

A photograph of a white bicycle in the foreground, partially obscured by tall green grass. The background shows a line of trees under a clear sky.

# Across the Northern lands

Biking tour to the Arkhangelsk region

Discover the unique world of the Northern Russian culture, visiting the small villages of the Arkhangelsk region. Natural sights that are millions of years old have been preserved here. You will have a bike ride to the famous historical places, wooden architectural monuments and sacred springs.

# Experiences you'll have

## Bike tour to Kenozero National Park

Riding a bike from a one ancient village to another, you will admire the beauty of the Northern nature and get acquainted with the culture of this region and history, that covers several centuries.

To join this tour you need to be in a good physical shape, because you will have daily routes of 40-50 km without car support

For 7 days of travelling you will:

- see the unique monuments of Northern architecture of XVII-XVIII centuries: tent churches with bell towers, merchant houses and original nordic peasant huts
- take a ride through the holy places of Oshevsk: you will see the sacred groves and springs, as well as the boulders which are considered to have healing power
- visit the Porzhenski Pogost — a unique wooden architectural ensemble, located on the lake's bank
- participate in folk art masterclasses — you will try to create a Kargopol traditional clay toy and a peasant rag doll
- admire the scenery of Kenozero National Park with picturesque lakes and rivers
- visit the old believers' cave

**Note:** for a group of 5 people or more, we can organize a reduced 4-day program at any convenient date — let the manager know when it is more convenient for you to go.

## Itinerary

The journey begins at the Nyandoma railway station, Arkhangelsk Oblast, where you need to get to on your own by train. We are ready to help with the purchase of railway tickets, if necessary, leave a comment in the application.

### Day 1

#### You will be met at the Nyandoma railway station and taken

to Kargopol. There you will be accommodated at the guest house and have lunch in a cafe. Further together with the guide you will walk to the historical part of the town. After that you will take a bike ride to Saunino village. There is the tent Church of St. John Chrysostom located here. It is the monument of Russian wooden architecture of XVII century. Then you can go cycling in the surrounding area.

#### In the evening you will participate in a master class and try

to create a Kargopol traditional clay toy. After that you will stay overnight at the guest house.

**The length of the cycle route is about 40 km.**

### Day 2

#### You will set off on bicycles along the route from Kargopol

to Oshevsk. On the way you will stop in Pozdyshevo village, at the holy stone with a trace of St. Alexander Oshevsky. You will walk on foot to the spring with the worship crosses and visit Reka village.

#### Further you will enjoy a bike ride to Oshevsk with

a sightseeing tour. You will see an old tent church with a bell tower in Pogost village and the St. George's chapel in Niz village, as well as carved merchant's houses in Shirayikha village.

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Difficulty



Age

from 14 y.o.

Group size

from 5 to 8

Duration

7 days

Accommodation at the trip



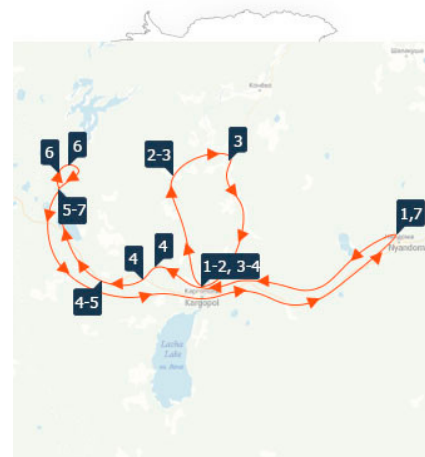
6 nights

Языки



guide

from 380 EUR



**Also you will visit the worship crosses in Maly (Little) Haluy**

and Bolshoy (Great) Haluy villages, as well as will see the "disappearing" river, the old wooden nordic huts and sacred grove.

**Then you will return to Oshevensk, stay in the guest house**

and go to the bathhouse. In the evening you will have a local arts master class.

**The length of the cycle route is 50 km.**

**Day 3**

**Today you will go on the return route from Oshevensk to**

Kargopol through the ancient Arkhangelo village. Here you will see the unusual cubiform churches. Then you will ride a bike along the banks of the Onega river. Perhaps, you will manage to visit the old believers' cave.

**In the evening you will arrive to Kargopol, stay in the guest**

house and rest.

**The length of the cycle route is about 70 km.**

**Day 4**

**Today you will enjoy a bike ride through the ancient**

villages of Poonezhye (Onega river's valley). In Pechnikovo village you can visit the museum of the Kargopol clay toys, in Krasnaya Lyaga village you will see one of the oldest wooden churches of the whole Onega valley.

**Then you will arrive to Lyadiny village, where you will**

accommodate at a guest house and visit a private ethnographic museum. In the evening you will take part in a workshop of making a peasant rag doll.

**The length of the cycle route is about 55 km.**

**Day 5**

**Today you will take a bike ride to Kenozero national park.**

En route you will visit Orlovo, Lekshmozero and Maselga villages. Here you will see the visible part of the Great watershed between the White sea and Baltic sea. Accommodation in the guest house and the Russian sauna are waiting for you in the evening.

**The length of the cycle route is about 45 km.**

**Day 6**

**On this day a cycle route from Maselga to Hizgora Mount**

is waiting for you. Here you will see the Church of Alexander Svirsky, built at the top of the hill. Then you will go to Dumino village and visit the Porzhensky Pogost. It is a unique ensemble of wooden architecture, located on the lake's bank and surrounded by the holy grove.

**If the road is bad, you will ride to the restored water**

mill. After that you will return to Maselga, have dinner and rest in the guest house.

**The length of the cycle route is 16-35 km.**

## Day 7

**Today you will visit the ecomuseum, after that you will be**

taken to the Nyandoma railway station (to the train with departure at 3:50 pm).

# Accommodation at the trip

During the tour you will stay at the private guest houses. In Kargopol you will spend 2 nights in the guest house with facilities (WC and shower). Tourists are accommodated for 4-6 people in the room (on a gender basis).

In Oshevsk you will stay for 1 night in a guest house with facilities (WC and shower). There are two rooms (5 beds, folding beds and rugs). In Lyadiny village, as well as Maselga village, you will live in the guest house (3-4 people in the room).

## FAQ

### Meals

The price includes homemade breakfasts and dinners in the guest houses, as well as daily snacks on the routes.

If you are a vegetarian or have special food preferences, please inform us in advance.

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### What to bring with me

- repellents
- individual first aid kit

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### What equipment is provided

Trek bike with the disc brakes, matched to your height. If your height is less than 165 cm, please inform us in advance. If your height is more than 190 cm, it will be better to come with your own bike.

There will be no auto escort on the routes, so the participants carry their belongings on their own (on the trunk of a bicycle).

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### Discounts

There is a discount for those, who will participate with its own bike.

Also we give a 20% discount to children under 14 years old who join this trip with their parents.

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### What to do in a spare time

There are different local folk arts workshops planned in the program. Three of them are included in the price of the tour. For an extra fee you can participate in other masterclasses. All souvenirs that you will create, you can take with you.

The guest houses, where you will stay, are located near the rivers. So, you can go fishing. There is also the Russian sauna.

# Booking

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### What's included in the price:

- guesthouse accommodation
- breakfasts and dinners + snacks en route
- gear rental (bicycle, backpack, helmet, tents, sleeping bags, etc.)
- transfer from/to Nyandoma Railway station
- excursions provided by the program and entrance tickets
- guide's service
- Russian bathhouse (3 times per tour)
- folk arts workshops

### Extra charge:

- railway tickets to Nyandoma
- English-speaking guide's service (+400 EURO per group for 7 days)



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