

Anadyr, Chukotka, Russia

At the far eastern tip of Russia, Anadyr bursts with color against a backdrop of tundra and frozen sea — a remote Arctic capital where Chukchi traditions, bold Soviet murals, and beluga whales all share the same estuary.

Tender (no cruise pier)

Typical call: 6-8 hrs

Russian Ruble

Russian / Chukchi

Border permit required in advance

MY DAY IN PORT

Ship/Date: _____ Arrive: _____ All aboard: _____

Excursion: _____ Notes: _____

GETTING ASHORE

Docking: Tender only — ships anchor in Anadyr Bay; Zodiac or ship's tender to town quay

Best For: Indigenous culture, remote Arctic atmosphere, unique architecture

Walk to center: 5-10 min on foot from the landing quay to the town center

Don't Miss: Heritage of Chukotka Museum and the St Nicholas statue on the cliff

🚗 Getting around: 🚖 **Taxi** ✅ Varies — negotiate locally

TOP THINGS TO DO

- Heritage of Chukotka Museum** — One of the finest museums in the Russian Far East, built to resemble a polar bear.
- Holy Trinity Cathedral** — Consecrated in 2005, this is one of the largest wooden Orthodox churches in the world built on permafrost.
- Statue of Saint Nicholas & Estuary Views** — A 10-metre bronze monument on a rocky cliff overlooking the Anadyr Estuary — the largest statue of the patron saint of travellers in the world.
- Beluga Whale Watching in the Estuary** — During summer months (July–September), beluga whales regularly feed in the Anadyr Estuary.
- Camel Hill & City Murals Walk** — Anadyr's highest point is topped by a large Orthodox cross and offers sweeping tundra views.

BEST WALKS

- Anadyr Town Centre Loop** ~2 km · 2 hrs · Easy — From the port quay, walk uphill into the city centre to the Holy Trinity Cathedral, then continue to the Heritage of Chukotka Museum.

WEATHER · DAYLIGHT · MONEY

CLIMATE (AVG °F · RAINY DAYS)

	Mon	High	Low	Rain
Apr		20°	10°	5d
Jun		51°	39°	7d
Aug		56°	48°	9d
Sep		47°	40°	11d
Oct		31°	25°	10d

DAYLIGHT & MONEY

Apr 4:37AM–7:44PM · Aug 3:56AM–8:30PM · Sep 5:31AM–6:37PM · Oct 7:01AM–4:48PM

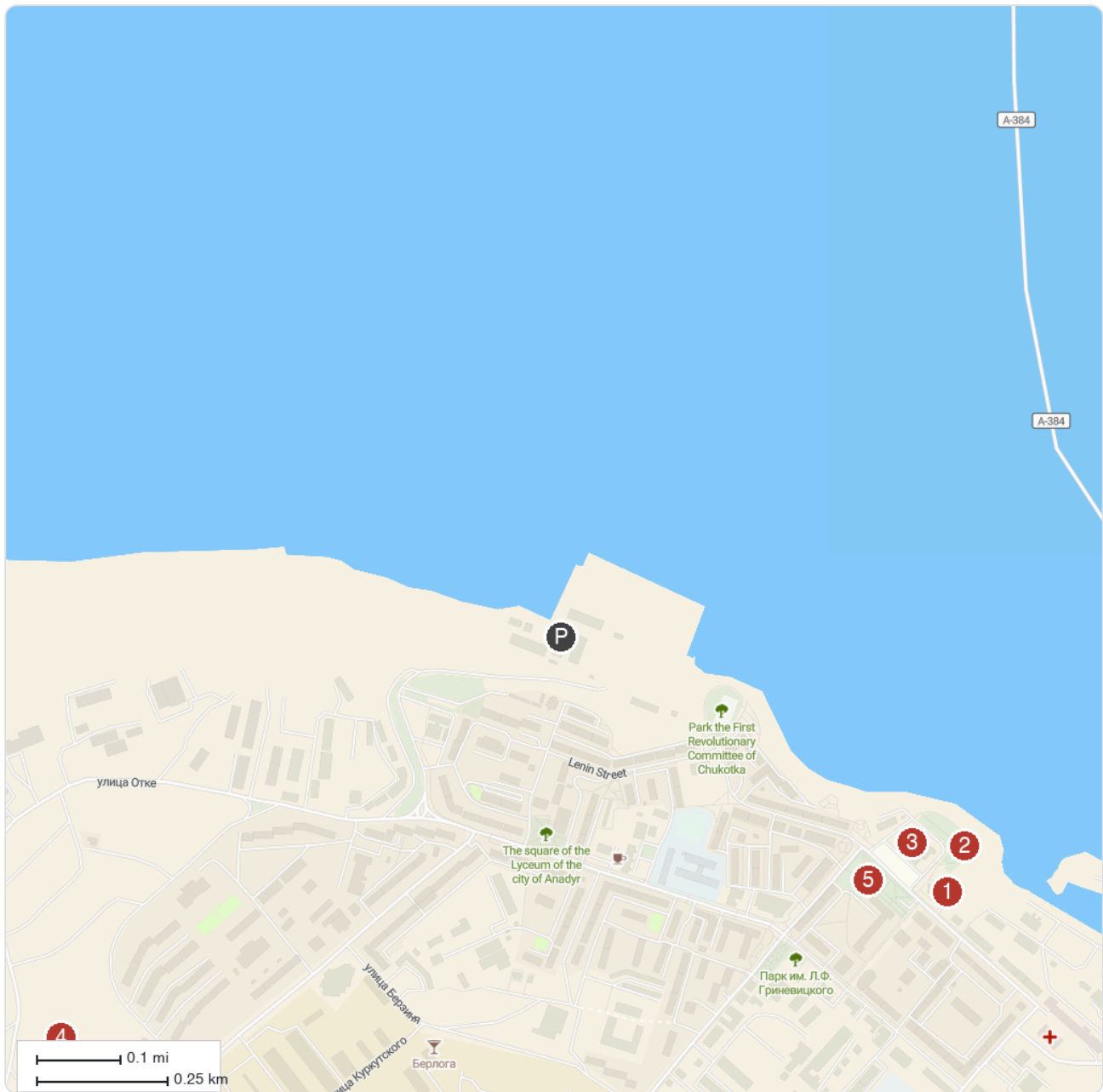
KNOW BEFORE YOU GO

- Permit is mandatory. Anadyr is a restricted border zone. Your ship must pre-arrange a group entry permit (propusk) — you cannot get one on arrival. Confirm access with your cruise line before embarkation.
- Bring Russian rubles. USD and EUR are rarely accepted in shops. There are ATMs in town but reliability is inconsistent — bring some pre-exchanged rubles if possible, or buy local crafts from ship-organised vendors at the quay.
- Dress for Arctic weather. Even in July and August temperatures hover around 8–12°C with strong winds off the estuary. Waterproofs and layers are essential; ship's tenders can be wet and cold.
- No roaming, limited Wi-Fi. International mobile roaming rarely works in Chukotka. Most cafes and the museum have limited Wi-Fi. Download offline maps before going ashore.
- Look up. Anadyr's Soviet-era apartments are painted in vivid colours to combat the grey Arctic winter — and decorated with enormous murals. The city is essentially an open-air gallery.
- Bone carvings are the souvenir. Chukotka is home to the world-famous Uelen bone-carving school. Authentic walrus-ivory and bone carvings are sold at the museum shop and quayside stalls — a genuinely unique keepsake.

Anadyr, Chukotka, Russia — Port Map

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Red = walkable sights · Amber = excursions farther out · P = cruise terminal. Numbers match the order you'd typically visit.



1 Landmark Built in 2005 on concrete piles above the permafrost, this is the largest wooden Orthodox cathedral in the world and Russia's easternmost major church.

3 Museum A polar-bear-shaped museum complex covering Chukotka's indigenous Chukchi and Eskimo culture, archaeology, and natural history since 1931.

5 Landmark A memorial statue in a town park depicting Chukotka's best-known writer reclining on a rock with two Laika sled dogs.

2 Landmark A 10-meter bronze statue on a high platform facing east, said to be the largest statue of St. Nicholas in the world, visible for miles across the estuary.

4 Viewpoint Anadyr's highest point, topped with a 10-meter Orthodox cross, offering panoramic views over the town and Anadyr Estuary.

P Cruise port / terminal