

Tiksi. Arctic Expedition — Detailed description

Trip Length: 14 Group: 4-6 Departure: Fixed Period: December - January

Trip overview

The Extreme North, the arctic tundra, the polar night and the northern aurora... These ideas are as far from the citizens, as the space exploration. The North doesn't like the casual passers and the Extreme North is too far from the common concept of tourism. However, the calm and tranquillity of these places is reachable. The North cannot be called "extreme" as there is no extremities!

In 2018 BaikalNature decided to open to its tourists a new opportunity – the unique expedition to the northern most village of the Yakutia region – Tiksi. The word "Tiksi" means "rendezvous, arrival". The real charm of this village is in its geographical position. The bay of the same name is considered as the Yakutia sea gates, situated north of the Arctic Circle in the Laptev Sea. The main peculiarity of the expedition is not the destination, but the trip itself. Only having got over more then 2 500 km by winter roads and frozen north rivers, we will arrive to this "bay of rendezvous". This bay is friendly only for those who dared to venture him physically and morally.

The expedition starts in Yakutsk. We will meet with arctic people and visit the Topolinoye village – the village of the reindeer's herders. Crossing the tundra and frozen rivers, we can observe the wild arctic animals such as birds, polar fox, reindeer, wolves and others.

The main part of the route passes to the North from the Polar circle and every day we will have possibility to observe the northern lights and make rare photos.

On the way there are no hotels, museums, cafes or other touristic places. Our tour is not about this... To try yourself in the face of full isolation, where you won't find roads, only directions to go. Our goal is to reach the place where the winter ramp over 8 months a year.

Our team and equipment ensure the security on the journey. There will be 2 off-road vehicles Toyota Land Cruiser, that proved their reliability during our expeditions such as "Pole of Cold" or "Baikal. 110th km". The vehicles will be followed from the satellite 24 hours a day. Also all participants of the group should be in good physical shape, ready for difficulties of the wild nature and not to have medical contraindications. We will be moved away from the civilization by the distance and the weather influence.

Highlights

- Unique expedition to the Extreme North
- Visit of the northern most village of Yakutia - Tiksi
- Passage by the true winter arctic roads
- Acquaintance with the life of the polar people
- Possibility to observe the arctic animals
- Visit of the reindeer herders village - Topolinoye
- Possibility to pass the frozen Laptev sea
- Possibility to see the northern lights

Tour type

EXPEDITIONNATURE

Difficulty

Extreme - 7+ hours of challenging/extreme physical activity daily

Comfort

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

Beginning / end of the tour

Tour starts: Yakutsk, End of the tour: Yakutsk

Program

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Day 1 — Acquaintance with Yakutsk

11:00 — Arrival to Yakutsk
13:00 — Lunch (Not included)
14:00 — Free time
17:00 — Meeting with the guides at the reception of the hotel
19:00 — Dinner in the hotel (Not included)
Overnight in the hotel

Hotels: Accommodation in the hotel Pole star, Standard twin room
Comfort: Comfortable accommodation, WC and bath / shower in room

Day 2 — Khandyga and road of bones

09:00 — Breakfast in the hotel
10:00 — Departure to the Khandyga village
13:00 — Lunch in the cafe en route (Not included)
15:00 — Continuation of the road
Overnight in the homestay

Day 3 — Village of the reindeer herders

10:00 — Departure to the Topolinoye village
13:00 — Lunch in the cafe (Not included)
14:00 — Continuation of the road
Overnight in the homestay

Day 4 — Crossing the Arctic Circle

09:00 — Start of the itinerary
14:00 — Continuation of the road
Overnight in the car

Day 5 — Day on the journey

09:00 — Start of the route
15:00 — Continuation of the road
20:00 — Arrival to Batagay village
Overnight in the car

Day 6 — Life of an Arctic village

10:00 — Free time in Batagay
15:00 — Free time
Overnight in the car / in the homestay

Day 7 — On the ice of the Yana river

08:00 — Start of the route
14:00 — Continuation of the road
Overnight in the car / in the homestay

Day 8 — Arctic tundra

09:00 — Start of the route
14:00 — Continuation of the route
Overnight in the car / in the homestay

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Day 9 — Polar lights

09:00 — Departure to the the Severniy village

14:00 — Continuation of the route

Overnight in the car

Day 10 — Outlet to the Laptev sea

08:00 — Route to the Hayir village

14:00 — Passage to the Laptev sea

Overnight in the car

Day 11 — Testing by the North

09:00 — Passage by the Laptev sea

15:00 — Continuation of the route

Overnight in the car

Day 12 — Bay of rendezvous

09:00 — Route to the Tiksi bay

16:00 — Arrival to Tiksi

Overnight in the hotel

Day 13 — Main sea port of Yakutia

09:00 — Breakfast in the hotel

10:00 — Excursion in Tiksi

14:00 — Passage by the Laptev sea ice

Overnight in the hotel

Day 14 — Departure to Yakutsk

09:00 — Breakfast in the hotel

12:00 — Transfer to the airport

Departures

New departures available soon

Note

The price is given is for a group of 2 people by car. Total number of vehicles: 2. Accommodation is planned to be in hotel "Polyarnaya zvezda" in Yakutsk, in the hotel of Tiksi and in guest houses (the accommodation in guest houses is not included, to pay on site). Tiksi is the boundary territory and it's needed to have a special permission (preparation of the document takes about 60 days). The itinerary of the expedition can be changed according to the road or weather conditions as well as unforeseen events. The price includes the flight Tiksi - Yakutsk. ATTENTION: as Tiksi is situated on the Extreme North, it's possible that the flights will be carry forward 1 or 2 days because of strong weather conditions.

What's included

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Price includes

- Accommodation as per itinerary
- Transfer from airport / railway station on first day
- Transfer to airport / railway station on last day
- Letter of invitation
- Sleeping bag rental
- Meals according to the program
- Accident insurance
- English-speaking guide

Price does not include

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

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