

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

- Russian-speaking guide
- Accommodation as per itinerary
- Nature reserves and parks entrance permissions
- Bathing in springs
- Airplane/ train tickets
- Letter of invitation
- Meals during excursions
- Breakfasts
- English-speaking guide services

Price does not include

- Meals as per itinerary
- 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

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

underwear, socks (several pairs)
pants, long sleeve jacket/tracksuit
raincoat / windproof and waterproof jacket with HOOD!
towel
water bottle/flask
spray against mosquitoes and ticks (for summer outdoor tours)
winter (down) jacket and warm pants (windproof and waterproof) / winter suit
winter expedition boots (like Sorel or Baffin)
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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,

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- 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.

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.

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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