

"RUSSIAN - SEA OF JAPAN REGION - FORESTS, MILL & PORT TOUR"

September 2004

12-Day Trip to See Russia's 'Sea of Japan Region' Forests, Mill and Ocean Ports

The last five years has seen an explosive growth in Russia's softwood and hardwood log and lumber exports and in new wood products manufacturing investments that are occurring in many regions of Russia. The wood products sector has been expanding dramatically in the Russian Sea of Japan Region since the late 1990s (especially log, lumber and semi-finished/finished products trade with China and Japan). Here is an opportunity to get the real story on current developments and issues in the Russian Sea of Japan Region by being there and seeing it for yourself!

Following a similar format as our very successful June/July 2004 tour of Eastern Siberia, the 12-day tour of Russia's Sea of Japan Region will focus on the softwood (spruce and larch) and hardwood (red oak, ash, birch, poplar) timber resources, timber harvesting methods, wood processing plants (mainly sawmills and secondary manufacturing plants), export markets, products and major Sea of Japan shipping ports (including Vladivostok, Nahodka and Vanino).

Tour of Russia's Sea of Japan Region Forests, Wood Manufacturing and Ocean Ports: Tentative Schedule & Itinerary: Monday, April 4 to Friday, April 15, 2005.

Sunday, April 3rd All Tour Participants will meet in Khabarovsk City, Khabarovsk Krai.

April 4th to 9th Visit Khabarovsk and Southern Primorski Krai

- Focus is on softwood (spruce and larch) and hardwood (red oak, ash, birch, poplar) forests, sawmills, secondary manufacturers and major Sea of Japan shipping ports.
- Visit a number of softwood and hardwood manufacturing plants close to the major Chinese border rail crossing ports.
- Visit wood product manufacturing plants and ocean shipping facilities and operations in port cities of Vladivostok and Nahodka.

April 10th to 12th Visit Coastal Region of Southern Khabarovsk Krai

- Visit forestry, sawmill, secondary manufacturing and port operations in the coastal region of Southern Khabarovsk Krai (including Vanino and Sovetskaja Gavan)
- Visit a large unlicensed spruce and larch forest area on the coast of Khabarovsk Krai and close to De Kastri industrial city on the Sea of Japan.

April 13th to 15th Visit Komsomolsk-Na-Amure Region on the Amur River

- This is a large softwood and hardwood forestry and wood product manufacturing center on the Amur River about 300 km north of Khabarovsk.
- Visit will include tour of the softwood and hardwood forests and logging operations in this region of Khabarovsk Krai as well as softwood and hardwood processing plants.

Saturday, April 16th Depart from Khabarovsk City.

An all-inclusive price will include:

- All ground transportation for the tour from Monday, April 4th to Friday, April 15th;
- All air transportation and airport transfers for the tour inside Russia (excluding entry & exit flights to Khabarovsk City);
- All hotels between April 3rd and April 15th;
- All meals between Sunday evening, April 3rd to Saturday morning, April 16th;
- All Russian taxes (including the 26% hotel tax);
- All translators, 2-week planned itinerary and briefing notes;

Tour Leader is Gerry Van Leeuwen of R.E. Taylor & Associates Ltd/WOOD Markets who completed two consulting projects in the Russian Far East in 2002 and 2003 and arranged a similar, very successful two-week tour of Eastern Siberia in June/July 2004. Accompanying the tour group will be two or three individuals who work for our Russian associate organization and have been very active in providing market and technical assistance to the Russian host companies.

Meetings will be arranged with senior government and industry officials in selected cities to give all tour participants an opportunity to find out the scale and the exact location of the best hardwood and softwood resources in this part of the Russian Far East. Meetings will also be held with key port officials to discuss all issues related to shipping wood products through the various Sea of Japan ocean ports.

The tour group size will be limited to a maximum of about 16 people to ensure that the group is not too large. As a result, participation will be limited to the first 16 people that register their interest.

- The tour starts in Khabarovsk City on April 3rd and ends in Khabarovsk City on April 15th.
- All participants are responsible for their own airfare and arrangements to and from Khabarovsk City. Normal airline routing to Khabarovsk City is by direct flight from Seoul, Korea.
- All participants are responsible for securing their two-week Russian tourist visa.
- Translation services for English/Russian will be provided.
- **Tour will be limited to a maximum of 16 Participants - Availability is on a First-Come, First-Served Basis.**
- To secure your spot, please fill out reservation form below or contact us directly. There is no financial obligation at this time. Information about the tour price will be advised as soon as possible.
- **Total Tour Price:** To Be Announced in October, 2004.

Please contact us if you have any questions. Please use the following form to reserve your spot without obligation.

YES! Reserve my spot on this tour. I understand there is no financial obligation at this time. Financial details will be advised in October. Space is limited to the 1st sixteen applicants.

Name: _____ **Title:** _____
Company: _____
Address: _____
City: _____ **State/Prov:** _____
Country/Postal Code: _____ **E-Mail:** _____
Phone: _____ **Fax:** _____

Please contact me for my input or suggestions for your planned tour of Khabarovsk and Primorski Krai.

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