

Treasures of Caucasus — Detailed description

Trip Length: 7 Group: 5-10 Departure: Fixed Period: October - December

Trip overview

This tour will make you fall in love with the Caucasus once and for all! Everyone who once meets the mountains, whose peaks touch the edge of the sky, ancient temples and fortresses that preserve their thousand-year history, mineral springs, which have absorbed all the healing power of nature, different nationalities, which from time immemorial carefully respect the Caucasian traditions and customs, will certainly change their attitude to this region of mountains and stormy rivers. The Caucasus is so complex and sometimes unbridled, but at the same time so attractive and welcoming.

During this tour you will find a journey through 6 completely different republics, each of which has its own specific flavor. You will be completely immersed in history: the medieval tower complexes Egikal and Targim in Ingushetia, as if frozen in time, ready to tell about the events of the distant past, to show how people's lives evolved and developed a multi-ethnic distinctive culture in this mountainous country. Excursions to modern cities - Pyatigorsk, Vladikavkaz and Grozny will open the Caucasus for you in a new light. Despite the differences in the beliefs and cultural traditions of the locals, they all have one thing in common: unlimited hospitality and the breadth of the "Caucasian soul". Only here you will taste aromatic Caucasian kebab, hearty khinkali and the famous Ossetian pie.

The other side of the journey is the majestic Caucasus Mountains with their amazing natural riches: Elbrus region, picturesque waterfalls, stormy rivers, alpine blue lakes, narrow gorges and endless valleys, as well as clean mountain air and many mineral springs!

You will find amazing meetings and acquaintances with the most beautiful places of the Caucasus, unique ancient monuments, memorable landscapes and good-natured people who are ready to show you the Caucasus as it really is.

Highlights

- 6 republics of the Caucasus in just 7 days
- See one of the seven wonders of Russia - Elbrus Mount
- Take a walk in the most famous cities of the Caucasus
- Touch the ancient fortresses, whose history goes back more than 1600 years
- Improve your health in the mineral springs of the Caucasus
- Taste delicious Caucasian cuisine
- See the most beautiful waterfalls in the Caucasus
- Visit the largest and most beautiful mosque - the mosque "Heart of Chechnya"

Tour type

DISCOVERYNATURE

Difficulty

Easy - nothing more than normal walking while sight-seeing

Comfort

Upgraded — all nights in comfortable rooms.

Begining / end of the tour

Tour starts: Pyatigorsk, End of the tour: Pyatigorsk

Program

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Day 1 — Pyatigorsk and its thermal springs

10:00 — Gathering the group in Mineralnye vody city

10:30 — Transfer to the hotel, check-in

12:30 — Lunch (Not included)

13:30 — Pyatigorsk city-tour

15:00 — Excursion to Zheleznovodsk

19:00 — Dinner (Not included)

Overnight in the hotel

Hotels: Accommodation in the hotel Intourist, Pyatigorsk, Twin room

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

Day 2 — Elbrus - the highest mountain of Russia

07:00 — Early breakfast

08:00 — Transfer to the Mount Elbrus region

11:00 — Visit of the Adyr-Su ravine

12:00 — Mount Cheguet lift

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

14:00 — Mount Elbrus lift

16:00 — Return to Pyatigorsk

19:00 — Dinner (Not included)

Overnight in the hotel

Hotels: Accommodation in the hotel Intourist, Pyatigorsk, Twin room

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

Day 3 — Vladikavkaz - the capital of the Republic of North Ossetia-Alania

08:00 — Breakfast in the hotel

09:00 — Transfer to Vladikavkaz

12:00 — Walking city-tour

14:00 — Lunch in the city (Not included)

15:00 — Transfer to Grozny city

17:00 — Evening excursion in the city Grozny

19:00 — Dinner (Not included)

Overnight in the hotel

Hotels: Accommodation in the hotel Berkat, Grozny, Twin room

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

Day 4 — Treasures of the Mountain Ingushetia

09:00 — Breakfast in the hotel

10:00 — Excursion to the Mountain Ingushetia

13:00 — Lunch (Not included)

15:00 — Transfer to Pyatigorsk

19:00 — Dinner (Not included)

Overnight in the hotel

Hotels: Accommodation in the hotel Intourist, Pyatigorsk, Twin room

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

Day 5 — Cheguem waterfalls

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09:00 — Breakfast in the hotel
10:00 — Excursion to the Cheguem Gorge
13:00 — Lunch (Not included)
15:00 — Return to the city, time at leisure.
Overnight in the hotel

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

Day 6 — Nature and culture of the Karachay-Cherkess Republic

08:00 — Breakfast in the hotel
08:30 — Departure to the Dombay valley, Karachay-Cherkess Republic
11:00 — Stop over near the river Ulu-Murundju
12:00 — Walking along the Dombay meadow
14:00 — Lunch (Not included)
15:00 — Chair-lift to the mountain Mussa-Achitara
16:00 — Return to Pyatigorsk in the evening
19:00 — Dinner (Not included)
Overnight in the hotel

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

Day 7 — Kislovodsk - the pearl of the Stavropol Krai

09:00 — Breakfast in the hotel
10:00 — Departure to the city of Kislovodsk
11:00 — Excursion to the city of Kislovodsk
13:30 — Lunch (Not included)
16:00 — Transfer to the airport to the city of Mineralnye vody, end of the programme

Departures


Start	End	Basic price per person
03.04.2023	09.04.2023	66200.00 RUB
28.04.2023	04.05.2023	66200.00 RUB
05.05.2023	11.05.2023	66200.00 RUB
22.05.2023	28.05.2023	66200.00 RUB
05.06.2023	11.06.2023	66200.00 RUB
19.06.2023	25.06.2023	66200.00 RUB
10.07.2023	16.07.2023	66200.00 RUB
24.07.2023	30.07.2023	66200.00 RUB
07.08.2023	13.08.2023	66200.00 RUB

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21.08.2023	27.08.2023	66200.00 RUB
04.09.2023	10.09.2023	66200.00 RUB
18.09.2023	24.09.2023	66200.00 RUB
02.10.2023	08.10.2023	66200.00 RUB
16.10.2023	22.10.2023	66200.00 RUB
30.10.2023	05.11.2023	66200.00 RUB
13.11.2023	19.11.2023	66200.00 RUB
27.11.2023	03.12.2023	66200.00 RUB

Note

Single supplement - 17 900 rubles (for all 6 overnights in the hotel). Supplement for an English-speaking guide - 83 200 rubles (the cost of the services of an English-speaking guide is divided between all interested participants of the tour. The indicated price shown is for 1 English speaking tourist per group for all trip duration). For some visits foreign tourists need a special permission. We need at least 65 days for preparing this documents.

What's included

Price includes

- Russian-speaking guide
- Accommodation as per itinerary
- Excursions and visits as per itinerary
- Letter of invitation
- Visa invitation and registration of passports (for foreign citizens, if necessary)
- Meals according to the program
- Breakfasts
- Russian-speaking guide services

Price does not include

- Personal expenses and tips
- Visa fees and travel insurance
- Beverages
- Airline tickets
- Nature reserves and parks entrance permissions
- English-speaking guide services

Checklist & Equipment

If you are traveling in the spring or autumn, please check with your manager for a list of recommended equipment and an approximate weather forecast.

Recommended checklist

water bottle/flask
spray against mosquitoes and ticks (for summer outdoor tours)
sleeping bag
trekking telescopic poles
winter (down) jacket and warm pants (windproof and waterproof) / winter suit
thermal underwear
fleece jacket/sweater with collar
warm mittens (for convenience, thin gloves and a second layer of mittens with fur) / ski gloves
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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 more information please contact your nearest Russian Embassy or Visa Application Center.

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).

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.

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: +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

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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.

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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