

## Winter Kamchatka — Detailed description

Trip Length: 8    Group: 4-18    Departure: Fixed    Period: December - January

### Trip overview

If the brown bears of Kamchatka go into hibernation, it is not true for the peninsula, on the contrary! Kamchatka is worthy of its great volcanoes and remains very active throughout the year.

This trip offers you an opportunity to discover Kamchatka and enjoy the joys of winter at this faraway land.

Shortly after the arrival, you immerse yourself in an open bath of warm thermal water, in the village of Paratounka. You will then have an opportunity to repeat this experience on nature and appreciate the benefits.

You will approach Avachinsky volcano, one of the famous volcanoes of Kamchatka. At its foot, you will spend unforgettable moments, dog sledding and snowmobiling. Also, we will make a great excursion to the footstep of the Avachinsky volcano.

Kamchatka is also the Pacific Ocean. You will walk on the shore and will be lucky enough to see a lot of different mammals that inhabit its water. Anyway, you can watch the impressive sea-lions that come to rest to the dock of Petropavlovsk-Kamchatsky.

### Highlights

- Snowmobile trips
- Dog-sledding
- Bathing in hot springs
- Animal observation
- Avacha Bay and the diversity of its wildlife
- Discovery of the great volcanoes of Kamchatka
- Comfortable accommodation in a 3\* hotel

### Tour type

DISCOVERYNATURE

### Difficulty

Easy - nothing more than normal walking while sight-seeing

### Comfort

Upgraded — all nights in comfortable rooms.

### Beginning / end of the tour

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

### Program

#### Day 1 — Welcome to Kamchatka!

10:00 — Journey to Petropavlovsk-Kamchatsky

13:00 — Lunch (Not included)

14:00 — Trip to the Paratunka resort area

Overnight at the hotel

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Hotels: Accommodation in the hotel Arseniev, Standard twin room  
Comfort: Comfortable accommodation, WC and bath / shower in room

### Day 2 — Malkinsky hot springs

09:00 — Breakfast in the hotel  
10:00 — Transfer to Malkinsky hot springs  
12:00 — Bathing in the springs  
15:00 — Lunch (Not included)  
17:00 — Return to the hotel  
19:00 — Dinner (Not included)  
Overnight at the hotel

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### Day 3 — Travel to Acachinsky volcano on snowmobiles

09:00 — Breakfast in the hotel  
10:00 — Snowmobile excursion  
13:00 — Picnic  
18:00 — Return to the hotel  
19:00 — Dinner (Not included)  
Overnight at the hotel

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### Day 4 — Alpine skiing and hot springs

09:00 — Breakfast in the hotel  
10:00 — Transfer to the ski resort  
11:00 — Free time at the ski resort  
13:00 — Lunch in the cafe (Not included)  
15:00 —  
19:00 — Return to the hotel  
19:00 — Dinner (Not included)  
Overnight at the hotel

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### Day 5 — Meeting Pacific ocean and dog-sledding

09:00 — Breakfast in the hotel  
10:00 — Dog sledding  
13:00 — Lunch  
14:00 — Transfer to the coast of the Pacific ocean  
15:00 — Walking along the ocean Pacific coast and a visit to the Steller sea lion rookery  
19:00 — Dinner (Not included)  
Overnight at the hotel

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### Day 6 — Sightseeing tour of the city and sea lion rookery

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09:00 — Breakfast in the hotel  
10:00 — City-tour  
13:00 — Lunch (Not included)  
14:00 — Trip to the sea lion rookery  
19:00 — Dinner (Not included)  
Overnight at the hotel

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#### Day 7 — Day at leisure

09:00 — Breakfast in the hotel  
10:00 — Free time  
13:00 — Lunch (Not included)  
19:00 — Dinner (Not included)  
Overnight at the hotel

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#### Day 8 — Souvenirs and end of the programme

09:00 — Breakfast in the hotel  
10:00 — Visit of fish market and souvenir shops  
13:00 — Transfer to the airport. End of the programme.

#### Departures

Start	End	Basic price per person
02.01.2024	09.01.2024	153000.00 RUB
19.02.2024	26.02.2024	153000.00 RUB
04.03.2024	11.03.2024	153000.00 RUB
08.04.2024	15.04.2024	153000.00 RUB

#### Note

All departures are guaranteed. Single supplement in hotel - 25 600 rubles / per person. The tour program can be extended by the optional excursions (upon request): - helicopter excursion to the Valley of Geysers - helicopter excursion to the Mtnosvky and Gorely volcanoes - snowmobile excursions - all-terrain vehicle excursion to the Mtnovsky volcano - excursion to the Volcano museum. This program can be organised individually, on dates convenient for you from December to mid-May. The order of excursions may be changed according to weather conditions.

#### What's included

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**Price includes**

- Dog sled rental
- Russian-speaking guide
- Accommodation as per itinerary
- Excursions and visits as per itinerary
- Bathing in springs
- Airplane/ train tickets
- Nature reserves and parks entrance permissions
- Breakfasts
- Bathing in hot springs
- English-speaking guide services

**Price does not include**

- Meals as per itinerary
- Personal expenses and tips
- Visa fees and travel insurance
- Ski rental
- Optional activities
- Airline tickets
- Lunches
- Dinners

**Checklist & Equipment**

You will need in Russia in winter:

- to protect yourself from the cold weather;
- to protect yourself from the wind;
- to protect your feet from moisture;
- to protect yourself from the sun's reflection from ice and snow.

Allow the system of "three layers":

- The first layer, called "second skin", determines the performance of the other two layers. It will transport sweat to the next layer and dry quickly to avoid cooling after exercise. Therefore forget the cotton retains moisture in the skin and choose underwear in synthetic fabrics.
- The second layer must keep the heat of the body as long as possible. Warm synthetic or mixed (wool or fleece turtleneck sweater) fabrics, that dry quickly, are preferable.
- The third layer should protect you against wind and moisture. Choose a jacket, long enough, 100% waterproof, preferably with hood.

**Recommended checklist**

comfortable shoes for trekking

raincoat / windproof and waterproof jacket with HOOD!

sunglasses

sunscreen and lip balm

swimsuit / swim trunks

towel

warm mittens (for convenience, thin gloves and a second layer of mittens with fur) / ski gloves

winter expeditionary down jacket (up to -50°)

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Ski goggles

## Meals

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

## Laundry

Some hotels and inns offer laundry services for a variable sum of money. It is sometimes possible to use laundry services at homestay (when there is running water) for a fee.

## 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

No particular physical condition is required.

## 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 405.2 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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