



### Introduction:

**Vladivostok ("Lord of the East" in Russian)** is located less than 100 km east the Chinese border, and just across the Sea of Japan from the main Japanese island of Honshu. Home base of the Russian Pacific Fleet, the city was closed to all non-Soviets from 1958 until 1991.

Between its founding in 1860 and closing to foreigners in 1958, Vladivostok was a fairly international city. In the early part of the 20th century, Russians were actually outnumbered by Chinese in Vladivostok, and during the years following the Revolution, there were large Japanese and US populations. The US maintained a consulate in Vladivostok until 1948.

Vladivostok became Russia's main naval base in the East after Port Arthur (located in Chinese territory and ceded to Russia in 1898) fell in January 1905, during the Russo-Japanese war. Modern Vladivostok has been compared to the American West during the Gold Rush years. Businesses from all over the world have flooded in to take advantage of the city's position as a crossroads of Northeast Asia.

### Itinerary

#### Sightseeing city tour (4 h)

(Tour code **VVO - 1**)



City tour of Vladivostok covering all the main attractions of the city: Vladivostok Railway Station – terminus of the Trans-Siberian railroad, S-56 submarine on the harbor embankment, where the city was first-founded 142 years ago. You will also visit the highly regarded Arseniev Museum to view exhibits of the region's rich treasure of flora and fauna as well as the culture and history of the Vladivostok area (or another museum of your choice). In addition to the stops the tour will pass many historic, cultural and architectural landmarks that make up the flavor of Vladivostok.

**Tour includes: English speaking guide, transport from/to the accommodation in Vladivostok and entrances .**

**Best period: whole year (museums are closed Mondays)**

#### Harbor cruise (1.5 h)

(Tour code **VVO - 2**)

An opportunity for a close-up view of the operations of the world renowned harbor of the Golden Horn, Russia's largest Pacific Coast seaport. Actually three harbors in one, your tour will include the fishing harbor, the naval base and the commercial harbor. Your tour will pass close to the numerous ships in the outer roadstead waiting to unload cargo and then out into AmurskyBay for panoramic views of hilly Vladivostok.



**Tour includes: English speaking guide, transport from/to the accommodation in Vladivostok.**

**Best period: whole year**

**Military highlights of Vladivostok (3 h)**  
**(Tour code VVO - 3)**

An introduction to the military history of Vladivostok, this tour will take you back to the years when the Fortress of Vladivostok was guarding the city with all its guns. You will visit two of the old batteries (built at the turn of the XIX-XX centuries) and the WWII submarine S-56, which now serve as museums. The modern Pacific Navy warships stationed in the heart of Vladivostok will add to the military portrait of the present-day city.



**Tour includes: English speaking guide, transport from/to the accommodation in Vladivostok**  
**Best period: whole year**

**Jeep tour (soft off-road) (8 h)**  
**(Tour code VVO - 4)**

It is a good chance for you to get experience in off-road riding, enjoying original beauty of sea-shores with the cleanest white sand, majestic cliffs, transparent water of impetuous mountain rivers with cascades of waterfalls, rose bonfires of rhododendrons on mountains' slopes in May, autumn dress of taiga of all rainbow colors... If you see this uncommon beauty, it will charm you forever. A picnic lunch with barbecue is included.

**Tour includes: English speaking guide, transport from/to the accommodation in Vladivostok and picnic.**  
**Best period: whole year**

