

**BRIGHT
BOLD
BEAUTIFUL...**

The Northern Lights



Experience the Dancing waves on wheels...

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SUV 4x4 SELF Drive
JANUARY-FEBRUARY 2024

DAY1

0 kms



St. Petersburg - Arrival & Check in



The sheer grandeur and history of Russia's imperial capital never fail to amaze, but this is also a city with a revolutionary spirit. It is the City of Tsars with European architects viz palaces and cathedrals.

It is the Venice of the North having unsurpassing comparisons to Venice with canals lined by Italian mansions and neoclassical palaces. St. Petersburg is an Artistic Powerhouse having unravelled treasure trove of art and culture.

DAY 2

250 kms



Verkhniye Mandrogi



We drive from St Petersburg to Verkhniye Mandrogi. Verkhniye Mandrogi is a kind of open-air Museum, where we feel like participant of peasants' life being involved in forgotten folk crafts: local masters will teach you to embroider, weave beads and birch bark, paint nesting dolls or burn pots. President Vladimir Putin painted a Russian nesting doll here.

Mandrogi is a town of tradition and folklore renown for homemade vodka, horse-draw carriages and unique craftwork.

DAY 3

0 kms



Verkhniye Mandrogi



The most popular museum there is the Museum of Russian Vodka. It contains a collection of 2,800 different types of vodka brought from all across the Russian Federation, with displays educating the guest on the varying ways in which this drink is produced.

Joining this popular attraction are craft workshops where painting and wood carving, weaving, lacework, and pottery are demonstrated. There is even a petting zoo that contains local plants and animals, and a quail farm that features fresh quail eggs.

DAY 4

460 kms

Segezha



Segezha is a town and the administrative center of Segezhsky District of the Republic of Karelia, Russia, located 267 kilometers north of Petrozavodsk.

Segezha is an outstanding city to visit, each with a distinctive atmosphere, are just waiting to be discovered across the city.

DAY 5

570 kms

Kirovsk



An excursion to Kirovsk is the world famous Snow Village, which every year attracts more and more tourists from all over the world, the popular Big Wood ski resort, the mineralogical museum, excellent restaurants with local northern cuisine, and, of course, unforgettable snowmobile rides on the Khibiny mountains!

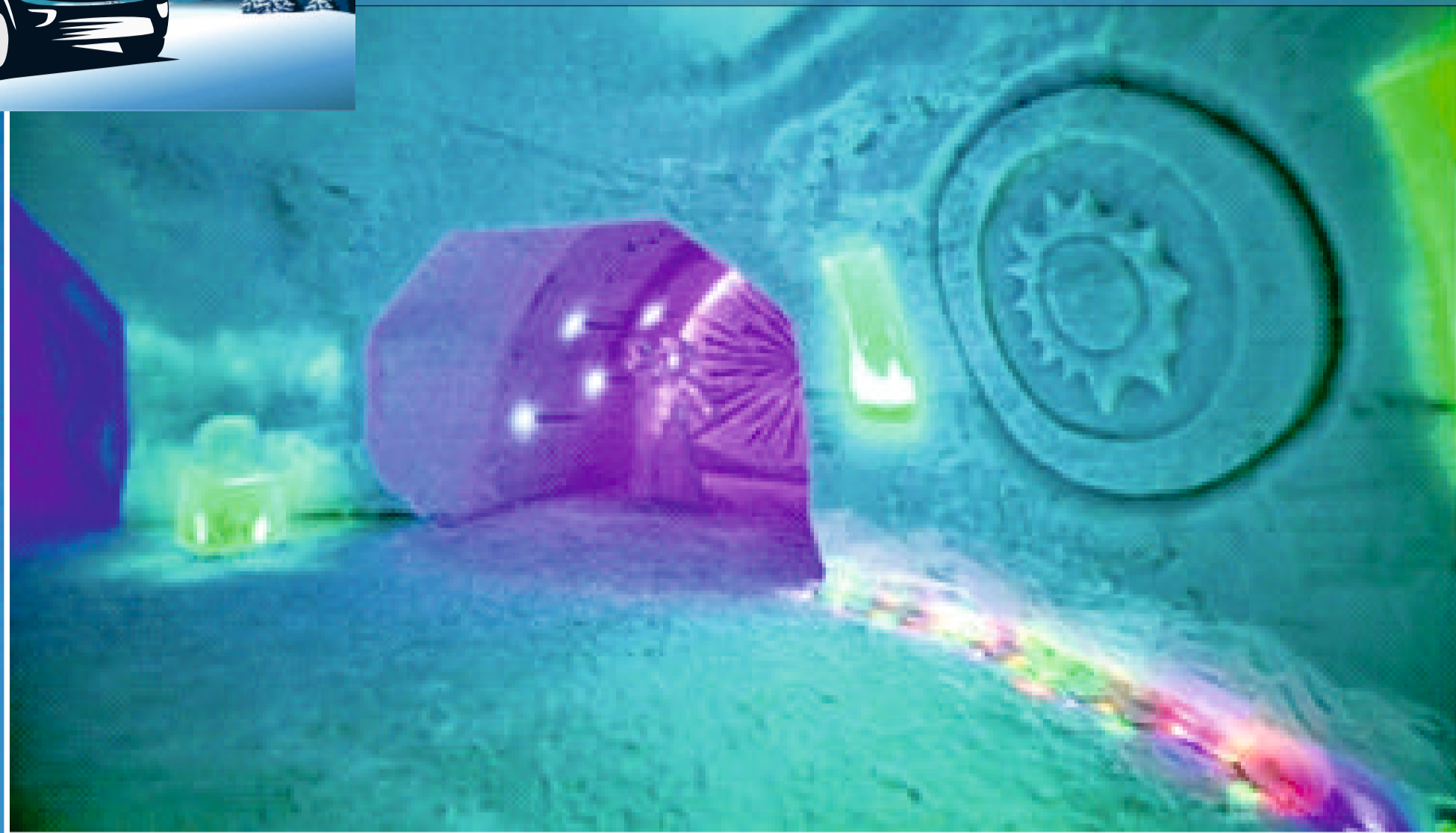
Excursions in Kirovsk in winter – an opportunity to see the picturesque north with your own eyes!

DAY6

0 kms



Kirovsk



Kirovsk Activity Day -After Long drives between segezha to Kirovsk. Today we will rest and explore a Snow Village. An excursion to the Snow Village will give you not only vivid emotions, but also the feeling of a winter fairy tale! Snow village is a huge labyrinth made under the snow with beautiful wall carvings and with ice sculptures made by artists from all over the Arctic region; Russia, Finland, Sweden and Norway. Illuminated with coloured lights the corridors, halls and rooms show a fantastic world of winter fairytale, where Father Frost (the Russian Santa Claus) and Snow-girl welcome their guests.

DAY 7
315 kms



Teriberka



We find ourselves on the literal edge of the earth, the village of Teriberka, located on the shore of the Arctic Ocean. We have covered over 100 km of the snowy desert of the tundra to suddenly arrive at a sandy beach washed by peaceful waves (remember, the Barents Sea doesn't freeze?).

We will pay a visit to the Dinosaur Eggs beach – famous for its huge and perfectly round boulders, very similar to eggs from dinosaur nests in their size and in appearance. Another impressive place is the cemetery of abandoned ships, where a bunch of wooden skeletons stick out of the water like ghosts
And maybe see the Aurora once again.

DAY 8

135 kms

Murmansk



We will visit a settlement of the local indigenous Sami people, the real northerners since Stone Age! We get to see the traditional tent houses, take photos in ethnic clothes and even pay tribute to the pagan idols! Locals guide us around their territory, share stories about their culture and history and introduce us to the wonderful animals of the North: reindeer, elk and polar foxes. Feeding reindeer from your own hands is an incredible experience! Naturally, reindeer sledding is on the list as well. Lunch with traditional courses on the menu. Then we continue on our way. Let's hope we get to see the birth of the Northern Lights outside the city lights and enjoy the magnificent dancing colours once again after dark

DAY 9

0 kms

Murmansk



Murmansk is located on the rocky coast of the Barents Sea, and is both the most populated city in the Arctic and one of the largest ports in the world within the Arctic Circle, as the sea never freezes due to the Gulf Stream running nearby. A city with a rich history and memory of the Second World War. We'll visit the impressive 7-meter tall Alyosha monument, a stone soldier facing west, toward the Valley of Glory, where the fiercest fighting of the Arctic Campaign occurred when the German invaders were turned back from the approaches to Murmansk in 1941. The hill where the monument stands also offers spectacular views of the harbour Hotel: Azimut Hotel. During the winter darkness the northern lights over the snow-covered landscape are the magical sights.

Chase The Northern Lights

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Day 10 Check Out.

Proceed to the airport with loads of memories for lifetime.



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