

New Year's Eve 2022 under the northern lights — Detailed description

Trip Length: 5 Group: 3-6 Departure: Fixed Period: December - January

Trip overview

It's time to think about New Year's celebrations, and we've prepared something very special beyond the Arctic Circle. How about 5 days small group tour in time to celebrate new year, staying in a wilderness cozy lodge surrounded arctic tundra and frozen lake in Russian Lapland, at the heart of the aurora zone.

Kola Peninsula is simply one of the best places in the world for observing of the Northern Lights. This New Year break not only brings you 4 wonderful evenings to see the magic of the aurora but an exciting programme of daytime arctic experiences designed to turn a New Year getaway into a once in a lifetime experience!

In a small group, you will be guided through many exciting winter activities, such as dog sledding, ice-fishing, outdoor picnic, visit of reindeer farm, skiing and more. Besides, we have an excursion by snowmobile sleighs to the mystical Seydozero lake, special place for indigenous Sami people. And then, of course, there is a great chance to catch Aurora borealis, as you are in the middle of arctic tundra with starry sky free from city spotlights. Even if you don't, we have created an itinerary that takes you out into this winter wilderness for many adventures and a lot of New Year fun.

For our New year's getaway, we offer to stay in comfortable lodge, who provide the perfect New Year welcome. Enjoy arctic nature delicious traditional food, entertainment program and good company during a party on New Year's Eve. Perhaps you will be lucky, so on New Year's Eve the sky will be illuminated with the northern lights, because magic happens, especially beyond the Arctic circle, in Russian Lapland, where reindeer live...

Just make sure to have a good mood, warm clothes and shoes, and we will take care of the rest so that your New Year's holidays are the most special in your lifetime!

Highlights

- Stay in cozy lodge surrounded by tundra and lake far away from the crowds
- New Year Celebrations in Russian Lapland
- Variety for winter activities: skiing, snowmobiling, dog sledding, ice-fishing
- 4 nights for Northern Lights observation in the middle of tundra
- Reindeer farm visit and sleigh ride
- Get acquaintance with Sami culture
- Dog sledding through arctic tundra
- Perfect holiday trip for families with children
- Discovery of Seydozero lake in the middle of Kola peninsula

Tour type

DISCOVERYNATURE

Difficulty

Easy - nothing more than normal walking while sight-seeing

Comfort

Upgraded — all nights in comfortable rooms.

Begining / end of the tour

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Tour starts: Murmansk, End of the tour: Murmansk

Program

Day 1 — First discovery of Kola Peninsula

11:00 — ARRIVAL TO THE MURMANSK AIRPORT

13:00 — Transfer from Lovozero to the base

14:00 — Late lunch at the base

16:00 — Skiing in the arctic tundra

18:00 — Russian banya (Russian sauna)

19:00 — Dinner

21:00 — NORTHERN LIGHT HUNTING

Ovenright at the base

Hotels: Yulinskaya Salma, Twin Room

Comfort: Comfortable accommodation, WC and shower on the floor

Day 2 — New year's celebration

09:00 — Breakfast at the base

10:00 — Ice-ishing

13:00 — Lunch - picnic

15:00 — FREE TIME FOR PREPARING TO THE FESTIVE DINNER

17:00 — Russian banya (Russian sauna)

19:00 — Festive dinner and New Year Celebrations

Ovenright at the base

Hotels: Yulinskaya Salma, Twin Room

Comfort: Comfortable accommodation, WC and shower on the floor

Day 3 — Winter fun, reindeer and...

10:00 — Late breakfast

11:00 — Time at leisure

19:00 — Dinner at the base

21:00 — Northern lights observing

Ovenright at the base

Hotels: Yulinskaya Salma

Day 4 — Sacred Seydozero lake

09:00 — Breakfast at the base

11:00 — Departure to Seydozero lake in sleighs

12:00 — Excursion to Seydozero

13:00 — Lunch - picnic

15:00 — Return back to the base

18:00 — Russian banya

19:00 — Final dinner at the base

21:00 — Searching Northern lights

Ovenright at the base

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Hotels: Yulinskaya Salma

Day 5 — Husky and reindeer of Russian Lapland

08:00 — Breakfast
09:00 — Check-out and departure to Lovozero village
10:00 — Reindeer farm
11:00 — Excursion to husky and reindeer farm
13:00 — Sami Lunch
15:00 — Transfer to Murmansk airport.
17:30 — ARRIVAL AT MURMANSK AIRPORT. END OF THE PROGRAMME.

Departures

Start	End	Basic price per person
30.12.2021	03.01.2022	69200.00 RUB

Note

The cost of the tour is given for the group of 6 people. If there are less people, the price is following: 72 400 RUB per person for the group of 5 people 77 100 RUB per person for the group of 4 people 84 900 RUB per person for the group of 3 people

What's included

Price includes

- English-speaking guide
- Accommodation as per itinerary
- Transport as per itinerary
- Excursions and visits as per itinerary
- Banya
- Meals according to the program

Price does not include

- Visa
- Medical insurance
- Personal expenses and tips
- Airline 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.

We recommend you to pack all your stuff in two bags: a small backpack and a large travelling bag.

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SMALL BACKPACK: will be useful for carrying your personal belongings during the day (camera, film, personal medication, bottled water, etc.) You will also use it as hand luggage during air travel for all your heavy (to lighten the travel bag in the luggage compartment), fragile (camera, etc.) and necessary (toilet bag, etc.) things.

BIG TRAVEL BAG or BIG BACKPACK: must contain the rest of your stuff. It will be in the luggage compartment during the flight. It will be transported by vehicles.

Recommended checklist

Thermal underwear

POLARTEC or similar pullover

Windproof waterproof pants and jacket (GORE-TEX, EVENT, SIMPA-TEX)

Long sleeve shirts or sweatshirts

Socks

Sunscreen for skin and lips

Sunglasses with filter

Flip-flops for banya

Sewing kit

Down jacket

Comfortable pants

Mountain boots for walking on ice and snow

Thick socks

Wool gloves and winter cap

Warm gloves or mittens

Moisturizer

Lipstick

Swimsuit

Important travel documents: Passport and visa, original or electronic airplane tickets (with a sets of photocopies kept separately), bank card

Charger and spare battery for camera/phone

Photo / video camera

Thermal socks

Furry mitts (big enough for wearing the wool gloves under them)

Meals

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

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 more information please contact your nearest Russian Embassy or Visa Application Center.

Money

The Russian currency is ruble. In all cities and many large villages of Russia, you can easily withdraw rubles, using a Visa or MasterCard, from ATMs, located in banks, department stores or hotel lobbies, some of them are open 24 hours a day. If you have euros or dollars with you, exchange offices will allow you to change them easily in the cities, seldom in the countryside. However, it can be difficult to exchange traveler's checks, even in cities.

Tipping

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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

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

You can contact BaikalNature by phone: +73952 26 56 94.

In addition, your call will be forwarded to your manager, reachable 7/7.

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 7902/20-49 from October 08, 2020. Amount of coverage: 500 000 RUB. Legal and actual address: BaikalNature LLC 119A Dekabrskikh Sobyti Str., office 13 664007 Irkutsk Russia

Cancellation Options

The cancellation options are:

- more than 30 days before departure - 15% of the tour price,
- 29 - 7 days before departure - 30% of the tour price,
- less than 7 days before departure - 50% of the tour price.

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