

Nenets reindeer herders — Detailed description

Trip Length: 4 Group: 2-8 Departure: Fixed Period: December - January

Trip overview

The endless Arctic tundra, the real life of nomad reindeer herders far away from the city's rhythms... If you are for an adventure, this tour is special for you!

The deer farming is not a simple occupation of the Nenets people. On the north, the deer is a life itself. Skins are for making clothes and dwellings, venison is the main ingredient of the local cuisine, reindeer sledge is an indispensable transport in severe tundras.

During this tour you will get acquaintance with the city Naryan-Mar - the only city of the Nenets Autonomous Okrug. You will visit the reindeer herders camp far away from the inhabited regions. You will get acquaintance with their way of life and their traditions, try the arctic fishing and try to understand the life of the most numerous native ethnic group of Northern Russia. How unusual and hard the nomad's life seems to be, you will see that their cordiality is hotter than the severe Arctic tundra and their traditions are stronger and more important than the civilization comforts!

Highlights

- Acquaintance with the Nenets culture and everyday life
- Arctic tundra and nomad reindeer herders
- Summer fishing beyond the arctic circle
- Naryan-Mar - the only city of the Nenets Autonomous Okrug

Tour type

DISCOVERYNATURE

Difficulty

Moderately Easy - 1-3 hours of physical activity daily

Comfort

Upgraded — all nights in comfortable rooms.

Beginning / end of the tour

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

Program

Day 1 — Acquaintance with Naryan-Mar city

11:00 — Arrival to the airport of Naryan-Mar

13:00 — Lunch in the restaurant-museum

14:00 — Walking city-tour

19:00 — Dinner in the hotel (Not included)

Overnight in the hotel

Hotels: Accommodation in Naryan-Mar city, Twin room

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

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Day 2 — Nenets - nomads of the arctic tundra

06:00 — Breakfast

11:00 — Departure for searching for the nomads camp

13:00 —

14:00 — Acquaintance with the Nomad's life

16:00 — Return to Naryan-Mar

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 3 — Polar summer fishing

09:00 — Breakfast in the hotel

11:00 — Departure for the fishing

13:00 — Picnic

15:00 — Return to the city

19:00 — Dinner in the hotel (Not included)

Overnight in the hotel

Hotels: Accommodation in Naryan-Mar city, Twin room

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

Day 4 — Nenets legends and traditions

09:00 — Breakfast in the hotel

10:00 — Excursion to the Centre of the Arctic Tourism

13:00 — Lunch

14:00 — Transfer to the airport

Departures

New departures available soon

Note

The departure is guaranteed for the group from 4 persons. If there less persons, the price can be recalculated.

What's included

Price includes

- Accommodation as per itinerary
- Transport as per itinerary
- Reserves and national parks entrance permissions
- Transfer from airport / railway station on first day
- Transfer to airport / railway station on last day
- Letter of invitation
- Meals during excursions
- Breakfasts
- English-speaking guide services

Price does not include

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

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Checklist & Equipment

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

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

Sunglasses
Raincoat or wind and waterproof shell jacket (with hood !)
POLARTEC or similar pullover
Long sleeve shirts or sweatshirts
T-shirts
Socks
Comfortable walking shoes (like Vibram or similar)
Flask
Tick and mosquitoes repellent spray
Wipes

Meals

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 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

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:

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- 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 7890/22-49 from September 19, 2022. Amount of coverage: 500 000 RUB. Legal and actual address: BaikalNature LLC, 55 Dekabrskikh Sobyti Str., office 405.2 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.

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

The travelers' security is our primary aim and also the long-term reputation of our travel agency. First-aid kit, adapted for this tour, is available at your guide.

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