

Golden Ring of Altai — Detailed description

Trip Length: 8 Group: 6-10 Departure: Fixed Period: June - September

Trip overview

This journey of 8 days gives you a unique chance to discover the Altai in its natural magnificence. Including the most famous and characteristic places of the region, our program will lead you into strong and contradictory feelings by passing the river bank of Aktru, frosty and tempestuous, to the ascent of the snowy summits where streams are forming glittering waterfalls.

Meeting the local population with their legends, traditions and customs you will cross the impressive valley of the river Tchulychmane via the legendary road of Chuya, connecting Russia and Mongolia, along which you will observe rupestral engravings and mortuary buildings. The lake Teletskoye will also be a major step of this incredible trip.

The transport envisaged for trip it is a Russian vehicle any ground (GAZ, UAZ, KAMAZ, URAL) equipped for safety transfer.

Highlights

- Journey accessible to all
- Boat excursion on the lake Teletskoye, the biggest one of Gorno-Altai
- Discover of wonderful panoramas
- Visit of the highest waterfall of the Altai
- Trekking to the wonderful glacier Aktru and blue lakes
- Visit of Geyser lake and stunning Martian landscapes
- Possibility to touch the Stone Mushrooms

Tour type

ACTIVENATURE

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.

Begining / end of the tour

Tour starts: Barnaul, End of the tour: Barnaul

Program

Day 1 — Cross Seminsky and ethnic village Uch-Enmek

- 10:00 — Arrival to Barnaul
- 11:00 — Transfer to the camping
- 13:00 — Lunch (Not included)
- 15:00 — Continuation of the road
- 17:30 — Arrival to the camping
- 19:00 — Dinner

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Overnight in the tents

Day 2 — Aktru valley

09:00 — Breakfast
10:00 — Transfer to the village of Kuray
13:00 — Lunch (picnic)
14:00 — Trekking along the Aktru river
16:30 — Accommodation in the tents of the camp
19:00 — Dinner
Overnight in the tents

Day 3 — Blue lake

09:00 — Breakfast
10:00 — Pedestrian excursion to the Light blue lake
13:00 — Outdoor lunch
17:00 — Return to the camp, rest
19:00 — Dinner
Overnight in the tents

Day 4 — Picturesque Ulagansky passage

09:00 — Breakfast
11:00 — Transfer to the Ulagansky passage
13:00 — Lunch on the way
15:00 — Stop for the overnight, arrangement in the camp
19:00 — Dinner
Overnight in the tents

Day 5 — The Chulyshman River

09:00 — Breakfast
10:00 — Departure to the Chulyshman River
13:00 — Lunch on the way
15:00 — Trekking to the tent camp
19:00 — Dinner
Overnight in the tents

Day 6 — Uchar waterfall

08:00 — Breakfast
09:00 — Pedestrian excursion to Uchar waterfall
13:00 — Lunch (picnic)
18:00 — Return to the camp, rest
19:00 — Dinner
Overnight in the tents

Day 7 — Stone mushrooms

08:00 — Breakfast

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09:00 — Crossing over the Chulyshman River
10:00 — Discovery of the Stone mushrooms
14:00 — Outdoor lunch
16:00 — Transfer to the Lake Teletskoye
19:00 — Dinner
Overnight in the tents

Day 8 — Lake Teletskoye

08:00 — Breakfast
09:00 — Boat trip on the lake Teletskoye
13:00 — Lunch
14:00 — Transfer to the Barangol village
17:00 — Russian banya
19:00 — Farewell dinner
22:00 — Return to Barnaul

Departures

Start	End	Basic price per person
14.06.2023	21.06.2023	61000.00 RUB
22.06.2023	29.06.2023	61000.00 RUB
28.06.2023	05.07.2023	61000.00 RUB
06.07.2023	13.07.2023	61000.00 RUB
12.07.2023	19.07.2023	61000.00 RUB
20.07.2023	27.07.2023	61000.00 RUB
26.07.2023	02.08.2023	61000.00 RUB
03.08.2023	10.08.2023	61000.00 RUB
09.08.2023	16.08.2023	61000.00 RUB
17.08.2023	24.08.2023	61000.00 RUB
23.08.2023	30.08.2023	61000.00 RUB
04.09.2023	11.09.2023	61000.00 RUB
10.09.2023	17.09.2023	61000.00 RUB
18.09.2023	25.09.2023	61000.00 RUB

Note

The departure is guaranteed for the group from 6 person. It's possible to be accommodated in the wooden house (2-6 persons in the room) with a supplement - 16 500 roubles.

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What's included

Price includes

- Russian-speaking guide services
- Accommodation as per itinerary
- Transport as per itinerary
- Meals
- Medical insurance
- Reserves and national parks entrance permissions
- Tent rental
- Transfer from airport / railway station on first day
- Transfer to airport / railway station on last day
- Banya
- Boat trip
- Letter of invitation

Price does not include

- English-speaking guide
- Personal expenses and tips
- Visa fees and travel insurance

Checklist & Equipment

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

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.

ATTENTION! The list of equipment varies with the season of travel!

Recommended checklist

Large 70 - 85 litres backpack

T-shirts

Socks

Cap or hat to protect against sun

Sunscreen for skin and lips

Sunglasses with filter

Flip-flops for banya

Important travel documents: Passport and visa, original or electronic airplane tickets (with a sets of photocopies kept separately), bank card

Photo / video camera

Tour vouchers and programme

Camping mat

Meals

Cold lunch and hot dinner, cooked on an open fire in the evening.

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

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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.

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

No compulsory vaccination.

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.

Emergency Contact

In Western Russia, you can contact BaikalNature by phone: +7 499 705 65 58

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

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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