

Following the ancient civilizations — Detailed description

Trip Length: 5 Group: 1-10 Departure: Fixed Period: December - January

Trip overview

Snowmobile tour "In the footsteps of ancient civilizations" is a novelty of 2016 created by our company.

We will take snowmobile trips to the sights where, according to scientists assumptions, ancient civilizations left their marks: sacred lake Seydozero; famous Giant Kuyva that will forever remain in your memory as a legend of Lapland; petroglyphs confirming a scientists' surmise about early presence of ancient people on Kola land.

During the tour you will take dog sled rides and spend the night in the tipi (temporary Sami dwelling), sleeping on reindeer skins by the fire.

Highlights

- Meeting with Giant
- 5 days / apx. 400 km of driving a snowmobile on the Kola land.
- Ice Fishing
- Acquaintance with the primitive culture
- Overnight in true Sami tipi on reindeer skins
- Dog sledding

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: Kirovsk, End of the tour: Kirovsk

Program

Day 1 — Departure on snowmobiles

11:00 — Meeting in the snowmobiles camp

11:20 — Breakfast (Not included)

11:50 — Departure

13:00 — Lunch

15:00 — Continuation of the way

19:00 — Dinner

Overnight in the guest house

Day 2 — Continuation of the road

09:00 — Breakfast

10:00 — Departure by snowmobiles

13:00 — Lunch (picnic)

14:00 — Stop on road

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19:00 — Dinner
20:00 — Russian banya
Overnight in the guest house

Day 3 — Sami tipi in the winter forest

09:00 — Breakfast
10:00 — Departure on snowmobiles
13:00 — Lunch
16:00 — Discovery of the the ancient petroglyphs
19:00 — Dinner
Overnight

Day 4 — Imandra lake

09:00 — Breakfast
10:00 — Departure on snowmobiles
13:00 — Lunch (picnic)
17:00 — Arrival
19:00 — Dinner
20:00 — Russian banya
Overnight in the guest house

Day 5 — Dog-sledding

09:00 — Breakfast
10:00 — Way on the dog sled
12:00 — Return to the camp

Departures

Start	End	Basic price per person
15.01.2017	19.01.2017	65000.00 RUB
25.01.2017	29.01.2017	65000.00 RUB
05.02.2017	09.02.2017	65000.00 RUB
08.02.2017	12.02.2017	65000.00 RUB
14.02.2017	18.02.2017	65000.00 RUB
23.02.2017	27.02.2017	65000.00 RUB
18.03.2017	22.03.2017	65000.00 RUB

Note

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.

What's included

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Price includes

- Dog sled rental
- English-speaking guide
- Russian-speaking guide services
- Accommodation as per itinerary
- Transport as per itinerary
- Meals
- Excursions and visits as per itinerary
- Administrative registration
- Reserves and national parks entrance permissions
- Transfer from airport / railway station on first day
- Transfer to airport / railway station on last day
- Banya
- Letter of invitation
- Snowmobile and equipment rental

Price does not include

- Personal expenses and tips
- Visa fees and travel insurance
- Optional activities
- Beverages
- 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

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

Thermal underwear

POLARTEC or similar pullover

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

Long sleeve shirts or sweatshirts

Down jacket

Fleece jacket or warm sweater

Comfortable pants

Mountain boots for walking on ice and snow

Wool gloves and winter cap

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

Charger and spare battery for camera/phone

Photo / video camera

Tour vouchers and programme

Currency in euros, dollars

Meals

At restaurants and homestays in cities, traditional cuisine consists of local specialties.

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.

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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.

Emergency Contact

In Siberia, you can contact BaikalNature by phone: +7 499 705 65 58 or +7 800 555 73 54 — toll-free within Russia

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: MBT 009402.

Financial Guarantee: "Hoska insurance company" PJSC (ПАО "Страховая группа "ХОСКА"). Insurance contract N 14-17/062518 ОТУ from June 6, 2017. Amount of coverage: 500 000 RUB. Legal and actual address: BaikalNature LLC 119A Dekabrskikh Sobyti Str., office 13 664007 Irkutsk Russia

Travel Insurance

In addition to your personal insurance, you have an opportunity to purchase local insurance. Please, do not hesitate to ask us about our services.

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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