

## Russian Lapland — Detailed description

Trip Length: 3 Group: 4-10 Departure: Fixed Period: December - January

### Trip overview

This tour opens for you Russian Lapland. We are going to travel to the world of wild nature, snow, northern lights and north deers. We will get acquainted with history and life of the Sami people, and fell in love in incredibly beautiful Russian North!

### Highlights

- Chance to see the famous northern lights
- The entire journey is taken on snowmobiles
- Introduction to the life of Sami reindeer herders
- Incredible landscapes of the Russian North
- Fishing and Russian banya

### Tour type

ACTIVENATURE

### Difficulty

Moderate - 3-5 hours of physical activity daily

### Comfort

Standard — most of nights in comfortable rooms, some nights in tents or rooms with shared WC.

### Begining / end of the tour

Tour starts: Apatity, End of the tour: Kirovsk

## Program

### Day 1 — Departure to Lovozero tundra

09:00 — Meeting with the group

10:00 — Breakfast in the cafe

11:00 — Snowmobile tour beginning

13:00 — Lunch (picnic)

14:00 — Continuation of the passage

18:00 — Arrival and accommodation in the homestay

19:00 — Dinner

Night in the guest house

Hotels: Accommodation in the guset house, lovozero, Twin room

Comfort: Comfortable accommodation, WC and shower on the floor

### Day 2 — Seydozero lake and Sami culture

08:00 — Breakfast

10:00 — Snowmobiling to the Seydozero lake

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13:00 — Lunch in the guest house  
14:00 — Visiting the Sami tent - chum  
19:00 — Dinner  
20:00 — Northern lights  
21:00 — Russian banya  
Night in the guest house

Hotels: Accommodation in the guset house, Iovozero, Twin room  
Comfort: Comfortable accommodation, WC and shower on the floor

### Day 3 — Impregnable Khibiny Mountains

09:00 — Breakfast  
10:00 — Drive to direction of Khibiny mountains  
13:00 — Lunch (picnic)  
15:00 — Arrival to Kirovsk  
18:00 — Farewell dinner

### Departures

Start	End	Basic price per person
16.01.2026	18.01.2026	160000.00 RUB
23.01.2026	25.01.2026	160000.00 RUB
30.01.2026	01.02.2026	160000.00 RUB
06.02.2026	08.02.2026	160000.00 RUB
13.02.2026	15.02.2026	160000.00 RUB
21.02.2026	23.02.2026	160000.00 RUB
27.02.2026	01.03.2026	160000.00 RUB
06.03.2026	08.03.2026	160000.00 RUB

### Note

The price is indicated for one person on a snowmobile. Each participant is provided with: suit, helmet, balaclava and boots for driving a snowmobile. ! This tour operates as an expedition in the unpredictable conditions of the Far North. The route may be modified depending on weather conditions. Children aged 12 years and over are allowed to participate in the tour only as passengers. If you want to book the supplementary overnights in hotels before or after the tour, please contact as in advance. Thank you for taking the backpack or luggage of 50 litres maximum. Suitcases are prohibited on the route! For the tour you need the sunglasses.


### What's included

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**Price includes**

- Excursions and visits as per itinerary
- Snowmobile and equipment rental
- English-speaking guide
- Accommodation as per itinerary
- Transport a per itinerary
- Meals as per itinerary
- Visa invitation and registration of passports (for foreign citizens, if necessary)
- Nature reserves and parks entrance permissions

**Price does not include**

- Personal expenses and tips
- Visa fees and travel insurance
- Airplane/ train 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.

**Recommended checklist**

underwear, socks (several pairs)

sunglasses

swimsuit / swim trunks

towel

winter (down) jacket and warm pants (windproof and waterproof) / winter suit

thermal underwear

comfortable winter boots (suitable for walking on ice and snow)

fleece jacket/sweater with collar

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

thermal socks

comfortable warm hat and scarf (snood)

ski mask

moisturizing cream

**Meals**

Homestay cuisine based on fresh products.

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

**Visa**

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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

A good physical condition is required.

## Emergency Contact

You can contact BaikalNature by phone: +7 924 531 87 01 (What's App, Telegram, Viber)

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 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:

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

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- less than 10 days before departure - 100 % of the tour price.

### **Travel Insurance**

In addition to your personal insurance, you have an opportunity to purchase local insurance. Please, do not hesitate to ask us about our services.

### **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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