

Arctic weekend in a Nenets tipi — Detailed description

Trip Length: 4 Group: 1-6 Departure: Fixed Period: December - January

Trip overview

What do you usually do on your weekends? Do you meet your friends or family? Do you prefer to stay at home or to walk in a shopping center? Are you afraid to switch from a habitual course of life, because the change can be unpredictable? Days turning to years – all alike in their routine until you are ready to change them. Take a look at what we can offer you today - an extraordinary journey which will break the trivial round of life! Take a part in this trip which will take away fussy nervousness from your mind and make you be stunned by the beauty of nature and its landscapes! Do you want to be beyond the Arctic Circle, in the realm of fluffy white snow and Aurora? Don't you afraid to feed the deer and to taste freshly caught fish? Do you want to learn the culture, way of life and the traditions of Nenets people? Besides, the Nenets celebrate their own New Year the day when the sun comes out for the first time after the polar night. And you can plunge in this unusual world in just two and a half hours after departure from Moscow. So don't hesitate and finish your weekend unusually!

Highlights

- Acquaintance with culture of the Nenets
- Travelling beyond the Arctic Circle
- Chance to see Aurora
- Just 2 hours from Moscow to Naryan-Mar
- Tasting Nenets national cuisine
- Participation in ice fishing

Tour type

ACTIVENATURE

Difficulty

Moderate - 3-5 hours of physical activity daily

Comfort

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

Program

Day 1 — Acquaintance with Narian-Mar

12:30 — Meeting in the airport and transfer to the restaurant

13:00 — Lunch

14:00 — Acquaintance with NARIAN-MAR

16:00 — Check-in at the hotel

19:00 — Dinner (Not included)

20:00 — Coordination and distribution of the outfit

Overnight in the hotel

Day 2 — The biggest lake of the region

08:00 — Breakfast

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08:40 — Transfer to the departure place
09:30 — Departure by snowmobile to Nelmin-Nose
10:00 — Excursion to the Nelmin-Nos village
12:00 — Lunch (picnic)
13:00 — The snowmobiles driving
17:00 — Arrival and accommodation
19:00 — Dinner
20:00 — Stars and polar lights observation.
Overnight in a guest yurt

Day 3 — Daily life of the local reindeer herders.

08:00 — Breakfast
09:30 — A tour to a reindeer camp
13:00 — Lunch
14:30 — Departure for Naryan-Mar.
19:00 — Dinner (Not included)
Overnight in the hotel

Day 4 — Nenets culture and traditions

10:00 — Late breakfast
11:00 — Visit of the ethnocultural center
12:00 — Lunch
12:40 — Transfer to the airport

Departures

New departures available soon

Note

Russian border zone entrance permission - 1500 RUR per person Single supplement – 1 500 RUR / pers. Banya - apx. 5 500 RUR Ice fishing - apx. 1 500 RUR / pers. Trip to the herd of reindeers - apx. 1 500 RUR / pers. We can switch the category of rooms or accommodation according to your request. Please contact us before your departure. As the Nenets Autonomous Okrug is a border zone there is a border entrance permission to get 90 days before the tour starts.

What's included

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Price includes

- Lunches
- Russian-speaking guide services
- Accommodation as per itinerary
- Transport as per itinerary
- Medical insurance
- Excursions and visits as per itinerary
- Transfer from airport / railway station on first day
- Transfer to airport / railway station on last day
- Letter of invitation
- Breakfasts

Price does not include

- English-speaking guide services
- Administrative registration
- Reserves and national parks entrance permissions
- Personal expenses and tips
- Optional activities
- Banya
- Dinners
- 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 !)

Thermal underwear

POLARTEC or similar pullover

Fleece jacket or warm sweater

Comfortable pants

Mountain boots for walking on ice and snow

Wool gloves and winter cap

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

Charger and spare battery for camera/phone

Photo / video camera

Tour vouchers and programme

Currency in euros, dollars

Meals

At restaurants and homestays in cities, traditional cuisine consists of local specialties.

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.

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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

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 7890/22-49 from September 19, 2022. Amount of coverage: 500 000 RUB. Legal and actual address: BaikalNature LLC, 55 Dekabrskikh Sobyti Str., office 405.2 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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