

## New Year's Eve 2022 at Lovozero — Detailed description

Trip Length: 5   Group: 3-6   Departure: Fixed   Period: December - January

### Trip overview

It's time to think about New Year's celebrations, and we've prepared something very special beyond the Arctic Circle. How about 5 days small group tour in time to celebrate new year, staying in a wilderness cozy lodge surrounded arctic tundra and frozen lake in Russian Lapland, at the heart of the aurora zone.

Kola Peninsula is simply one of the best places in the world for observing of the Northern Lights. This New Year break not only brings you 4 wonderful evenings to see the magic of the aurora borealis but an exciting programme of daytime arctic experiences designed to turn a New Year getaway into a once in a lifetime experience!

In a small group, you will be guided through many exciting winter activities, such as dog sledding, ice-fishing, outdoor picnic, visit of reindeer farm, skiing and more. Besides, we have an excursion by snowmobile sleighs to the mystical Seydozero lake, special place for indigenous Sami people. And then, of course, there is a great chance to catch Aurora borealis, as you are in the middle of arctic tundra with starry sky free from city spotlights. Even if you don't, we have created an itinerary that takes you out into this winter wilderness for many adventures and a lot of New Year fun.

For our New year's getaway, we offer to stay in comfortable lodge, who provide the perfect New Year welcome. Enjoy arctic nature delicious traditional food, entertainment program and good company during a party on New Year's Eve. Perhaps you will be lucky, so on New Year's Eve the sky will be illuminated with the northern lights, because magic happens, especially beyond the Arctic circle, in Russian Lapland...

Just make sure to have a good mood, warm clothes and shoes, and we will take care of the rest so that your New Year's holidays are the most special in your lifetime!

### Highlights

- Stay in cozy lodge surrounded by tundra and lake far away from the crowds
- New Year Celebrations in Russian Lapland
- Variety for winter activites: skiing, snowmobiling, dog sledding, ice-fishing
- 4 nights for Northern Lights observation in the middle of tundra
- Reindeer farm visit and sledge ride
- Get acquaintance with Sami culture
- Dog sledding through arctic tundra
- Perfect holiday trip for families with children
- Discovery of Seydozero lake in the middle of Kola peninsula

### Tour type

DISCOVERYNATURE

### Difficulty

Easy - nothing more than normal walking while sight-seeing

### Comfort

Upgraded — all nights in comfortable rooms.

### Begining / end of the tour

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Tour starts: Murmansk, End of the tour: Murmansk

## Program

### Day 1 — First discovery of Kola Peninsula

11:00 — ARRIVAL TO THE MURMANSK AIRPORT

13:00 — Transfer from Lovozero to the base

14:00 — Late lunch at the base

16:00 — Skiing in the arctic tundra

18:00 — Russian banya (Russian sauna)

19:00 — Dinner

21:00 — NORTHERN LIGHT HUNTING

Overnight at the base

Hotels: Yulinskaya Salma, Twin Room

Comfort: Comfortable accommodation, WC and shower on the floor

### Day 2 — New year's celebration

09:00 — Breakfast at the base

10:00 — Ice-fishing

13:00 — Lunch - picnic

15:00 — Free time for preparing to the festive dinner

17:00 — Russian banya (Russian sauna)

19:00 — Festive dinner and New Year Celebrations

Overnight at the base

Hotels: Yulinskaya Salma, Twin Room

Comfort: Comfortable accommodation, WC and shower on the floor

### Day 3 — Outdoor activities

10:00 — Late breakfast

11:00 — Winter fun

12:00 — Picnic in the traditional chum

15:00 — Skiing at the base

19:00 — Dinner at the base

21:00 — Northern lights observing

Overnight at the base

Hotels: Yulinskaya Salma

### Day 4 — Sacred Seydozero lake

09:00 — Breakfast at the base

10:00 — Departure to Seydozero lake in sleighs

11:30 — Excursion to Seydozero

12:00 — Return back to the base

13:00 — Lunch at the base

14:00 — Time at leisure

18:00 — Russian banya

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19:00 — Final dinner at the base

21:00 — Searching for Northern lights

Overnight at the base

Hotels: Yulinskaya Salma

### **Day 5 — Husky and reindeer of Russian Lapland**

08:00 — Breakfast

09:00 — Check-out and departure to Lovozero village

10:00 — Excursion to husky and reindeer farm

12:00 — Sami Lunch

15:00 — Transfer to Murmansk airport.

17:30 — ARRIVAL AT MURMANSK AIRPORT. END OF THE PROGRAMME.

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### **Departures**

Start	End	Basic price per person
30.12.2021	03.01.2022	69200.00 RUB

### **Note**

The cost of the tour is given for the group of 6 people. If there are less people, the price is following: 72 400 RUB per person for the group of 5 people 77 100 RUB per person for the group of 4 people 84 900 RUB per person for the group of 3 people \* Russian banya (Russian sauna) is included on 1, 2 and 4 days. Birch broom and sheet or towel not included (200 RUB and 250 RUB) extra charge). Payment on site

\* Snowmobiling at the base (20 minutes) is 1500 RUB per person. Book in advance. \* Optional excursion to the reindeer farm at request.

Please, contact us for booking.

### **What's included**

#### **Price includes**

- English-speaking guide
- Russian-speaking guide
- Accommodation as per itinerary
- Excursions and visits as per itinerary
- Accident insurance
- Meals according to the program

#### **Price does not include**

- English-speaking guide
- Meals as per itinerary
- Personal expenses and tips
- Airline tickets

### **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

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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.

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**

comfortable shoes for trekking

raincoat / windproof and waterproof jacket with HOOD!

sunglasses

towel

spray against mosquitoes and ticks (for summer outdoor tours)

fleece jacket/sweater with collar

warm mittens (for convenience, thin gloves and a second layer of mittens with fur) / ski gloves

fleece balaclava

moisturizing cream

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Thermal socks

Furry mitts (big enough for wearing the wool gloves under them)

### **Meals**

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

### **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.

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## 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

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

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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