

Life of the nenets reindeer herders — Detailed description

Trip Length: 4 Group: 5-7 Departure: Fixed Period: December - January

Trip overview

When you reach the Nenets Autonomous Okrug, you find yourself in the lost world of the endless tundra. At all times this territory was inhabited by the aboriginal people – the Nenets. Over the years the Nenets people created an original culture that is adapted for the peculiarities of the life in the Arctic region.

During this tour you will visit the chum (reindeer skin tent) and even will stay there for a night, get acquaintance with the traditions, legends and myths of the Nenets. You will snowmobile to the Nenets nomad camp where you will feed the reindeers. Moreover, you will visit the ethnographic museum and the capital of the Nenets Autonomous Okrug – Naryan-Mar city.

This tour is a good possibility to escape the noisy city, to have a refreshing rest and following the example of the indigenous people to live in harmony with yourself!

This trip takes place completely beyond the Arctic Circle, so there is a very good chance that our evenings will be animated by a magical spectacle of the Northern Lights!

Highlights

- Visit of the Nenets nomad camp
- Overnight in a traditional Nenets tipi with a local family
- Possibility to watch northern lights
- Acquaintance with the Nenets culture
- Tasting of the Nenets cuisine
- Snowmobiling through the snowy tundra

Tour type

DISCOVERYNATURE

Difficulty

Moderately Easy - 1-3 hours of physical activity daily

Comfort

Upgraded — all nights in comfortable rooms.

Begining / end of the tour

Tour starts: Naryan-Mar, End of the tour: Naryan-Mar

Program

Day 1 — Arrival to the Nenets Autonomous Okrug

12:40 — Meeting in the airport and transfer to the hotel

13:00 — Lunch

14:00 — Check into the hotel and rest

15:00 — Ethnographic programm in the village of Krasnoye

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19:00 — Dinner (Not included)

Overnight in the hotel

Hotels: Accommodation in Naryan-Mar city, Twin room

Comfort: Comfortable accommodation, WC and bath / shower in room

Day 2 — Day in the reindeer herders life

08:00 — Early breakfast

09:00 — Departure to the reindeer herders camp

11:00 — Arrival and acquaintance with the nomads

13:00 — Lunch

14:00 — Day in the nenets chum

19:00 — Dinner

Overnight in the chum

Day 3 — Return to Naryan-Mar

09:00 — Breakfast

11:00 — Discovery of the Nenets culture

13:00 — Lunch in the chum

14:00 — Transfer to Naryan-Mar and ice fishing

17:00 — Arrival in Naryan-Mar.

19:00 — Dinner (Not included)

Overnight in the hotel

Day 4 — Souvenirs and end of the programme

09:00 — Breakfast in the hotel

10:00 — Transfer to airport. End of the program

Departures

Start	End	Basic price per person
19.03.2022	22.03.2022	89900.00 RUB

Note

The indicated price is for the group of 5 persons. For the smaller group, the price per person will be recalculated.

What's included

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Price includes

- Russian-speaking guide
- Accommodation as per itinerary
- Excursions and visits as per itinerary
- Bathing in springs
- Airplane/ train tickets
- Letter of invitation
- Snowmobile and equipment rental
- Meals according to the program
- English-speaking guide services

Price does not include

- Personal expenses and tips
- Visa fees and travel insurance
- Optional activities
- Airline tickets
- Meals as per itinerary

Checklist & Equipment

You will need in Russia in winter:

- to protect yourself from the cold weather;
- to protect yourself from the wind;
- to protect your feet from moisture;
- to protect yourself from the sun's reflection from ice and snow.

Allow the system of "three layers":

- The first layer, called "second skin", determines the performance of the other two layers. It will transport sweat to the next layer and dry quickly to avoid cooling after exercise. Therefore forget the cotton retains moisture in the skin and choose underwear in synthetic fabrics.
- The second layer must keep the heat of the body as long as possible. Warm synthetic or mixed (wool or fleece turtleneck sweater) fabrics, that dry quickly, are preferable.
- The third layer should protect you against wind and moisture. Choose a jacket, long enough, 100% waterproof, preferably with hood.

If you are traveling in the spring or autumn, please check with your manager for a list of recommended equipment and an approximate weather forecast.

Recommended checklist

comfortable shoes for trekking
raincoat / windproof and waterproof jacket with HOOD!
sunglasses
towel
water bottle/flask
spray against mosquitoes and ticks (for summer outdoor tours)
thermal underwear
4
6
8
13
17
Expedition pants

Meals

At restaurants and homestays in cities, traditional cuisine consists of local specialties.

If you are a vegetarian or have any particular preferences, please let us know, so we could adapt the menu.

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Visa

You need a tourist visa to travel to Russia. It can be issued for a maximum period of 30 days. Your passport has to be valid for at least six months after the expiry date of your visa and to have at least two blank pages.

BaikalNature offers visa support and has created "BaikalNature letter of invitation" package. If you buy a BaikalNature tour, this package is absolutely free; when you buy any other BaikalNature service, you will have to pay for this package.

For questions regarding obtaining an electronic visa, please contact your tour manager.

Money

The Russian currency is ruble. The cost of travel and other services is always fixed in rubles. Please note that cards from foreign banks do not work in Russia at the moment. Tourists can obtain a bank card from a Russian bank in advance or travel with cash. If you have euros or dollars with you, exchange offices will allow you to change them easily in the cities. It is also worth noting that the exchange rate at airports is usually not the most favorable. It is better to exchange in big cities (you can check the current exchange rate online). Important! Only new banknotes without defects or any traces are accepted for exchange.

Tipping

All persons who compose the BaikalNature travel team (guides, drivers, cooks, etc.) are paid a decent wage for their services and do not expect any tips from you. So you have no obligation to leave anything. If you really want to express your satisfaction by leaving a gratuity, and if it is in foreign currency, be aware that torn or glued coins and banknotes cannot be exchanged. Anyway, thank you for your tips, left at your discretion in envelopes.

Health

You need to get a health examination before a great trip. Consult your doctor. Get a dental checkup. If you have health problems that could worsen during the trip, make sure you have taken all your medications with you.

Provide a first aid kit that includes among other items:

- aspirin or paracetamol,
- anti-diarrheal pills,
- antiseptic,
- adhesive plaster,
- sterile pads.

If you have individual diseases, make sure you have taken your medications.

Medical Form

No particular physical condition is required.

Emergency Contact

In Western Russia, you can contact BaikalNature by phone: +7 499 705 65 58

Legal Mentions

Professional Guarantees: BaikalNature LLC (ООО "БайкалНейче"), United Federal Register of Tour Operators number: RTO 009402.

Financial Guarantee: "Gaide insurance company" JSC (АО "Страховая компания Гайде"). Insurance contract N 4875/2422-49 from August 6, 2024. Amount of coverage: 500 000 RUB. Legal and actual address: BaikalNature LLC, 55 Dekabrskikh Sobyti Str., office 204.1 664007 Irkutsk Russia

Cancellation Options

The cancellation options are:

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- more than 40 days before departure - 30 % of the tour price,
- 39 - 10 days before departure - 60 % of the tour price,
- less than 10 days before departure - 100 % of the tour price.

Security

Your safety is very important to us! During the trip we ask you to follow the guide's advice, read the instructions carefully and follow the group. If you have any questions or experience any discomfort, please notify your guide or tour-manager immediately.

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