











Three days in the Polar Region with a view of snow-covered fjords and ice-free ocean. We invite you to a comfortable tour to Teriberka – the place of power of the Russian North. Here, waves crash on granite rocks, breaking the silence of the winter tundra, and in the coastal waters, you can encounter whales and dolphins.

# **Experiences you'll have**

In this short tour, we have gathered the most powerful impressions of the North. You will enjoy immersive walks along the Barents Sea, famous locations from the movie "Leviathan," authentic Northern cuisine and seafood delicacies, and comfortable accommodation in a modern hotel with views of the winter tundra and the Arctic Ocean.

The travel program includes hunting the Northern Lights and the opportunity to observe it from your own panoramic window

# Highlights of the journey:

you will head out to sea on a fishing boat to spot whales, seals, and dolphins

explore the atmospheric Teriberka, famous as the filming location of Andrey Zvyagintsev's "Leviathan" relax in a comfortable hotel and cozy dome glamping hunt for the Northern Lights and admire them from the panoramic window of the glamping dome in clear weather meet huskies and reindeer, and have the opportunity to feed and pet them

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

The base rate is in RUB. The price in dollars (647 USD) depends on the exchange rate of the <u>Central Bank of Russia</u> minus 2% and is valid as of March 14, 2024.

# Most popular Kola Peninsula In Search of Whales \_\_\_□ Difficulty Age from 6 y.o. Group size from 4 to 18 Duration 3 days Accomodation at the trip 1 nights Языки (EN guide from 58 000 EUR

# **Itinerary**

The journey begins in Murmansk, where you should get to on your own on the first day of the program. The meeting will take place at the airport at 11:00 AM. If you arrive in Murmansk the day before, please let us know which hotel you are staying at so that we can pick you up.

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

The tour program may change depending on weather conditions.

# Day 1

### After meeting at the airport or hotel, the whole group will

head to a hypermarket – you will have a snack on your own before the long journey to Teriberka, so as not to waste short daylight hours on lunch in a restaurant. Then, a minibus will take you to the coast of the Barents Sea (a 3-hour journey). Along the way, you will enjoy colorful tundra landscapes and granite rocks at the entrance to Teriberka.

### You will check into the hotel and then immediately go on a

tour of the abandoned part of Teriberka. You will see the longdeserted school, swing on huge seaside swings, stroll along the sandy beach, approach the ship washed ashore, and discover the famous graveyard of ships. You will also visit a small park featuring reindeer and huskies, where you can feed and pet them if you wish.

## In the evening, you will return to the hotel, dine at the

restaurant, and relax after a busy day. If the weather is good, you can hunt for the Northern Lights while strolling around the area.

# If you are unable to reach Teriberka on the first day of the

winter trip due to snowdrifts, an alternative excursion program and accommodation in Murmansk await you. You will head to Teriberka on the second day, where a hiking tour and a sea outing will be organized for you, and in the evening, you will return to Murmansk.

### After breakfast at the hotel, you will head to the pier.

There, the ship's captain will greet you and provide instructions. You will sail into the waters of the ice-free Barents Sea in search of whales and other marine mammals. Along the way, you will encounter coastal landscapes and fjords. In clear weather, you might even catch sight of the sun just above the horizon: at this time of year in the Arctic, it rises very low.

### The sea voyage will last for 2 hours. The ship has heated

cabins and restroom facilities. You can both watch the sea from the deck and relax in the warmth indoors.

#### We cannot guarantee encounters with wild animals, as

nature operates according to its own laws. However, we will do everything possible to give you the opportunity to see marine creatures in their natural habitat.

### Afterward, you will go for a walk along the sea, to the

outskirts of Teriberka (either on foot or, if there is snow, by snowmobile sleds). Along the route, you will see the fantastic Dragon Eggs Beach, the waterfall of Maloye Batareyskoye Lake, and a vast bird colony. Your guide will share many stories about these places along the way.

#### Lunch will be served at a restaurant on the shore

(additional charge). Then you will be transported to a glamping site near Murmansk, where you will settle in and have dinner at a dome restaurant. Afterward, you can enjoy hunting for the Northern Lights (for up to 3 hours).

### Near the glamping site, you can take a nature walk. If the

sky continues to shine at night, you can admire it from your panoramic window.

Day 3

### After breakfast at the glamping site, you will embark on a

sightseeing tour of Murmansk. You will learn more about the city's history, visit the monument to the defenders of the Soviet Arctic, and see the famous icebreaker Lenin. The excursion to the icebreaker can also be organized in the evening – please consider this when planning your return flight.

### Lunch will be served at a restaurant in Murmansk

(additional charge).

In the evening, you will head to the airport for flights

departing after 8:00 PM.

# Accomodation at the trip

You will spend one night at the **Teriberka Hotel by Eco Home**, located on the shore of the Barents Sea. You will stay in standard double rooms with views of the sea or mountains.

Then, another night will be spent at the dome glamping site **Lapland Village** near Murmansk. You will be accommodated in dome tents with

panoramic windows or double wooden cottages. On the premises, there is a dome cafe and gazebos for relaxation.

The number of dome tents in the glamping is limited, accommodation in a cottage is possible. Please call or email us, and we will provide you with more details.

Hotels can be replaced by similar ones of the same category.

# **FAQ**

### What will the weather be like

Possible weather conditions include storms, strong winds, or clear skies. The average temperature ranges from -3 to -12°C.

Due to the proximity to the sea, surfaces may ice over, creating slippery conditions. In January and February, daylight hours are short, but the periods of dawn and dusk are long. The frosty air and long nights increase the chances of witnessing the Northern Lights.

# What to bring with me

### Clothing and footwear:

- windproof warm jacket with a hood (can be a warm ski jacket or down jacket)
- fleece sweatshirt, 1-2 pcs.
- insulated pants (ski or fleece pants with membrane)
- warm thermal underwear
- · clothes for sleeping and evening rest
- socks, underwear
- swimsuit/swim trunks and flip-flops (for visiting spa, bath, or font if desired)
- hat, warm gloves, scarf, or fleece buff
- comfortable, waterproof closed winter shoes with non-slip soles

## Personal items and equipment:

- urban ice grips with metal spikes (recommended, optional)
- personal hygiene products
- travel seat cushion (optional, recommended for the boat and snowmobile sleds)
- ski mask or tight sunglasses (for the snowmobile route)
- metal thermos (0.5-1 L)
- foot and hand warmers (optional)
- headlamp (optional)
- small backpack (10-25 L, one per two persons is fine, for documents, camera, and thermos)

# Who will be my guide

Throughout the tour, experienced guides will accompany you. During the sea voyage, you will meet the professional crew of the ship.

## What transport is used

All transfers will be organized in comfortable minibuses.

On the second day, you will go out to sea on a fishing boat with a capacity of 7 to 10 passengers. The boat will have heated cabins and a restroom. If the group exceeds 10 participants, we will rent a second boat.

#### Meals

The tour price includes breakfasts and dinners at the hotel and glamping site. Lunches at cafes are extra and are paid for separately according to the

The menu is based on Northern cuisine: you will taste dishes with seafood, local fish, venison, and Northern berries. If you have food allergies or special dietary preferences, please inform the manager when submitting your application.

### Discounts and offers

You can go on this trip with children over 6 years old. The discount for travelers up to 14 years old is 6000 RUB/pp.

For your group of two or more, we can arrange this program on dates that are convenient for you. The cost depends on the size of the group:

- 2 people 115,000 RUB/pp
- 3 people 98,000 RUB/pp
- 4 people 85,000 RUB/pp

# **Booking**

Kola Peninsula

# In Search of Whales

Most popular

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Group size from 4 to 18

Duration 3 days

# from 58 000 EUR

# What's included in the price:

- double accommodation in a hotel in Teriberka (1 night)
- $\boldsymbol{-}$  double accommodation in a dome glamping tent or cottage (1 night)
- pickup at the airport or hotel on day 1
- breakfasts and dinners at accommodation sites
- transportation according to the program
- guide services
- ship rental for a 2-hour whale watching sea trip
- tickets to the icebreaker Lenin
- visit to the mini-farm of reindeer and huskies
- rental of snowmobile sleds in Teriberka (if there is snow)
- Northern Lights observation outing
- recreational fees and registration in the protected area

Accomodation at the trip



1 nights

### Extra charge:

- <u>airfare</u> to Murmansk
- pre-tour accommodation in Murmansk (optional)
- single accommodation in hotel and glamping (+15,000 RUB/pp, optional)
- lunches
- additional services in the places of accommodation







