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DATE	PORT	ARRIVE	DEPART
May 7	TH Osaka, Japan		6pm
8	F Tokyo, Japan (overnight) <i>Special shore event included</i>	4pm	
9	S Tokyo, Japan		6pm
10	SU Sendai, Japan	11am	5pm
11	M Hakodate, Japan	10am	5pm
12-13	T-W <i>Cruise the Kuril Islands</i>		
14	TH Petropavlovsk, Russia	8am	6pm
15	F Commander Islands, Russia	1pm	7pm
16	S <i>Cross the International Dateline</i>		
17	SU Dutch Harbor, USA	8am	6pm
18	M <i>Cruise the Aleutian Islands</i>		
19	T Kodiak, USA	8am	5pm
20	W Seward (Anchorage), USA	5am	

Speeding bullet trains, glorious, snowcapped Mount Fuji and splendid temples mark your visit to Japan's northern islands of Hokkaido and Honshu. Then wind through the Kuril Islands to Kamchatka with its hissing geysers and fiery volcanoes; "Siberia's Forbidden Wilderness" has been serendipitously preserved. Gaze in awe at the plethora of wildlife on Bering Island, where tufted puffins, Russian otters and fur seals dwell in glorious abundance, and visit Dutch Harbor and history-rich Kodiak Island, the first capital of Russian Alaska.

City of Osaka • OSA-6573

Duration: 3½ Hours

Transport: Air-Conditioned Coach



Osaka's glorious past is yours to discover during this tour of some of the ancient city's most historic and beautiful sites.

Depart the pier for the drive to Osaka Castle. Originally intended to be Japan's strongest and most beautiful castle, this monumental old fortification was built over a 3.5-year period by 30,000 to 40,000 daily laborers, and is enclosed by stonewalls 7.5 miles in length. Following a war in 1615 A.D., the castle was subsequently destroyed, then rebuilt, by Tokugawa Ieyasu. In 1665, however, it was struck by lightning and burned to the ground.

During your visit, you will marvel at Osaka Castle's five-story *donjon*. Constructed from ferro-concrete after the original in 1931, the *donjon* displays items relating to the Toyotomi family, towers 131 feet in height and offers wonderful expansive views and photo opportunities. Other structures, including a two-story tower built in 1620, also remain.

Next, you will proceed for a visit to Shitennoji Temple. Built in 593 A.D., Shitennoji Temple is believed to be the oldest Buddhist temple in Japan. Upon arrival, you will explore the temple's great southern gate, or *nandaimon*, central gate, or *chumon*, the *pagoda*, main hall, or *kondoh*, and lecture hall, or *kodo*. All are constructed in the straight-line, Shitennoji Cathedral style. During your tour, you will also view six national treasures, along with many other items of cultural importance housed in Shitennoji Temple.

Following this historic tour, you will re-board your coach for the return drive to the pier.

PLEASE NOTE: *There is a 100-yard walk from the parking lot to the entrance of the Shitennoji Temple, and a 500-yard walk from the parking lot to the entrance of the Osaka Castle. There is an elevator to ascend to the top of the castle, but only stairs to come back down.*



Nara – Japan's First Capital • OSA-1558

Duration: 7½ Hours

Transport: Air-Conditioned Coach



Embrace the ancient beauty and charm of Japan's first capital during this memorable full-day visit to Nara.

Nara, Japan's first capital is home to some of the most impressive sites the country has to offer. Also known as Deer Park due to the many tame deer that thrive on rice crackers from visitors, Nara Park is a beautiful wooded area with many historical sites that include the Todaiji Temple and Kasuga Shrine.

Depart the pier for the drive to Todaiji Temple, the grand headquarters of Kegon Sect Buddhism. The temple was completed in 752 A.D., and remains the world's largest wooden structure to this day. Upon arrival, you will visit the early-18th-century Hall of the Great Buddha, or Daibutsuden. You will also view the Great Buddha, or Daibutsu, the holiest object in the temple, and worshipped with utmost reverence. The statue measures over 531 feet in height and is one of the world's largest bronze Buddhas.

Next, you will continue on for a visit to the Kasuga Shrine, founded in 768 A.D. and renowned for the 30,000+ stone lanterns found on both sides of the road leading up to it. After lunch at the Fujita Hotel, you will proceed for a visit to the Horyuji Temple. The oldest existing temple in Japan, Horyuji was founded in 607 A.D. You will view the temple's many historically and architecturally important structures, including the Main Gate, or Nandaimon. Rebuilt in 1438 A.D., it has been declared a national treasure. You will then view the Main Hall, or Kondo, which houses several Buddhist images and other art objects. Also of note is the 5-story *pagoda*, which was dismantled during WWII, then reassembled after the war.

Following your tour, you will re-board your coach for the return drive to the pier and ship.

PLEASE NOTE: *This tour involves extensive walking; approximately 300 yards from the parking area to the Todaiji Daibutsuden, 200 yards from the parking area to Kasuga Shrine and 300 yards around the grounds of Horyuji Temple. This tour is not recommended for guests with limited mobility and guests who utilize a wheelchair. Lunch will include 2 glasses of house wine, local beer, soda, water, tea, or coffee.*



Japanese Cocktails at Happon Gardens • TOK-E01

Duration: 3½ Hours

Transport: Air-Conditioned Coach



This exclusive event is included for all guests, compliments of Regent Seven Seas Cruises.

The name Happon stirs up legends of ancient ceremony and the Samurai for the Japanese, the word actually means beautiful from every aspect, which aptly describes the venue for our exclusive event. The picturesque gardens cover a large are of undulating landscape, traditional stone lanterns light the paths, *bonsai* grace the gardens and traditional monuments perfectly placed in harmony with nature and Japanese tradition. We are here a little to early for the cherry blossom but who knows... spring may be early this year!



Kamakura, the Great Image of Buddha • TOK-4835**Duration:** 9 Hours**Transport:** Air-Conditioned Coach

Explore Tokyo's ancient Buddhist and Shinto shrines during this relaxing and enjoyable full-day visit to Kamakura.

Depart the pier in Yokohama for the drive into the peaceful town of Kamakura, where you can explore a wealth of Buddhist and Shinto shrines without having to deal with the crowds typically found in other popular tourist destinations like Kyoto. Established in the 6th century, this interesting town is home to the greatest image of Buddha in Japan.

Your tour will begin with a visit to the Tsurugaoka Hachiman-gu shrine. Founded in 1063 A.D., the shrine is dedicated to Hachiman, sometimes regarded as the god of war, so there is a marked difference in the atmosphere of this shrine to other Zen temples. The shrine contains a ginkgo tree, beneath which a famous political assassination took place in 1219 A.D. A steep arched bridge within the complex was in times past used only by the shogun, who would have had to have been very fit to negotiate it.

Next, you will take a stroll down Komachi Street, which is filled with many local crafts and souvenir shops.

The highlight of your tour will be a visit to the Kotokuin Temple. Upon arrival, you will view the Great Buddha, or Daibutsu, a huge statue completed in 1252 A.D. Cast in bronze and weighing close to 850 tons, the statue measures almost 33 feet in height. Seated in a meditative position, this Buddha remains the most popular figurehead among Japan's Buddhists to this day.

Following lunch at a local restaurant, you will re-board your coach for the return drive to the pier.

PLEASE NOTE: *This tour involves approximately 500 feet of walking at the Kotokuin Temple, with five steps leading from your bus to the great image of Buddha; 800 feet of walking at the Tsurugaoka Hachimangu Shrine, with more than 20 steps from the parking lot to the shrine; and 2,300 feet of flat walking along Komachi Street, with no steps. This tour is not recommended for guests with limited mobility and guests who utilize a wheelchair.*

**Tokyo and The National Museum • TOK-4834****Duration:** 7 Hours**Transport:** Air-Conditioned Coach

Experience a unique blend of historic and modern-day sites during this full-day tour of Tokyo, with a memorable visit to the National Museum.

Depart the pier for an orientation drive through Tokyo. Your tour will begin with a drive through the elegant Ginza, then around the compound of the Imperial Palace, home of the Japanese Emperor. Located on 150 acres and surrounded by massive walls, the palace is an oasis in the heart of one of the largest and most dynamic cities in the world. Unfortunately, it is not open to the public. Next, you will proceed to the Meiji Shrine, one of the holiest and perhaps the finest in Japan. This Shinto shrine features large *torii* made of Japanese cypress, or *hinoki*, and is thought to be more than 1,700 years old. It is dedicated to Emperor Meiji (1852-1912), the monarch responsible for opening up Japan to the outside world. The buildings were destroyed in 1945, but subsequently rebuilt in 1958 in their original form.

Next, you will drive through the Asakusa, a popular entertainment district filled with theaters, shops and restaurants. The Asakusa is most famous for the Asakusa Kannon Temple, the principal temple of the Sho-Kannon sect of Buddhism. The temple was thought to

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After a barbecue lunch at a local restaurant, you will spend the afternoon at the Tokyo National Museum. This museum is Japan's largest, and home to the world's finest collection of Japanese art. In the Main Hall, you will find exhibits that include sculpture, swords, lacquerware and calligraphy. You will also see excellent Chinese and Korean displays, along with archaeological and Buddhist collections.

Following your visit, you will re-board your coach for the return drive to the pier.

PLEASE NOTE: This tour involves a 300-yard walk over gravel surfaces at the Meiji Jingu shrine; a 300-yard walk over flat surfaces at Asakusa, with approximately ten big steps to enter inside the Asakusa Kannon Temple. Your visit to the Imperial Palace will be limited to an exterior photo stop. Lunch includes a choice of two glasses of house wine, local beer, soda, water, tea, or coffee.

Tokyo

Tokyo Garden Tour • TOK-002

Duration: 3½ Hours

Transport: Air-Conditioned Coach



Discover the exquisite beauty of Tokyo's flora during this scenic visit to a pair of the city's most famous Japanese gardens.

Depart the pier for the drive to the Koishikawa Korakuen Gardens, located near the Tokyo Dome baseball stadium and the Korakuen amusement park. This 16-acre traditional Japanese garden has been designated as both a special historical site and a unique oasis of scenic beauty. The garden began in 1629 as the private residence of one of the members of the Tokugawa family, with parts of it designed to resemble famous sights throughout Japan and China. Although replete with flowers of all sorts and lovely in any season, the garden is especially renowned for its pink and white plum blossoms that bloom in the early spring.

Next, your drive will proceed to the Rikugien Garden. Once the private home of an 18th-century aristocrat and now designated as a special historical site, Rikugien Gardens is a large traditional Japanese garden located near the center of Tokyo. Inside, you will find over 6,000 trees, finely manicured lawns, quaint stone paths with mossy stone lanterns, crooked bridges, and still ponds filled with colorful Japanese carp. The garden is designed to recreate 88 scenes described in famous poems, with the word rikugi standing for the six basic units of a Chinese *kanshi* poem.

Following your visit, you will re-board your coach for the return drive to the pier.

PLEASE NOTE: This tour involves approximately 2 hours of walking.

Tokyo Overview • TOK-4833

Duration: 4 Hours

Transport: Air-Conditioned Coach



Explore the evolution of Japanese history and culture during this scenic half-day overview of Tokyo.

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Following your visit to the temple, you will be transferred back to the pier.

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Sendai's Monuments to a Feudal Lord • SDA-6542

Duration: 4 Hours

Transport: Air-Conditioned Coach



Learn all about Sendai's storied past, along with its connection to one of the most powerful feudal lords in Japan, during this scenic visit to Green-leaf Castle.

The dominant figure in Sendai's history is Date Masamune, (1567-1636), who earned the nickname One-Eyed Dragon after he contracted smallpox as a child, and went blind in one eye. Masamune adopted Sendai as his base, and became one Japan's most powerful feudal lords.

Depart the pier for the drive to Green-leaf Castle, or Aoba-jo Castle, located on top of a hill overlooking all of Sendai and the Pacific Ocean. Built in 1603 by Date Masamune, it was used as the residence of Masamune and his descendants for the next 270 years. The buildings were destroyed by fire, so all that remains today are stone walls, earthworks, a reconstructed turret and moats. Just east of the former site of Aoba-jo Castle, located on a hill overlooking the Hirose River, you will find a statue of Masamune riding a horse.

During your visit, you will also see the Zuihoden Mausoleum, the tomb where Date Masamune is interred. The stone steps leading to its entrance are lined with massive cedars that recall the grandeur of the Masamune family. Regarded as a fine example of ornate Momoyama-style architecture, it was destroyed in 1945 by bombing, then faithfully reconstructed in the elegant style of the Momoyama Period.

Following your visit, you will re-board your coach for the return drive to the pier.

PLEASE NOTE: *There are 66 stairs to climb in order to access the Zuihoden Mausoleum.*



The Many Sights of Sendai • SDA-6543

Duration: 4½ Hours

Transport: Air-Conditioned Coach



Explore the spectacular sites and history of Sendai during this picturesque orientation tour of the city.

Depart the pier for the drive to Zuganji Temple, which was constructed in 1606 by Date Masamune, one of Japan's most powerful feudal lords. Upon arrival, you will understand why it is considered one of Tohoku's finest Zen temples. You will see the painted screens and interior carvings of the main hall, along with the treasure house, or *seiryuden*, which contains works of art associated with the Masamune family. By contrast, you will then visit the small wooden temple of Godai-do, built by decree of Date Masamune. Godai-do is nestled on a pine-clad islet, and accessed by two bridges. The interior is opened only once every 33 years, so an exterior view is all that will be possible. The picturesque islet often appears in pictures as the symbol of Matsushima, and is registered as an Important Cultural Property.

Next, your drive will continue along the coast to Shiogama, a thriving fishing port that is home to the famous Shiogama Shrine. Perched on a thickly-wooded summit filled with cedar groves, the Shiogama Shrine offers wonderful sea views and photo opportunities.

On the return drive to the ship, a stop will be made at another treasured landmark, the Kanran-Tei Pavilion. The Pavilion is said to have been presented to the Masamune family by Hideyoshi Toyotomi in the late-16th century, and served as a genteel venue for tea ceremonies and moon viewing. In the garden, you will find a small museum housing a collection of relics from the Masamune family.

Following this comprehensive tour of Sendai and its surroundings, you will return to the pier and ship.

PLEASE NOTE: *Guests must remove their shoes in order to enter the Zuganji Temple. All visits require long walks from the parking lot to the actual site. The order of the visits may vary.*



Hakodate Highlights • HAK-6541

Duration: 3 Hours

Transport: Air-Conditioned Coach



Discover the historic beauty of Hakodate, gateway to Hokkaido, and perhaps the most interesting and appealing city on the island.

Depart the pier for the drive to Hakodate. As Japan's first Western-style fortification and one of the first ports open to Western trade, many influences of Hakodate's Colonial heritage remain to this day. Upon arrival, you will visit the star-shaped fort, Goryokaku, which was built in 1864 to defend Hokkaido against invasion. All that remains now are the outer walls and interior, which is now a park open to the public. At Goryokaku Tower, you can take in panoramic views overlooking the fort and Hakodate City.

Next, you will proceed for an outside visit to the Trappistine Convent, founded in 1898 by eight Catholic nuns from France, and managed by the Trappist Order. Many nuns reside here today as devout followers of the precepts of Benedict. Although the general public is not permitted entrance into the convent, you can view its exterior, along with the museum and garden displaying statues of St. Mary and St. Michael. The candy and cookies made in Hakodate are regarded as Hokkaido specialties, and can be purchased here or in gift shops in the city.

Following your tour, you will rejoin your coach for the return drive to the pier and ship.

Hakodate Museum and Hakodateyama Hill • HAK-003

Duration: 4 Hours

Transport: Air-Conditioned Coach and Cable Car



Take a journey through Northern Japan's epic past during this scenic and informative half-day museum tour of Hakodate.

Depart the pier for the morning drive into Hakodate, and a visit to the Hakodate City Museum of Northern Peoples, which is located in an old bank on the Motoi-zaka slope leading away from the consulate. During your visit, you will view exhibits of valuable tools and ethnological materials that were collected over many years by Professors Osamu Baba and Sakuzaemon Kodama, and used by the Ainu people in their daily life. You will also learn about other races across Eastern Siberia and the Alaskan Islands.

The highlight of your visit to Hakodate will be the view from the summit of Mt. Hakodateyama. A cable car will whisk you to the top in just a few minutes. Upon arrival, you will take in panoramic vistas and photo opportunities overlooking the city and harbor; considered by many to be among the world's most spectacular views.

Following your museum visits, some time will be made for shopping in the Kanemori Red Brick Warehouse area before re-boarding your coach for the return drive to the pier.

PLEASE NOTE: This tour involves a 7-minute walk on an incline to the cable car terminus. The walk will be taken slowly, with sightseeing along the way.



Kamchatka City Tour and Cultural Museum • PET-7249

Duration: 3½ Hours

Transport: Local bus



Explore Kamchatka's culture, history and architecture during this scenic city tour and visit to the Cultural Museum.

Depart the pier for the drive to the scenic viewpoint at Petrovskaya Hill. Upon arrival, you will take in beautiful panoramic views overlooking Avacha Bay and its surroundings. The 264-year-old city of Kamchatka has an exciting and diverse history. You will continue on for a visit to Kamchatka's Cultural Museum to view exhibits depicting famous sea explorers who visited Kamchatka, including Vitus Bering, La Perouse, Charles Clarke and others. You will also see displays of clothing, utensils and even parts of original ships from a bygone era. Other exhibits at the museum will teach you about the natural history of the peninsula, life of the indigenous people and history of its exploration.

Next, you will drive by the historic monuments of Vitus Bering, the founder of the city, and a chapel built in memory of the defenders of Petropavlovsk during the Crimean War of 1854. A stop will then be made at the city's Russian Orthodox Church and local market. The market, which sells food and consumer goods, is situated in the center of Petropavlovsk and is the largest in Kamchatka.

Following your visit, you will be transferred back to the pier.

PLEASE NOTE: *The Kamchatka Peninsula is best-viewed in fair weather. The view from Petrovskaya Hill is dependent upon the weather. In the event of poor visibility, additional time will be spent at the museum. This tour requires frequent stepping in and out of buses. The museum is on two levels with a steep ascent in front of the entrance. This tour is not recommended for guests with limited mobility, and guests who utilize a wheelchair.*



Kamchatka City Tour and Military Museum • PET-7250

Duration: 3½ Hours

Transport: Local Bus



Kamchatka's cultural and military past is yours to discover during this scenic city tour and visit to the Military Museum.

Depart the pier for the drive to the scenic viewpoint at Petrovskaya Hill. Upon arrival, you will take in beautiful panoramic views overlooking Avacha Bay and its surroundings. The 264-year-old city of Kamchatka has an exciting and diverse history. You will continue on for a guided tour of the Military Museum, the largest in Northeast Russia, to learn about Kamchatka geography and nature, as well as the history and development of the armed forces on the Kamchatka Peninsula.

Next, you will drive by the historic monuments dedicated to the founder of the city, Vitus Bering, Kuril Islands defenders and chapel built in memory of the defenders of Petropavlovsk during the Crimean War of 1854. A stop will then be made at the city's Russian Orthodox Church and local market. The market, which sells food and consumer goods, is situated in the center of Petropavlovsk and is the largest in Kamchatka.

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Kamchatka Nature and Countryside • PET-6547

Duration: 5 Hours

Transport: Coach



The pristine natural beauty and wildlife of Far-Eastern Russia is yours to discover during this scenic orientation tour of Kamchatka.

Depart the pier for the drive through Kamchatka. This wonderful expanse abounds with some of the world's most beautiful natural phenomena, including mountains, active and dormant volcanoes, vast valleys and lowlands, lakes formed by tundras, and lava. While traveling through the countryside, you will find the Siberian K-9 Kennel and Lodge, which raises and trains Kamchatka Husky sled dogs. The kennel is located in a picturesque valley adorned by views of the magnificent Koryakskiy and Avacha Volcanoes. During your visit, you will see how these beautiful animals are fed, learn about the sled and its equipment, and possibly have a chance to play with the puppies.

Kamchatka is also home to an abundance of wild berries, including blueberries, cranberries, raspberries, arctic bramble, and a species known as Kamchatka honeysuckle. Local residents come to the forest to gather Kamchatka berries and mushrooms in season. Back at the lodge, you will be served a lunch buffet featuring mushroom soup, fried and smoked salmon, fresh vegetables, local beer, and Russian sweet cakes with local berries. Your lunch will be accompanied by a performance of Koryak folk dancing.

After lunch, you will re-board your coach for the return drive to the pier and ship.

PLEASE NOTE: This tour involves 2 hours of walking that spans approximately 1 mile. Wear a weatherproof jacket and sturdy walking shoes. This tour is not recommended for guests with limited mobility and guests who utilize a wheelchair.

Native Village of Itelmen • PET-7001

Duration: 5 Hours

Transport: Army Truck



Explore Kamchatka's ethnic past during this unique visit to a traditional Itelmen community.

Today, Kamchatka's main native ethnic groups are the Itelmens, Koryaks, Evens and Chukchas. Since the Russian Cossacks arrived in the 17th century, the life of these natives has changed greatly, and today they live in common Russian cities and villages. This tour presents a unique opportunity to explore a traditional Itelmen community.

The word Itelmen means "living here." Although the total Itelmen population is currently only 1,441, Itelmens once inhabited almost the entire Kamchatka Peninsula. They lived on riverbanks in small settlements, each serving as winter housing for several families. The Itelmen population significantly decreased over time, however, and today a great number of them live in the Tigil Region of the Koryak Autonomous District. Although their main occupation was fishing and hunting, Itelmens have always excelled in raising, collecting and drying herbs to make various beverages and medicines.

Depart the pier for the 1-hour drive to an Itelmen village that has been reconstructed according to ancient customs and traditions. Upon arrival, you will see the winter and summer homes of the Itelmens, taste Itelmen food and view Itelmen folk dancing exhibitions, games and songs.

Following your visit, you will re-board your Army truck for the 1-hour return drive to the pier.

PLEASE NOTE: The restroom facilities on this tour are very primitive. Be prepared for wet weather and terrain. The drive from the pier to the Itelmen village is approximately 1 hour in each direction.

Rustic Picnic at "The Farm" • PET-6205

Duration: 4½ Hours

Transport: Coach



Indulge your senses with the scenic beauty, unique flavors and delightful sounds of Kamchatka during this picnic in the rustic countryside.

Depart the pier in Petropavlovsk-Kamchatsky for the scenic, 25-mile drive to the Kamchatka countryside. Upon arriving at a handmade *yaranga*, the traditional circular dwelling of the local people, you will be greeted by a unique Kamchatka guitar singer and herb specialist.

During your visit, you will enjoy original, specially-prepared dishes with Kamchatka herbs, delicious seaweed, jams and homemade liqueurs. Guitar playing and Russian songs will accompany your meal.

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Afterward, a guided visit will be made to an old lake. Along the way, you will hear a fascinating legend connected with it. While exploring the countryside, your guide will also explain interesting facts about the climate, people and history of the surrounding area.

Following your visit, you will re-board your coach for the return drive to the pier.

PLEASE NOTE: *The drive from the pier to the Kamchatka countryside is approximately 25 miles in each direction. This tour involves walking through tall grasses and wet soil. Appropriate footwear is recommended. This tour is not recommended for guests with limited mobility and guests who utilize a wheelchair.*

Scenic Boat Tour of Avachinskaya Bay • PET-6546

Duration: 3 Hours

Transport: Boat



The spectacular wildlife of the Kamchatka Peninsula is yours to discover during this scenic boat tour on Avachinskaya Bay.

Depart the pier aboard an all-weather passenger launch, with commentary in English transmitted over the boat's intercom. You will begin your tour with a ride past the locally renowned Love Hill, inner roads of the port, Tikhaya Bay and Grandma's Stone, or Babushkin Kamen. You will then pass by Starichkov Island, Cape Stanitskiy, Three Brothers Rocks, and the rocky outcrops near Cape Sredny. Along the way, you may see the puffins, murres and Steller eagles that inhabit the rocks.

During your cruise, there will be a 15-minute fishing demonstration staged by the crew, who will catch sole, halibut, black rockfish or greenling. You will then have an opportunity to catch some fish. A light lunch consisting of baked salmon, cheese, meat and a vegetable platter is included.

PLEASE NOTE: *The fishing demonstration by the crew will take approximately 15 minutes. Life jackets, rods and binoculars will be provided. Lunch will be served with tea and coffee.*

Wood Carving Class and Russian Lunch • PET-002

Duration: 3 Hours

Transport: Local Bus



Indulge your senses with Russian traditions, cuisine and song during this memorable woodcarving demonstration and lunch.

Depart the pier by coach for the drive to a restaurant that is noted for its Russian cuisine and warm atmosphere, and located in a residential area near the city of Petropavlovsk-Kamchatsky. En route, your guide will inform you about Kamchatka's history of exploration, its development, nature, native people, and more. Upon arrival at the restaurant, you will meet a Master Carver. He will give you a woodcarving demonstration, and teach you how to carve your own traditional Kamchatka souvenir, or peliken, and raven, or kutkh.

The carving master is also a talented guitar singer; after the carving lesson, he will play you some of his songs while you dine on traditional Russian fare. Your lunch will consist of borscht, smoked salmon and *vareniki*, or dough dumplings stuffed with cabbage, cottage cheese or berries, and served with melted butter or sour cream. Berry pie will be served for dessert. After dinner, the Master Carver will present you with a small handmade souvenir.

Following your visit, you will be transferred back to the pier.

PLEASE NOTE: *Lunch will include 2 bottles of local beer, water, coffee or tea.*

DUTCH HARBOUR, USA

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Shuttle Bus • DUT-6480

Transport: School Bus



The entire shuttle loop takes about 30-40 minutes depending on where the ship will be docked and what road construction is taking place. The shuttle buses will make the following four stops:

WWII Visitor Center: Interpretive exhibits recount the Aleutian campaign and Unangan evacuation.

Grand Aleutian Hotel: The Gift Shop sells Alaskan crafts and products from local artists. It also stocks Russian souvenirs to honor Unalaska's sister city, Petropavlovsk, Russia.

Museum of the Aleutians: Presents the culture and history of the Aleutians and Pribilof Island region from prehistory, through the Russian-American period and WWII, to the present-day.

Holy Ascension Cathedral: A National Historic Landmark that houses one of Alaska's largest and richest collections of Russian artifacts, religious icons and art pieces.

PLEASE NOTE: *The town of Dutch Harbor does not receive many visitors, the local community is very excited about your visit, but please be informed that the infrastructure and modes of transportation are very limited. RSSC is offering this complementary shuttle service in order to accommodate as many guests as possible on an activity ashore. However, due to the limited resources; delays and waiting times are to be expected. We appreciate your understanding and patience. Entrance fees are not included.*





City of Kodiak – Panoramic Drive • KOD-1000

Duration: 1 Hour

Transport: School Bus



Experience the beauty and history of Kodiak during this brief, but scenic 1-hour driving tour of the city, island and beaches.

Depart the pier for the drive down Cannery Row, past the small boat harbor and through the heart of Kodiak's old downtown area. Leaving town, you will pass by the Baranof and Alutiiq Museums, as well as the Russian Orthodox Church and Seminary. You will also see Mission Beach and Woody Island en route to Mill Bay Beach, where a 10-minute stop will be made for photos and viewing.

Next, you will take one of Kodiak's oldest roads back into town, where you will find the city's diverse business community. As you ride through the center of town, you will pass the high watermark from the 1964 tsunami. From here, you will continue on to a scenic viewpoint overlooking a WWII pillbox bunker; a stop will be made here to take photos of your ship and the city in the background.

Following your tour, you will be transferred back to the pier.

Fort Abercrombie State Park Nature Walk • KOD-1001

Duration: 3 Hours

Transport: Coach



Explore Kodiak's spectacular beauty and wartime history during this scenic hike through a portion of 183-acre Ft. Abercrombie State Park.

Depart the pier for the drive to park headquarters. Upon arrival, your guide will lead you on a hike along well-maintained natural and gravel trails offering breathtaking views. A variety of seabirds inhabit the park's coastline, and whale sightings are frequently reported in this area throughout the season.

During your hiking tour, you will see WWII bunkers from Kodiak's wartime past. At the midpoint of your hike, there is a 30-minute stop at the Military History Museum located in one of the larger bunkers in the park. The next portion of the hike will lead you through forested areas with 10% to 20% inclines and a staircase of 68 steps. Your hike will conclude back at park headquarters, where you will re-board your bus for the return drive to the pier.

PLEASE NOTE: This tour involves hiking between 1.5 and 2.3 miles, depending on the group's size and abilities. Whale sightings are not guaranteed. This tour is not recommended for guests with limited mobility or guests that utilize a wheelchair. Guests need to dress in layers and have proper footwear for outdoor hiking.



Kodiak City Overview • KOD-6089

Duration: 3½ Hours

Transport: School Bus



Explore the beauty, culture and history of Alaska during this memorable journey to Kodiak.

Depart the pier for the scenic drive into Kodiak, passing Cannery Row and the boat harbor along the way. Upon arrival in Kodiak, a stop will be made at the Baranov Museum, which offers an eclectic blend of native, Russian and American history.

Next, you will continue on to the Alutiiq Museum for an in-depth look at native Alaskan culture. From here, you will cross over the bridge to neighboring Near Island for a visit to the Alaska Fisheries Research Center. Here, you will enjoy the aquarium and touch tank, a popular year-round attraction for visitors to the area. After a short drive north, you will arrive at Ft. Abercrombie State Park, an historic WWII site. The park offers a wonderful bunker museum of wartime memorabilia, as well as beautiful land and sea views.

Your tour will conclude at the Gerald C. Wilson Auditorium, where you will view a lively performance by either St. Innocents Academy, a local group of dancers and musicians, or the Alutiiq Dancers, a multi-aged group performing traditional songs and dances.

Following your visit, you will re-board your school bus for the return drive to the pier.

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Near Island Sea Kayak Adventure • KOD-1002

Duration: 4¼ Hours

Transport: Taxi Transfer and Kayak



Experience Kodiak's pristine natural beauty in a unique new way during this memorable sea kayak adventure to Near Island.

Depart the pier for the drive to the launch point. After receiving your safety instructions and equipment from your guide, you will embark your sea kayak and begin circumnavigating Near Island and the surrounding islets. As you pass by Kodiak's small boat harbors, docks and canneries, you may encounter bird species and sea life that include endangered Steller sea lions, sea otters, puffins, cormorants, humpback whales, and salmon. Although sightings are not guaranteed, your chances of encountering wildlife are very good.

Along the way, a stop will be made for a lunch consisting of sandwiches, chips and cookies. After lunch, you will have an opportunity to do some beach combing, and a bit of light hiking along the tidal pools.

Next, you will embark your sea kayak once again for more wildlife viewing before returning to the launch point. Upon arrival, you will remove and return your equipment before being transferred back to the pier.

PLEASE NOTE: *This tour is only recommended for active guests in good physical condition. Restrooms will only be available at the kayak launch. Guests are strongly advised to dress warmly and in layers, wear hiking shoes they won't mind getting wet and bring along rain gear. Eliminate cotton clothing; wear synthetic fabrics only. Single or two-seat kayaks, personal floatation devices, spray-skirts, paddles and dry bags will be provided. Prior kayaking experience is recommended, but not required to participate on this tour. Participants must be at least 12 years old, and accompanied by a parent. The maximum weight limit is 250 lbs for each guest participating on this tour. Your lunch will include water, juice, milk and soft drinks.*

Russian Tea Tour • KOD-6127

Duration: 3½ Hours

Transport: Local Bus



Explore the commerce, culture and Russian influences in Alaska during this splendid introduction to Kodiak.

Depart the pier for the drive to Kodiak. Along the way, you will proceed down Cannery Row to learn about the importance of the fishing industry to Kodiak's economy. Next, you will proceed to the Kodiak Inn, where you will be greeted with Russian tea and tasty treats that include *borscht*, Russian teacakes and pirozhkis.

Entertainment will be provided by the Balalaika Players, a local band performing traditional Russian music. In continuing with this tour's Russian theme, a visit will be made to the Russian Orthodox Church. Here, a priest will talk about the Russian Church and the role it has played in Alaska's history. A brief stop will then be made at the Northern Exposure Art Gallery, the only art gallery on the island, to view the work of local artists.

Your tour will conclude with a scenic drive past the U.S. Coast Guard Base, the largest USCG base in America, to watch a salmon run before returning to the pier and ship.

Wildlife Boat Tour • KOD-6125

Duration: 2 Hours

Transport: Boat



The history and wildlife of Alaska is yours to discover during this scenic boat tour of Kodiak Island.

After embarking the *M/V Sea Breeze*, you will depart the pier for a 2-hour boat tour. Along the way, your hosts Marty and Marion Owen, longtime residents of Kodiak, will share their extensive knowledge about Kodiak Island's history, commercial fishing industry, wildflowers, bears, marine mammals and more.

During the tour, you will visit a seabird rookery and sea lion haulout, and have an opportunity to view puffins and whales. Next, you will proceed for an interpretive tour of the bustling waterfront and take in scenic views around the small islands before being transferred back to the pier.

