

Arctic Autumn with Pavel Ageychenko — Detailed description

Trip Length: 4 Group: 2-5 Departure: Fixed Period: December - January

Trip overview

This trip is a good opportunity to get acquainted with the Far North. Located only a 2 hour flight from Moscow, the Kola Peninsula is a vast arctic region rich in natural treasures.

The beginning of autumn revives the colors of the tundra and the boreal forest, lights up the glares of the aurora borealis, puts mosquitoes to sleep and, all in all, makes this destination a photographer's paradise or any lover of the great outdoors and of pristine nature.

This route is created and will be guided by the founder of BaikalNature, Pavel Ageychenko. Grown up in the forests of Siberia, he will be happy to pass on his passion for Russia's nature to you.

During this trip beyond the Arctic Circle you will discover the city of Murmansk - gateway to the Russian Arctic - cross a good half of the Kola Peninsula, contemplate the incredible colors of the boreal tundra, navigate one of the most pretty lakes - the Lovozero, do light trekking, fishing, picnics around the fire, as well as a quad bike ride. The icing on the cake is the discovery of Lake Seidozero - a sacred place, revered by the locals.

Accommodation is in a guest house located on the shore of Lake Lovozero where no road leads.

Every evening we will try the chance to photograph the aurora borealis, the phenomenon easily observable at the beginning of autumn.

This trip is recommended for families with children from 5 years old: a change of scenery and learning a lot of new is guaranteed!

Highlights

- Travel accessible to families with children
- Visit of Murmansk - the largest city beyond the Arctic Circle
- Opportunity to observe the Aurora Borealis
- Incredible Fall Colors of the Boreal Tundra
- Discover two of the prettiest lakes on the Kola Peninsula
- Accommodation in a secluded location inaccessible by road
- Hikes and picnics in the arctic tundra
- 4x4 quad bike ride in the tundra

Tour type

DISCOVERYNATURE

Difficulty

Easy - nothing more than normal walking while sight-seeing

Comfort

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

Beginning / end of the tour

Tour starts: Murmansk, End of the tour: Murmansk

Program

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Day 1 — Murmansk - the most important city in the Arctic

10:30 — Arrival to the Murmansk airport

13:00 — Lunch (Not included)

14:00 — Murmansk city-tour

19:00 — Dinner (Not included)

Overnight in the hotel

Hotels: Accommodation in the hotel "Glarus", Murmansk, Twin room
Comfort: Comfortable accommodation, WC and bath / shower in room

Day 2 — In the heart of the Kola Peninsula

08:00 — Breakfast in the hotel

09:00 — Transfer to the Lovozero village

12:00 — Lake crossing by boat

14:00 — Lunch

18:00 — Walk in the arctic tundra

19:00 — Dinner

Overnight in the tourist base

Hotels: Yulinskaya Salma, Twin Room
Comfort: Comfortable accommodation, WC and shower on the floor

Day 3 — Lake Seidozero

09:00 — Breakfast

10:00 — Excursion to Seidozero lake

13:00 — Lunch

16:00 — Return by boat to the tourist base

18:00 — Banya (Russian sauna)

19:00 — Dinner

Overnight in the tourist base

Hotels: Yulinskaya Salma, Twin Room
Comfort: Comfortable accommodation, WC and shower on the floor

Day 4 — Around Lake Lovozero

09:00 — Breakfast

10:00 — ATV 4x4 ride

13:00 — Lunch

14:00 — Crossing of the lake

14:30 — Transfer to Murmansk

Departures

| Start | End | Basic price per person |
|------------|------------|------------------------|
| 08.10.2020 | 11.10.2020 | 38000.00 RUB |
| 15.10.2020 | 18.10.2020 | 38000.00 RUB |
| 29.10.2020 | 01.11.2020 | 38000.00 RUB |

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Note

The price is calculated for a group of 4 people or more. If the number of participants is lower, the price is subject to change. Single supplement 5,000 rubles.

What's included

Price includes

- Russian-speaking guide
- Accommodation as per itinerary
- Excursions and visits as per itinerary
- Bathing in springs
- Airplane/ train tickets
- Letter of invitation
- Meals according to the program
- English-speaking guide services

Price does not include

- Personal expenses and tips
- Visa fees and travel insurance
- 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

underwear, socks (several pairs)
pants, long sleeve jacket/tracksuit
comfortable shoes for trekking
raincoat / windproof and waterproof jacket with HOOD!
swimsuit / swim trunks
wet wipes and antibacterial hand gel
water bottle/flask
spray against mosquitoes and ticks (for summer outdoor tours)
winter (down) jacket and warm pants (windproof and waterproof) / winter suit
fleece balaclava
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13
14

Meals

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

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.

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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.

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.

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