



80° North is the world of circular ice, gigantic volcanic mountains and sullen icebergs. You will travel on an icebreaker, capable of overcoming the snow cover.

You will see arctic flowers and lazy walruses; polar bears will even approach the boat. On the Zodiac you will go to the rocky shores, populated by colonies of birds, and in the archipelago of Franz Josef Land, much of which still remains uncharted, you will see the sites of Arctic expeditions.

North pole and Arctic

## Top of the world

Difficulty



Group size

from 50 to 128

Duration

13 days

Accommodation at the trip



1 nights

11 nights

from 29 995 rub

Photo by [Sergey Dolya](#)

The journey starts in Murmansk, which you must travel to on your own. We can help with the purchase of tickets. If necessary, leave a comment on the application.

### Day 1

#### Welcome to the city of Murmansk on Russia's Kola Peninsula

Peninsula, the starting point of our adventure. Upon your arrival at the airport we provide a transfer to your hotel, which has been arranged by us and is included in the price of the voyage.

### Day 2

#### Today we provide a group transfer to the port where we

welcome you aboard the nuclear-powered icebreaker 50 Let Pobedy. Explore the ship and get orientated as we slip our moorings and sail north out of Kola Bay.

### Day 3

#### Nowhere can it be more truly said that "getting there is

half the fun". As we cruise northward through the Barents Sea there is always the possibility of seeing whales. Meanwhile, you have the opportunity to learn about the unique icebreaking capabilities of the ship. You are also treated to a tour of the engine room.

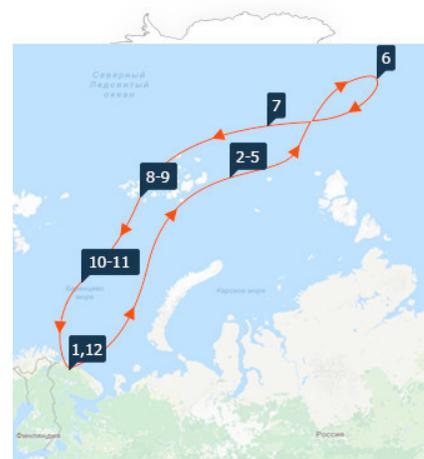
#### As we make our way across the ice cap, you witness

firsthand the ship's awesome power as massive ice blocks give way under the enormous bulk of the spoon-shaped bow. The sensation of being on deck at this time is surreal and unforgettable.

#### We also take advantage of 24-hour daylight to offer

helicopter flightseeing tours. From the air you can observe the ship crushing a path through the ice. You also have a unique vantage point from which to witness the stunning beauty of this vast polar icescape.

### Day 4



### **Welcome to the geographic North Pole! After carefully**

navigating to 90 degrees North, we ceremoniously drop the anchor on a sturdy stretch of ice and disembark onto the frozen sea.

### **Now is the time to experience the long-anticipated thrill of**

standing at the top of the world. Join hands with your fellow passengers and literally walk around the world during our special International Round Dance. You are also treated to a barbeque meal on the ice. You may even have the chance to take a plunge into the icy water!

### **After our memorable time at the North Pole we turn around**

and head south. But the adventure is not over yet. The High Arctic archipelago of Franz Josef Land is still to come!

#### **Day 5**

### **The Franz Josef Land archipelago, part of the Russian**

Arctic National Park since 2012, is a nature sanctuary. Polar bears and other quintessential High Arctic wildlife — such as walrus and some rare whale species — can be spotted anytime, anywhere in and around Franz Josef Land. Scree slopes and cliffs around the islands host enormous nesting colonies of migratory seabirds such as guillemots, dovekies, and ivory gulls. We take advantage of 24-hour daylight to exploit every opportunity for wildlife viewing and excursions via Zodiac and helicopter.

### **Franz Josef Land is home to some interesting geological**

features, such as the mysterious stone spheres on Champ Island. Geography experts may take note that Cape Fligely on Rudolf Island is the northernmost point of land in the Eastern Hemisphere.

### **Franz Josef Land also offers visitors the opportunity to**

walk in the footsteps of famous polar explorers at well-preserved historical sites. The journals of explorers such as Julius von Payer, Benjamin Leigh Smith, Frederick George Jackson, and Fridtjof Nansen come alive at Cape Norway, Cape Flora, Eira Harbour, and Cape Tegetthoff. Memorials, monuments, crosses, and the remains of dwellings are testimony to incredible historical events that are further illuminated by our expert lecturers.

### **Tikhaya Bay is currently a Russian Arctic National Park**

ranger station occupying Soviet-era research buildings and was also a major base for polar expeditions. Nearby, the fascinating columnar basalt cliffs of Rubini Rock are home to thousands of nesting seabirds.

#### **Day 6**

### **After our amazing time in Franz Josef Land we cross back**

south through the bountiful waters of the Barents Sea. Presentations and workshops by our expert staff ensure that these days at sea are not idly spent. You may also take advantage of onboard facilities and amenities such as a polar library, volleyball court, gym, two saunas, a warm seawater pool, gift shop, and massage treatments. Seabird viewing and whale sightings can be enjoyed from panoramic open decks as well as exterior stateroom windows.

#### **Day 7**

### **Our once-in-a-lifetime journey comes to an end. After**

breakfast we say farewell in Murmansk. We provide you with a transfer to the airport for your flight home.

You will travel and live in the **50 Years of Victory** ship.

We don't have the heart to use "she" when we talk about 50 Years of Victory — it's not ladylike at all. Elegance doesn't matter when it comes to the right vessel to take you to the top of the world. The most powerful icebreaker ever

built generates 75,000 horsepower and crushes multi-year ice layers three meters thick. After a few days aboard, you'll feel her (or him?) sharing power as you battle your way together through the Arctic icecap to 90° north.

50 Years of Victory is not a tourist ship. Rather, the icebreaker was built to pilot scientific and cargo ships to hard-to-reach areas of the Arctic and along the Northeast Passage. It is just during the short summer months when adventurers get a once-in-a-lifetime chance to travel aboard this real working icebreaker to the geographic North Pole.

Despite the fact that the "Victory" was not designed with touristic purposes in mind, it offers comfortable accommodation and gourmet cuisine for its guests. Public spaces create friendly, casual atmosphere for socializing and get-togethers.

Features aboard: Dining Room (seating is unreserved); Aft Saloon for lectures, presentations and socializing; Bar & Lounge with front view; Shop; Library & lounge; Gym; two Saunas and Swimming Pool with heated sea water. There is also a Clinic on board with passenger doctor (licensed).

#### **Rates depend on the type of cabin:**

##### **Standard Twin — 29.995 USD**

One lower berth, one sofa bed, private facilities with a shower, TV set and DVD player, opening windows

##### **Mini Suite — 32.795 USD**

Sitting area with sofa bed, sleeping bed separated from the sitting area, private facilities with a shower, TV set and DVD player, refrigerator, opening windows

##### **Junior Suite — 39.995 USD**

Sitting area with sofa bed, sleeping bed separated from the sitting area, private facilities with a shower, TV set and DVD player, refrigerator, opening windows

##### **Grand Suite — 40.995 USD**

Sitting area with sofa bed, sleeping bed separated from the sitting area, private facilities with a shower, TV set and DVD player, refrigerator, opening windows

##### **Victory Suite — 44.095 USD**

Large bedroom and sitting room, sofa bed in sitting room, private facilities with a bathtub, refrigerator, TV set and DVD player, opening windows

##### **Arktika Suite — 45.095 USD**

Very spacious bedroom and sitting room, sofa bed in sitting room, private facilities with a bathtub, refrigerator, TV set and DVD player, coffee maker, opening windows

#### **Do I need an insurance?**

All passengers are covered by medical travel insurance policy to the value of 100 000 EUR per person and said policy includes emergency evacuation and repatriation. This is only for travelers under 85 years old. Travelers over 85 years old are to purchase their own insurance policy with coverage not less than 100 000 EUR - such policy is to cover risks of repatriation/evacuation from extremely remote territories, and is to be sufficient for travelling in the High Arctic. Any risks, not covered by the insurance policy provided, are to be covered by passengers at his/her disposal and at his/her own expense. Insurance is in effect only on board the Ship and outside the port of Murmansk.

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

- 1 night pre-cruise and 1 night post-cruise hotel accommodation in Murmansk, Russia, with breakfast
- Transfer from airport to the hotel in Murmansk 1 day prior to departure, from hotel to the port in Murmansk on embarkation day, from the port to the airport or central location in Murmansk upon disembarkation
- Shipboard accommodation with housekeeping
- Shipboard breakfasts, lunches and dinners; coffee, tea and cocoa available around the clock
- All shore excursions and activities throughout the voyage by helicopter and zodiacs; shore landings included in daily program
- Letter of Invitation. This document should be presented to the Russian Consulate in your area in order to obtain a Russian Visa. Please, contact the Russian Consulate to learn more about the procedure for obtaining a Russian Visa. Do not hesitate to contact Poseidon Expeditions if any questions arise. Let us know if you have any difficulties in visa processing.
- Program of lectures and informal discussions by experienced Expedition Team and guest lecturers
- Professional Expedition Leadership
- Personalized medical insurance covering the risks of evacuation and repatriation. Coverage: 100,000 EUR. Duration: cruise days only. This is only for passengers under 85 years old. Passengers over 85 years old are to purchase their own insurance policy with coverage not less than 100,000 EUR
- All miscellaneous service taxes and port charges throughout the program

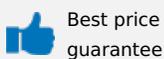
**Extra charge:**

- Airfare to and from Murmansk
- Helicopter flying time in excess of that offered for the group
- Passport and visa expenses (if required)
- State arrival and departure taxes (if levied)
- Meals ashore and supplements in respect of single hotel accommodation (if required)
- Excess luggage charges on international and local flights
- Telecommunication services; laundry, bar and beverage charges aboard the vessel
- Luggage, cancellation insurance (strongly recommended)
- Tips for stewards and other service personnel aboard (at your discretion)

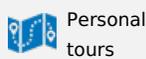
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