

Following the ancient civilizations — Detailed description

Trip Length: 5 Group: 1-10 Departure: Fixed Period: December - January

Trip overview

Snowmobile tour "In the footsteps of ancient civilizations" is a novelty of 2016 created by our company.

We will take snowmobile trips to the sights where, according to scientists assumptions, ancient civilizations left their marks: sacred lake Seydozero; famous Giant Kuyva that will forever remain in your memory as a legend of Lapland; petroglyphs confirming a scientists' surmise about early presence of ancient people on Kola land.

During the tour you will take dog sled rides and spend the night in the tipi (temporary Sami dwelling), sleeping on reindeer skins by the fire.

Highlights

- Meeting with Giant
- 5 days / apx. 400 km of driving a snowmobile on the Kola land.
- Ice Fishing
- Acquaintance with the primitive culture
- Overnight in true Sami tipi on reindeer skins
- Dog sledding

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: Kirovsk, End of the tour: Kirovsk

Program

Day 1 — Departure on snowmobiles

11:00 — Meeting in the snowmobiles camp

11:20 — Breakfast (Not included)

11:50 — Departure

13:00 — Lunch

15:00 — Continuation of the way

19:00 — Dinner

Overnight in the guest house

Day 2 — Continuation of the road

09:00 — Breakfast

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10:00 — Departure by snowmobiles

13:00 — Lunch (picnic)

14:00 — Stop on road

19:00 — Dinner

20:00 — Russian banya

Overnight in the guest house

Day 3 — Sami tipi in the winter forest

09:00 — Breakfast

10:00 — Departure on snowmobiles

13:00 — Lunch

16:00 — Discovery of the the ancient petroglyphs

19:00 — Dinner

Overnight

Day 4 — Imandra lake

09:00 — Breakfast

10:00 — Departure on snowmobiles

13:00 — Lunch (picnic)

17:00 — Arrival

19:00 — Dinner

20:00 — Russian banya

Overnight in the guest house

Day 5 — Dog-sledding

09:00 — Breakfast

10:00 — Way on the dog sled

12:00 — Return to the camp

Departures

Start	End	Basic price per person
15.01.2017	19.01.2017	65000.00 RUB
25.01.2017	29.01.2017	65000.00 RUB
05.02.2017	09.02.2017	65000.00 RUB
08.02.2017	12.02.2017	65000.00 RUB
14.02.2017	18.02.2017	65000.00 RUB
23.02.2017	27.02.2017	65000.00 RUB
18.03.2017	22.03.2017	65000.00 RUB

Note

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According to the weather conditions the itinerary can be changed. 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.

What's included

Price includes

- Dog sled rental
- English-speaking guide
- Russian-speaking guide services
- Russian-speaking guide
- Accommodation as per itinerary
- Transport as per itinerary
- Excursions and visits as per itinerary
- Visa invitation and registration of passports (for foreign citizens, if necessary)
- Nature reserves and parks entrance permissions
- Bathing in springs
- Airplane/ train tickets
- Accident insurance
- Letter of invitation
- Snowmobile and equipment rental

Price does not include

- Personal expenses and tips
- Visa fees and travel insurance
- Optional activities
- Beverages
- Airline tickets

Checklist & Equipment

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

pants, long sleeve jacket/tracksuit
comfortable shoes for trekking
raincoat / windproof and waterproof jacket with HOOD!
sunglasses
towel
1
2
3
4
6
13
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Meals

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

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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

No compulsory vaccination.

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

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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