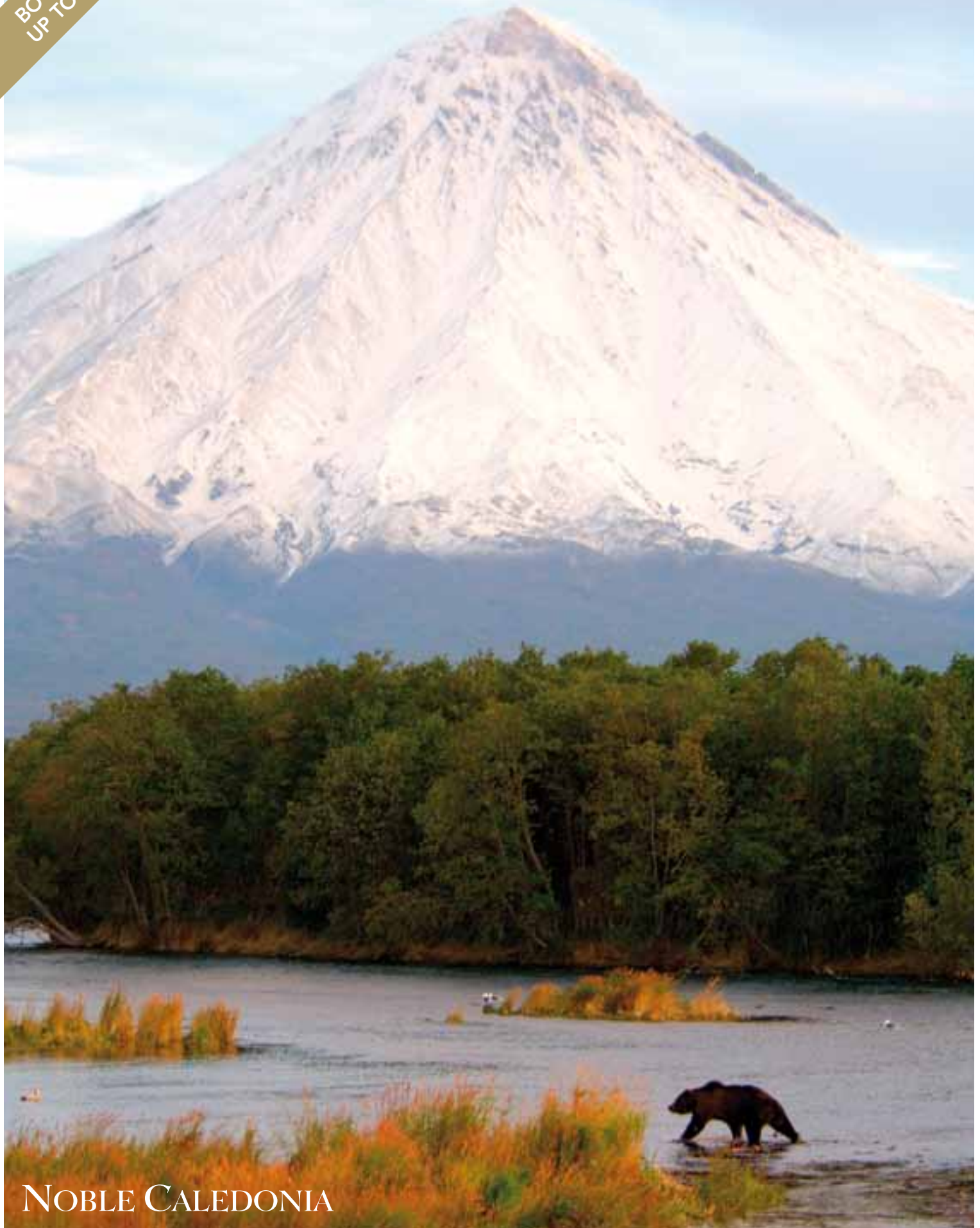


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The Russian Far East

Aboard the MS Caledonian Sky



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MS Caledonian Sky

We are delighted to have acquired the MS Caledonian Sky, sister ship to the MS Island Sky. Formerly known as Hebridean Spirit, this 114-passenger vessel begins her new life with Noble Caledonia in 2012 following an extensive refurbishment. Built in the same ship yard as the MS Island Sky, the MS Caledonian Sky shares the same attributes as her sister vessel, joining her as one of the finest small ships in the world.

Due to her size, the MS Caledonian Sky has the freedom of the seas and can come alongside in small docks or drop anchor in any suitable spot. With only 114 passengers, there is no queuing to disembark or embark the vessel for an excursion and when required there will only be three coaches waiting on the quayside to transport you to the day's attraction as opposed to a whole fleet waiting for the passengers travelling on the big ships.

Your Suite

The MS Caledonian Sky accommodates passengers in 57 exceptionally spacious and well designed suites. The passenger accommodation is arranged over four decks and all suites have outside views. All feature a sitting room area and some have private balconies. Each affords considerable comfort with en-suite bathroom featuring a country style wash basin, hot towel rack and vanity unit with sink and walk-in shower and/or bath tub. Facilities in the suites also include walk-in or spacious wardrobes, dressing table with large mirror and stool or desk, mini-fridge, flat screen television, telephone, programmable electronic safe, hairdryer, assorted toiletries, air-conditioning and



heating. Bottled water, toweling dressing gowns and slippers are also provided for your comfort.

Your Space

The spacious and finely decorated public rooms include a large lounge where daily briefings and talks will be provided throughout the voyage and an elegant bar where a pianist plays periodically throughout the day. In addition there is the Club Lounge on the Panorama Deck which features a bar. The onboard travel library is the perfect place to relax with a book and has a selection of games and two computers with internet access. Outside there is a rear Lido deck where meals are served in warm weather under shade. On the top deck there is a further observation and sun deck with bar service and comfortable

deck furniture. There is also a small gymnasium and hairdressers with appointments made on request.

Dining on Board

With only one sitting and a maximum of just over 100 passengers, the cuisine will be of a consistent superior quality. Where possible and when it meets his high standards, our accomplished chef will obtain local produce in markets or buy the catch of the day from a passing fishing boat.

In the main elegant dining room, breakfast is served buffet-style, with certain items cooked to order and lunch and dinner is à la carte. When weather permits, breakfast, a buffet-style lunch and dinner are also served on deck. To enhance your dining experience even further a selection of wines are included with lunch and dinner. Afternoon tea is served in the lounge and tea and coffee are available 24 hours a day.

Your Day to Day Life Onboard & Expedition Cruising

One of the joys of expedition cruising aboard a small vessel such as the MS Caledonian Sky is the flexibility it allows. We have twenty years of experience in designing trips to the hidden corners of our remotest places and yet, every year we discover something new. Although we set sail with a set itinerary it is the unscheduled events that often become the



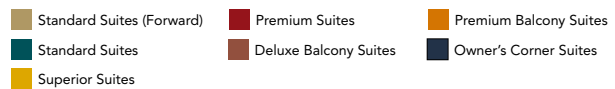
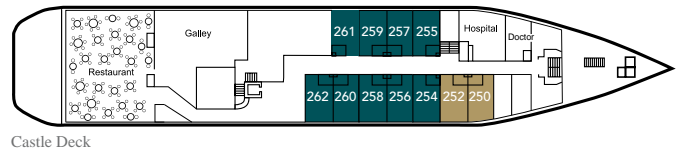
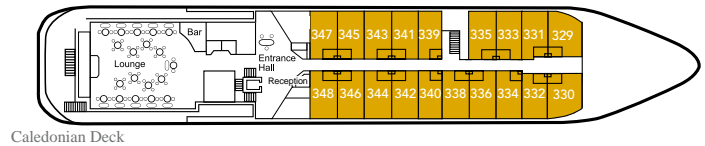
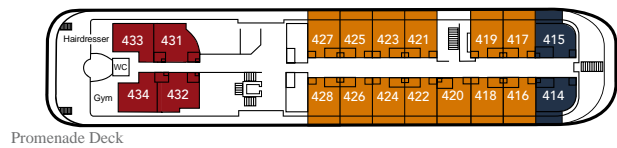
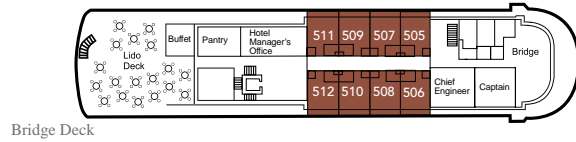
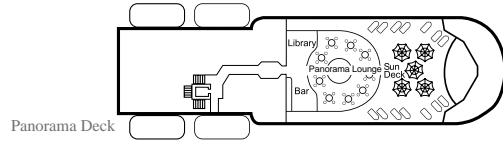
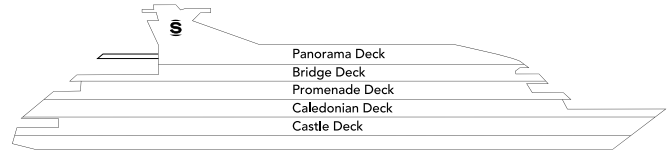


highlight of the journey and with our fleet of Zodiac landing craft, we can explore inlets, fjords, bird sanctuaries, land in otherwise inaccessible places and be footloose in a way that would be totally impractical for larger groups of passengers. The atmosphere on board is warm and peaceful and more akin to a private yacht or country hotel in which you can learn more about the wonders of nature, culture and ancient civilisations in the company of like-minded people.

In keeping with the tradition of 'Hebridean Spirit' and the Caledonian Sky's former life, each suite has its own name in addition to a number and details of these, along with a cabin plan for each category can be found on our website www.noble-caledonia.co.uk

Due to the planned refurbishment of the vessel, there are currently very few images available. Once refurbishment of the vessel is underway, you will be able to keep up to date with progress being made via our website.

Deck Plan



These cruises visit out of the way destinations. You will be accompanied by an expedition team and many landings ashore will be made by Zodiac landing craft. Cruises such as these will appeal to the more adventurous and those who enjoy the natural world.

The Onboard Team

Our voyages in the Russian Far East are expeditionary in nature and you will be joined by an Expedition Team. These hand-picked experts are naturalists, historians and ecologists who will share their knowledge and enthusiasm during forays ashore and whilst onboard.



Cheli Larsen

Cheli Larsen has been involved for more than a dozen years full-time in the tourism and diving industry, both in her home country of New Zealand and internationally. Always popular with passengers and crew for her great enthusiasm, Cheli has worked as Expedition Leader on many different voyages, and has travelled extensively throughout Alaska, Antarctica, New Zealand, Australia, Asia, the Arctic, the South Pacific, and South America. A PADI Master Dive Instructor who also holds a Commercial Launchmaster Skippers Ticket, Cheli spent three years working on the Great Barrier Reef, first in Cairns, then at Heron Island Resort, where she worked in marine-turtle research.



Dr Daria Nikitina

Dr. Daria Nikitina is a geology professor at West Chester University of Pennsylvania, USA. She was born in Moscow, Russia and received a Masters Degree in geography from Moscow State University and a Ph.D. in geology from the University of Delaware, USA. Her undergraduate and graduate research in Russia was focused on volcanology. As a student she travelled to Kamchatka to study the eruptive history of active volcanoes of Southern Kamchatka and the Kuril Islands. Several decades later, Daria began working onboard expedition cruise ships and visited some of her most remote field sites on Kuril Islands. Daria's current research interests include coastal response to changing climate and landscape changes related to anthropogenic impact and global warming.



Kristine Hannon

Kristine Hannon was born and raised in Belgium and her first love has always been travelling. After a visit to Antarctica in 1998, she was determined to work on one of the cruise ships sailing south. In 2008 she spent her first season in the ice working as zodiac driver, log writer, lecturer and assistant expedition leader. Kristine is now an accomplished landscape and wildlife photographer and an onboard photographer/videographer. Always eager to explore new horizons, she took up the challenge of working onboard the MS Caledonian Sky as Assistant Expedition Leader.

Passage to Kamchatka



An expedition cruise from Japan exploring the Kuril Islands and the Russian Far East
21st May to 7th June 2013

The remote reaches of Russia's Kamchatka Peninsula and the distant and isolated Kuril Islands have fired the imagination of explorers and traders for centuries. Our past travellers have enthused about the spectacular scenery, the incredible array of wildlife and the native cultures known to only a few privileged travellers. Join us on this remarkable voyage of unparalleled exploration along the 'Pacific Ring of Fire'. From Niigata, Japan to Russia's Kamchatka Peninsula, we cruise through a pristine environment that calls to nature lovers, history buffs, photographers and the intrepid explorer within.



Countless seabirds will accompany our vessel - northern fulmars, Laysan albatrosses and tufted puffins. Our destinations are virtually inaccessible by any means other than our manoeuvrable expedition ship, the MS Caledonian Sky, equipped with a full fleet of versatile Zodiacs.

The Itinerary

Day 1 London to Tokyo. Fly by scheduled flight.

Day 2 Tokyo. Arrive this morning and transfer to a centrally located hotel for an overnight stay. Remainder of day at leisure.

Day 3 Tokyo to Niigata. After breakfast in the hotel we will embark on a half day city tour including Meiji Shrine, Sensoji Temple and Imperial Palace Plaza. We will then transfer to the station to join the bullet train to Niigata where we will embark the MS Caledonian Sky. Sail this afternoon.

Day 4 Hakodate. After a morning at sea we arrive in the port of Hakodate. Our afternoon excursion will include a visit to Onuma Park, known for its picturesque island-dotted lakes and majestic dormant

volcano, Mount Komagatake. There will be a chance to walk amongst the lakes and islands and the surrounding birch and maple forest. On our return we will take the cable car up Mt Hakodate.

Day 5 Tomakomai. Join the excursion to Lake Utonai, the first bird sanctuary in Japan and where you can see more than 170 kinds of birds including swans and white-tailed sea eagles. Alternatively there will be a visit to the Ainu village at Shiraoi Poroto Kotan. The museum has the largest Ainu collection in Japan. We will also enjoy a folk music performance and ancient Ainu dance.

Day 6 Kushiro. Today we will visit Kushiro National Park, the site of one of the world's most expansive and treasured wetlands, and home of Japan's sacred red crowned cranes, brought back from near extinction.

Day 7 Yuzo Kurilisk & Kunashir Island. This morning we will clear customs into Russia and begin our exploration of the Kuril Islands. We will anchor off Kunashir, the southernmost island and venture out in our Zodiacs to visit the nearby Kurilskiy Nature Preserve. Take a walk to explore the island, looking out for red foxes and fur seals.

Day 8 Urup & Chirpoi Islands. Today we visit two more Kuril Islands, Urup and Chirpoi. The indigenous Ainu people, all of whom now live on Hokkaido, once inhabited these remote islands and remains of settlements can be found. These islands are populated with profuse wildlife and birds. We will explore Urup, and stroll or hike up the hillside

for a view of some of the island's 20 or more volcanoes. In Chirpoi we will use the Zodiacs to search the coastline for stellar sea lions and the huge numbers of fulmars, kittiwakes, puffins and auklets.

Day 9 Yankicha & Matua. At Yankicha a sinking volcanic caldera offers access during high tides. Inside the magnificent lagoon we witness the ongoing volcanic activity. One of the Kuril's most active volcanoes rises from Matua, with more than 14 eruptions documented in the past 250 years. During World War Two the Japanese established an airfield here, and we will see old bunkers and the remains of equipment and artillery scattered about.



Whiskered auklet

Among the Kurils, a necklace-like chain of volcanic islands, we find vast forests and wild-flower-dappled tundra, back-dropped by soaring steam-breathing volcanoes. Basalt stacks rise from the sea, tailor-made resting and nesting spots for unimaginable numbers of seabirds.

Reaching the Kamchatka Peninsula, Russia's remote easternmost province, we are greeted with a dramatic landscape of fire and ice. Geysers, hot springs and active volcanoes set amidst towering mountains and fast flowing rivers make this area magnificently unique.



Steller Sea Lions



Zodiac cruising in Listvenichnaya Bay



Kuril Islands

Day 11 Atlasova Island & Shumshu Island. A nature walk on Atlasova Island, with the highest volcano in the Kurils, will take us past an abandoned prison for Russian women, with time to explore the lakes and hillsides. During our afternoon at Shumshu we will use the Zodiacs to search for sea otters.

Day 12 Vestnik Bay & Listvenichnaya. This morning in Vestnik Bay we spot evidence of the powers of Kamchatka's volcanoes, such as lightweight pumice scattered on the shoreline. During a walk through a coastal forest we are likely to find such sought-after species as the Eurasian nutcracker, taiga flycatcher and red-flanked bluetail. This afternoon we will use the Zodiacs to land in Listvenichnaya Bay where we should have a chance to see bears.

Day 13 Petropavlovsk. After breakfast we set out for an exploration of Petropavlovsk, the only major city on the peninsula and one of the oldest towns in the Russian Far East. Local guides bring us to the museum of ethnography and natural history, the art school, the gold-domed Orthodox cathedral and the marketplace. Alternatively take an optional helicopter excursion to the Valley of the Geysers (details will be released in 2012).

Day 14 Kamenistaya Bay & Chazma River. This morning we land at Kamenistaya Bay where we will have a chance to walk in the meadows and see the amazing landscape of extinct volcanoes and

rugged coves. This afternoon at Chazma River there will be a variety of nature walks.

Day 15 Bering Island, Commander Islands. The Commander Islands are named after famed commander Vitus Bering. We will visit the village of Nikolskoye to explore the Aleut museum and to meet our island hosts who will introduce the local culture. In the afternoon, take a Zodiac ride to tiny Ariy Kamen Island, whose moss-green rocky landscape provides a habitat for vast numbers of birds, including horned and tufted puffins.

Day 16 Zhupanova River. We board Zodiacs to negotiate the Zhupanova River, with superb opportunities for both birding and nature walks. Heading upstream, we are likely to spot up to 40 species of birds including the Steller's sea eagles. This evening we will moor at Morzhovaya Bay for a final chance to search for bears.

Day 17 Petropavlovsk to Moscow. Disembark after breakfast and

transfer to the airport for the scheduled flight to Moscow. Arrive this evening and transfer to the Marriott Hotel (or similar) for an overnight stay.

Day 18 Moscow to London. This morning enjoy a city tour of Moscow before transferring to the airport for your scheduled flight to London. Arrive this evening.

Extend Your Stay in Tokyo



For those who would like to spend more time in Tokyo, we are offering a two night stay prior to the cruise. The extension includes two nights in a centrally located first class hotel on bed and breakfast basis, an excursion to Nikko and transfers.

Prices per person
Twin: £575 Single: £775

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Prices per person

Based on double occupancy. Tour Code: SCCSK21053

Occupancy	Deck/Suite Category						
	Castle Std Forward	Castle Standard	Caledonian Superior	Promenade Premium	Bridge Deluxe Balcony	Promenade Premium Balcony	Promenade Owners Corner
Double	£7495	£7895	£8395	£8695	£9495	£9995	£10495
Sole	£8495	£9295	£9995	-	-	-	-

Price Includes: Economy class scheduled air travel, overnight hotel accommodation in Tokyo on bed and breakfast basis, Tokyo city tour, 15 nights aboard the MS Caledonian Sky on full board basis with house wine, beer and soft drinks with lunch and dinner onboard, expedition team, shore excursions, gratuities to crew and whilst on excursions, port taxes, overnight hotel accommodation in Moscow on bed and breakfast basis, Moscow city tour, transfers, airport taxes.

Not Included: Travel Insurance, optional excursion, Russian visa. **NB.** Ports subject to change. All special offers are subject to availability.

Fire & Ice in the Far Arctic



Cruise from the Russian Far East to Alaska along the Aleutian Chain of Islands
4th to 20th June 2013

Join the MS Caledonian Sky on an expedition cruise to the Russian Far East and Islands of the North Pacific. This remarkable voyage takes you to the coast of Kamchatka and along the Aleutian islands of the 'Pacific Ring of Fire'. For seafaring explorers this is one of the world's greatest journeys. Smoking volcanoes rise above the clouds and everywhere life abounds with vast onshore colonies of seabirds, whilst lush verdant hillsides lure walkers and botanists to explore the vividly coloured wildflowers.

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This pure and breathtakingly beautiful wilderness is a designated Biosphere Reserve and the wildlife is some of the richest in the world. The Aleutian archipelago of almost two hundred islands, islets and rocks form stepping stones between Asia and the Americas. Here, amongst the steep cliffs' grass covered headlands we find millions of nesting seabirds. Northern fulmars, red-faced cormorants, tufted and horned puffins, crested parakeet and auklets are joined by 25 million or so visitors from the far south, mostly shearwaters.

This is your opportunity to see a seldom visited corner of the world. To witness the timeless processes of nature taking place without the hindrance or help of man. Here where the vast Pacific meets the Bering Sea nature can be appreciated in the raw. The sea with its abundance of food sustains an incredible varied life both below and above water. Sperm, minke, fin, orcas and grey whales swim along this 'Chain of Life' in the company of sea otters, harbour seals, Dall's porpoise and the now rare Steller sea lions.



Volcanic landscape of Kamchatka

Before setting off for the Aleutians we will spend a couple of days on Kamchatka, Russia's remote eastern-most province. We will explore this dramatic landscape of fire and ice. Geysers, hot springs and active volcanoes set amidst towering mountains and fast flowing rivers make this area magnificently unique. This is home to the huge brown bears which can sometimes be spotted on river banks and shorelines. Few places in the world can offer experiences beyond one's imagination. But here, as we navigate these islands with their spectacular scenery and skies dominated by vast colonies of seabirds, we can enjoy one of the last true wilderness areas. All this and much more including some important WWII battles which took place between Japan and the USA and the history and lives of the native Unangan's will be brought to life by our knowledgeable expedition team.

The Itinerary

Day 1 London Heathrow to Moscow. Fly by scheduled flight. On arrival transfer to the 5-star Marriott Hotel or similar for an overnight stay. Enjoy a welcome dinner tonight.

Day 2 Moscow. Moscow to Petropavlovsk. After a morning tour of Moscow transfer to the airport for the scheduled flight to Petropavlovsk.

Day 3 Petropavlovsk. Arrive this morning in the regional capital of Petropavlovsk which has the real atmosphere of a frontier town. Enjoy a guided tour before transferring to the MS Caledonian Sky. In the evening sail out of the

world's largest deep sea harbour, curving some 15 miles with a dramatic mountain backdrop.

Day 4 Zhupanova, Kamchatka.

This morning we will cruise along the dramatic Kamchatka coastline where volcanoes rise majestically from flat coastal plains amid a labyrinth of inland ridges. We will reach the Zhupanova River where feeding brown bears can often be seen. Listen out for the haunting call of the Eurasian cuckoo and watch the migrating shore birds which are found here in great numbers.

Day 5 Little Chazma, Kamchatka.

Along the Chazma River we hope to find the spectacular Steller's sea eagle standing sentinel on nearby pinnacles. Watch out for other rare birds including the Siberian ruby throats and three species of wagtails.

Day 6 Bering Island, Commander Islands.

This morning we drop anchor off Bering Island. This island recalls the heroic voyage of its namesake Vitus Bering, whose vessel was shipwrecked here following his 1741 voyage to the coast of North America. Breeding colonies of northern fur seals are found on this remote island.



Parakeet Auklet

Day 7 At sea. Cross the International Date line today.

Day 8-12 Aleutian Islands. Our time spent in the Aleutian chain of islands will be fairly flexible making the best of the weather and local reconnaissance. We will cross the International Date Line and gain a day. Attu is the Westernmost of the Aleutians and figured prominently in WWII. As serious birders know, Attu is famed for its Asiatic accidentals. We may call into Kiska where remnants of WWII encampments can be found among the rye grass and wildflowers. Considered one of the most



Bear catching salmon

important marine bird colonies in the Aleutians, Sirius Point hosts the world's largest crested and least auklet populations, numbering over 1.4 million. From the deck you can look out for the usually prolific numbers of bald eagles which greet our arrival to Unalaska Island. Dutch Harbour is a busy ice free port which serves the North Pacific and Bering Sea fishing industry. This Aleutian port is very much a frontier town. We will see the World War II bunkers and the spectacular Russian Orthodox Church.

Day 13 At sea.

Day 14 Semidi Islands/Aghiyuk Island/Chowiet Island. The wildlife-rich Semidis are known as the breeding grounds for about twenty five percent of the resident seabirds in the Gulf of Alaska including hundreds of thousands of horned puffins and northern

fulmars, plus the unusual parakeet auklet. This is also great territory for whale spotting.

Day 15 Kukak Bay. Cruising through these waters of the emerald green Katmai Peninsula, watch out for foraging brown bears with their cubs and waterfalls which often at this time of year are heavy and impressive.

Day 16 Seward to Seattle. Disembark this morning in the Alaskan port of Seward and drive through the beautiful landscape to Anchorage for your flight to Seattle. On arrival, transfer to a first class hotel for an overnight stay.

Day 17 Seattle to London. Morning free in Seattle. Afternoon departure by scheduled flight to London.

Day 18 London. Arrive today.



Walrus



Kamchatka

Prices per person

Based on double occupancy. Tour Code: SCCSK030613

Occupancy	Deck/Suite Category						
	Castle Std Forward	Castle Standard	Caledonian Superior	Promenade Premium	Bridge Deluxe Balcony	Promenade Premium Balcony	Promenade Owners Corner
Double	£6995	£7395	£7895	£8295	£8995	£9495	£9995
Sole	£7995	£8795	£9495	-	-	-	-

Price Includes: Economy class scheduled air travel, overnight hotel accommodation in Moscow with breakfast and dinner, Petropavlovsk city tour, 13 nights aboard the MS Caledonian Sky on full board basis with house wine, beer and soft drinks with lunch and dinner onboard, expedition team, shore excursions, gratuities to crew and whilst on excursions, port taxes, overnight hotel accommodation in Seattle on bed and breakfast basis, transfers, airport taxes.

Not Included: Travel Insurance, Russian visa. *NB. Ports subject to change. All special offers are subject to availability.*

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MS Caledonian Sky Sailing Schedule

Sailing to the Isles

20th to 30th May 2012

A voyage from Portsmouth to Oban visiting some of the finest gardens and houses in Wales, Ireland and Scotland.

PRICES FROM £2795

Hebridean Odyssey

30th May to 6th June 2012

An island hopping voyage to some of the loveliest islands in the Inner and Outer Hebrides.

PRICES FROM £1995

Circumnavigation of Iceland

6th to 20th June 2012

A cruise around Iceland including St Kilda, North Rona, the Faroes and Orkney

PRICES FROM £4095

Norwegian Fjords in Mid Summer

20th June to 1st July 2012

A journey to the Land of the Midnight Sun

PRICES FROM £3795

Exploring the White Sea

1st to 13th July 2012

A cruise to the North Cape and beyond to Russia's White Sea

PRICES FROM £4095

South Seas Odyssey

16th December 2012 to 21st January 2013

An epic voyage from Easter Island to Fiji celebrating Christmas on Pitcairn Island

PRICES FROM £11995

In the Wake of the Bounty

16th December 2012 to 6th January 2013

A voyage of discovery from Easter Island to Tahiti

PRICES FROM £7495

Nomads of the Wind

2nd to 21st January 2013

A cruise from Tahiti to Fiji

PRICES FROM £6795

New Zealand Coastal Voyage

20th January to 9th February 2013

An exploration of New Zealand's North and South Islands

PRICES FROM £6595

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