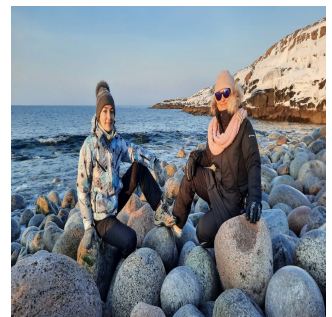


# In search of the Northern lights

Weekend tour to Teriberka



We invite you to spend a weekend with your family or friends in the heart of the Kola Peninsula. Snowmobile and sleigh rides on the Lovozero tundra and the coast of the Barents Sea, dog sledding and acquaintance with the traditions and life of the Saami await you during the days. The nights will be busy as well — you will get a chance to capture mesmerizing northern lights in one of the Russia's best places for watching the phenomenon.

# Experiences you'll have

## The Northern Lights on the Kola Peninsula

This trip is perfect not only as a weekend trip with your friends, but also with children aged 10 years and older. You will be immersed in the culture of the peoples of the North, taste the local cuisine and watch the Northern Lights. You will visit the most spectacular locations of the central part of Kola Peninsula: Lovozero tundras, Seidozero (a sacred place for the Saami), and Teriberka — an ancient pomor (Rus. for "coast-dweller") village on the shore of the Barents Sea.

In the evenings you will search for the Northern lights in the Murmansk's suburbs, in the Lovozero tundras and on the shore of the Barents Sea. You will be accompanied by a guide-photographer, so you will be able to bring high-quality shots from your trip.

During 3 days of the trip you will:

- get acquainted with the traditions of the indigenous peoples of the North and visit the reconstructed Saami settlement
- feed reindeers and ride huskies sledges through the winter forest
- visit Teriberka, take a snow-shoe walk along the coast of the Barents Sea and see a frozen waterfall and the fantastic place, called "Dragon eggs shore"
- taste the northern delicacies and traditional Saami cuisine

The Northern Lights are the phenomenon of nature. We cannot guarantee that you will see it during your trip. However, we will do our best to make sure your trip leaves the brightest impressions regardless of whether you catch the Aurora or not.

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

**Note:** we can hold this program on any other dates for your group of two or more people, see the price in the "Common questions" section.

## Itinerary

The journey starts in Murmansk, where you should get to on your own on the first day of the program. The group transfer from the airport is based on Aeroflot flight SU 1320, arriving in Murmansk at 12:10 am. We suggest you choose flights departing from Murmansk after 9 pm as your return flights (we recommend Aeroflot flight SU 1317 at 9:40 pm).

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

### Day 1

**After the meeting at the Murmansk airport you will go to**

the "Traditsii Severa" (Rus. for "Northern Traditions") park. The duration of the trip is 1,5-2 hours, there will be a small snack (lunch-boxes) on the way.

**Here you will visit a sled dog kennel that houses more than**

90 Siberian huskies. Here also you will see and feed reindeer. Then you will visit the reconstructed Saami settlement, where you will learn a lot about the traditions of the Northern peoples. Further dog sledding tour across a snow-covered pine forest is waiting for you (the route is 5 km, 30 minutes). Afterwards you will have lunch in a warm and cozy chum (a northern teepee).

After the end of the excursion program, you will go to a base on the shore of the Lovozero, where you get accommodation in chums and vezhas —the traditional dwellings of the Saami. In the evening you will have dinner with the northern cuisine specialties, and go to the tundra in the search of the Northern lights. You will be accompanied by a photographer. He will instruct you on the peculiarities of photographing the Northern lights and organize a small photo session for you.

### Day 2

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from 10 y.o.

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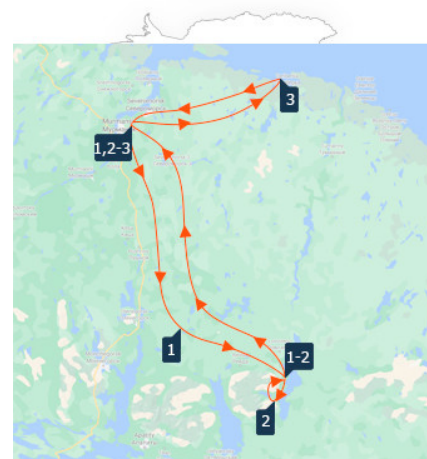
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guide

from 623 EUR



### **After breakfast you will take a snowmobile trip to the**

sacred lake of the Saami — Seidozero (the distance of the route is 80 km by snowmobile). The snowmobile program lasts the whole day. Upon reaching the lake, you will have a small picnic and take a walk around the area. According to one of the theories, the ancient Hyperborean civilization dwelled here. During the excursion your guide will tell you why Seidozero has a sacral meaning for the Saami.

### **You will have lunch upon your return to the base. You will**

taste a Saami venison soup, baked whitefish with rice, vatrushki (Russian cottage cheese cakes) with cloudberry, cowberry, and blueberry. The departure from Lovozero to Murmansk takes place at 6.30 pm (2,5 hours, a small snack with hot tea is planned along the way).

### **Upon arrival to the city you will check in to the hotel and**

have dinner at the restaurant (extra charge). In the evening you will ride off-road cars or vans to chase the northern lights in the suburbs of Murmansk. The duration of the trip will depend on weather conditions and forecasts (5-100 km).

### **Day 3**

### **Today you will have an early breakfast and ride off-road**

vehicles or minibuses to Teriberka, a village on the shore of the Arctic Ocean. This ancient pomor village became especially popular after the movie "Leviathan" was shot there.

### **The road from Murmansk to Teriberka turns into a real ice**

tunnel with giant snow walls up to 3 meters high in the winter. You can admire picturesque landscapes of endless tundra, snow-covered mountains and the coast of the Barents Sea on the way. When you arrive to Teriberka, you will go on a snowmobile trip around the area (tourists board a passenger sled behind the snowmobile). You will see the so called "graveyard of ships" — half-destroyed remains of old ships left on the shore. You will also see a frozen waterfall, walk along the picturesque "Dragon's eggs shore" — a beach called by the locals for being studded with huge oval boulders.

### **Afterwards you will have lunch in the "Cedar Grass" or the**

"Teribersky Bereg" restaurant with the panoramic view of the Barents sea (it is not included into the price of the tour). Then you will go on a walking tour or try snowshoeing along the coast from Teriberka beach to the Orlovka and Zavalishina bays (the route will be chosen depending on the weather conditions and the tour participants' preferences).

### **After this walk you will return to Murmansk. You will arrive**

in the city around 6 pm and have dinner at a restaurant before being taken to the airport for your flight.

### ***A snowshoe walk along the coast may not take place in***

*case of bad weather on that day, in which case you will return to Murmansk right after lunch and go on a city tour. You will visit the monument to the Defenders of the Soviet Polar Region, better known as "the monument to Alesha". See the legendary icebreaker "Lenin" — the world's first nuclear-powered icebreaker. After a walk around the city you will have dinner in a restaurant before being taken to the airport.*

# Accommodation at the trip

You will spend the first night at the "**Medvezhy Ugol**" (Rus. for "Bear corner") **base**, located in the heart of the Kola Peninsula on the shore of Lovozero. You will be accommodated 2-4 persons per room in the guest house, as well as in chums and vezhas — the traditional Saami dwellings. These are low wooden huts made of logs with pointed roofs covered with turf. Vezhas and chums are heated by a stove, with beds with linen (single, double or bunk beds) and a washbasin with warm water available. There is a separate dining room vezha, a local "sauna" (up to 8 people) and a heated toilet on the territory of the base.

From day 2 to day 3 you will stay in one of the 4\* **hotels** located in the center of Murmansk: "Azimut", "Meridian", "Park Inn Polarnie Zori" or "Tundra". You will be accommodated in standard twin rooms (with two single beds).

Rooms at **Azimut Hotel** are equipped with a minibar, flat-screen cable TV, refrigerator, safe and free Wi-Fi. A hairdryer and toiletries are provided in the bathroom. There is an on-site restaurant and bar for guests.

**Meridian Hotel** has a restaurant, a bar and a massage service. Standard double rooms have a flat-screen TV with satellite channels, an electric kettle, free Wi-Fi and a private bathroom with a shower, hairdryer and toiletries.

**Park Inn by Radisson's Polarnie Zori Hotel** is located in the city center, offering panoramic views of Kola Bay. Your room will boast a flat-screen TV, a desk with a chair, an electric kettle, a mini-bar, free Wi-Fi, a bathroom with heated floors, a hairdryer and toiletries. There is a restaurant with Russian and European cuisine, 2 bars, a nightclub, and a fitness center with a sauna, a small pool and a hot tub on site.

**Tundra Hotel** offers cozy rooms with twin beds, a sofa, a flat-screen TV, free Wi-Fi, and a bathroom with a shower and a bidet, a hairdryer and toiletries. The hotel has a shared lounge and a restaurant.

## FAQ

### Who will be my guide

Experienced guides will be with you throughout the tour.

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### Meals

The cost of the program includes breakfasts, lunch in a chum in the "Traditsii Severa" park and a welcome dinner in a vezh on day 1, lunch on day 2 and dinner in a restaurant in Murmansk on the day of departure.

Additionally you will have to pay for dinner in a restaurant in Murmansk on day 2 and lunch in the "Cedar Grass" or "Teribersky coast" restaurants on day 3 (your order from the menu should be placed the day before your visit).

Small snacks with sandwiches and hot thermos tea will be available on the trails and during the transfers.

During this tour you can try Saami cuisine: traditional lima (traditional fish soup), vyar (venison with potatoes), Saami venison soup, roasted whitefish with rice, vatrushkas (russian cottage cheese cakes) with cloudberry, cowberry and blueberry, Lovozero bread and pakula - a traditional Saami drink.

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### Can children participate in the tour

It is possible to go on this trip with children from 10 years old.

The cost of the tour for children of 10 years old is 547 EURO per person.

## What transport is used on the route

Transfers from Murmansk to the the "Traditsii Severa" park, to the base in Lovozero and Teriberka, as well as evening tours in the vicinity of Murmansk in search of the northern lights will be organized using comfortable Hyundai Starex/Mercedes-Benz minibuses or off-road Toyota Land Cruiser Prado cars (depending on the number of participants in the group).

Yamaha Viking and Lynx snowmobiles will be used for the tours to Seidozero, as well as for the cruises along the coastline near Teriberka. Tourists will be driven in passenger sledges (6-10 people in a row), and a guide will drive the snowmobile.

A necessary outfit for a snowmobile trip to Seidozero will be provided:

- warm overalls and jacket
- boots
- helmet

## What to bring with me

- warm pants and a parka
- warm winter shoes
- warm base layer
- comfortable overnight clothes
- warm socks
- hat
- scarf
- warm mittens or gloves (preferably 2 pairs)

## The cost of the tour for groups of two and more people

We can organize this program for your group of two or more on any other dates. Children 5 years old and older can accompany you on this trip.

The cost will depend on the size of the group and the excursion program:

- 4-5 persons - 873 EURO per adult and 800 EURO per child (including an individual excursion to the "Severnie Traditsii" park);
- 2-3 persons - 1490 EURO per adult and 1340 EURO per child (including an individual excursion to the "Severnie Traditsii" park ); 1107 EURO per adult and 937 EURO per child (including an excursion to the park "Severnie Traditsii" as a part of a combined group ).

# Booking

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1 nights 1 nights

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

**Extra charge:**

— accommodation at the base on the shore of the Lovozero (1 night) and at the hotel in Murmansk (1 night)

— meals as per program

— transfer from Murmansk airport and back

— transportation service as per program (snowmobiles with sleds, comfortable cross-country vehicles or minibuses)

— English-speaking guide services

— sightseeing tour in the "Severnie Traditsii" park

— snowmobiling trip to Seydozero and Teriberka (with a passenger sled)

— organization of the Northern lights observation trips

— [air tickets to Murmansk](#) (from 55 EURO per person fro a round trip)

— dinner on day 2 and lunch on day 3

— single occupancy at a hotel in Murmansk (+47 EURO per person), at the "Medvezhy Ugol" base (subject to availability, upon request)

— visit to the "Medvezhy Ugol" bathhouse (+12,5 EURO per person for 2 hours)



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