

On the edge of the earth: photo tour with Victor Balaguer — Detailed description

Trip Length: 4 Group: 1-6 Departure: Fixed Period: February

Trip overview

Hello!

Over the last years I have developed a lot of photographic habits that I turned into the rules which I follow in my photos.

I will teach you and share my vision and special rules of photography that I keep day by day in my personal work. You will have the unique chance to learn it and get the invaluable experience in few days while I was testing it for many years.

During 4 days of photography beyond the Arctic circle we will discover the beauty of the North in the Kola Peninsula and head for the single settlement on the Barents sea - Teriberka that is possible to reach in 2 hours by car.

Photo tour will be dedicated documentary, street photography and landscape photography. We will also have a very useful master class on photo editing in Lightroom.

By the way, every evening if the weather will be good, we will organise getaways to admire and take photos of the fantastic phenomenon - Aurora Borealis, and the village of Teriberka is one of the most famous place to observe the Northern lights in Russia.

Come with me to discover the real North through the lens as a photographer. I'm waiting only for you for 4 days of photography and traveling to the edge of the world.

Your sincerely,

Victor Balaguer

*Viktor Balaguer is the professional photographer who will be able to give you master classes and tips on polar nature photography. He will also share with you his photos taken during our stay together. Visit his instagram account to learn more about his talent:

https://www.instagram.com/viktor_balaguer/

Highlights

- Accompanied by professional photographer Victor Balaguer
- Photo tour on the edge of the Earth
- Chance to see the Northern lights
- Discover the main secrets of photography
- Acquaintance with the old village of Teriberka
- Possibility to discover stunning Arctic landscapes
- Amazing locations for Oscar-nominated film Leviathan
- Possibility to taste delicious local seafood

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

Tour starts: Murmansk, End of the tour: Murmansk

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Program

Day 1 — First day on Kola Peninsula

12:20 — Arrival in Murmansk
12:40 — Departure to the edge of the earth
14:30 — Lunch in the restaurant of the hotel
15:30 — Discovery of Teriberka village
19:00 — Dinner in the hotel (Not included)
22:00 — Search of the Northern lights
Overnight in the hotel
Hotels: Accommodation in the hotel Cedar Grass, Standard twin without view
Comfort: Comfortable accommodation, WC and bath / shower in room

Day 2 — The edge of Russia - Teriberka

09:00 — Breakfast in the hotel
10:00 — Excursion on Teriberka village by snowmobiles
13:00 — Lunch in the restaurant (Not included)
15:00 — Exploration of old village
19:00 — Dinner in the hotel (Not included)
21:00 — Lightroom course
22:00 — Night photography and hunting for northern lights
Overnight in the hotel
Hotels: Accommodation in the hotel Cedar Grass, Standard twin without view
Comfort: Comfortable accommodation, WC and bath / shower in room

Day 3 — Day on the Russian North

09:00 — Breakfast in the hotel
10:00 — Road to nowhere
13:00 — Lunch in the local cafe (Not included)
14:00 — Continuation of photo shooting
19:00 — Dinner - not included (Not included)
21:00 — Master class on photo
22:00 — Hunting for northern lights
Overnight in the hotel
Hotels: Accommodation in the hotel Cedar Grass, Standard twin without view
Comfort: Comfortable accommodation, WC and bath / shower in room

Day 4 — Return to Murmansk

09:00 — Breakfast in the hotel
10:00 — Time at leisure
13:00 — Lunch (Not included)
13:00 — Departure to Murmansk
16:00 — ARRIVAL AT MURMANSK AIRPORT. END OF THE PROGRAMME.

Departures

Start	End	Basic price per person
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54000.00 RUB

Note

In case of unfavorable weather conditions, the tour program can be changed. The price is given for the group of 6 persons. If the number of participants in the group is less, the price of the tour is following: For a group of 2 people - 91 600 rubles / person For a group of 3 people - 74 200 rubles / person For a group of 4 people - 65 600 rubles / person For a group of 5 people - 60 400 rubles / person

What's included

Price includes

- English-speaking guide
- Transport as per itinerary
- Meals according to the program
- Accommodation as per itinerary
- Excursions and visits as per itinerary
- Breakfasts

Price does not include

- Personal expenses and tips
- Visa fees and travel insurance
- 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 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
Socks
Sunscreen for skin and lips
Sewing kit
Down jacket

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Comfortable pants

Mountain boots for walking on ice and snow

Thick socks

Warm gloves or mittens

Moisturizer

Lipstick

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

Antibacterial hand gel

Charger and spare battery for camera/phone

Photo / video camera

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

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

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

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