

Classic Kamchatka — Detailed description

Trip Length: 11 Group: 12-18 Departure: Fixed Period: July - September

Trip overview

This is a general tour which grants the best opportunity to get acquainted with all main attractions of Kamchatka: active volcanoes, hot springs, wild nature and traditional culture of native peoples without expensive helicopter flights. Nevertheless you also have an option to take a helicopter excursion to the world famous Valley of Geysers.

You'll visit the Tolbachik volcano area in the Central Kamchatka 500 km from Petropavlovsk, where the Great Tolbachik Fissure Eruption took place in 1975-76 and has left impressive after-effects: new volcanic cones with hot summits, huge ash fields, hardened lava flows, ash-burned forest. Tops of the new cones are still blazing. The first Soviet lunar vehicles were tested in this area.

You'll visit the crater of Mutnovsky Volcano with intensive powerful gas and steam spurts and boiling mud cauldrons. Mutnovsky is considered as the most impressive Kamchatka volcano now because it is always active.

You'll cross taiga and mountains areas rafting down the Bystraya River with good chances to see brown bears and fish salmon.

You'll visit national villages of native people - the Evens and get acquainted with their history, culture and present life. You'll also have a chance to see their national holiday The Aborigine's Day if come in proper time.

You'll also have some time for relaxation at Paratunka Hot Springs resort.

Highlights

- The area of volcano Tolbachik, striking evidence of the enormous eruption occurred in 1975
- Bystraya River, which allows to enjoy the wild and gives an opportunity to observe bears while rafting
- Mutnovsky, an impressive active volcano with intensive powerful gas, steam spurts and bubbling mud cauldrons
- The Avacha Bay with its various wildlife
- The world famous Valley of Geysers with more than 29 geysers

Tour type

DISCOVERYNATURE

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

Program

Day 1 — Discovery of Petropavlovsk-Kamchatsky city

12:00 — Arrival at the airport to Petropavlovsk-Kamchatsky

12:30 — Transfer to the hotel

13:00 — Check into the hotel and rest

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20:00 — Dinner

Overnight in the hotel

Hotels: Accommodation in the hotel Arseniev, Standard twin room

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

Day 2 — Boat trip to the Avacha Bay

09:00 — Breakfast in the hotel

10:00 — Boat trip

13:00 — Lunch

16:00 — Transfer to Mutnovsky volcano

18:00 — Stop for the overnight and establishment of the camp

19:00 — Dinner near the fire

Overnight in tents

Hotels: Camping,

Day 3 — Mutnovsky volcano

09:00 — Breakfast

10:00 — Ascending the crater of Mutnovsky volcano

13:00 — Outdoor lunch

18:00 — Return to the camping

19:00 — Dinner near the fire

Overnight in tent

Hotels: Camping,

Day 4 — Ascending Gorely volcano

09:00 — Breakfast

10:00 — Ascending Gorely volcano

13:00 — Lunch (picnic)

16:00 — Transfer to the resort

17:00 — Arrival and check into the resort

19:00 — Dinner

Overnight in the resort

Hotels: Accommodation in the hotel "Gelios", Paratunka, Twin room

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

Day 5 — Free day

09:00 — Breakfast in the resort

10:00 — Free time

15:00 — Transfer to the Milkovo village

19:00 — Dinner

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 6 — Klyuchevskaya group of volcanoes

09:00 — Breakfast

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10:00 — Departure to the Klyuchevsky volcano by 6WD car
13:00 — Lunch in Milkovo village (Not included)
14:00 — Continuation of the way
17:00 — Arrival and establishment of the camp
19:00 — Dinner near the fire
Overnight in tents
Hotels: Camping,

Day 7 — Following consequences of the volcano's eruption

09:00 — Breakfast
10:00 — Trekking in volcano's neighborhoods
13:00 — Lunch (picnic)
19:00 — Dinner near the fire
Overnights in tents
Hotels: Camping,

Day 8 — Northern and Southern break

09:00 — Breakfast
10:00 — Driving to the Northern break
11:00 — Ascending the new Tolbachiskie cones
13:00 — Lunch
14:00 — Driving to the Southern break
15:00 — Visiting cones of the Southern break
18:00 — Return to the camping
19:00 — Dinner
Overnight in tents
Hotels: Camping,

Day 9 — Walking along the Dead Forest

08:30 — Breakfast
13:00 — Drive to Milkovo village
14:00 — Walking along the Dead Forest
19:00 — Dinner
19:00 — Arrival and check-in at the resort
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 10 — Start of rafting

09:00 — Breakfast in the resort
10:00 — Driving to Malky village
11:30 — Excursion to the ethnographic museum
13:00 — Lunch (Not included)
14:00 — Rafting down the Bystraya River
16:00 — Return to Petropavlovsk-Kamtchatsky
19:00 — Dinner

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Overnight in the hotel

Hotels: Accommodation in the hotel Arseniev, Standard twin room

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

Day 11 — Souvenirs and end of the programme

08:00 — Breakfast in the hotel

09:00 — Final tour in the city, you can go see the fish market and buy souvenirs

11:00 — Transfer to the airport. End of the programme.

Departures

Start	End	Basic price per person
09.07.2023	19.07.2023	180400.00 RUB
19.07.2023	29.07.2023	180400.00 RUB
29.07.2023	08.08.2023	180400.00 RUB
08.08.2023	18.08.2023	180400.00 RUB
18.08.2023	28.08.2023	180400.00 RUB
28.08.2023	07.09.2023	180400.00 RUB

Note

Single supplement – 23 000 roubles / per pers (possible only in hotels and resorts) - order of visits can be changed according to the dates of departure (especially during the tours in June) - average price of the lunches in Milkovo – 250-300 roubles - helicopter tour to the Valley of Geysers: 52 000 roubles (price of 2022, possible to be changed).

What's included

Price includes

- English-speaking guide services
- Accommodation as per itinerary
- Transport as per itinerary
- Excursions and visits as per itinerary
- Transfer from airport / railway station on first day
- Transfer to airport / railway station on last day
- Boat trip
- Letter of invitation
- Bathing in hot springs
- Reserves and national parks entrance permissions
- Camping outfit rental
- Meals according to the program

Price does not include

- Personal expenses and tips
- Visa fees and travel insurance
- Optional activities
- Airline tickets
- Sleeping bag rental
- Medical insurance

Checklist & Equipment

We recommend you to pack all your stuff in two bags: a small backpack and a large travelling bag.


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SMALL BACKPACK: will be useful for carrying your personal belongings during the day (camera, film, personal medication, bottled water, etc.) You will also use it as hand luggage during air travel for all your heavy (to lighten the travel bag in the luggage compartment), fragile (camera, etc.) and necessary (toilet bag, etc.) things.

BIG TRAVEL BAG or BIG BACKPACK: must contain the rest of your stuff. It will be in the luggage compartment during the flight. It will be transported by vehicles.

Recommended checklist

Sleeping bag rated from 0° C to +15° C
Raincoat or wind and waterproof shell jacket (with hood !)
POLARTEC or similar pullover
Trekking socks
Long sleeve shirts or sweatshirts
Shorts
T-shirts
Socks
Comfortable walking shoes (like Vibram or similar)
Comfortable shoes for city
Sunscreen for skin and lips
Sunglasses with filter
Mosquito net for face
Flask
Slippers
Towel
Swimsuit
Wipes
Antibacterial hand gel

Meals

In the canteen at the inns, fresh local products.

Picnic for lunch and hot meal served at your accommodation in the evening.

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 more information please contact your nearest Russian Embassy or Visa Application Center.

Money

The Russian currency is ruble. In all cities and many large villages of Russia, you can easily withdraw rubles, using a Visa or MasterCard, from ATMs, located in banks, department stores or hotel lobbies, some of them are open 24 hours a day. If you have euros or dollars with you, exchange offices will allow you to change them easily in the cities, seldom in the countryside. However, it can be difficult to exchange traveler's checks, even in cities.

Tippling

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,

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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

You can contact BaikalNature by phone: +73952 26 56 94.

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 7890/22-49 from September 19, 2022. Amount of coverage: 500 000 RUB. Legal and actual address: BaikalNature LLC, 55 Dekabrskikh Sobyti Str., office 405.2 664007 Irkutsk Russia

Cancellation Options

The cancellation options are:

- more than 30 days before departure - 15% of the tour price,
- 29 - 7 days before departure - 30% of the tour price,
- less than 7 days before departure - 50% 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

The travelers' security is our primary aim and also the long-term reputation of our travel agency. First-aid kit, adapted for this tour, is available at your guide.

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