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Kamchatka and Kuril Islands of Russia

Exploring the Kamchatka peninsula and the Kuril Islands of Russia (Onekotan, Atlasova, Parapushir) where no sleds have traveled before. We will be #TheFirst to witness the beauty and magnificence of the volcanic islands by snowmobile.

SPECIAL INVITE

Dear adventure travel and snowmobile enthusiasts,

Please join me and my good friend Konstantin Voloshin of Snow King Kamchatka to explore where no one has ventured before. We will be the first to visit the Kuril Islands (Onkotan, Atlasova, Parapushir) by snowmobile. Explore the beauty of the volcanos, the hot water lakes and springs and the geothermal activity that makes this area so magical.

- Bret Rasmussen



TRAVEL DATES

Basic Itinerary



MAY 3, 2020 - LAX -> PKC
MAY 4, 2020 - Travel Day
MAY 5, 2020 - Snow King Lodge
MAY 6, 2020 - Volcano Tour
MAY 7, 2020 - Day at Sea
MAY 8, 2020 - Kuril Islands
MAY 9, 2020 - Kuril Islands
MAY 10, 2020 - Khodutka Bay
MAY 11, 2020 - Flex Day
MAY 12, 2020 - PKC -> SLC



Kamchatka Peninsula and Kuril Islands

The peninsula has a high density of volcanoes and associated volcanic phenomena, with 19 active volcanoes included in the six UNESCO World Heritage List sites in the Volcanoes of Kamchatka group, most of them on the Kamchatka Peninsula, the most volcanic area of the Eurasian continent, with many active cones. The Kamchatka Peninsula is also known as the "land of fire and ice"

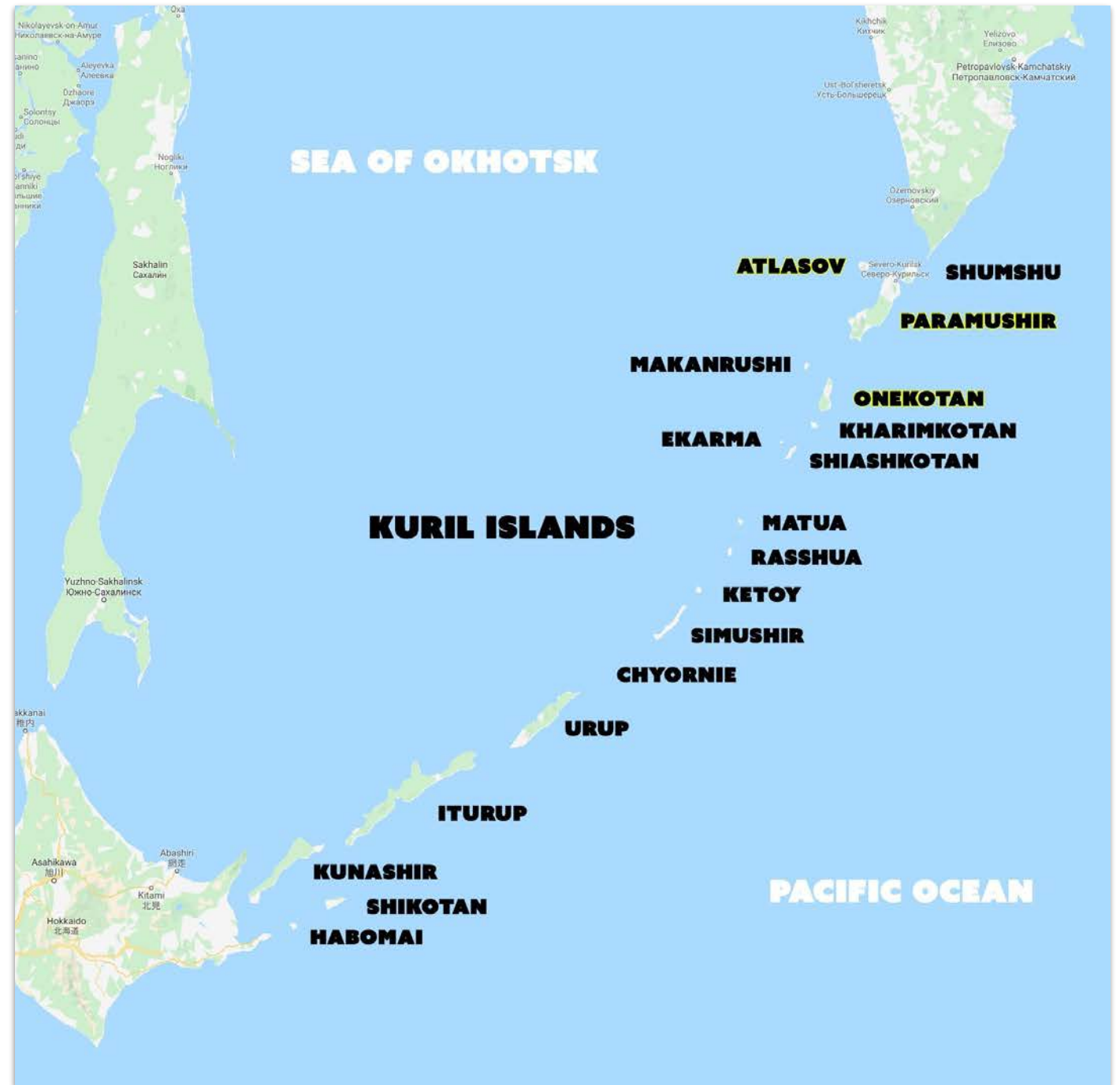


Geography

Kuril Islands

The Kuril Islands are a volcanic archipelago in Russia's Sakhalin Oblast that stretches approximately 810 miles northeast from Hokkaido, Japan to Kamchatka, Russia. The Sea of Okhotsk on one side, the north Pacific Ocean on the other. There are 56 islands.

All the islands are under Russian jurisdiction, however Japan claims the four southernmost islands, including two of the largest (Iturup and Kunashir), as well as Shikotan and the Habomai islets. These disputed islands are known in Japan as the country's "Northern Territories."



Meet the indigenous people of Kamchatka



During our transfer to the Ski Doo King Kamchatka Lodge we visit the ethnic settlement of Kainyran. It is an ethno-cultural complex, recreating the culture and life of indigenous peoples of Kamchatka. Here you can see and visit the traditional dwellings of Koryak (the local people).



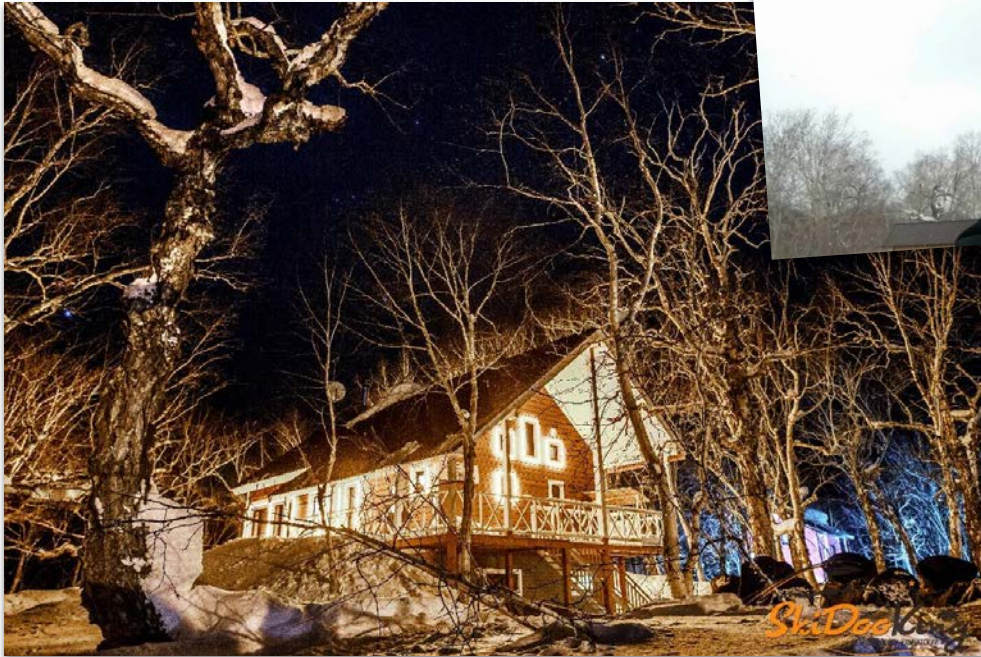
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Arrive SkiDooKing Lodge

MAY 5, 2020

This is where we stay prior to and after returning from the Ocean of Snow Safari.



MAY 6, 2020

After a hearty breakfast we ride 125 km (78 miles) on the backcountry route visiting volcanoes: Vilyuchinsky, Mutnovaya and Gorely, and end at Beryozvaya Bay. We will make the first ever track by snowmobile then board the vessel Vasily Zaroyko. Lastly we will have dinner, sauna, and ocean views on our overnight cruise aboard the Vasily Zaroyko.

VILUCHINSKY VOLCANO

Viluchinsky Volcano hasn't erupted for three thousand years. Deep furrows radiate from the top of the volcano, evidence of past mud and lava flows. The small crater on the northern slope is rimmed by lava outliers. At the piedmont is a small scenic waterfall; the top overlooks a panoramic view of Avacha Bay.

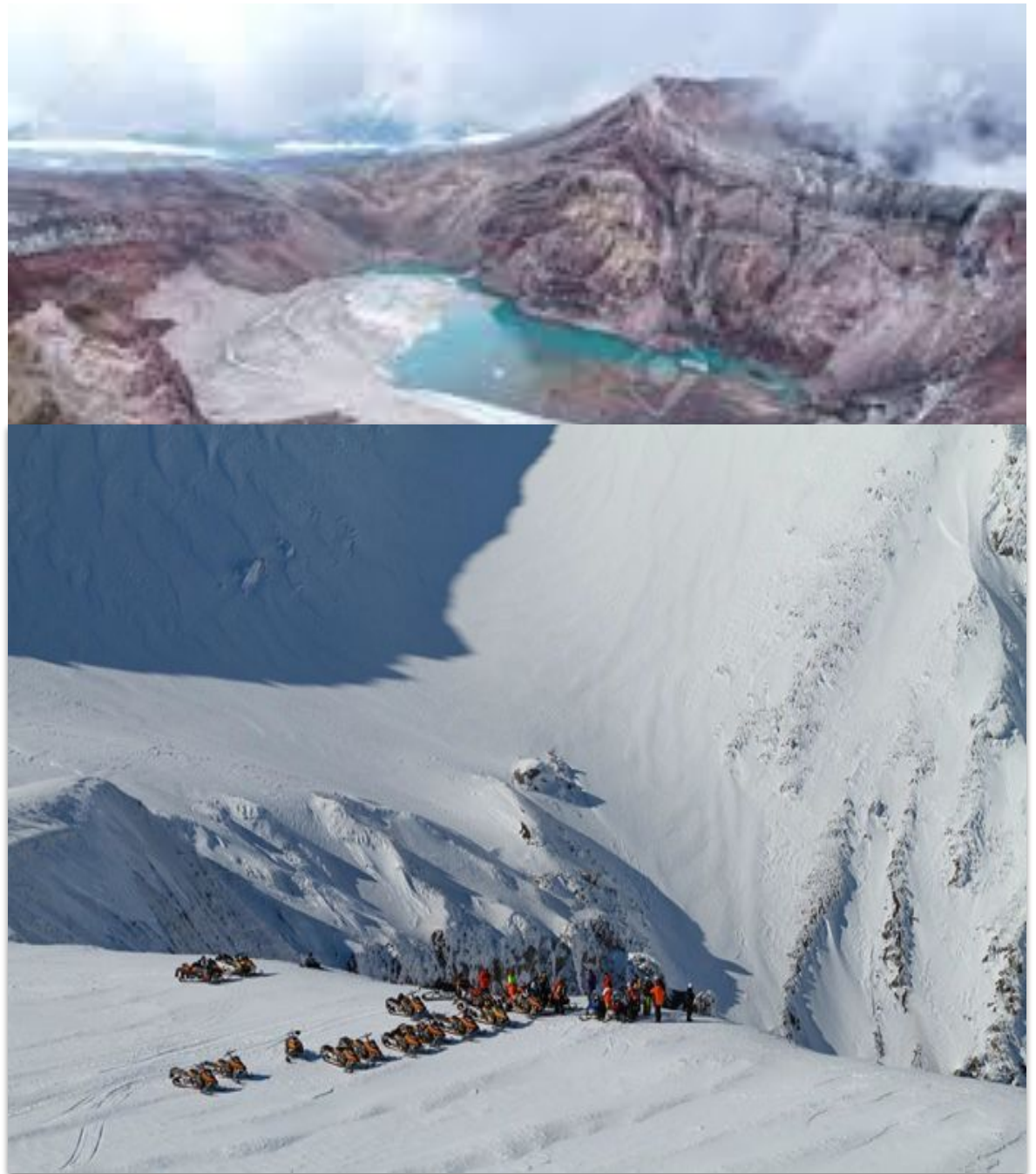


Mutnovsky

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GORELY VOLCANO

The Gorely volcano consists of two big structures: an ancient shield volcano (crowned by caldera), and a modern stratovolcano. The modern structure is rimmed with a chain of craters, and its slopes have about 30 hornitos. The ancient volcanic structure is very peculiar. The odd relief resembles moonscape with almost zero vegetation or animal life. Gorely is very active: there are many fumaroles and a lake in one of the main craters with water just below boiling point. The volcano intermittently ejects steam-gas columns up to three kilometers. The height of Gorely is 1.82 km. It has 11 craters. Since observations began, the longest period of dormancy has been 60 years. On average, it erupts every 19 years. When the last eruption occurred in 1984-86, a thick black ash trail stretched to Petropavlovsk across Avacha Bay. The city was showered with heavy ash.



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MUTNOVSKY VOLCANO

The Mutnovsky volcano is an elongated array of four merged cones. Explosions which occurred in several stages, formed two huge craters – the Southwest and Northeast craters, they resemble a figure eight and has a depth of 400 m. The subsequent explosions in Southwest crater formed a deep crater, before it was occupied by the lake, and now by the glacier. In addition, there is an Active Funnel at the northern edge of the Southwestern crater, which is a closed cup with the depth of about 150 m with steep walls and a flat bottom.

The merged crater of Mutnovsky volcano by its size is the largest among the craters of active volcanoes of Kamchatka.

In the crater of the volcano and on its northern slope there are powerful high-temperature fumaroles, jets of steam and gas, the outputs of which are framed by volcanic sulfur and hot springs in the form of water and mud pots.

During the historical period there were at least 16 eruptions of Mutnovsky volcano. The strongest eruption occurred in 1848. The greatest period of dormancy of the volcano lasted for 44 years (1854-1898), the smallest period - a few months. Eruptions mainly occur in the Active funnel. In the period of rest in the crater powerful high-temperature fumaroles are active.

Interestingly, before the start of the 60s at the bottom of the crater there was a lake that had a diameter of 250-300 meters with warm water. After the eruption in 1960 in the Active funnel in the neighboring crater the lake cooled down, and then the crater quickly filled with glacier ice. Such mechanism is characteristic for the Southwestern crater.



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Russkaya bay

This is a former Russian military outpost.



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Beryozovaya Bay

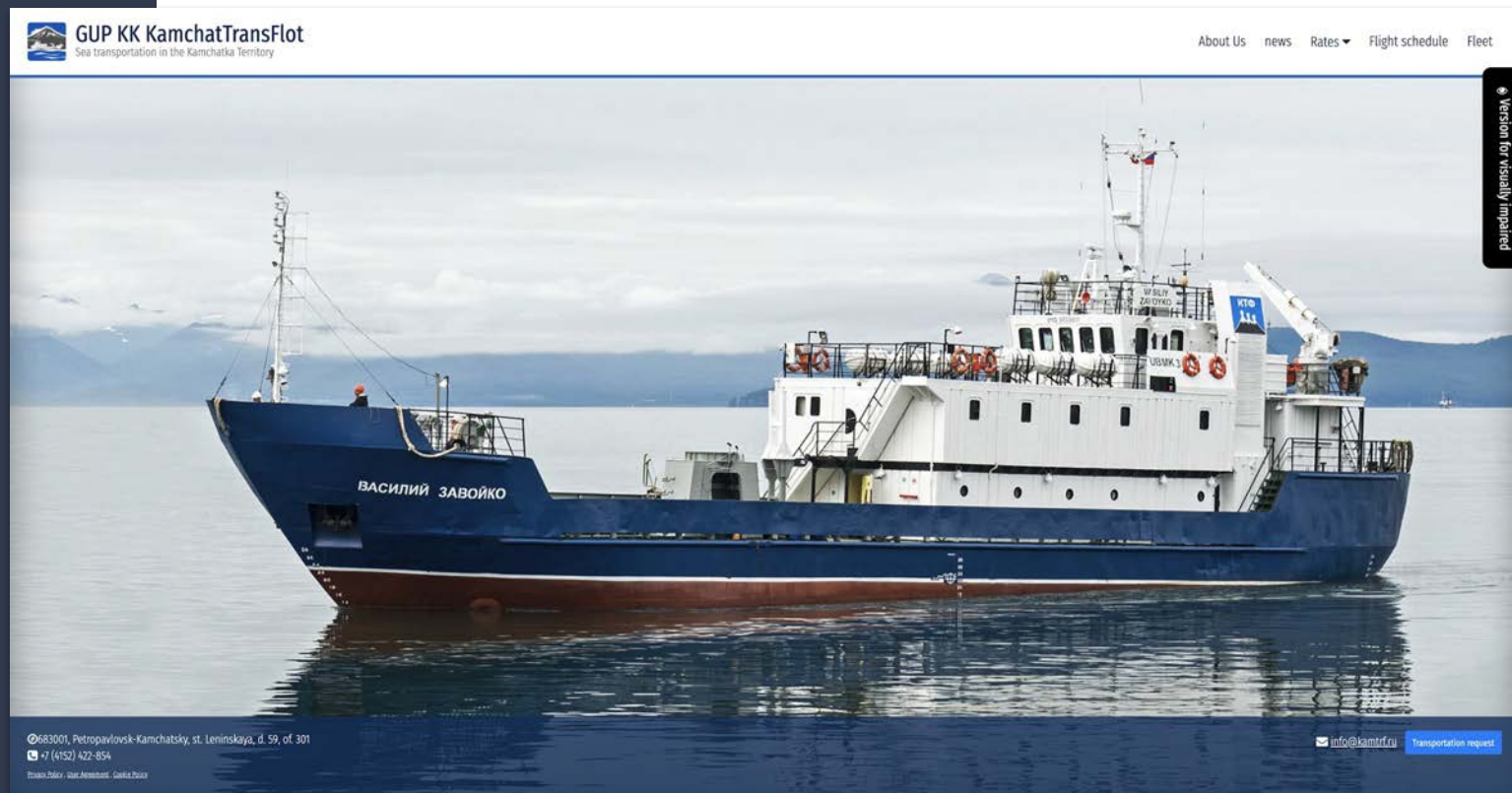
This is a former Russian military outpost. Uninhabited bay where before the PERESTROYKA it was a military base.



Our sailing vessel.

Vasily Zavoyko

- 152' Cargo/Passenger Ship.
- Our transport through the Kuril islands.
- Bed, Food, Entertainment.
- Transport of snowmobiles.



MAY 7, 2020

Day At Sea

Viewing marine life and the beautiful coast of the Kamchatka peninsula.



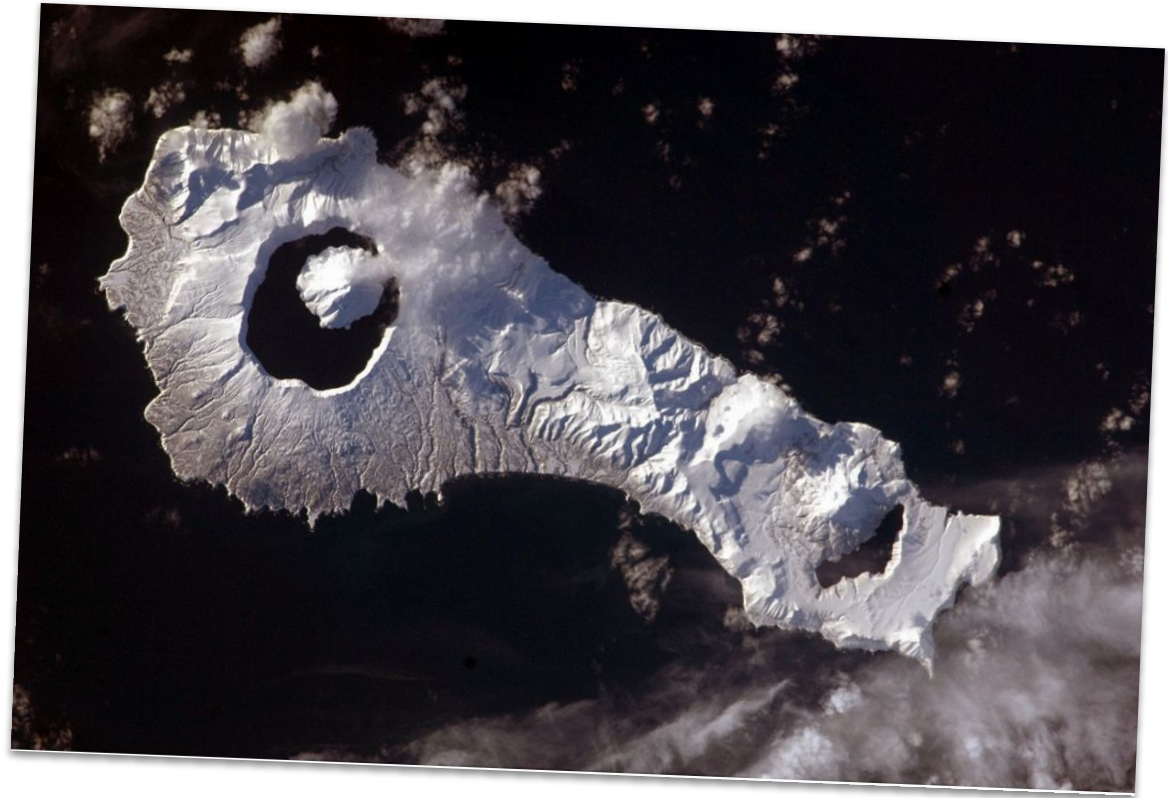
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Kuril Islands

Explore Onekotan

Onekotan is an uninhabited volcanic island located near the northern end of the Kuril Islands chain. Its name is derived from the Ainu language for "large village". It is the second largest island, after Paramushir, in the northern subgroup of the Kurils.

Onekotan still has an active volcano with the most recent eruption, in 1952, forming a small lava dome on the island's coast. A bay on the eastern shore contains the remains of an abandoned settlement.



Mount Krenitsyn on Onekotan Island



MAY 9, 2020

Kuril Islands

Explore Atlasova Island and Aliad volcano.

Atlasov Island is the northernmost island and volcano and also the highest volcano of the Kuril islands



MAY 10, 2020

Khodutka Bay and Volcano Ksudach

Today we disembark the Vasily Zavoyko and begin our journey back to Snow Valley base, about 180 km.

We will be visiting Ksudach Volcano to swim in the warm crater lake.

The last eruption of Ksudach was in March 1907, which was one of the largest ever recorded in Kamchatka. The eruption in 1907 sent ash high into the atmosphere which was transported by the jet stream, leaving North America east of the Rockies unseasonably cold. The summit area comprises overlapping calderas. Two lakes, Balshoe and Kraternoe, are located within calderas at the summit of Ksudach. These lakes, along with hot springs and the surrounding wilderness, make the Ksudach Volcano region a popular trekking destination.

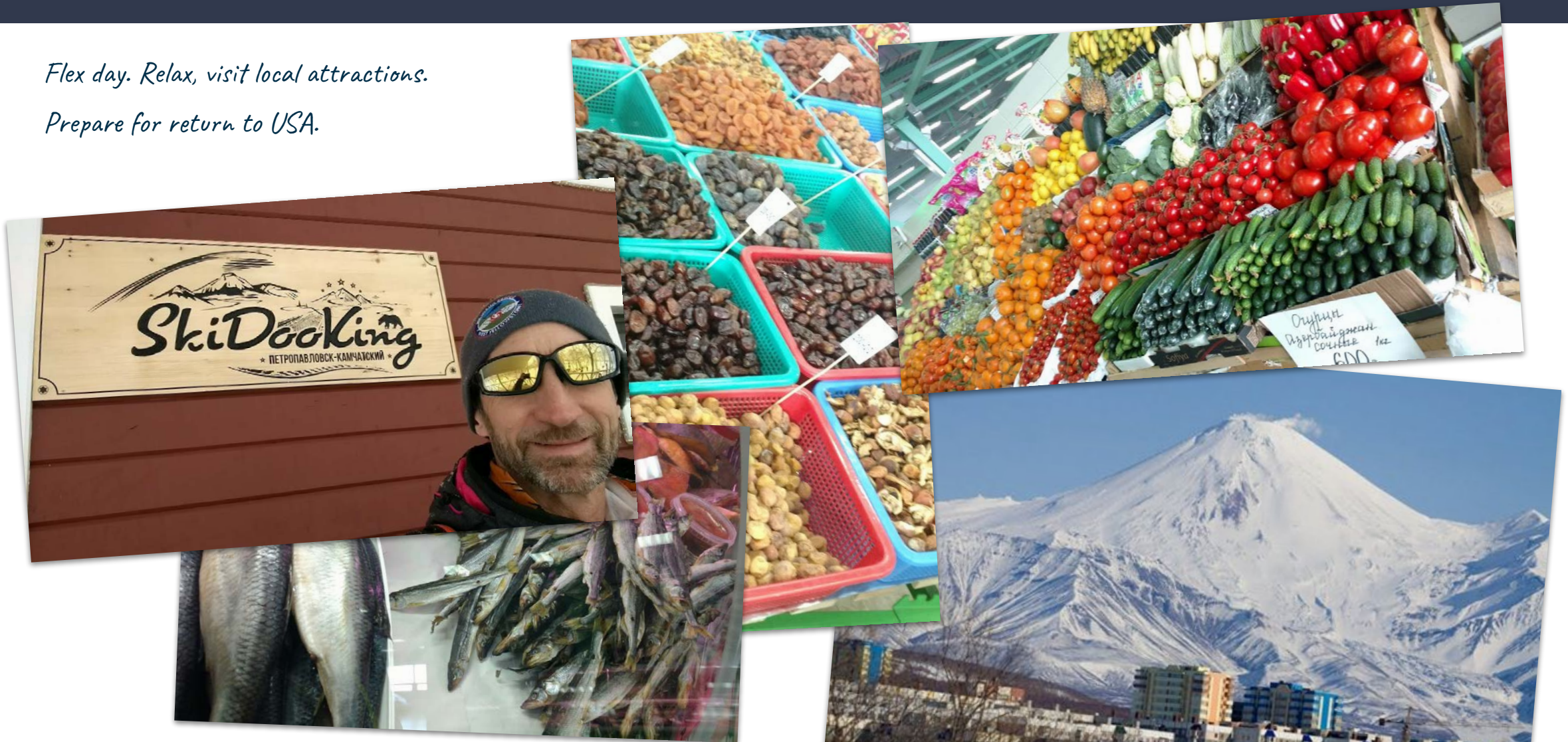


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SkiDooKing Base

Flex day. Relax, visit local attractions.

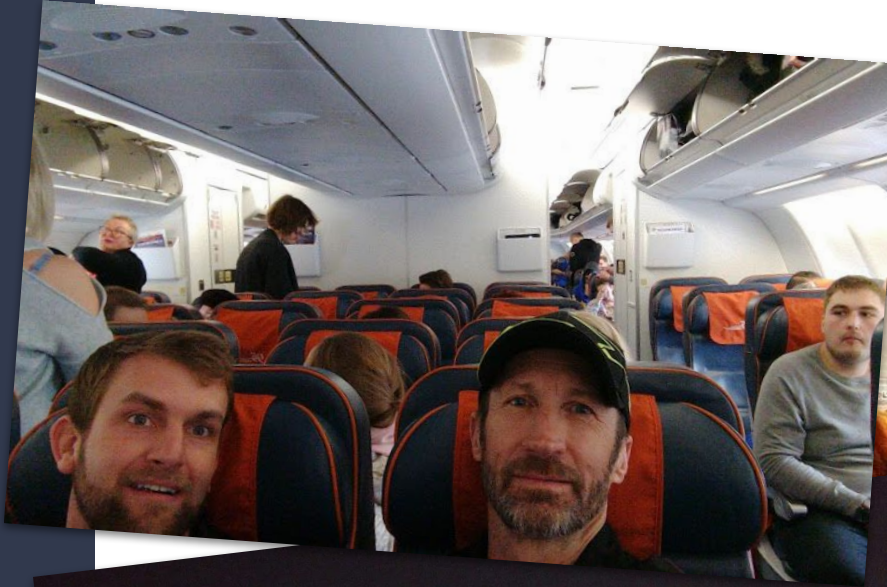
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INTERNATIONAL TRAVEL

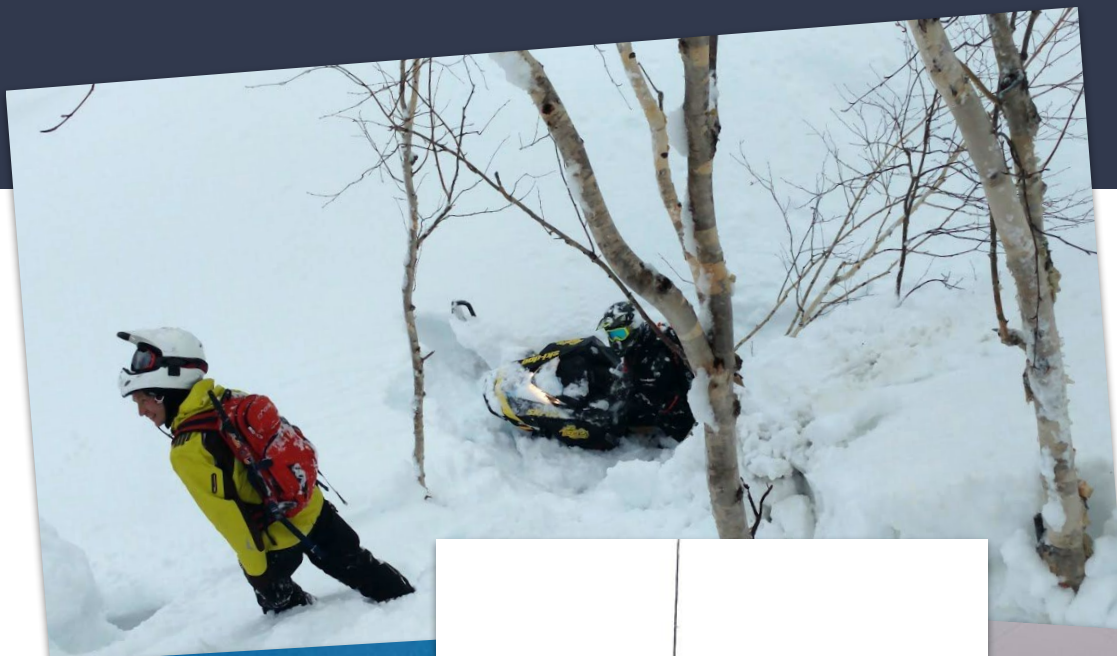
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YOUR TOUR GUIDES

Konstantin Voloshin

General Director of "RPM", an experienced tourist who was born and raised in Kamchatka. In 1962 his parents had a trip from Kamchatka to Praga and returning back by motorcycle, a Java 350. It is interesting that his first ski tour he spent on the shoulders of his father at the age of one. He has covered thousands of kilometers by snowmobile in the region. Konstantin is an experienced and reliable guide who nearly perfectly knows the region and can easily get geographical bearings. He has a solid understanding of the local weather conditions as well as a keen ability to understand group dynamics.



YOUR TOUR GUIDES

Nate Smoot

Nate is the owner of Epic Recreation in Utah's famous Wasatch mountains. Nate is fluent in Russian, acquiring the language while serving an LDS mission in Russia. Nate is an expert rider, instructor, and will be serving as both a guide and interpreter during our time in Kamchatka.



YOUR TOUR GUIDES

BRET RASMUSSEN

Bret is a world renown snowmobile professional, first receiving fame in the 80s-90s while winning multiple hillclimb competitions, and appearing in popular snowmobiling videos, including the original Schooled series. Today Bret operates a Snowmobile instructor school offering professional coaching for beginners to expert riders. He is also teamed up with video producer Jon Cracroft creating a second instructional video series titled Back To Skool, hosted on his YouTube channel, Ride Rasmussen Style.



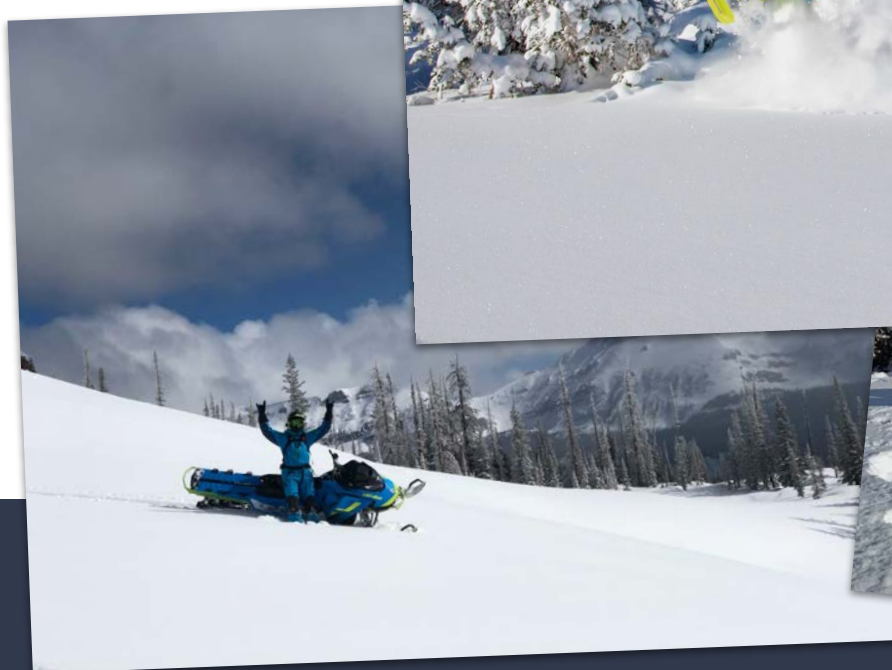
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MEDIA

Jon Cracroft

A master behind the lens! With over 20 years of photography experience Jon has mastered the art of visual storytelling. He will be along to capture stunning photos and video of the amazing moments as they unfold. These will undoubtedly be memories that will last a lifetime.

www.joncracroft.com



Snowmobiles of Ski Doo King Kamchatka

2020 Ski Doo Summit 850 snowmobiles will be provided for our over snow transportation. Well equipped to take us over and around the volcanoes of Kamchatka.



PRICE & TERMS OF PAYMENT

Cost of trip: \$11,000 if signed up prior to Dec 1, 2019.

Deposit: To secure your adventure deliver a non refundable deposit of \$5,000 prior to Dec 1, 2019.

Final payments: A payment of \$2,000 will be due Jan 1, 2020 and Feb 1, 2020. A final \$2,000 payment due 1 April.

Note: We require a minimum of 10 guests to make this happen, limited to 15 total.

PACKAGE

Price includes:

Snowmobiles, snowmobile service, fuel/oil, and avalanche safety gear.

Passage aboard cruising vessel Vasily Zavoyko.

All breakfast, lunch and dinner meals.

Lodging at Snow Valley.

All transportation. Air fare from LAX and returning to SLC, plus local transportation in Russia.

Guiding and excursion services.

Entry fees: hot springs and swimming pools.

Price does not include:

Expenses in case of evacuation in emergency. We recommend purchasing travel insurance.

Meals during travel to and from Russia.

Damage to snowmobiles, rental equipment.

Unexpected expenses related to weather conditions, changes to travel, damaging of individual or group inventory and equipment due to the fault of participant, illness or other force majeure.

Souvenirs and incidentals.

PASSPORT

You must have a current (not expiring anytime in 2020) passport with multi entry Russian visa. More details coming on this.

Please join me for an experience you will remember forever, it surely is an opportunity of a lifetime. Sleds have never ventured to these islands. We will see all kinds of marine life, Halibut fishing, kayaking and more.

Additional details to come. Best regards,

Bret Rasmussen