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Ski tours in KOLA Peninsula region 2010



The Khibiny mountains are almost unknown to western tourists. This is a mountain country above the Polar Circle, in the very heart of the Kola peninsula, with the highest point being Mt. Udychvumchorr (1,200m). Traces of the Ice Age, such as huge circuses, canyons and granite outcrops, produce an unforgettable mountainous sight. Not far from the town of Kirovsk, a resort for downhill skiing, there are several powerful apatite mines. During the "moon rush" in 60th elevated plateaux nearby the town were used for testing "Lunokhod", soviet moon research vehicle. Kirovsk inhabitants boast with their Botanic garden, the most northern one in the world.

The best period for ski touring is February till late April. The day temperatures rise up to 10C, though the night one may drop as low as -25C. After March 21 the length of the day surpasses 12 hours.

The route goes across open mountainous countryside at altitudes of 200 to 1000m. Night bivouacs are organized in huts or heated tent refuges in a forest zone. Experienced guides accompany you in the travel and make all necessary to discover the wild beauty of the polar nature for you.

The tour provides a couple of days to see St. Petersburg, one of the most beautiful cities of the world.

Program of the 10-day tour

Day 1	Arrival at St. Petersburg. Accommodation in a hotel.
Day 2	Boarding of the train from St. Petersburg to Apatity in a bed-van. Overnight in train.
Day 3	Arrival at Apatity and transfer to Kirovsk. Accommodation in pansionat or in

	hotel. Checking ski equipment.
Day 4	Move to the Kuelpor hut. Skitour at the Khibiny Mountains (snow scooters for luggage). Night in hut.
Days 5-7	Kola ski tour program
Day 8	Return to Kirovsk by ski (snow scooters for luggage from Kuelpor hut to Kirovsk). Bus transfer to Murmansk. Overnight in the hotel.
Day 9	Morning flight from Murmansk to St. Petersburg. Transfer to hotel. Sightseeing in St. Petersburg. Overnight in the hotel.
Day 10	Transfer to the airport, flight home.

Price per person for guided groups

number of participants	4	5	6	7	8
price per person, EUR€	995	935	895	855	825

The price includes:

- invitation;
- accommodation in Kirovsk hotels according to the program;
- lodging in the "Kuelpor" huts according to the program;
- accommodation in Murmansk hotels according to the program;
- all transfers in the Kola region according to the program;
- snow scooters Kirovsk — Kuelpor hut and back to Kirovsk;
- full board during stay in the Kola region;
- **1 CETNEVA mountain guide;**
- sauna (2 times);
- cook;
- necessary permits and registration;
- administrative fees in Kola region.

The price does not include:

- cost of visa;
- international flight to & from St-Petersburg;
- accommodation and transfers in St. Petersburg.
- train St. Petersburg - Apatity;
- flight Murmansk - St. Petersburg;
- an insurance;
- unexpected preliminary evacuation cost;
- personal expenses, alcohol.