



Expedition to the Icy Realms of the White Sea



Seals come together for reproducing on the White Sea' floes before they leave for Spitsbergen. During the tour you will watch these lovely creatures in their natural habitat, and you will even be able to take the big-eyed, toy-like pups in your hands!

A helicopter will take you to the watch spot. The snowy taiga, the ancient villages, and the sea under a thick blanket of ice — no one can resist the awesomeness of the Russian North seen through the helicopter window. Playful beluga whales jump out of the black waters from time to time. You will disembark on a solid ice floe thickly covered with snow. Oh, how many seals there are!

In the third week of life baby seals start molting, revealing their silvery skin. That is why you have to go there in early March to see the snow-white pups.

Arkhangelsk region

Watching the Baby Seals

Difficulty



Age

from 4 y.o.

Group size

Duration

4 days

Accommodation at the trip



3 nights

Языки



guide

from 2 490 rub

From the ice floe you will go back to the Solovetsky Monastery, the wooden arches of which will impress you with its silence. The final destination of the trip is Maliye Korely, a museum of ancient Russian architecture. Here you will marvel at old houses and chapels from all over the Russian North.

If you book the tour before September 15, 2020 we will give you a 3% discount

Note: if the ice field destination is more than a two-hour flight from Arkhangelsk, the participants of the expedition will have to pay additionally for the on-site helicopter deployment. The schedule can be adjusted to account for worsened weather conditions.

Our tour guide will meet you at Sheremetyevo Airport (Terminal D) at an hour and a half before the departure, so that you fly to Arkhangelsk as an organized group. The meeting will take place in the departure hall, after check-in and pre-flight inspection.

Together you will fly from Moscow to Arkhangelsk (the flight SU-1330 by Aeroflot Airlines), departing at 2:45 p.m. You are arriving to Arkhangelsk at 4:45 p.m.

We recommend you to buy tickets to Arkhangelsk with the refundable rate. We are ready to help with the purchase of tickets, if necessary, leave a comment in the application.

Day 1

Upon your arrival in Arkhangelsk, you'll be taken to the

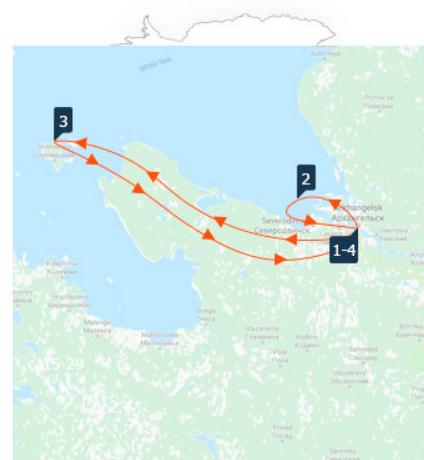
Pur-Navolok hotel on the banks of the Northern Dvina River. You will check-in and have a rest.

Day 2

After the breakfast and a briefing, a MI-8 helicopter will

take you to the icy realms of the Russian North. You'll set up a small camp after landing on the ice. Watch the seals and their newborn pups and have a snack right here, on the floe. In the evening, you'll come back to the Pur-Navolok hotel in Arkhangelsk.

Day 3



After the breakfast you'll be taken to the airport. You'll fly

to the Solovetsky Islands. There you'll have an excursion program and dinner in the Solovetsky Monastery. In the evening, you'll come back to the Pur-Navolok hotel in Arkhangelsk.

Day 4

You'll fly back to Moscow. Your flight is SU-1331, you will

arrive to Moscow at 7:35 p.m.

Tour participants stay at the Pur-Navolok hotel, located on the banks of the Northern Dvina River in the historical part of the city, not far away from the historical and cultural monuments of the 17th to the 19th centuries.

There are multiple accommodation options:

Standard rooms - 13 sq.m. rooms overlooking the local Government's office. All such rooms have 110*210 single beds.

Comfort rooms - 17 sq.m. rooms with the promenade view from the windows. Most such rooms have 160*210 double beds.

Double rooms - 17 sq.m. rooms with the view of the local Government's offices. Each room has two 110*210 single beds.

Double Junior Suites - 32.6 sq.m. rooms with the view of the local Government's offices, consisting of a bedroom and a living room. A King size double bed in each bedroom.

Double Suites - spacious 40 sq.m suites overlooking the promenade. A King size double bed in each bedroom. Some have balconies. Each of these suites consists of two rooms: a bedroom and a living room, each with a plasma TV.

VIP Suites - superior double-room suites overlooking the Northern Dvina River. Each has an area of 45 sq.m. with a king size double bed in the bedroom.

VIP Suites - three-room suites with the view of the Northern Dvina River. There are a bedroom, a living room, and an office room. The total area of the suite is 70 sq.m. with a king size double bed in the bedroom.

The Pur-Navolok hotel has a same-name restaurant, a lobby bar, and the Nebo bar located on the top floor, with panoramic views of the Northern Dvina River and the promenade.

Hotel accommodation is not included in the cost of the expedition. You can book it independently or we can help you with it, if it's necessary.

Who will be my guide

During the journey you will be accompanied by the experienced tour leader who have participated in this expedition for 11 times.

Dmitry Orlov is a permanent leader of expeditions to Antarctica. He has PhD in biological sciences and the highest instructor qualification in PADI (Professional Association of Diving Instructors).

Before flying on the ice Dmitry Orlov will take a lecture concerning the seals, their biology and the main rules of communicating with them.

Discount for children

Children from 4 to 8 years old will get a 50% discount.

Meals

A buffet breakfast is included in the room rate. On the ice floe you will have a snack with hot tea and sandwiches. Dinners you should pay additionally. Usually the group has dinner together in one of the city restaurants.

What about the weather

It is difficult to accurately predict the weather conditions: ice floes with baby seals can be located both at the mouth of the White sea and to the south birection. Definitely you should be prepared for a fairly cold wind and wet conditions, because communication with the baby seals takes place in the open space. The temperature ranges from 0°C to -25°C.

What to bring

Be sure to take a warm membrane jacket and pants, warm waterproof shoes, thermal underwear, hat, scarf and mittens, sweater. As well as casual clothing for visiting restaurants in Arkhangelsk.

How a helicopter airlift is organized

Each helicopter can take no more than eight adult tourists. Two children 4-8 years old are considered as one adult. So 16 adults can take part in the one flight to the ice floe using two helicopters.

Is it possible to cancel the expedition

Participants should understand that, despite the clear organization of the trip, wildlife lives by its own laws. When you fly on a drifting ice floe in the middle of the White sea, seals can only begin giving birth or finish doing it. Therefore, the final decision about the expedition is taken based on ice reconnaissance two days prior to departure of the group. The probability of transferring the expedition is very small, but it can occur. Therefore, you should buy tickets to Arkhangelsk with a return rate.

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What's included in the price:

- ice reconnaissance by plane in advance to search for ice fields and baby seals
- one flight to the ice field by Mi-8 helicopter (4 flight hours)
- meals (tea, sandwiches) and life support on ice
- guide's services
- transfers as per program

Extra charge:

- [flight to Arkhangelsk](#) (starting at 7500 RUB for round-trip tickets)
- double accommodation at the Pur-Navolok hotel, with breakfast (starting at 10 650 RUB)
- lunches and dinners in Arkhangelsk
- [health Insurance](#) (+1680 RUB per person), optionally
- tour to Solovki with a charter flight for groups of more than 10 persons (+38 500 RUB)

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