

## Putorana plateau by snowmobiles — Detailed description

Trip Length: 9    Group: 4-10    Departure: Fixed    Period: December - January

### Trip overview

If you want not only see the beauties of the Russian winter, but also test yourself in the real polar expedition, we propose to the tour "Putorana plateau by snowmobiles". It's a real adventure in one of the most amazing places in Russia – Putorana plateau!

There are no roads and we will ride there by snowmobiles accompanied by the experienced park rangers of the Putorana Biosphere Reserve. After getting over more than 150 km by the frozen rivers and lakes, you will reach an absolutely wild place far away from the civilization. The intense excursion program will be appreciated even by very exacting tourists. You will see the region of icefalls and canyons, cross the overflow ices many kilometers long, ascend the edge of the plateau from where you will get an amazing panoramic view. In the evening, you can have a good rest at the only resort of the plateau with Russian banya (sauna) and taste the local cuisine. The host will show you his unique collection of the cultural and everyday life object of the local people. For the fishing lovers there will possibility to take all necessary equipment for the ice fishing. For those who are looking for the solitude, we suggest the walks in the taiga.

The weather there is very unpredictable and deceptive, that's why the tour can be called "the expedition" and a real challenge. However, all brave hearts will be thanked by the possibility to visit this insufficiently explored plateau, to see the breathtaking landscapes and, of course, to observe the northern lights !

### Highlights

- Visit of the inhabited plateau - more then 250 000 km<sup>2</sup>
- Unique snowmobile itineraries
- Thousands of icefalls, frozen rivers and lakes
- Shamanism culture of Evenks
- The most extraordinary massif of Russia
- Ice fishing and Russian banya
- Possibility to see the northern lights

### Tour type

DISCOVERYNATURE

### Difficulty

Moderately Easy - 1-3 hours of physical activity daily

### Comfort

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

### Begining / end of the tour

Tour starts: Norilsk, End of the tour: Norilsk

### Program

#### Day 1 — Journey to the Putorana plateau

08:00 — Transfer Alykel airport - Valyok port

11:00 — Departure to the Bunisyak resort on snomobiles

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13:00 — Lunch (picnic en route)

17:00 — Arrival and accommodation at the resort

19:00 — Dinner

20:00 — Russian banya (Not included)

Overnight at the resort

Hotels: Accommodation at the resort "Bunisyak", Room for 3-4 persons

Comfort: Simple comfort accommodation, toilet outdoors, banya

## Day 2 — Valley of icefalls

09:00 — Breakfast at the resort

10:00 — Snowmobile excursion to the Hoicy river valley

13:00 — Lunch (picnic)

14:00 — Continuation of the excursion

17:00 — Time at leisure

19:00 — Dinner

20:00 — Russian banya (Not included)

Overnight at the resort

Hotels: Accommodation at the resort "Bunisyak", Room for 3-4 persons

Comfort: Simple comfort accommodation, toilet outdoors, banya

## Day 3 — Bunisyak river and ice fishing

09:00 — Breakfast

10:00 — Excursion on the Bunisyak river

13:00 — Lunch (picnic)

14:00 — Ice fishing

19:00 — Dinner

Overnight at the resort

Hotels: Accommodation at the resort "Bunisyak", Room for 3-4 persons

Comfort: Simple comfort accommodation, toilet outdoors, banya

## Day 4 — Ascent to the Putorana plateau

09:00 — Breakfast at the resort

10:00 — Lift to the Putorana plateau on snowmobiles

13:00 — Lunch (picnic)

15:00 — Return to the resort and free time

17:00 — Russian banya

19:00 — Dinner

Overnight at the resort

Hotels: Accommodation at the resort "Bunisyak", Room for 3-4 persons

Comfort: Simple comfort accommodation, toilet outdoors, banya

## Day 5 — Bucharama river's canyons

09:00 — Breakfast

10:00 — Start of the snowmobile itinerary

13:00 — Lunch (picnic)

17:00 — Return to the resort and tile at leisure

18:00 — Russian banya

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19:00 — Dinner

Overnight in the hotel

Hotels: Accommodation in the hotel "Norilsk", Twin room

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

#### **Day 6 — Deep stream - Amon-Yuryakh**

09:00 — Breakfast at the resort

10:00 — Excursion to the river Amon-Yuryakh

13:00 — Picnic on open air

16:00 — Return to the resort

19:00 — Dinner at the resort

Overnight at the resort

Hotels: Accommodation at the resort "Bunisyak", Room for 3-4 persons

Comfort: Simple comfort accommodation, toilet outdoors, banya

#### **Day 7 — Return to the city**

09:00 — Breakfast at the resort

10:00 — Return to Norilsk by snowmobiles

13:00 — Lunch (picnic)

15:00 — Arrival and accommodation in the hotel

19:00 — Dinner in the hotel

Overnight at the hotel

Hotels: Accommodation in the hotel "Norilsk", Twin room

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

#### **Day 8 — Acquaintance with Norilsk city**

09:00 — Breakfast in the hotel

10:00 — Walking city tour (Not included)

13:00 — Lunch in the city's cafe (Not included)

14:00 — Time at leisure in the city

Overnight in the hotel

Hotels: Accommodation in the hotel "Norilsk", Twin room

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

#### **Day 9 — End of the programme**

09:00 — Breakfast in the hotel

11:00 — Transfer to the airport

### **Departures**

New departures available soon

### **Note**

ATTENTION! The itinerary of the tour can be changed according to the weather conditions as well as unforeseen events. For the foreign residents it's needed to get a special entry permit. The documents should be filed 3 months before the departure. For this, we need the following documents: - copy of your Russian visa - notarial translation of the passport (all pages) The accommodation at the resort "Bunisyak" can be organized by 1 or 2 persons / snowmobiles rental.

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## What's included

### Price includes

- Accommodation as per itinerary
- Excursions and visits as per itinerary
- Transfer from airport / railway station on first day
- Transfer to airport / railway station on last day
- Banya
- Letter of invitation
- Russian-speaking guide services
- Meals according to the program

### Price does not include

- Personal expenses and tips
- Visa fees and travel insurance
- Airline tickets
- Medical insurance
- Optional activities

## 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

Sunglasses  
Thermal underwear  
POLARTEC or similar pullover  
Long sleeve shirts or sweatshirts  
T-shirts  
Flip-flops for banya  
Mountain boots for walking on ice and snow  
Thick socks  
Wool gloves and winter cap  
Bath towel  
Swimsuit  
Binoculars  
Ice cleats  
1 or 2 thermal lightweight sweater(s)  
Fleece Balaclava

## Meals

If you are a vegetarian or have any particular preferences, please let us know, so we could adapt the menu.

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## 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

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: +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

## Cancellation Options

The cancellation options are:

- more than 30 days before departure - 15% of the tour price,

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- 29 - 7 days before departure - 30% of the tour price,
- less than 7 days before departure - 50% 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**

First-aid kit, satellite phone, walkie-talkie are available at your guide.

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