

Magical Northern Paanajärvi — Detailed description

Trip Length: Group: 5-10 Departure: Fixed Period: December - January

Trip overview

The national park Paanajärvi is located on the northernmost part of Karelia on the border with Finland and the Arctic Circle. This place protected from human activity unites picturesque landscapes. Here you will see for sure the aurora borealis in the evening. Here you will discover completely snow-covered forest and awesome natural beauty. Here you won't see thousands of tourists...

You will stay at the resort "Niska" equipped with very comfortable rooms - you will appreciate it after riding a snowmobile more than 75 mi (120 km) per day!

We use only modern models of snowmobiles: Lynx Xtirm 600 ACE, Lynx ranger 600 ACE or Lynx adventure.

Highlights

- Itinerary passing near the Arctic Circle
- Possibility to watch the aurora borealis
- Ascension on the summit of Nuoronen, of the highest mountain of Karelia
- Journey on the northernmost of Karelia through awesome landscapes
- Modern and reliable equipment
- Accommodation at a comfortable resort

Tour type

NATURE

Difficulty

Moderately Easy - 1-3 hours of physical activity daily

Comfort

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Program

Day 1 — -

Day 2 — -

Day 3 — -

Day 4 — -

Departures

New departures available soon

Note

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The price is given for the group of 5 persons. The price is indicated for two persons per snowmobile. Single supplement is 10 000 roubles. The snowmobile driving is allowed for tourists above 18 years old. The supplement for the comfort accommodation is 5 000 roubles.

What's included

Price includes

- English-speaking guide
- Russian-speaking guide
- Accommodation as per itinerary
- Transport as per itinerary
- Nature reserves and parks entrance permissions
- Snowmobile and equipment rental

Price does not include

- Meals as per itinerary
- Personal expenses and tips
- Visa fees and travel insurance
- Railway tickets

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

sunscreen and lip balm

towel

water bottle/flask

trekking telescopic poles

fleece jacket/sweater with collar

warm mittens (for convenience, thin gloves and a second layer of mittens with fur) / ski gloves

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Meals

In the canteen at the inns, fresh local products.

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

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

No compulsory vaccination.

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

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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