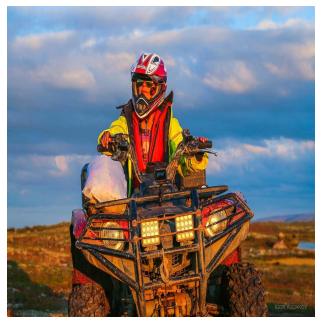




# Journey to the North

Glamping on the Kola Peninsula



Comfortable class glamping. Dome tents with a panoramic view. Even that is enough for going on a trip to the Kola Peninsula. However, we have added several more reasons: jeeps and ATVs rides, reaching the northernmost point of the European part of continental Russia, local delicacies and the Aurora Borealis. It is a dream journey, isn't it? Join us!

# Experiences you'll have

## Glamping in the North of Russia

A travel to the Kola Peninsula is far from a simple journey. It is a true digital-detox. There is just wild nature and cold waters of the Barents Sea here. No cities, no smartphones and any signs of civilization. However, even in such conditions it is possible to stay with all comforts.

You will live in glamping — a campsite with a high level of comfort. Chill in a central dome tent with a panoramic view, a fireplace a bar and cinema. Sleep in cosy dome tents.

Every evening a Chef will prepare meals of high expeditionary cuisine with local delicacies and seafood.

### 5 reasons to go on this trip. You will:

stay in a unique dome glamping in a polar region  
explore the Kola Peninsula with jeeps and ATVs trips — you will challenge yourself with going over fords, swamps and off-road  
see the most picturesque sights of the peninsula — "Kola Geneva", capes Nemetskiy (German) and Kekursky, stone pillars "Two brothers" and the scenic coast of red stones  
rest from civilization and recharge your energy — admire stars on the sky while lying in a warm bed. Starting from August you will also see the Northern lights  
get acquainted with the military history of the Kola Peninsula — visit places of major battles during the World War II, as well as abandoned coastal batteries and bunkers

### We accept bookings for groups of 6 or more

Border permit is required for this tour. Personal data should be submitted minimum 50 days before the date of arrival

Watch a video about our journey:

We can also make an individual program or a journey for your corporate team. Call us or send an email — we will give you all details.

Photos of [Igor Yudakov](#) and [Dmitry Kupracevich](#).

## Itinerary

The journey begins in Murmansk, where you will need to travel to on your own. There are direct flights from Moscow, the road will take 2,5 hours. We recommend the flight SU 1320 of Aeroflot, departing from Moscow at 7:15 am and arriving to Murmansk at 9:35 am. To return back you need a flight departing from Murmansk after 8 pm.

We are ready to assist with the purchase of tickets. If necessary, leave a comment in the order.

### Day 1

#### After meeting at the airport of Murmansk you will travel to

the glamping located on the shore of the Barents sea. The first part of the way to the checkpoint on the Titovka river will pass by minibuses (110 km).

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from 10 y.o.

Group size

from 10 to 28

Duration

5 days

Accommodation at the trip

Языки



guide

from 1 120 EUR

### **Along the way, you will make a stop in the Valley of Glory**

— the memorial complex located on the right bank of the Zapadnaya (Rus. for "Western") Litsa river. During the World War II, the most fierce battles for the Arctic took place here. There are still traces of numerous fortifications and trenches preserved on the surrounding hills. It is the place, where the Soviet army, despite heavy losses, was able to stop the German offensive to Murmansk in 1941.



### **After visiting the Valley of Glory you will have lunch in a**

cafe and then continue travelling to the Barents Sea coast by expedition off-road vehicles (30 km off-road, 5-6 hours). First, the route will run along the picturesque Titovka river. Interestingly, initially it was called Kitovka (Rus. for "Whale"), because in the past the whales used to come to the river's estuary.



### **Further along the way, you will see a beautiful waterfall,**

drive through difficult off-road areas, and play an educational quiz to make the route even more interesting.

### **In the late afternoon, you will overcome the Musta-Tunturi**

mountain pass, which offers a magnificent view of several lakes that seem to hang in the air. In this place you will see something like "stone garden" — a few years ago, tourists began to leave here different figures made up of stones. You will also be able to take part in this tradition — create your pyramid of stones and take a photo for memory.

### **Futher you will pass along the picturesque "tank road". It**

is named so because military exercises are held here and sometimes you can see a real tank in the middle of the tundra. When you arrive to the glamping, you will relax and go to the sauna. For dinner you will try Northern cuisine prepared by the Chef.

### **Day 2**

### **After breakfast at the camp you will go for a walk to the**

Cape Ahkionyemi. German generals during the World War II called these places "Kola Geneva" due to the beauty of the surrounding landscapes. You will see picturesque waterfalls and small mountain lakes, will admire the sea views of Malaya Volokovaya (Rus. for " Small dragging"). Its name connected with the fact, that in the past vessels were dragged across the isthmus of this fjord along a system of lakes and streams. In 1977, as part of the experiment, a medium-sized fishing boat was dragged along an isthmus 5.5 km long, and it took a little more than 4 hours.

### **This walking route will not be tedious, because the ascents**

on high ground are very smooth, and the terrain is simple. During the walk, you will visit a memorial sign installed at the site of the death of the landing party under the command of the legendary Soviet intelligence officer Alexander Yunevich.

### **You will return to glamping for lunch. Then you will have a**

safety briefing, after which you will go on ATVs trip to Avatar waterfall. This name was given to the waterfall by local guides for the deep narrow gorges that the water has cut through the rocks. You can view the waterfall from the top of the rock or go down and take spectacular photos on the bottom. In a small lake formed in the bowl of a waterfall, you can often see a school of salmon coming here to spawn.

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work out the skills of safe quad bike driving. You will also learn how to overcome properly stone mounds, fords and swampy areas. When you return to glamping in the evening, you will have dinner and relax in the sauna.

### Day 3

#### **This day you will enjoy a circular route along the Sredny**

(Rus.for "Middle") Peninsula. The trip will take place on jeeps and ATVs (based on weather conditions and your wishes).

#### **You will see "Two brothers" rocks — two stone giants up to**

30 meters high on the shore of the Barents Sea, called Akka and Ukka. According to a legend, the ancient Sami performed ritual sacrifices at the foot of the rocks. Therefore, there is a belief that you can pass them only in one direction — from the sea to the mountain.

#### **Then you will visit the picturesque coast of red stones**

where you are supposed to have a picnic. Next you will get to the coastal artillery battery, which during the World War II defended the Sredny Peninsula from enemy attacks from the sea. There are four "towers" with guns and underground casemates preserved on the territory.

#### **In the evening, you will go back to the glamping, where**

you will have dinner and rest after a long day.

### Day 4

#### **Today you can choose one of the active routes:**

##### **1. SUVs tour to Cape Nemetskiy (Rus. for "German")**

#### **Off-road vehicles will take you to the Rybachy Peninsula,**

which is one of the top 15 most beautiful places in Russia, according to Google Maps. You will reach Cape Nemetskiy, which is considered to be the northernmost point of the European part of continental Russia. On the way to the cape, you will see a stranded ship, abandoned garrisons and unique stone landscapes of the Arctic Ocean. You will admire huge waves crashing onto the rocky shore up to 100 meters high. If desired, you will swim in the ocean, and after that, have lunch on the beach.

##### **2. ATVs trip to the German support road**

#### **You will overcome the Musta-Tunturi mountain pass and**

ride quad bikes along the old support road, that was built by German army during World War II. Here you will see old military fire points, as well as will find old cartridges and other artifacts of the war. The scenery here is simply fantastic: endless Arctic tundra with numerous lakes, swamps and rocks covered with moss.

##### **3. Trekking route along the Musta-Tunturi mountain ridge**

#### **With a professional local historian you will go hiking along**

the Musta-Tunturi mountain ridge. This is like a real open-air museum, where many military artifacts have been preserved. During the World War II, the Musta-Tunturi ridge became the only place where German troops were stopped on the first day of their offensive and subsequently failed to advance further into the Arctic.

### **If you wish, you can also go fishing on the lakes located**

within walking distance from the camp (fishing gear is available).  
In the evening you will have dinner and rest in the camp.

#### **Day 5**

### **After breakfast you will say goodbye to the glamping team**

and drive off-road vehicles back to Murmansk. After passing the checkpoint on the Titovka river, you will have lunch in a cafe. Then transfer to minibuses and go to the airport, where you will take an evening flight to Moscow (after 8 pm). Along the way, you can stop at the fish market (if the group wishes).

## **Accommodation at the trip**

You will stay in the glamping — a camp with an high level of comfort.

On the territory there are:

a panoramic tent with a cozy lounge with a fireplace, where your breakfast and dinner are served daily. Hot tea with sweets is available 24/7.

15 cozy residential dome tents designed for two people. Each tent has comfortable beds (one double or two single beds) with electric heated bed sheets, a table with chairs, a shelf for storing things and a clothes rack. Electricity is supplied from the generator throughout the night. 2 mobile baths (for men and women), washing area and WC

Desktop games and fishing equipment are also available at the glamping.

## **FAQ**

### **Who will accompany me in the trip**

A whole team of specialists will work with you during this tour:

**Professional guides** who will meet you at the Murmansk airport and will be with your group throughout the trip:

- Sergey Glukhov is the team leader of the expedition. Sergey lives in the Murmansk region, he has been organizing trips to the Kola Peninsula since 2003. Sergey is an instructor in mountain driving of snowmobiles and ATVs. He participated in four rally "Arctic Trophy" and the rally "Expedition".
- Alexander Fedukhin is a local historian. During the walking routes, Alexander will tell you about the history of the Kola Peninsula, together you will visit the places of the greatest military battles of the World War II.

**Chef Dmitry Shvets** in glamping will prepare for you dishes of high expedition cuisine with local seafood and delicacies. Dmitry's professional experience is 15 years, he worked as a chef in restaurants in Moscow and Karelia. He is able to create high expedition cuisine in the field: he worked at the "Barneo" camp at the North pole, and for several years he cooks on the Kola Peninsula.

**Experienced instructors** will teach you the rules of safe ATV driving — you will learn how to overcome stone mounds, fords and swampy areas

**Professional drivers** with more than 10 years of experience will drive expedition SUVs on the route.

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### **What transport is used on the itinerary**

From Murmansk airport to the checkpoint on the Titovka river and back you will be taken by minibus. Further transfer to glamping on the Barents Sea coast will take place on SUVs Toyota Land Cruiser 80 and 105 (their capacity — 3-4 people and a driver).

In addition, on the routes along the Sredny and Rybachy peninsulas, you will travel on ATVs. We provide all necessary protective gear.

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## Meals

The tour price includes three meals a day: breakfast and dinner in glamping, as well as lunches in a cafe and picnics on the routes (soups from a thermos, sandwiches, snacks, sweets). Additionally, you will only need to pay for dinner on the final day of the program.

In the evening the chef will prepare high-quality expedition cuisine with local delicacies and seafood for you.

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## What to bring with me

### Documents:

- passport, insurance policy in a sealed package

### Clothes and shoes:

- insulated pants and jacket
- sports trousers
- a fleece jumper and a sweater
- a windproof hat and a buff
- a waterproof trekking boots (or other hiking shoes)
- a raincoat or a storm jacket with a hood
- a set of replacement shoes (sneakers) and outerwear (sweater/fleece jacket, pants)
- rubber boots (not necessarily, but recommended)
- cotton socks (3-4 pairs)
- wool socks (2 pairs)
- t-shirts (2-3 PCs)
- comfortable cotton clothes (a shirt, pants)
- thermal underwear
- a swimsuit
- flip-flops (for bathhouse)

### Personal belongings and equipment:

- a backpack, a travel bag or a suitcase
  - a small backpack for radial routes
  - a flashlight with a set of spare batteries
  - a small polyurethane tourist mat
  - wet wipes
  - a hygienic kit
  - repellent from mosquitoes and midges (for example, "Off", "Moskitol", "Taiga").
  - a personal first aid kit
  - video and photo equipment in dry bags
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## Required data for border permit

To participate in tour it is necessary to submit the following information not later than 50 days before start of the tour:

- copy of passport
- full name of employing Company and job position
- address of current residence
- city of birth (with country indicated)
- phone number

The issue of border permit is included in the tour.

## Mobile connection and Wi-Fi

Glamping on the Kola Peninsula is a great place for a digital detox.

The route passes through the territory of the Sredny and Rybachy peninsulas. There are no settlements here, therefore there is no mobile communication or Internet. There is Wi-Fi in glamping, but the signal is very weak and is only available for emergency calls.

Please, inform your relatives and friends that you will be out of touch for 5 days.

## What will the weather be like

The most part of the Kola Peninsula is located beyond the Arctic circle. Due to the influence of two seas (the White sea and the Barents sea) and warm sea currents, the weather can be very changeable and unpredictable.

July is the warmest month on the Kola Peninsula and the period of polar days when the sun does not set over the horizon. The weather at this time is usually sunny and warm: the average daytime temperature is +15-18°C, at night it drops to +9 °C.

The average day temperature in August is +12-15 °C, at night it drops to +5-8°C . In September, it gets cooler, there may be strong winds and rain. The air temperature during the day averages +10°C, at night it drops to +4°C. From late August and early September, the Northern lights can be seen on the Kola Peninsula. Also at these months there are a lot of mushrooms and berries.

# Booking

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#### What's included in the price:

- double/twin accommodation in glamping (4 nights)
- three meals per day with high expedition cuisine and local delicacies
- services of experienced guides, instructors and chefs
- all transfers as per program (minibuses, expedition SUVs Toyota Land Cruiser 80 and 105)
- rent of ATVs (double-rider) and gear
- rent of expeditionary equipment, fishing gear

#### Extra charge:

- [flights to Murmansk](#)
- health insurance
- breakfast on day 1 and dinner on day 5
- single accommodation in a glamping
- ATVs trips (single-rider)
- professional interpreter's services (the cost depends on the number of participants in the group)



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