

In search of the northern lights — Detailed description

Trip Length: 4 Group: 4-16 Departure: Fixed Period: January - February

Trip overview

For those who would like to visit the North of the Arctic Circle we propose our tour "In search of the northern lights". This tour is available for everybody: for adventure seekers, for families with children or just for those who would like to escape the noisy city.

You will visit Murmansk - the biggest city located in the extreme Northwest part, you will snowmobile in the biggest mountain range of Khibiny, you will visit the Snowy village with a huge number of labyrinths and ice sculptures, you will ride the dog and reindeer sleighs through the snow-capped taiga. Among other things, you will get acquaintance with the traditions of the Sami people and, of course, will taste their national dishes.

There on the Kola Peninsula, you have a possibility to observe the most mysterious and at the same time the most spectacular natural phenomenon – the northern lights. Of course, we cannot book for you the clear sky and the northern lights, but we can propose to you an interesting tour with the best dates for searching of this phenomenon.

Don't miss your chance to meet the world of Arctic – its rich culture and endless white spaces!

Highlights

- Possibility to watch the northern lights
- Acquaintance with the culture and life of the Sami people
- Dog and reindeer sledding
- Visit of the biggest Arctic city
- Comfortable accommodation in Kirovsk
- Tour accessible for everybody
- Visit of the unique largest snow complex in Russia - "Snow village"

Tour type

DISCOVERYNATURE

Difficulty

Moderately Easy - 1-3 hours of physical activity daily

Comfort

Upgraded — all nights in comfortable rooms.

Begining / end of the tour

Tour starts: Murmansk, End of the tour: Murmansk

Program

Day 1 — Acquaintance with Murmansk city

11:00 — Arrival to the Murmansk airport

12:00 — Lunch in the city's cafe

13:00 — Murmansk city-tour

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14:00 — Visit of the Local History Museum and Lenin Icebreaker

Overnight in the hotel

Hotels: Accommodation in the hotel Azimut Hotel Murmansk, Chambre double (deux lits ou un grand lit)

Comfort: Comfortable accommodation, WC and bath / shower in room

Day 2 — Dog-sledding and Sami reindeer herders

09:00 — Breakfast in the hotel

10:00 — Departure to Kirovsk

12:00 — Husky farm

13:00 — Lunch

15:00 — Visit of the Sami village

19:00 — Arrival in Kirovsk

19:40 — Dinner (Not included)

22:00 — Northern light hunting

Overnight in the hotel

Hotels: Accommodation in the hotel of Kirovsk, Twin room

Comfort: Comfortable accommodation, WC and bath / shower in room

Day 3 — Snowy village

09:00 — Breakfast in the hotel

10:00 — Transfer to the snow village

10:20 — Excursion to the snowy village

13:00 — Lunch

19:00 — Dinner (Not included)

22:00 — Northern light hunting

Overnight in the hotel

Hotels: Accommodation in the hotel of Kirovsk, Twin room

Comfort: Comfortable accommodation, WC and bath / shower in room

Day 4 — Return to Murmansk

09:00 — Breakfast in the hotel

10:00 — Transfer to the airport of Murmansk

Departures

Start	End	Basic price per person
23.01.2021	26.01.2021	66400.00 RUB
06.02.2021	09.02.2021	66400.00 RUB

Note

Guaranteed departure for the group from 4 persons. If there are less participants, the price will be recalculated. Single supplement - 5 800 roubles. The price includes 2 hours of the northern light hunting (guide and car services). You can extend this service paying on site. Please, take attention, that the northern lights can not be guaranteed.

What's included

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Price includes

- Dog sled rental
- 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
- English-speaking guide services
- Meals according to the program

Price does not include

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

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

POLARTEC or similar pullover

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

Long sleeve shirts or sweatshirts

T-shirts

Socks

Comfortable shoes for city

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

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Meals

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 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.

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: +73952 26 56 94.

In addition, your call will be forwarded to your manager, reachable 7/7.

In Western Russia, you can contact BaikalNature by phone: +7 499 705 65 58

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 9302/19-49 from September 30, 2019. Amount of coverage: 500 000 RUB. Legal and actual address: BaikalNature LLC 119A Dekabrskikh Sobyti Str., office

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Cancellation Options

The cancellation options are:

- more than 30 days before departure - 30% of the tour price,
- 30 - 7 days before departure - 50% of the tour price,
- less than 7 days before departure - 100% of the tour price.

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.

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