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Brown Bear, Kamchatka Peninsula



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Exploration by zodiac, Russian Far East



THE RING OF FIRE KAMCHATKA & KURIL ISLANDS

13 days/12 nights Departs ex Sakhalin Island, Russia

The Ring of Fire displays the spectacular results of the forces that shape our world – tectonic plates and volcanism. Active volcanoes, sculpted basalt sea cliffs, archways, tunnels, and lush vegetation provide habitat for an astounding diversity of wildlife, including seabirds, sea lions, otters and whales. Soak in hot springs, hike through megaherb forests, visit secret Soviet Navy bases and remains of Ainu villages.

ITINERARY

Day 1: Arrive at Yuzhno Sakhalinsk airport for transfer to Akademik Shokalskiy in the afternoon for departure. **Days 2-10:** Cruise the stunning Kuril Islands. Enjoy zodiac excursions to gain a close up experience of the diverse habitats of these islands including grassy wetlands, volcanic landscapes, autumnal tundra, pine forests, and the basalt tunnels of Petroskov Rocks. Wildlife viewing opportunities include Minke Whales, Dall's Porpoise, seals, and abundant birds such as Puffins, Fulmars and Cormorants. These islands are also home to many historical sites of the former Soviet Union. **Days 11/12:** Explore the lush valleys and snow-capped volcanoes of Kamchatka's east coast with possible sightings of Brown Bears, Steller Sea Lions, countless breeding seabirds and seals, whales and otters. **Day 13:** Cruise into Archa Bay for a morning arrival in Petropavlovsk-Kamchatskiy. Disembark for transfer to your hotel or the airport. Tour ends.

Note: Itinerary intended as a guide only. Weather or ice conditions may result in changes to the itinerary and activities.

Akademik Shokalskiy	TRIPLE SHARED	TWIN SHARED	QUAD PRIVATE	TWIN PRIVATE	MINI SUITE	SUITE
25 Jun 2012 [^]	\$8915	\$10073	\$10704	\$11283	\$11757	\$12704

Options available (additional cost): [^]Kayaking \$1086.

All prices shown are per person. Optional single occupancy is from 1.7 to 2 times the twin share rate. We may be able to arrange shared accommodation.

Price per person includes: Group transfers to and from the ship, onboard cabin accommodation, all meals onboard ship, shore excursions and activities by zodiac, lecture and guide services, any required medical services from resident doctor, port taxes and charges, pre-departure information and briefing.

Price excludes: Airfares to or from city of embarkation or disembarkation, laundry, postage, personal clothing, medical expenses, personal travel insurance and items of a personal nature such as bar charges and phone calls, emergency evacuation charges. Fuel surcharges may apply in the event of an increase in world fuel prices.

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