

## Arctic Autumn with Pavel Ageychenko — Detailed description

Trip Length: 4    Group: 2-5    Departure: Fixed    Period: December - January

### Trip overview

This trip is a good opportunity to get acquainted with the Far North. Located only a 2 hour flight from Moscow, the Kola Peninsula is a vast arctic region rich in natural treasures.

The beginning of autumn revives the colors of the tundra and the boreal forest, lights up the glares of the aurora borealis, puts mosquitoes to sleep and, all in all, makes this destination a photographer's paradise or any lover of the great outdoors and of pristine nature.

This route is created and will be guided by the founder of BaikalNature, Pavel Ageychenko. Grown up in the forests of Siberia, he will be happy to pass on his passion for Russia's nature to you.

During this trip beyond the Arctic Circle you will discover the city of Murmansk - gateway to the Russian Arctic - cross a good half of the Kola Peninsula, contemplate the incredible colors of the boreal tundra, navigate one of the most pretty lakes - the Lovozero, do light trekking, fishing, picnics around the fire, as well as a quad bike ride. The icing on the cake is the discovery of Lake Seidozero - a sacred place, revered by the locals.

Accommodation is in a guest house located on the shore of Lake Lovozero where no road leads.

Every evening we will try the chance to photograph the aurora borealis, the phenomenon easily observable at the beginning of autumn.

This trip is recommended for families with children from 5 years old: a change of scenery and learning a lot of new is guaranteed!

### Highlights

- Travel accessible to families with children
- Visit of Murmansk - the largest city beyond the Arctic Circle
- Opportunity to observe the Aurora Borealis
- Incredible Fall Colors of the Boreal Tundra
- Discover two of the prettiest lakes on the Kola Peninsula
- Accommodation in a secluded location inaccessible by road
- Hikes and picnics in the arctic tundra
- 4x4 quad bike ride in the tundra

### 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

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### Day 1 — Murmansk - the most important city in the Arctic

10:30 — Arrival to the Murmansk airport

13:00 — Lunch (Not included)

14:00 — Murmansk city-tour

19:00 — Dinner (Not included)

Overnight in the hotel

Hotels: Accommodation in the hotel "Glarus", Murmansk, Twin room  
Comfort: Comfortable accommodation, WC and bath / shower in room

### Day 2 — In the heart of the Kola Peninsula

08:00 — Breakfast in the hotel

09:00 — Transfer to the Lovozero village

12:00 — Lake crossing by boat

14:00 — Lunch

18:00 — Walk in the arctic tundra

19:00 — Dinner

Overnight in the tourist base

Hotels: Yulinskaya Salma, Twin Room  
Comfort: Comfortable accommodation, WC and shower on the floor

### Day 3 — Lake Seidozero

09:00 — Breakfast

10:00 — Excursion to Seidozero lake

13:00 — Lunch

16:00 — Return by boat to the tourist base

18:00 — Banya (Russian sauna)

19:00 — Dinner

Overnight in the tourist base

Hotels: Yulinskaya Salma, Twin Room  
Comfort: Comfortable accommodation, WC and shower on the floor

### Day 4 — Around Lake Lovozero

09:00 — Breakfast

10:00 — ATV 4x4 ride

13:00 — Lunch

14:00 — Crossing of the lake

14:30 — Transfer to Murmansk

### Departures

| Start      | End        | Basic price per person |
|------------|------------|------------------------|
| 08.10.2020 | 11.10.2020 | 38000.00 RUB           |
| 15.10.2020 | 18.10.2020 | 38000.00 RUB           |
| 29.10.2020 | 01.11.2020 | 38000.00 RUB           |

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## Note

The price is calculated for a group of 4 people or more. If the number of participants is lower, the price is subject to change. Single supplement 5,000 rubles.

## What's included

### Price includes

- Accommodation as per itinerary
- Transport 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
- Letter of invitation
- Meals according to the program
- English-speaking guide services

### Price does not include

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

## Checklist & Equipment

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

Raincoat or wind and waterproof shell jacket (with hood !)

Thermal underwear

POLARTEC or similar pullover

Trekking pants

Shorts

T-shirts

Socks

Comfortable walking shoes (like Vibram or similar)

Flip-flops for banya

Fleece jacket or warm sweater

Warm gloves or mittens

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

Tick and mosquitoes repellent spray

## 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

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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

No compulsory vaccination.

## Medical Form

No particular 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 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,
- 29 - 7 days before departure - 30% of the tour price,
- less than 7 days before departure - 50% of the tour price.

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