

New Year's Eve 2023 beyond the Arctic Circle — Detailed description

Trip Length: 5 Group: 1-6 Departure: Fixed Period: December - January

Trip overview

The Kola Peninsula is a real kingdom of the Russian North. A region of incredible beauty, magical northern lights and the warmth of the hearts of the locals that will never be forgotten. We offer you to celebrate here the most awaited holiday in Russia - the New Year! Very local!

During this trip beyond the arctic circle you will visit an ancient village of the Komi - Krasnochelie, where reindeer herders live. No road leads to this place, access is possible by snowmobile in winter or by helicopter in summer ... Despite the time an authentic lifestyle is preserved here, the virgin nature and the originality of the people.

You will take a reindeer sleigh ride through the snow-capped tundra, taste specialties of Komi cuisine, see the Northern Lights, learn about the traditions of the local culture and, of course, celebrate the New Year in a traditional dwelling of the nomadic peoples - Kouvaksa.

New Year is a time to test new sensations. The celebration of the New Year Eve at the end of the world - is a real experience to live!

Highlights

- Komi village far from the civilization
- Possibility to see the northern lights
- Very unusual celebration of the New Year
- Acquaintance with the local herders
- Pure nature of the Russian north
- Traditional cuisine of the North
- Customs and traditions of the Komi people

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

Day 1 — Through the tundra on the sledge to the Komi village

10:30 — Arrival to Murmansk

13:00 — Lunch

14:00 — Departure to the Krasnoshchelye village

18:00 — Arrival and accommodation in the guest house

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19:00 — Dinner

20:00 — Banya (Russian sauna)

Overnight in the guest house

Hotels: Accommodation in the guest house of Krasnoschelye, Room in the guest house

Comfort: Simple comfort accommodation, toilet outdoors, banya

Day 2 — Happy New Year !

09:00 — Breakfast

10:00 — Excursion in the village

14:00 — Lunch

15:00 — Rest and banya

21:00 — Dinner

Overnight in the guest house

Hotels: Accommodation in the guest house of Krasnoschelye, Room in the guest house

Comfort: Simple comfort accommodation, toilet outdoors, banya

Day 3 — Day outdoors

10:00 — Late breakfast

11:00 — Ice fishing

13:00 — Lunch

14:00 — Continuation of the programme

17:00 — Open air festival

19:00 — Dinner in the kuvaksa

Overnight in the guest house

Hotels: Accommodation in the guest house of Krasnoschelye, Room in the guest house

Comfort: Simple comfort accommodation, toilet outdoors, banya

Day 4 — Far North Russian traditions

09:30 — Breakfast

11:00 — Discovery the Komi culture

14:00 — Lunch of native dishes

15:00 — Excursion to the ethnographic centre

19:00 — Dinner

Overnight in the guest house

Hotels: Accommodation in the guest house of Krasnoschelye, Room in the guest house

Comfort: Simple comfort accommodation, toilet outdoors, banya

Day 5 — Return to Murmansk

09:00 — Breakfast

10:00 — Departure to the Lovozero village

13:00 — Lunch (Not included)

15:00 — Transfer to Murmansk

17:00 — Arrival to Murmansk

Departures

Start

End

Basic price per person


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Note

During the tour the national warm clothes are furnished.

What's included

Price includes

- Accommodation as per itinerary
- Excursions and visits as per itinerary
- Accident insurance
- Letter of invitation
- Russian-speaking guide
- Snowmobile and equipment rental
- Meals according to the program
- Set of the outer clothing
- English-speaking guide

Price does not include

- Personal expenses and tips
- Visa fees and travel insurance
- Airline tickets
- Meals as per itinerary
- Beverages

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.

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!

water bottle/flask

spray against mosquitoes and ticks (for summer outdoor tours)

fleece balaclava

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Thermal socks

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.

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

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

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.

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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 405.2 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.

Security

Your safety is very important to us! During the trip we ask you to follow the guide's advice, read the instructions carefully and follow the group. If you have any questions or experience any discomfort, please notify your guide or tour-manager immediately.

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