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Dagestani Wedding — Detailed description

Trip Length: 7 Group: 2-4 Departure: Fixed Period: August

Trip overview

Caucasus... considered the gateway to the world where different nationalities come together, their history goes back thousands of years. People printed their mark in ancient monuments, fortresses, writings and, of course, in traditions and customs that have been carefully passed down through multiple generations.

BaikalNature invites you to an exclusive trip to Dagestan with a unique opportunity to bring you to the life of local people. Throughout the tour, you will have so many points of contact with locals in different places. Come down with standard hotels and dull dinners in restaurants, we try to be close to local people all the time to immerse ourselves in their culture and learn what real Dagestan is.
Visit the oldest settlement with 5000 years of history - Derbent and its main sight the Naryn-Kala fortress - (Unesco World Heritage Site), get lost in one of the magals of the old Derbent and meet a local family for a traditional dinner. Then, you find yourself in the most famous Dagestan village - Kubachi, an original local ethno-cultural world with its own special way of life, language, identity and ethical code. Local people are talented masters that boast the finest handmade jewelry.

When it comes to Kubachi traditons, the best way to learn more is to join one of local weddings.The main higlight of our tour is a chance to become a guest of the local wedding and see what is the real hospitality of the Kubachin people and Dagestanian people at all. Wedding in Kubachi includes 3 days of celebrating: Groom's Day, Bride's Day and the third day (a day of general festivities). Every day is held according to a certain scenario, which is revered by all local people, from a white shawl with a fringe of the bride - "lumkitabkaz", which is passed along the female line, to the tradition of stealing things from the bride's house for the newlyweds. A bright and rich ceremony, traditional beautiful clothes and an abundance of national dishes, old wedding traditions and the famous Dagestan dance - Lezginka are worth to see it with your own eyes. Feel the special atmosphere of a colorful holiday and enjoy the Dagestan hospitality!

In addition to wedding festivities, we join to the annual festival dedicated to the ancient abandoned village of Amuzgi and visit the workshop and museum of local goldsmiths. Also, we explore the ancient fortress Kala-Koreish, which keeps the secrets of the medieval capital of a large feudal possession and the Caucasian Machu Picchu; the high-mountain abandoned village Gamsutl at an altitude of 1418 m and the village of Ghunib with the picturesque Ghunib fortress of the 19th century, a witness of the Caucasian War.

Amazing history and distinctive culture are perfectly combined with the delightful nature of mountainous Dagestan. This is a paradise for any photographer and adventure seeker. Go on an ethnographic journey through the most ancient places of Dagestan to discover everything that is usually hidden from the eyes of an ordinary tourist and feel the special flavour of Caucasian culture. Leave all prejudice about Dagestan behind, it is incredibly calm and safe country, and local people are very hospitable, who greet each stranger as the most dear guest.

Highlights

- Circle itinerary: Mountain Dagestan in 7 days
- Full immersion into the local life
- Unique chance to participate in the Kubachi wedding
- Get acquaintance with the life of aul of goldsmiths - Kubachi
- Feel wild and pristine nature of Dagestan high in the mountains
- Visit of Naryn-Kala fortress: Unesco World Heritage Site
- Discovery of the ancient abandoned auls: Kala-Koreish, Gamsutl and Amuzgi
- Join to the festival "Legends of Amuzgi" related to the abandoned settlements
- Have real connections with locals
- Tasting traditional Dagestan cuisine
- Learn the Caucasian history and culture

Tour type

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Difficulty

Easy - nothing more than normal walking while sight-seeing

Comfort

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

Begining / end of the tour

Tour starts: Mahachakala, End of the tour: Makhachkala

Program

Day 1 — Derbent - the most ancient city of Russia

10:00 — Arrival in Mahachkala
11:00 — Departure to Derbent city
13:00 — Lunch (Not included)
14:00 — Discovery of Naryn-Kala fortress
16:00 — City exploration
19:00 — Traditional dinner with locals

Overnight in the hotel

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

Day 2 — Kala-Koreish abandoned village

09:00 — Breakfast in the hotel
10:00 — Departure to Kala-Koreish
13:00 — Lunch-picnic
15:00 — Departure to the village Kubachi
16:00 — Acquaintance with Kubachi aul and visit of the art factory
19:00 — Dinner in the homestead

Overnight in the homestead

Hotels: Accommodation in the guest house Kubachi, Room for 2-4 people
Comfort: Comfortable accommodation, WC and bath / shower in room

Day 3 — Wedding in Kubachi aul

09:00 — Breakfast in the homestead
10:00 — Participation in tradtional Kubachi wedding
13:00 — Lunch
18:00 — Dinner (Not included)
20:00 — Evening festivites

Overnight in the homestead

Hotels: Accommodation in the guest house Kubachi, Room for 2-4 people
Comfort: Comfortable accommodation, WC and bath / shower in room

Day 4 — Festival "Legends of Amuzgi"

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09:00 — Breakfast in the homestead
09:30 — Start of Festival "Legends of Amuzgi"
13:00 — Lunch in the homestead
14:00 — Excursion around the village
19:00 — Dinner in the homestead
Overnight in the homestead

Hotels: Accommodation in the guest house Kubachi, Room for 2-4 people
Comfort: Comfortable accommodation, WC and bath / shower in room

Day 5 — In the heart of Dagestan

08:00 — Breakfast in the homestead
09:00 — Visiting the bride's house
11:00 — Departure to Ghunib settlement
13:00 — Lunch in homestead on the way
15:00 — Arrival in Ghunib and accommodation in the homestead
16:00 — Ghunib fortress among the mountains
19:00 — Dinner in the homestead
Overnight in the homestead

Hotels: Accommodation in the homestead Gunib, Room for 2-4 people
Comfort: Comfortable accommodation, WC and shower on the floor

Day 6 — The Caucasian Machu- Picchu

08:00 — Breakfast
11:00 — Ascending to Gamsutl village
13:00 — Lunch in the local cafe (Not included)
14:00 — Transfer to Makhachkala city
19:00 — Dinner (Not included)
Overnight in the hotel

Hotels: Accommodation Central City Hotel 4*, Junior Suite
Comfort: Comfortable accommodation, WC and bath / shower in room

Day 7 — The end of the program

09:00 — Breakfast in the hotel
11:00 — Transfer to the airport

Departures

Start	End	Basic price per person
20.08.2022	26.08.2022	61400.00 RUB

Note

The price is indicated per person in the group of 4 participants. Price for the group of 3 people is 74 800 RUB per person.

What's included

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Price includes

- English-speaking guide
- Accommodation as per itinerary
- Excursions and visits as per itinerary
- Bathing in springs
- Airplane/ train tickets
- Meals according to the program

Price does not include

- Airline tickets
- Meals as per itinerary
- Personal expenses and tips

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