

Rafting on the Katun river — Detailed description

Trip Length: 7 Group: 6-10 Departure: Fixed Period: June - September

Trip overview

The Katun River, 688 km long, is the main river of Gorno-Altai. It is born in the southern ice slopes of Mt. Belukha (4,506 m) near the Gebler glacier and forms the Ob River after joining by the Biya River.

The tour "Rafting on the Katun River" is ideal for the amateurs of active trips, full of adrenalin. This rafting experience begins in the village Tungur to finish in Chermal, situated on the banks of the river Katun. During these seven days rich in emotions you will discover the Altai and enjoy physical activities, by discovering the white-water of Katun which reserves for you peaceful passages, advantageous for contemplation, and also other tumultuous as the Akkem Breach, one of the biggest and longest rapids in the itinerary, and the Shabash rapids, the most impressive on the river.

Supervised by nice and attentive monitors paying attention to your security at any time, you will go throw everything safely!

Highlights

- Possibility to stay in the most beautiful places of journey
- An itinerary presenting the opportunity for teambuilding and nature immersion
- Rafting on the Katun River, the biggest of Gorno-Altai

Tour type

ACTIVENATURE

Difficulty

Challenging - 5-7 hours of challenging 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 city, End of the tour: Barnaul city

Program

Day 1 — The biggest river of Altai

07:00 — Arrival to the Barnaul airport
09:00 — Deaprture to the Katun River
13:00 — Lunch
15:00 — Continuation of the road
18:00 — Accommodation in the tents
19:00 — Dinner
Overnight in tents

Day 2 — Starting the Katun river rafting

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09:00 — Breakfast
10:00 — Starting the rafting
13:00 — Lunch
15:00 — Continuation of the navigation
19:00 — Dinner
Overnight in tents

Day 3 — Beauties of the Central Altai

09:00 — Breakfast
11:00 — Rafting to the river Bolshoy Yaloman
13:00 — Lunch (picnic)
14:00 — Continuation of the navigation
19:00 — Dinner
Overnight in tents

Day 4 — Departure to the "lost world"

09:00 — Breakfast
11:00 — Starting of the rafting
13:00 — Lunch (picnic)
15:00 — Continuation of the navigation
19:00 — Dinner
Overnight in tents

Day 5 — Rapid Shabash

09:00 — Breakfast
10:00 — Rafting on the Katun
13:00 — Lunch
15:00 — Continuation of teh navigation
19:00 — Dinner near the fire
Overnight in tents

Day 6 — Free day

10:00 — Free time
13:00 — Lunch
15:00 — Free time
19:00 — Dinner near the fire
Overnight in tents

Day 7 — One more rapid and end of teh navigation

09:00 — Breakfast
10:00 — Navigation along the river
12:00 — Lunch (picnic)
13:00 — Departure to teh Barangol village
16:00 — Russian banya
19:00 — Farewell dinner

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22:00 — Departure to Barnaul

Departures

Start	End	Basic price per person
19.06.2021	25.06.2021	32200.00 RUB
29.06.2021	05.07.2021	32200.00 RUB
09.07.2021	15.07.2021	32200.00 RUB
19.07.2021	25.07.2021	32200.00 RUB
29.07.2021	04.08.2021	32200.00 RUB
08.08.2021	14.08.2021	32200.00 RUB
18.08.2021	24.08.2021	32200.00 RUB
28.08.2021	03.09.2021	32200.00 RUB

Note

Guaranteed departure from 6 participants. The price includes breakfast on Day 2-7, lunch on Day 2-7 and dinner on Day 1-7. To note: maximum weight to take part in this trip is 110 kg. For the foreign residents it's needed to get a special entry permit. The documents should be filed 2 months before the departure.

What's included

Price includes

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

Price does not include

- English-speaking guide
- English-speaking guide services
- 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

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transported by vehicles.

During your kayak tour, your luggage will be carried in a dry-bag (70 L.), on the kayak itself. Please think about it while packing !

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 pants

Shorts

T-shirts

Sunscreen for skin and lips

Sunglasses with filter

Pocket knife (to put in checked baggage)

Fleece jacket or warm sweater

Moisturizer

Bath towel

Swimsuit

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

Charger and spare battery for camera/phone

Photo / video camera

Tour vouchers and programme

Flip-flop or kayak shoes

1 or 2 thermal lightweight sweater(s)

Meals

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

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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.

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

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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 7902/20-49 from October 08, 2020. Amount of coverage: 500 000 RUB. Legal and actual address: BaikalNature LLC 119A Dekabrskikh Sobyti Str., office 13 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.

The participants of this tour have an extra accident insurance effected in Irkutsk.

First-aid kit, satellite phone, walkie-talkie are available at your guide.

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