

## **Autumn on Putorana Plateau — Detailed description**

Trip Length: 10   Group: 6-20   Departure: Fixed   Period: December - January

### **Trip overview**

The Putorana plateau is a unique place that still saves from the civilization its solitariness and wildness. The area of this basaltic plateau is comparable with the territory of a European country. On the territory more then 250 000 km<sup>2</sup> there is no any settlements. Although the Putorana plateau is a geographical centre of Russia, there are a lot of places never before imprinted by the foot of man.

We propose you the unique tour meeting the nature itself! As there are no roads to the plateau, you will be delivered there by boats. You will see a lot of lakes and rivers with the purest soft water. Also there are canyons and countless number of overflowing waterfalls. It's not for nothing that the plateau is also called "region of the waterfalls". The rich program of visits is adaptable for the tourist with different physical training. The security of the itinerary is provided by the experienced Putorana biosphere reserve rangers.

This remote area can be interesting for all kind of travelers: photographers can make their best photo; the fishing fans can catch their biggest fish; people tired from the big city intense life can have a real rest without Internet and mobiles in wilds; for those who want some cultural discovery there is a possibility to get acquainted with the shamanism of the Evenks; the most active ones can make every day's radial trekking along the wild trails. And, of course, of the most breathtaking experience of the tour to Putorana plateau is the possibility to observe the northern lights every evening when the weather is fine. This destination is not for everybody, but everybody who visited it would never forget the unassailable beauties of the most insufficiently explored plateau of the planet !

### **Highlights**

- Visit of the inhabited plateau - more then 250 000 km<sup>2</sup>
- Possibility to observe the northern lights
- Unique itineraries inaccessible alone
- Thousands of lakes, rivers and waterfalls
- Shamanism culture of Evenks
- The most extraordinary massif of Russia
- Fishing and Russian banya

### **Tour type**

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### **Difficulty**

Moderate - 3-5 hours of physical activity daily

### **Comfort**

Standard — most of nights in comfortable rooms, some nights in tents or rooms with shared WC.

### **Begining / end of the tour**

Tour starts: Norilsk, End of the tour: Norilsk

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### **Program**

#### **Day 1 — Journey to the Putorana plateau**

08:00 — Transfer airport - hotel

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12:00 — Lunch in a cafe of the city (Not included)

12:30 — Transfer to the Valyok port

13:00 — Departure to the Lama lake

19:00 — Arrival to the resort "Bunisyak"

20:00 — Dinner

Overnight at the resort

Hotels: Accommodation at the resort "Bunisyak", Room for 3-4 persons

Comfort: Simple comfort accommodation, toilet outdoors, banya

## **Day 2 — The Crying Rocks**

09:00 — Breakfast

10:00 — Departure to the Crying Rocks by motorboat

11:00 — Ascent to the rock along the stream

13:00 — Lunch (picnic)

17:00 — Return to the resort

19:00 — Dinner

20:00 — Russian banya (Not included)

Overnight at the resort

Hotels: Accommodation at the resort "Bunisyak", Room for 3-4 persons

Comfort: Simple comfort accommodation, toilet outdoors, banya

## **Day 3 — In the Vekhikay river valley**

09:00 — Breakfast

10:00 — Trekking along the Vekhikay river

13:00 — Lunch (picnic)

14:00 — Continuation of the trekking

17:00 — Return to the resort

19:00 — Dinner

Overnight at the resort

Hotels: Accommodation at the resort "Bunisyak", Room for 3-4 persons

Comfort: Simple comfort accommodation, toilet outdoors, banya

## **Day 4 — Place of power - Shaitan mountain**

09:00 — Breakfast

10:00 — Excursion to the Shaitan mountain

13:00 — Lunch (picnic)

14:00 — Continuation of the excursion

19:00 — Dinner

Overnight at the resort

Hotels: Accommodation at the resort "Bunisyak", Room for 3-4 persons

Comfort: Simple comfort accommodation, toilet outdoors, banya

## **Day 5 — Fishing and Polar sunset**

09:00 — Breakfast

10:00 — Fishing and free time

13:00 — Lunch at the resort

17:00 — Northern lights and Polar sunset

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19:00 — Dinner

Overnight at the resort

Hotels: Accommodation at the resort "Bunisyak", Room for 3-4 persons

Comfort: Simple comfort accommodation, toilet outdoors, banya

### **Day 6 — Up the river Hoicy**

09:00 — Breakfast

10:00 — Excursion un the river Hoicy

13:00 — Lunch (picnic)

15:00 — Continuation of the excursion

18:00 — Russian banya (Not included)

19:00 — Dinner

Overnight at the resort

Hotels: Accommodation at the resort "Bunisyak", Room for 3-4 persons

Comfort: Simple comfort accommodation, toilet outdoors, banya

### **Day 7 — Lama lake by boat**

09:00 — Breakfast

10:00 — Transfer on the motor boat to the mouth of the Neralah river

13:00 — Lunch (picnic)

14:00 — Crossing of the lake and return to the resort

19:00 — Dinner

Overnight at the resort

Hotels: Accommodation at the resort "Bunisyak", Room for 3-4 persons

Comfort: Simple comfort accommodation, toilet outdoors, banya

### **Day 8 — Following the ancient Evenk hunters**

09:00 — Breakfast

10:00 — Excursion to the Evenks site

13:00 — Lunch (picnic)

15:00 — Continuation of the excursion

19:00 — Dinner

Overnight at the resort

Hotels: Accommodation at the resort "Bunisyak", Room for 3-4 persons

Comfort: Simple comfort accommodation, toilet outdoors, banya

### **Day 9 — Return to Norilsk**

09:00 — Breakfast

10:00 — Way to Norilsk

13:00 — Lunch (picnic en route)

17:00 — Accommodation in the hotel and rest

19:00 — Dinner

Overnight in the hotel

Hotels: Accommodation in the hotel "Norilsk", Twin room

Comfort: Comfortable accommodation, WC and bath / shower in room

### **Day 10 — End of the rrogramme**

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09:00 — Breakfast in the hotel

10:00 — Transfer to the airport

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## Departures

Start	End	Basic price per person
22.08.2020	31.08.2020	174900.00 RUB
29.08.2020	07.09.2020	174900.00 RUB
05.09.2020	14.09.2020	174900.00 RUB
12.09.2020	21.09.2020	174900.00 RUB
19.09.2020	28.09.2020	174900.00 RUB
26.09.2020	05.10.2020	174900.00 RUB
03.10.2020	12.10.2020	174900.00 RUB
10.10.2020	19.10.2020	174900.00 RUB

## Note

The accommodation at the resort "Bunisyak" can be organized by 1 or 2 persons. For the foreign residents it's needed to get a special entry permit. The documents should be filed 3 months before the departure. For getting this document we need: - the notarised translation of your passport in Russia (all pages); - the copy of the visa. Don't hesitate to contact us for all details. For this tour you need waders. You can buy them in Norilsk (about 2 000 roubles). The itinerary of the tour can be changed according to the weather conditions as well as unforeseen events.

## What's included

### Price includes

- Russian-speaking guide
- Accommodation as per itinerary
- Excursions and visits as per itinerary
- Nature reserves and parks entrance permissions
- Visa fees and travel insurance
- Bathing in springs
- Letter of invitation
- Russian-speaking guide services
- Meals according to the program

### Price does not include

- Meals as per itinerary
- Airline tickets
- Beverages

## Checklist & Equipment

If you are traveling in the spring or autumn, please check with your manager for a list of recommended equipment and an approximate weather forecast.

## Recommended checklist

pants, long sleeve jacket/tracksuit  
comfortable shoes for trekking

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comfortable shoes for the city  
raincoat / windproof and waterproof jacket with HOOD!  
water bottle/flask  
spray against mosquitoes and ticks (for summer outdoor tours)  
winter (down) jacket and warm pants (windproof and waterproof) / winter suit  
warm mittens (for convenience, thin gloves and a second layer of mittens with fur) / ski gloves  
ski mask  
fleece balaclava  
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13  
14

### **Visa**

You need a tourist visa to travel to Russia. It can be issued for a maximum period of 30 days. Your passport has to be valid for at least six months after the expiry date of your visa and to have at least two blank pages.

BaikalNature offers visa support and has created "BaikalNature letter of invitation" package. If you buy a BaikalNature tour, this package is absolutely free; when you buy any other BaikalNature service, you will have to pay for this package.

For questions regarding obtaining an electronic visa, please contact your tour manager.

### **Money**

The Russian currency is ruble. The cost of travel and other services is always fixed in rubles. Please note that cards from foreign banks do not work in Russia at the moment. Tourists can obtain a bank card from a Russian bank in advance or travel with cash. If you have euros or dollars with you, exchange offices will allow you to change them easily in the cities. It is also worth noting that the exchange rate at airports is usually not the most favorable. It is better to exchange in big cities (you can check the current exchange rate online). Important! Only new banknotes without defects or any traces are accepted for exchange.

### **Tipping**

All persons who compose the BaikalNature travel team (guides, drivers, cooks, etc.) are paid a decent wage for their services and do not expect any tips from you. So you have no obligation to leave anything. If you really want to express your satisfaction by leaving a gratuity, and if it is in foreign currency, be aware that torn or glued coins and banknotes cannot be exchanged. Anyway, thank you for your tips, left at your discretion in envelopes.

### **Health**

You need to get a health examination before a great trip. Consult your doctor. Get a dental checkup. If you have health problems that could worsen during the trip, make sure you have taken all your medications with you.

Provide a first aid kit that includes among other items:

- aspirin or paracetamol,
- anti-diarrheal pills,
- antiseptic,
- adhesive plaster,
- sterile pads.

If you have individual diseases, make sure you have taken your medications.

### **Medical Form**

You should be physically fit enough for this tour.

### **Emergency Contact**

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In addition, your call will be forwarded to your manager, reachable 7/7.

## Legal Mentions

Professional Guarantees: BaikalNature LLC (ООО "БайкалНейче"), United Federal Register of Tour Operators number: RTO 009402.  
Financial Guarantee: "Gaide insurance company" JSC (АО "Страховая компания Гайде"). Insurance contract N 4875/2422-49 from August 6, 2024. Amount of coverage: 500 000 RUB. Legal and actual address: BaikalNature LLC, 55 Dekabrskikh Sobyti Str., office 204.1 664007 Irkutsk Russia

## Cancellation Options

The cancellation options are:

- more than 40 days before departure - 30 % of the tour price,
- 39 - 10 days before departure - 60 % of the tour price,
- less than 10 days before departure - 100 % of the tour price.

## Travel Insurance

In addition to your personal insurance, you have an opportunity to purchase local insurance. Please, do not hesitate to ask us about our services.

## Security

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