

Pole of Cold — Detailed description

Trip Length: 8 Group: 3-10 Departure: Fixed Period: December - March

Trip overview

Would you like to feel the real cold – total, wide-reaching and full-scale? Then this tour is for you! This time BaikalNature propose to you to visit Oymyakon village – the pole of Cold. In this region there are the lowest temperatures near the earth surface all over the world. The average monthly temperatures of the January are -50°C , during the coldest winters they reach -67°C . The lowest registered temperature was $-71,2^{\circ}\text{C}$. And it's not the Arctic and people live there all the year round.

After the two-days way by the Kolyma road, we will find ourselves in the middle of the winter wonderland, where the pure and severe beauty of the nature is side by side the kindness and hospitality of the local people.

We will know about the history of the region and the peculiarities of the Yakut nature that are understandable only for those who arrive to see them personally.

This tour is held in a format of expedition. Description of the itinerary presents only a common plan of the expedition. In case of any force majeure (such as bad weather conditions or any other unexpected and unpredictable events), the organizers reserve the right to make changes to the program.

Highlights

- Magic landscape, frosty frozen and aurora borealis
- Traveling at the temperature below -55°C
- Visit of Oymyakon village - the coldest village in the world, known as pole of cold
- Trip through the permafrost regions
- Meeting with the indigenous people of Russia

Tour type

EXPEDITIONNATURE

Difficulty

Moderate - 3-5 hours of physical activity daily

Comfort

Basic — most of nights in tents or rooms with shared WC, some nights in comfortable rooms.

Beginning / end of the tour

Tour starts: Yakutsk, End of the tour: Yakutsk

Program

Day 1 — Arrival to Yakutsk

14:00 — Arrival to the airport of the Yakutsk city

15:00 — Lunch (Not included)

19:00 — Dinner at the hotel's restaurant

Overnight in the hotel

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Hotels: Accommodation in the hotel "Sterkh", Yakutsk, Twin or Double room
Comfort: Comfortable accommodation, WC and bath / shower in room

Day 2 — Khandyga and road of bones

09:00 — Breakfast in the hotel
10:00 — Departure to the Khandyga village
14:00 — Lunch in the cafe en route (Not included)
15:00 — Continuation of the road
19:00 — Dinner in the cafe (Not included)
Overnight in the homestay

Hotels: Accommodation in the homestay Khandyga, Bed in the homestay
Comfort: Comfortable accommodation, shared WC and bath / shower

Day 3 — Road to the Pole of Cold

09:00 — Departure to the Tomtor village
14:00 — Lunch in the café en route (Not included)
15:00 — Continuation of the road
19:00 — Arrival to Tomtor
20:00 — Homemade dinner
Overnight in the homestay

Hotels: Accommodation in the homestay in Tomtor, Bed in the twin room
Comfort: Simple comfort accommodation, dry closet indoors, banya

Day 4 — Oymyakon - Pole of Cold

08:00 — Breakfast at the homestay
09:00 — Departure to Oymyakon
13:00 — Lunch at a roadside café
14:00 — Discovery of the village
16:00 — Return to Tomtor
19:00 — Russian banya (Not included)
20:00 — Dinner at the guest house
Overnight in the homestay

Hotels: Accommodation in the homestay in Tomtor, Bed in the twin room
Comfort: Simple comfort accommodation, dry closet indoors, banya

Day 5 — Way back to Khandyga

08:00 — Breakfast
09:00 — Departure to the route to Khandyga
13:00 — Lunch in the cafe (Not included)
14:00 — Continuation fo the road
19:00 — Arrival to Khandyga
20:00 — Dinner (Not included)
Overnight in the homestay

Day 6 — Arrival to Yakutsk

11:00 — Transfer to Yakutsk
13:00 — Lunch (Not included)

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14:00 — Continuation of the road

19:00 — Dinner (Not included)

Overnight in the hotel

Hotels: Accommodation in the hotel "Sterkh", Yakutsk, Twin or Double room

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

Day 7 — Free day in the city

10:00 — Excursion in the Lena Pillars Nature Park (Not included)

10:00 — Breakfast in the hotel

13:00 — Lunch (Not included)

19:00 — Dinner

Overnight in the hotel

Hotels: Accommodation in the hotel "Sterkh", Yakutsk, Twin or Double room

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

Day 8 — End of the program

09:00 — Breakfast in the hotel

11:00 — Check-out from the hotel and transfer to the airport

Departures

Start	End	Basic price per person
23.12.2025	30.12.2025	262600.00 RUB
02.01.2026	09.01.2026	262600.00 RUB
21.01.2026	28.01.2026	262600.00 RUB
18.02.2026	25.02.2026	262600.00 RUB
04.03.2026	11.03.2026	262600.00 RUB

Note

The price given is for a group of 3 people. Maximum group size - 12 people. It is possible to organize a tour for individual travelers on dates convenient for you. Take attention that in Yakutia the temperatures can be really low. Please, follow our check-list before the departure. All the not-included meals will be negotiated with the group members once on spot (additional charge). It's possible to book the plane tickets with us (additional expenses). The itinerary of the tour can be changed according to the road or weather conditions as well as unforeseen events.

What's included

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Price includes

- Accommodation as per itinerary
- Excursions and visits as per itinerary
- Nature reserves and parks entrance permissions
- English-speaking guide services
- Transport a per itinerary
- Visa invitation and registration of passports (for foreign citizens, if necessary)

Price does not include

- Personal expenses and tips
- Visa fees and travel insurance
- English-speaking guide
- Airplane/ train tickets
- Accident insurance

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
rubber slippers
water bottle/flask
thermal underwear
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)
winter expedition boots (like Sorel or Baffin)
winter expeditionary down jacket (up to -50°)
fleece balaclava
moisturizing cream

Meals

In the canteen at the inns, fresh local products.

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.

Visa

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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

You should be physically fit enough for this tour.

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,

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- 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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