

## In Search of the Northern Lights — Detailed description

Trip Length: 6 Group: 2-8 Departure: Fixed Period: December - February

### Trip overview

For everyone who dreams of discovering the Arctic!

A winter tour to the Kola Peninsula that includes all the most interesting things: a visit to the largest city beyond the Arctic Circle - Murmansk, an introduction to the culture of the Kola Sami, a dog sled ride through the snowy expanses, a cozy vacation on the shore of Lake Imandra, a trip to the coast of the Barents Sea in Teriberka, an Arctic cruise and whale watching.

And, of course, the most important thing is hunting for the northern lights!

For your comfort: accommodation in the best hotels and small groups.

The tour has no age restrictions and does not require physical training. It is possible to organize it on any dates convenient for you - upon request.

### Highlights

- Best opportunity to observe the Aurora Borealis
- Acquaintance with the culture and life of the Sami people
- Dog and reindeer sledding
- Tour of Murmansk, the largest city in the Arctic
- Itinerary accessible to families with children
- An opportunity not only to see and feed real reindeer
- Teriberka and the opportunity to see whales

### Tour type

DISCOVERYNATURE

### Difficulty

Moderately Easy - 1-3 hours of physical activity daily

### Comfort

Upgraded — all nights in comfortable rooms.

### Begining / end of the tour

Tour starts: Murmansk, End of the tour: Murmansk

## Program

### Day 1 — The capital of Russian Arctic - Murmansk

12:00 — Arrival to Murmansk

17:00 — Dinner (Not included)

18:00 — Hunting for the Northern Lights

Overnight in the hotel

Hotels: Accommodation in the hotel "Meridian", Twin room

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

### Day 2 — Kola Sami and dog sledding

09:00 — Breakfast at the hotel's restaurant

10:00 — Transfer to Husky-park

11:00 — Dog-sledding through the tundra

13:00 — Lunch

14:00 — Excursion to the Sami village

16:00 — Transfer to Lake Imandra

19:00 — Dinner at the restaurant

Overnight in a guest house

Hotels: Accommodation at the tourist base Ogni of Imandra, Wooden house

Comfort: Comfortable accommodation, WC and shower on the floor

### Day 3 — Life of the peoples of the north

09:00 — Breakfast

10:00 — Free time in the ethnographic park

14:00 — Lunch

15:00 — Return to Murmansk

19:00 — Dinner (Not included)

Overnight at the hotel

Hotels: Accommodation in the hotel "Meridian", Twin room

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

### Day 4 — Teriberka: to the ends of the world

08:00 — Breakfast in the hotel

09:00 — Group excursion to Teriberka

13:00 — Lunch (Not included)

19:00 — Dinner (Not included)

19:00 — Return to Murmansk

Overnight at the hotel

Hotels: Accommodation in the hotel "Meridian", Twin room

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

### Day 5 — Free day in Murmansk

09:00 — Breakfast at the hotel's restaurant

10:00 — A day in Murmansk

13:00 — Lunch (Not included)

19:00 — Dinner (Not included)

Overnight at the hotel

Hotels: Accommodation in the hotel "Meridian", Twin room

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

### Day 6 — Departure day

10:00 — Breakfast at the hotel's restaurant

12:00 — Check-out and transfer to the airport

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## Departures

| Start      | End        | Basic price per person |
|------------|------------|------------------------|
| 21.12.2025 | 26.12.2025 | 159400.00 RUB          |
| 11.01.2026 | 16.01.2026 | 159400.00 RUB          |
| 16.02.2026 | 21.02.2026 | 159400.00 RUB          |

## Note

The price is indicated for a group trip of 2 to 8 people. The price of an individual tour for 1 person is 255,100 rubles. The cost of the excursion to Teriberka is not included in the cost of the program (about 13,000 rubles / per person). The excursion is organized only under favorable weather conditions. Please note that we cannot guarantee the northern lights for certain departures.

## What's included

### Price includes

- Accommodation as per itinerary
- Excursions and visits as per itinerary
- English-speaking guide
- 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)

pants, long sleeve jacket/tracksuit

swimsuit / swim trunks

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

thermal underwear

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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)

## 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 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

No particular 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.

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### 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,
- 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.

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