

## Russian Lapland — Detailed description

Trip Length: 3 Group: 4-10 Departure: Fixed Period: January - February

### Trip overview

This tour opens for you Russian Lapland. We are going to travel to the world of wild nature, snow, northern lights and north deers. We will get acquainted with history and life of the Sami people, and fell in love in incredibly beautiful Russian North!

### Highlights

- Acquaintance with the life of Lapland indigenous people
- Visit of the Sami nomad camp and reindeer sledding
- Chance to see the famous northern lights
- The entire journey is taken on snowmobiles
- Incredible landscapes of the Russian North
- Fishing and Russian banya

### 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.

### Begining / end of the tour

Tour starts: Apatity, End of the tour: Kirovsk

## Program

### Day 1 — Departure to Lovozero tundra

09:00 — Meeting with the group

10:00 — Breakfast in the cafe

11:00 — Snowmobile tour beginning

13:00 — Lunch (picnic)

14:00 — Continuation of the passage

18:00 — Arrival and accommodation in the homestay

19:00 — Dinner

Night in the guest house

Hotels: Accommodation in the guset house, lovozero, Twin room

Comfort: Comfortable accommodation, WC and shower on the floor

### Day 2 — Seydozero lake and Sami culture

08:00 — Breakfast

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09:00 — Ice fishing  
10:00 — Snowmobiling to the Seydozero lake  
13:00 — Lunch in the guest house  
14:00 — Snowmobiling to the reindeer herders camp  
19:00 — Dinner  
20:00 — Northern lights  
21:00 — Russian banya  
Night in the guest house

Hotels: Accommodation in the guset house, Iovozero, Twin room  
Comfort: Comfortable accommodation, WC and shower on the floor

### Day 3 — Impregnable Khibiny Mountains

09:00 — Breakfast  
10:00 — Drive to direction of Khibiny mountains  
13:00 — Lunch (picnic)  
15:00 — Arrival to Kirovsk  
18:00 — Farewell dinner

### Departures

Start	End	Basic price per person
15.01.2021	17.01.2021	72000.00 RUB
22.01.2021	24.01.2021	72000.00 RUB
29.01.2021	31.01.2021	72000.00 RUB
12.02.2021	14.02.2021	72000.00 RUB
19.02.2021	21.02.2021	72000.00 RUB

### Note

The price is indicated for one person on a snowmobile. According to the weather conditions the itinerary can be changed. If you want to book the supplementary overnights in hotels before or after the tour, please contact as in advance. Thank you for taking the backpack or luggage of 50 litres maximum. For the tour you need the sunglasses.

### What's included

#### Price includes

- Accommodation as per itinerary
- Excursions and visits as per itinerary
- Banya
- Letter of invitation
- Snowmobile and equipment rental
- English-speaking guide services
- Meals according to the program

#### Price does not include

- Personal expenses and tips
- Visa fees and travel insurance
- Airline tickets
- Transfer from airport / railway station on first day
- Transfer to airport / railway station on last day

### Checklist & Equipment

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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.

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

Thermal underwear

POLARTEC or similar pullover

Windproof waterproof pants and jacket (GORE-TEX, EVENT, SIMPA-TEX)

Long sleeve shirts or sweatshirts

T-shirts

Socks

Down jacket

Fleece jacket or warm sweater

Comfortable pants

Mountain boots for walking on ice and snow

Thick socks

Wool gloves and winter cap

Lipstick

Bath towel

Swimsuit

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

## 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

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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.

### **Medical Form**

A good physical condition is required.

### **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 10058/21-49 from October 08, 2021. Amount of coverage: 500 000 RUB. Legal and actual address: BaikalNature LLC 119A Dekabrskikh Sobyti Str., office 13 664007 Irkutsk Russia

### **Cancellation Options**

The cancellation options are:

- more than 30 days before departure - 15% of the tour price,
- 29 - 7 days before departure - 30% of the tour price,
- less than 7 days before departure - 50% of the tour price.

### **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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