

## Top of the World. Cruise to the North Pole — Detailed description

Trip Length: 13    Group: 40-50    Departure: Fixed    Period: July - August

### Trip overview

Who hasn't dreamed of going to the North Pole in his childhood? One wanted to go to the "Top of the World", another - to meet polar bears, and the other - to swim in the coldest Arctic Ocean. Today those dreams can come true. Cruise to the North Pole is an exciting expedition to one of the most amazing places on Planet. It has a right to be called one of the best expeditions. North Pole is such a place where you can stand literally on the "top of the world". The only sides surrounding you will be the Southern ones. There it is also possible to participate in the shortest tour around the Globe and eat the northernmost barbecue. Besides, a "small" fact should be mentioned that your cruise will take place on board of the most powerful nuclear icebreaker – "50 Years of Victory". When we reach the North Pole you will have the opportunity to swim in the cold ocean. On the way back we will take a look at the nearest land to the North Pole in the Eastern Hemisphere – "Franz Josef Land" archipelago. There we will find stones of most accurate round shape in nature. In addition, the "Franz Josef Land" is a home for huge number of arctic birds, walruses, seals and polar bears.

The cruise is held on board of nuclear icebreaker – "50 Years of Victory".

Technical description: length - 160 m, width - 30 m, maximum speed - 21,4 knots, crew - 140 persons, accommodation - 50 berths expedition.

### Highlights

- You will be on Top of world and even above it
- Cruise on board of the most powerful icebreaker in the world - "50 years of Victory"
- Helicopter excursions
- Animal observation
- Chance to take unique photos
- Possibility to make the fastest trip around the world
- Visit to the legendary archipelago of "Franz-Josef Land"

### Tour type

CRUISENATURE

### Difficulty

Easy - nothing more than normal walking while sight-seeing

### Comfort

Upgraded — all nights in comfortable rooms.

### Begining / end of the tour

Tour starts: Murmansk, End of the tour: Murmansk

### Program

#### Day 1 — The biggest city behind the polar circle

11:00 — Arrival to the Murmansk airport

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14:00 — Free time in Murmansk

Overnight in the hotel

Hotels: Accommodation in the hotel Azimut Hotel Murmansk, Chambre double (deux lits ou un grand lit)

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

## Day 2 — Departure from Murmansk

09:00 — Breakfast in the hotel

11:00 — Transfer in the port

12:00 — Embarkation on board and installation in the cabins

13:00 — Lunch on board

15:00 — Commencement of sea passage

19:00 — Dinner

Overnight on board

Hotels: Accommodation on the board "50 Years of Victory", Twin standard cabin

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

## Day 3 — Day at sea

09:00 — Breakfast

11:00 — Sea navigation

13:00 — Lunch

15:00 — Free time on board

19:00 — Dinner

Overnight on board

Hotels: Accommodation on the board "50 Years of Victory", Twin standard cabin

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

## Day 4 — On the icebreaker board

09:00 — Breakfast

11:00 — Continuation of the navigation

13:00 — Lunch

15:00 — Free time

19:00 — Dinner

Overnight on board

Hotels: Accommodation on the board "50 Years of Victory", Twin standard cabin

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

## Day 5 — Ice-breaker from a bird's eye view

09:00 — Breakfast

11:00 — Helicopter flight

13:00 — Lunch

15:00 — Free time on board

19:00 — Dinner

Overnight on board

Hotels: Accommodation on the board "50 Years of Victory", Twin standard cabin

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## Day 6 — Continuation of the navigation

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09:00 — Breakfast

11:00 — Free time on board

13:00 — Lunch

15:00 — Free time

19:00 — Dinner

Overnight on board

Hotels: Accommodation on the board "50 Years of Victory", Twin standard cabin

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

### Day 7 — North Pole

09:00 — Breakfast

11:00 — Stop near the North Pole

13:00 — Lunch on ice

15:00 — Top of the world

19:00 — Dinner

Overnight on board

Hotels: Accommodation on the board "50 Years of Victory", Twin standard cabin

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

### Day 8 — Departure to the south

09:00 — Breakfast

11:00 — Navigation to the south

13:00 — Lunch

15:00 — Free time

19:00 — Dinner

Overnight on board

Hotels: Accommodation on the board "50 Years of Victory", Twin standard cabin

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

### Day 9 — Franz Josef Land

09:00 — Breakfast

11:00 — Debarkation on the islands

13:00 — Lunch

15:00 — Free time on board

19:00 — Dinner

Overnight on board

Hotels: Accommodation on the board "50 Years of Victory", Twin standard cabin

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

### Day 10 — Day at sea

09:00 — Breakfast

11:00 — Continuation of the navigation

13:00 — Lunch

15:00 — Free time on board

19:00 — Dinner

Overnight on board

Hotels: Accommodation on the board "50 Years of Victory", Twin standard cabin

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

### Day 11 — Tihaya bay and the Arctic fauna

09:00 — Breakfast

11:00 — Visit of the Tikhaya bay

15:00 — Excursion to the cape Norway

19:00 — Dinner

Overnight on board

Hotels: Accommodation on the board "50 Years of Victory", Twin standard cabin

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

### Day 12 — Farewell dinner

09:00 — Breakfast

11:00 — Free time

13:00 — Lunch

15:00 — Meeting in the concert hall

19:00 — Farewell dinner

Overnight on board

Hotels: Accommodation on the board "50 Years of Victory", Twin standard cabin

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

### Day 13 — Arrival to Murmansk

09:00 — Breakfast

11:00 — Arrival to Murmansk and debarkation

12:00 — Transfer port - airport/hotel

### Departures

Start	End	Basic price per person
10.07.2022	22.07.2022	31995.00 USD
21.07.2022	02.08.2022	31995.00 USD
01.08.2022	13.08.2022	31995.00 USD

### Note

For the tour the gum boots and expedition down jacket are furnished to all participants of the cruise. The price is given for the Standard Twin Cabin / per person (bed and sofa, bathroom (toilet and douche), TV and DVD. To book the others categories, the following supplement is applied : + 5 000 \$ for the Mini Suite Cabin (sofa, bed separated from the lounge zone by the screen, bathroom (toilet and douche), TV and DVD, fridge). + 11 000 \$ for the Suite Cabin (bedroom and lounge zone, bathroom (toilet and douche or bath), TV and DVD, fridge). + 12 000 \$ - Suite "Grand" (bedroom and lounge; bathroom (toilet, bath), refrigerator, TV, DVD-player, coffee maker; 2 cabins) + 15 000 \$ for the Victory Suite Cabin (very spacious bedroom and lounge zone, sofa, bathroom (toilet and douche or bath), TV and DVD, fridge, coffee-machine. + 17 000 \$ for the Arktika Suite Cabin (very spacious bedroom and lounge zone, sofa, bathroom (toilet and douche or bath), TV and DVD, fridge, coffee-machine, fresh fruits, soft drinks and first courses).

### What's included

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**Price includes**

- Accommodation as per itinerary
- Transport as per itinerary
- Meals
- Medical insurance
- Transfer from airport / railway station on first day
- Transfer to airport / railway station on last day
- Russian-speaking guide services

**Price does not include**

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

**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

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

Long sleeve shirts or sweatshirts

Shorts

T-shirts

Sunscreen for skin and lips

Down jacket

Fleece jacket or warm sweater

Comfortable pants

Wool gloves and winter cap

Warm gloves or mittens

Lipstick

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

Wipes

Charger and spare battery for camera/phone

Photo / video camera

Tour vouchers and programme

Currency in euros, dollars

Seasickness remedies

**About the boat****50 Years of Victory**

Nuclear-powered icebreaker «50 Years of Victory» is a comfortable six deck vessel (Arktika class). Built in St Petersburg in 2007. This vessel is equipped with modern navigational facilities and exceeds the speed of 39,6 km per hour (around 24,6 MpH).

Specifications:

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- Length -159,6 m
- Width - 30 m
- Passenger capacity - 128
- Crew - 140

Vessel features:

- Restaurant
- Bar- restaurant
- Lounge
- Conference room
- Swimming Pool
- Solarium
- Library
- 2 Saunas
- Gym
- Laundry
- Souvenir
- Medicine cabinet

Accommodation:

- 44 Standard Twins
- 6 Mini Suites
- 6 Suites
- 1 Victory Suite
- 5 Arktika Suites

All cabins are outside with large scenic windows, equipped with private facilities, TV, radio and 220 volt sockets.

## Meals

Three meals a day on shipboard, cuisine, based on fresh products and caught fish.

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

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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

No compulsory vaccination.

### 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 10058/21-49 from October 08, 2021. Amount of coverage: 500 000 RUB. Legal and actual address: BaikalNature LLC 119A Dekabrskikh Sobyti Str., office 13 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

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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