chukotka in 2022

In this trip you will get acquainted with unique flora and fauna of the Beringia National Park. Meetings with the locals will provide insights to the reindeer-breeders and whale hunters’ ancient culture. They still have to adapt their lifestyle to severe conditions of the North.

Laying on the borderline of the two continents and two oceans, the Bering Strait has become a unique migration corridor for many seabirds and animals from different corners of the planet. To watch them, you will take boat trips and rides on all-terrain vehicle across tundra every day.

### Highlights of the expedition:

acquaintance with the Providence Bay history in the Beringia Heritage Museum  
encounters with humpback and gray whales, walrus and eared seals in Senjavin Strait  
birdwatching on the Merkinkan and Achinkinkan Islands — the habitat area of tufted and horned puffins  
climbing one of the Providence Bay mountains: Portovaya (Russian for "Port"), Vihr (Russian for "Whirlwind") or Emma  
riding on all-terrain vehicles along the coastline and tundra  
visits to the Avan and Novoye Chaplino Chukotka settlements and acquaintance with the Chukotka natives’ culture  
exploring of the Whale Bones Alley — the early age Eskimo culture monument on the Yttygran Island  
bathing in the Gilmimyl Bay hot springs

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

**Note:** the program of this expedition does not include a visit to [Cape Dezhnev](#). If it's important for you to get to the easternmost point Russia and Eurasia, we recommend to choose [another journey to Chukotka](#).

*The author of the photo on the preview and in the gallery is Maxim Antipin. The gallery also uses photos by Olga Kudrina, Vladimir Bychkov and Igor Bobyr.*

## Itinerary

The journey begins in Anadyr, where you should get to on your own. Note, that to be in Anadyr by the start of the program, you have to depart from Moscow the day before. We recommend you to get flight 533 of UTair air company. We are ready to help with the purchase of air tickets, if necessary, leave a comment in the application.

*The itinerary may change due to weather conditions. The decision to go for a boat trip is made by the boat's captain.*

**Note:** if the weather conditions do not allow you to go to sea in days 4-7, you will be offered to go on all-terrain vehicles to Cape Chaplin or make a small ascent to the top of one of the hills surrounding Providence Bay: mount Portovaya, Vihr or Emma.

### Day 1

**You will be met in the Anadyr airport and taken to a hotel.**

After a rest and lunch you will have a city tour. Just about 14,000 people inhabit the city, but this is the largest settlement in Chukotka. Also, Anadyr is the easternmost city in Russia. You will have a guided tour of the local history museum. In the evening you will have dinner at the hotel.

*If the flight is delayed, the city tour will be postponed to the next day, and this time you will only visit the local history museum.*

### Day 2


**After breakfast you will have transfer to the airport for a**

flight to Provideniya village located on the coast of the Provideniya Bay.

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Group size from 6  
Duration 12 days

Accommodation at the trip

   
4 nights 7 nights

Языки



guide

from 3 100 EUR





**Upon arrival you will meet the guides from the Berengia**

National Park and go to the village. You will pass around Emma Bay and get acquainted with the history of Providence village and the life of local residents. Then you will be accommodated in the hostel of the technical school and have lunch.

**During a tour around the village, you will visit the Beringia**

Heritage Museum to learn history of the Provideniya Bay. The bay was discovered in 1660 by the Russian expedition headed by Kurbat Ivanov. However, it had been left unnamed for 2 centuries since that, until the British expedition ship "Plover" led by Captain Tomas Mur wintered here in 1848—1849. The wintering was successful, and the captain named the bay Provideniya (Russian for "Providence").

**In the evening you will have dinner and rest in the hostel.**

**Day 3**

**Today you will get acquaintance with life and traditions of**

the Chukotka indigenous people. You will start from visiting early Eskimo settlement Avan. Dwellings, traditional meat holes to keep a year meat stock, observation points — the remains of the early Eskimo culture have preserved in the settlement.

**If the weather is good, you will observe walrus, Steller sea**

lions and seals. Also, grey whales encounters are possible here; large groups of these animals pass by Avan frequently.

**In the evening you will return to the hostel, have dinner**

and rest.

**Day 4**

**After breakfast you will move to the Rumilet Bay by all-**

terrain vehicle. From there, you will take a boat trip to the Gilmimyl Bay. During your sea passage, you will have a chance to watch whales, walrus colonies and huge sea bird rookeries.

**In the afternoon you will have a tour to the Whale Bone**

Alley on the Yttygran Island — a fascinating place with arches made from bowhead whales’ bones. The site is considered to be a unique monument of ancient Eskimo culture.

**In the evening, you will arrive at the guest house in**

Gilmimil Bay, where you will be staying for the next few days, and have dinner.

***If desired and for an additional fee, on this day you can***

*have a guided tour along the mouth of the Klyuchevaya River. During the walk you will visit the monument of the whaling flotilla "Aleut", the mouth of the Klyuchevaya River, as well as the Senyavinsky hot springs. If you are lucky, you will be able to observe the Canadian cranes and some rare hawk species. Duration of the tour is up to 4 hours.*

**Day 5**

**Today you will have a sea trip to the Penkigney Bay. In the**

bay you will observe huge bowhead whales that come here to feed. Also you might have encounters with funny eared seals.

**After that you will move to the Pestsovaya (Russian for**

"Arctic fox") River delta and have a landing on the Merkinkan Island. Coastal cliffs of the island are favorite habitat area of hundreds of tufted and horned puffins. You will have a chance to make great shots of the sea birds from a close distance. In the evening you will return to the Gilmimyl Bay guest house and have dinner.

**Day 6**

**In the morning after breakfast you will go on a boat trip**

along the Senyavinsky Strait with a guide and an inspector of the Beringia National Park. If you are lucky, you can watch gray and humpback whales from a safe distance.

**First you will go to the Nuneangan island to observe**

the walruses rookery. Further you will move to the Glazenapa Bay on the southwestern tip of Arakamchechen Island. Here you will visit the grave of the sailor Yegor Purin from the clipper ship "Gaydamak", buried in 1875.

**You will enjoy a picnic in the tundra, after which you will**

return to the guest house, where you will have dinner and relax. If you want, you can take a guided walk to the hot springs.

**Day 7**

**If the weather is good, you will make a sea crossing to**

Obolesheva Bay, where you can watch akiba (ringed seal) and larga (spotted seal), as well as humpback and gray whales.

**If the weather conditions are not appropriate for a boat**

trip, you will be offered to go to Cape Chaplin by all-terrain vehicles or make a small ascent to the top of one of the hills surrounding Providence Bay. From the height you will see a magnificent panorama of the coast of the bay with picturesque capes.

**Day 8**

**In the morning after breakfast you will leave Gilmimyl Bay**

and go by boat along the Senyavin Strait to Rumilet Bay.

**After disembarking you will transfer to the TRECOL all-**

terrain vehicles and move to Provideniya village. If time permits, on the way from the bay you will stop at the national Eskimo settlement Novoye Chaplino (Russian for "New Chaplino"). The settlement is located on the northern coast of the Tkachen Bay. In 1958 residents of an old Eskimo settlement Eskim were forcibly moved to Novoye Chaplino. It was part of a soviet project of Chukotka settlements consolidation.

**Upon arrival to Provideniya village you will be**

accommodated in the hostel of the technical school and have lunch. After that you can go to the sauna (extra charge). In the evening you will have a farewell dinner and rest.

**Day 9**

**Today you will leave Provideniya for Anadyr. In the Anadyr**

airport, you will be met and taken to a hotel. Then you will have free time in the town. In the evening you will have dinner in a restaurant.

Day 10

After breakfast you will cross the Anadyr Bay to visit

Gudym, a former Soviet and Russian strategic missile base with an accompanying military town. Here you will have a guided tour and learn more about the history of this place.

The Gudym military base had full anti-atomic protection

and was a complex of autonomous underground structures with a length of exactly 996 meters with many separate blind branches that had no other exits. Inside, they were divided into parts according to the levels of access for personnel. Transportation of goods on the base was carried out by electric cars on a narrow-gauge underground railway. In 2002, the base was finally abandoned, and the population of the military camp was relocated to other cities.

After the tour you will return to Anadyr and rest in the

hotel.

Day 11

You will have breakfast at the hotel and go to the fishing

camp. There you can walk along the coast, and everyone can go fishing. For lunch you will taste the fish soup and for dinner you will return to the hotel in Anadyr.

Day 12

After breakfast you will pack your bags and leave the

hotel. You will have time to walk around the city and buy souvenirs.

Then you will be taken to the airport for a flight to Moscow

departing at 3 pm by local time.

# Accomodation at the trip

For the first and two last nights you will stay at **"Anadyr" Hotel**. You will be accommodated in double/twin room.

On day 2 and 8 you will live in **the hostel of the technical school** in Provideniya village.

The rest of the trip will be spent on the territory of the Providence Nature Reserve. You will be accommodated in a **guest house** for 6-8 people. Within walking distance from the house there are the Senyavinsky hot springs, which you can visit every evening.

# FAQ

## Who will be my guide

An experienced guide will meet you at Anadyr Airport and will accompany you throughout the journey.

## Meals

The program includes 3-time meals, including national cuisine and seafood.

## What kind of transport is used

For sea trips motorboats will be used. For drives to the Rumilet Bay, Cape Chaplin and Eskimo settlements all-terrain vehicle TRECOL is used.

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### Required data for border permit

To participate in tour it is necessary to submit the following information not later than 30 days before start of the tour:

- copy of passport
- full name of employing Company and job position
- address of current residence
- city of birth (with country indicated)
- phone number

The issue of border permit is included in the tour.

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### What to bring with me

Summer-average temperature is about +10-15°C. However, as the tour mostly consists of sea trips, the perceived temperature is going to be around +5°C.

You should bring warm clothes:

- a hooded storm jacket
- a fleece jacket (for additional heat insulation)
- a vest with a synthetic or down insulation
- water- and windproof pants or bib-and-brace overalls
- warm thermal underwear
- a few pairs of warm socks
- trekking boots
- warm gloves
- a hat

Other:

- a swimsuit
- a towel
- slippers (crocs or something similar) for hot spring swimming
- a waterproof backpack (to keep your cameras safe from seawater when boating)
- sunglasses
- individual medicines

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### Flight delays due to the weather conditions

Domestic flights between settlements within the Chukotka Peninsula are carried out on small aircrafts and depend very much on the weather conditions. So, time for flight delays can range from several hours to several days.

If the flight is postponed to the next day, you will be offered accommodation in a private apartment in the village of Ugolnye Copi (Russian for "Coal Mines"), located near the airport. Accommodation and meals during these days of flight delays are paid by tourists on the spot.

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# Booking

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4 nights 7 nights

from 3 100 EUR

**What's included in the price:**

- accommodation as per itinerary
- three meals per days
- flight from Anadyr to Provideniya village and back
- transfers as per itinerary
- excursions as per itinerary
- English-speaking guide and cook service
- rental of a boat and TRECOL all-terrain vehicle
- entrance tickets to museums
- borderline zone permits and visiting the national park permits

**Extra charge:**

- [air tickets to/from Anadyr](#) (starting at 845 EURO for a round-trip ticket)
- single accommodation in a hotel in Anadyr
- excursions not included in the program (optional)



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