

Arkhangelsk, Arkhangelsk Oblast, Russia

Russia's gateway to the Arctic, Arkhangelsk sits where the Northern Dvina meets the White Sea — a city of weathered wooden streets, Pomor seafaring tradition, and some of the finest open-air architecture museums in Europe.

Docked (Solombala pier) Typical call: 8-10 hrs Russian Ruble (cash only — international cards blocked) Russian Best season: Jun–Aug

MY DAY IN PORT

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

GETTING ASHORE

Docking: Ships berth at Solombala district pier, a short taxi or ferry hop from the city center

Best For: Northern Russian history, wooden architecture, White Sea culture, Arctic heritage

Walk to center: ~2 km via the Kuznechevsky Bridge from Solombala to the Dvina Embankment

Don't Miss: Malye Korely open-air museum — 25 km away, Europe's largest collection of wooden northern buildings

Getting around: **Taxi** Varies — confirm rate before boarding · **Rideshare** not available

TOP THINGS TO DO

- **Malye Korely Open-Air Museum** — Europe's largest open-air museum of northern Russian wooden architecture sits 25 km from the city on the Dvina riverbank.
- **Chumbarovka Avenue & City Center Walk** — Arkhangelsk's pedestrian showpiece: a preserved 19th-century wooden streetscape with painted facades, craft shops, and the 'Bird of Happiness'...
- **Northern Maritime Museum** — Dedicated to the Pomor people — the Arctic seafarers who navigated the White Sea centuries before European explorers reached the region.
- **Northern Dvina River Cruise** — Summer boat trips depart from the embankment to nearby river islands — Kegostrov and Konetsdvoroye — offering a glimpse of island village life...
- **Arkhangelsk Regional Museum & Gostiny Dvor** — One of Russia's oldest regional museums occupies the Gostiny Dvor — the city's oldest stone building, built in the 17th century as a trading arcade.

BEST WALKS

- **Dvina Embankment to Chumbarovka** 3 km · 1-1.5 hrs · Easy — Start at the Northern Maritime Museum on the Dvina Embankment and walk south along the river promenade past the Monument to Peter the Great and the Lomonosov Drama...
- **Solombala Island Historic Loop** 2 km · 45 min · Easy — Explore the island district where Peter the Great founded Russia's first state shipyard in 1693.

WEATHER · DAYLIGHT · MONEY

CLIMATE (AVG °F · RAINY DAYS)				DAYLIGHT & MONEY	
Mon	High	Low	Rain	Apr 4:44AM–7:53PM · Aug 4:06AM–8:35PM · Sep 5:40AM–6:43PM · Oct 7:09AM–4:55PM	
Apr	40°	25°	10d		
Jun	63°	46°	12d		
Aug	65°	52°	13d		
Sep	55°	44°	13d		
Oct	41°	33°	13d		

KNOW BEFORE YOU GO

- Cash rubles are essential. International Visa and Mastercard are blocked in Russia. Bring ruble cash or a UnionPay card. Exchange at city-center banks — rates at the port are poor.
- Visa rules are strict. Independent shore time typically requires advance paperwork or a licensed local guide. Ship-organized excursions are the easiest way to go ashore without a visa.
- Arkhangelsk is a summer-only port. Ships call June–August, when White Nights bring near-24-hour daylight. Temperatures are mild (15–22°C) but pack a wind layer — the Dvina delta is breezy.
- Taxis are cheap and essential for Malye Korely. The open-air museum is 25 km from the port and not served by convenient public transport for cruise day-trippers. Negotiate or use a ship-arranged vehicle.
- Eat like a Pomor. Try ukha (White Sea fish soup), smoked salmon, cloudberry pastries, and kozuli gingerbread. Restaurant Post Office 1786 on the embankment does excellent regional cuisine.
- Best souvenir: the 'Bird of Happiness'. The carved wooden bird is a Pomor symbol — find them in shops along Chumbarovka Avenue, along with birchbark crafts and northern berry jams.

Arkhangelsk, Arkhangelsk Oblast, 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.



P Cruise port / terminal