

Photography tour «Bears and Salmon» — Detailed description

Trip Length: 10 Group: 12-16 Departure: Fixed Period: July - August

Trip overview

If you don't imagine your life without camera and the main aim of your travel is to make rare and good photos, this Kamchatka tour is special for you! We call your attention to the Photography tour «Bears and Salmon». During this tour, you will surely make photo that takes its well-deserved position in your collection.

Firstly, you will get acquaintance with Petropavlovsk-Kamchatsky, will walk along the Pacific Ocean bay and visit the breeding-ground of sea-lions. Then you will admire the panoramic views of the most famous volcanoes of the Kamchatka peninsula: Avachinsky, Koryaksky volcanoes and Klyuchevskaya Sopka volcano group. After that you will go to the Lake Dvukhyurtochnoye that is considered as the true brown bears region. During the spawning season of salmon, you can make photos of fishing bears at close, but safe range. Moreover, there are a lot of Steller's sea eagles.

For guarantying to you a good shot, we have included 5 day near the lake. There you can make photos every morning and every evening just sitting on the shore. During the day, when bears have rest, you can have a real rest too – you have possibility to bathe in the thermal hot springs, go fishing or just walk around.

Don't miss your chance to make your best shot that will reflect your vision of Kamchatka with the main symbols of the peninsula: volcanoes, brown bears and lakes and rivers rich in fish!

Highlights

- Animal observation and wildlife photography
- Fishing for salmon
- Esso, the Even village (a local ethnic group in Kamchatka) and its magnificent Ethnographic Museum
- Bathing in the hot springs
- The Avacha Bay with its various wildlife
- The world famous Valley of Geysers with more than 29 geysers
- Panoramic views of Kamchatka volcanoes

Tour type

DISCOVERYNATURE

Difficulty

Moderately Easy - 1-3 hours of physical activity daily

Comfort

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

Beginning / end of the tour

Tour starts: Petropavlovsk-Kamchatsky, End of the tour: Petropavlovsk-Kamchatsky

Program

Day 1 — Petropavlovsk-Kamchatsky et Pacific Ocean bay

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11:00 — Arrival to Petropavlovsk-Kamchatsky

14:00 — Departure to the Pacific ocean coast

18:00 — Return to Petropavlovsk-Kamchatsky

Overnight in the hotel

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

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

Day 2 — Kamchatka volcanoes and departure to the Milkovo village

08:00 — Breakfast

10:00 — Free time

16:00 — Departure to the Milkovo village

18:00 — Arrival

18:00 — Dinner in the road cafe (Not included)

Overnight in the hotel

Hotels: Accommodation in the hotel of Milkovo village, Kamchatka, Twin room

Comfort: Comfortable accommodation, WC and shower on the floor

Day 3 — Mountain lake and hot springs

08:00 — Breakfast in the hotel

09:00 — Transfer to the Kozyrevsk village

12:00 — To the mountain lake by helicopter

12:40 — Arrival and accommodation

13:40 — Lunch

15:00 — Walking to the Dvukhyurtochnaya river

19:00 — Dinner

Overnight at the resort

Hotels: Accommodation at the Dvukhyurtochnoye lake, Kamchatka, Room for 2-4 persons

Comfort: Simple comfort accommodation, toilet outdoors, banya

Day 4 — Bears watching

09:00 — Breakfast

10:00 — Photography of brown bears

13:00 — Lunch

14:00 — Bathing in the hot springs

16:00 — Continuation of the photography

19:00 — Dinner

Overnight at the resort

Hotels: Accommodation at the Dvukhyurtochnoye lake, Kamchatka, Room for 2-4 persons

Comfort: Simple comfort accommodation, toilet outdoors, banya

Day 5 — Salmon fishing

08:00 — Breakfast

09:00 — Bears watching in the morning

13:00 — Lunch

14:00 — Salmon fishing

19:00 — Dinner

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Hotels: Accommodation at the Dvukhyurtochnoye lake, Kamchatka, Room for 2-4 persons
Comfort: Simple comfort accommodation, toilet outdoors, banya

Day 6 — Bears life in the salmon land

09:00 — Breakfast

11:00 — Bear watching

13:00 — Lunch

14:00 — Continuation of the observation

19:00 — Dinner

Overnight at the resort

Hotels: Accommodation at the Dvukhyurtochnoye lake, Kamchatka, Room for 2-4 persons
Comfort: Simple comfort accommodation, toilet outdoors, banya

Day 7 — Kamchatka's Swiss

08:00 — Breakfast

09:00 — Morning bear observation

11:00 — Flight to the Kozyrevsk village by helicopter

12:10 — Transfer to the Esso village

15:00 — Esso village

Overnight in the hotel

Hotels: Accommodation in the hotel of the Esso village, Kamchatka, Twin room
Comfort: Comfortable accommodation, WC and bath / shower in room

Day 8 — Return to Petropavlovsk

08:00 — Breakfast

09:00 — Departure to Petropavlovsk

13:00 — Lunch in the cafe (Not included)

17:00 — Arrival and check-in in the hotel

19:00 — Dinner (Not included)

Overnight in the hotel

Hotels: Accommodation in the hotel "Petropavlovsk", Twin room
Comfort: Comfortable accommodation, WC and bath / shower in room

Day 9 — Free day

09:00 — Breakfast

10:00 — Optional excursions

13:00 — Lunch (Not included)

14:00 — Free time

19:00 — Dinner (Not included)

Overnight in the hotel

Hotels: Accommodation in the hotel "Petropavlovsk", Twin room
Comfort: Comfortable accommodation, WC and bath / shower in room

Day 10 — End of the programme

08:00 — Breakfast

09:00 — Transfer to the airport

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Departures

Start	End	Basic price per person
12.07.2023	21.07.2023	288800.00 RUB
18.07.2023	27.07.2023	288800.00 RUB
21.07.2023	30.07.2023	288800.00 RUB
27.07.2023	05.08.2023	288800.00 RUB

Note

The indicated price is per person for the group of 10 participants minimum. Single supplement – 24 000 roubles / per pers. (possible only in hotels, not at the resort at the lake). The order of visits can be changed according to the weather conditions. The photos of the tour are approximate and are shown for giving to you an idea. The price includes: breakfasts in the hotels and full board at the resort. The other meals are to be paid on site: in the cafe 250-400 RUR, in the restaurant 400-600 RUR). Helicopter excursion to the Valley of Geysers: 52 000 roubles / pers. (price of 2022, possible to be changed). Boat trip in the Avacha bay - 6 500 roubles / pers . (price of 2022, possible to be changed).

What's included

Price includes

- Russian-speaking guide
- Accommodation as per itinerary
- Excursions and visits as per itinerary
- Nature reserves and parks entrance permissions
- Bathing in springs
- Airplane/ train tickets
- Russian-speaking guide services
- Bathing in hot springs
- Meals according to the program

Price does not include

- Personal expenses and tips
- Visa fees and travel insurance
- Airline tickets
- Optional activities

Checklist & Equipment

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Recommended checklist

pants, long sleeve jacket/tracksuit
swimsuit / swim trunks
towel
wet wipes and antibacterial hand gel
water bottle/flask
spray against mosquitoes and ticks (for summer outdoor tours)
sleeping bag
winter (down) jacket and warm pants (windproof and waterproof) / winter suit
thermal underwear
warm mittens (for convenience, thin gloves and a second layer of mittens with fur) / ski gloves
winter expedition boots (like Sorel or Baffin)
fleece balaclava

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Meals

If you are a vegetarian or have any particular preferences, please let us know, so we could adapt the menu.

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.

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Emergency Contact

You can contact BaikalNature by phone: +7 924 531 87 01 (What's App, Telegram, Viber)

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

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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

Your safety is very important to us! During the trip we ask you to follow the guide's advice, read the instructions carefully and follow the group. If you have any questions or experience any discomfort, please notify your guide or tour-manager immediately.

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