

MORF THAN TRAVFI TAILOR- MADE TOURS TO RUSSIA

SPECIAL OFFER **AURORA BOREALIS / NORTHERN LIGHTS** 5 Days

22 October – 26 October, 2019 20 December – 24 December, 2019 01 March – 05 March, 2020

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This package is available either **Group Tour** (scheduled departures)

Private Tour (flexible dates)

THE KOLA PENINSULA: MURMANSK. LOVOZERO, SEYDOZERO

Note: Northern Lights do not actually have a "season". You can observe it from August till March in good night conditions. Autumn and early spring can be as good timing as the winter.







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Itinerary



Day 1 - Arrival at Murmansk

Day 2 – Transfer to Lovozero village / Northern Lights Hunting

Day 3 – Lovozero Explorer Tour / Northern Lights Hunting

Day 4 – Seydozero Lake Tour / Northern Lights Hunting

Day 5 – Return to Murmansk / Departure



<u>Itinerary</u>

DAY 1

- Arrive at Murmansk
- Transfer to your hotel
- Murmansk city tour
- The Icebreaker "Lenin" museum
- Evening free-time

DAY 2

- Breakfast
- Transfer to Lovozero village
- Cruise to the tourist village
 Ulinskaya Salma
- Northern Lights Hunting

DAY 3

- Breakfast
- Lovozero Explorer Tour
- Northern Lights Hunting

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- Breakfast
- Excursion on Lake Seydozero
- Northern Lights Hunting
- Picnic lunch
- Return to eco lodge

DAY 5

- Breakfast
- Return to Murmansk
- Drop off at the airport/ Departure

Testimonials

Discovery Russia hosted over a thousand travelers and we hope all of them not only enjoyed it but truly discovered Russia!



If you're hesitating about going to Russia, you may find these reviews useful:

- Trustpilot https://www.trustpilot.com/review/www.discoveryrussia.com.au
- Facebook https://www.facebook.com/DiscoveryRussiaTravel/reviews/





DAY 1: Murmansk, gate to Arctic

Arrival at Murmansk. Meet & greet at the airport, transfer to your hotel, luggage drop off and city tour. Murmansk is the largest city in the world north of the Arctic Circle. Founded in 1915 as a supply port in World War I, it was a base for the British, French, and American expeditionary forces against the Bolsheviks in 1918. We shall visit either the Naval Museum or the Historical Museum.

After lunch, visit museum of icebreaker "Lenin", the first nuclear icebreaker in the world! Murmansk played an important role as a Russian trade link with the Allies during the Second World War II. Various supplies were brought to the city with the help of the Arctic convoys. Murmansk was heavily damaged during the war. It was restored in the beginning of the 1950ies.

Evening free at leisure as we prepare to the Northern Lights adventure. In good conditions, it might be possible to observe northern lights in Murmansk city itself!





DAY 2: Lovozero // Northern Lights Hunting

Transfer to Lovozero village (270 km, 4-5 hours drive). Cruise to the tourist village Ulinskaya Salma (3* property) across the Lake or transfer to our sweet 4* home. In both options, you will enjoy premium location and cozy eco-friendly accommodation in the wooden lodges.

Walking, mountaineering and water tours (seasonal) at the same time, as well as great fishing (ice fishing in winter). In this weather-dependent region your plans may always be changed due to sudden snow storm or rain, and here, at the border of forest and tundra, near lakes, rivers and beautiful forest trails where is always a place for an activity.

Lovozero is the top destination of the Kola Peninsula for Aurora Borealis viewing, there are very high chances to observe it directly at the eco lodges. However we recommend to spend at least 3 nights here to maximize the chances of Aurora Borealis viewing, and due to remoteness of the location.

NOTE: clear skies and solar activity are the critical conditions to watch Aurora Borealis, best timing is from 8:00 pm till 2:00 am.



DAY 3: Arctic Explorer tour / Northern Lights Hunting

SEASONAL TOURS: guided tour to the settlement of reindeer breeders in winter, fishing and Saami people exploration in autumn. Winter tours: we shall visit the real, non-touristic camp of local nomads, whose life totally depends on deers. You will be able to witness how they survive and cope with the local climate. The tour provides amazing photo opportunities. It is possible to ride on deers and feed them. Autumn tours: amazing fishing opportunities and a visit to Saami people museum. Alternatively: guided nature walking trails and water sports (kayaks). Full day fun tour with activities in the middle of nowhere!

Return to the camp. Russian Banya experience in the evening (optional, not included) and Northern Lights watching.



DAY 4: Free time/ Northern Lights Hunting

Seydoero, the lake located in the massif of the Lovozersky tundra is famous as mystical and mysterious place. It is considered a cradle of Giperborei, the ancient disappeared civilization inseparably linked with mythical stories and magic knowledge. Legends says that the ancient city of the Lappish shamans is now hidden from people's eyes.

During the excursion on Seydozero you will surely get acquainted with one of the main sights of this place — Kuyva, a bas-relief of natural origin about 70 meters high. On a legend of Sami, Kuyva is a giant who lived in ancient times in the Lovozersky tundra. The giant plundered and killed Sami and was punished by the Lappish pagan gods – "is burned by lightning which have struck from lake waters".

Optional tours of the day may include fishing, Russian banya, trekking and other activities. In winter, snowmobiles, skiing and other winter fan!



Private Tour, 2 people

Rate per person (3* hotels, sharing 1 twin/double room) 2,722 AUD Rate per person (4* hotels, sharing 1 twin/double room) 3,322 AUD Dates are flexible



Group Tour

Rate per person (3* hotels, sharing 1 twin/double room) 1,280 AUD 4* not available

Starting dates for 2019-202: 22 October 2019, 22 December 2019 (subject to Christmas supplement 120 AUD per person), 3 March 2020

INCLUSIONS:

- Meet at greet at the Murmansk airport/train station
- Selected accommodation: 1 night in Murmansk, 3 night in Lovozero
- Breakfast in Murmansk hotel, breakfast in 4* Lovozero lodge, full board in 3* Lovozero lodge
- Return airport/train station transfers
- Highlights of Murmansk half day guided tour: Lenin nuclear icebreaker, the museum and city panorama,
- Return transfer to Lovozero
- Full day (6 hours) guided tours: reindeer breeders explorer tour (winter); eco trails, saami culture and fishing (autumn), Seydozero
- English-speaking guide throughout the tour
- All entrance tickets as per program
- Russian visa supporting documents
- 24/7 English-speaking support line in Russia
- Local sim-card with data

NOT INCLUDED:

- International flights
- Visa fee (AUD 135 per person)
- Extras of Personal nature
- Lunches and dinners (full-board only 4* Lovozero lodge)
- Travel insurance

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