

## Autumn on Putorana Plateau — Detailed description

Trip Length: 10    Group: 6-20    Departure: Fixed    Period: December - January

### Trip overview

The Putorana plateau is a unique place that still saves from the civilization its solitariness and wildness. The area of this basaltic plateau is comparable with the territory of a European country. On the territory more than 250 000 km<sup>2</sup> there is no any settlements. Although the Putorana plateau is a geographical centre of Russia, there are a lot of places never before imprinted by the foot of man.

We propose you the unique tour meeting the nature itself! As there are no roads to the plateau, you will be delivered there by boats. You will see a lot of lakes and rivers with the purest soft water. Also there are canyons and countless number of overflowing waterfalls. It's not for nothing that the plateau is also called "region of the waterfalls". The rich program of visits is adaptable for the tourist with different physical training. The security of the itinerary is provided by the experienced Putorana biosphere reserve rangers.

This remote area can be interesting for all kind of travelers: photographers can make their best photo; the fishing fans can catch their biggest fish; people tired from the big city intense life can have a real rest without Internet and mobiles in wilds; for those who want some cultural discovery there is a possibility to get acquainted with the shamanism of the Evenks; the most active ones can make every day's radial trekking along the wild trails. And, of course, of the most breathtaking experience of the tour to Putorana plateau is the possibility to observe the northern lights every evening when the weather is fine. This destination is not for everybody, but everybody who visited it would never forget the unassailable beauties of the most insufficiently explored plateau of the planet !

### Highlights

- Visit of the inhabited plateau - more than 250 000 km<sup>2</sup>
- Possibility to observe the northern lights
- Unique itineraries inaccessible alone
- Thousands of lakes, rivers and waterfalls
- Shamanism culture of Evenks
- The most extraordinary massif of Russia
- Fishing and Russian banya

### Tour type

PURENATURE

### Difficulty

Moderate - 3-5 hours of physical activity daily

### Comfort

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

### Beginning / end of the tour

Tour starts: Norilsk, End of the tour: Norilsk

### Program

#### Day 1 — Journey to the Putorana plateau

08:00 — Transfer airport - hotel

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12:00 — Lunch in a cafe of the city (Not included)

12:30 — Transfer to the Valyok port

13:00 — Departure to the Lama lake

19:00 — Arrival to the resort "Bunisyak"

20:00 — Dinner

Overnight at the resort

Hotels: Accommodation at the resort "Bunisyak", Room for 3-4 persons

Comfort: Simple comfort accommodation, toilet outdoors, banya

## Day 2 — The Crying Rocks

09:00 — Breakfast

10:00 — Departure to the Crying Rocks by motorboat

11:00 — Ascent to the rock along the stream

13:00 — Lunch (picnic)

17:00 — Return to the resort

19:00 — Dinner

20:00 — Russian banya (Not included)

Overnight at the resort

Hotels: Accommodation at the resort "Bunisyak", Room for 3-4 persons

Comfort: Simple comfort accommodation, toilet outdoors, banya

## Day 3 — In the Vekhikay river valley

09:00 — Breakfast

10:00 — Trekking along the Vekhikay river

13:00 — Lunch (picnic)

14:00 — Continuation of the trekking

17:00 — Return to the resort

19:00 — Dinner

Overnight at the resort

Hotels: Accommodation at the resort "Bunisyak", Room for 3-4 persons

Comfort: Simple comfort accommodation, toilet outdoors, banya

## Day 4 — Place of power - Shaitan mountain

09:00 — Breakfast

10:00 — Excursion to the Shaitan mountain

13:00 — Lunch (picnic)

14:00 — Continuation of the excursion

19:00 — Dinner

Overnight at the resort

Hotels: Accommodation at the resort "Bunisyak", Room for 3-4 persons

Comfort: Simple comfort accommodation, toilet outdoors, banya

## Day 5 — Fishing and Polar sunset

09:00 — Breakfast

10:00 — Fishing and free time

13:00 — Lunch at the resort

17:00 — Northern lights and Polar sunset

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19:00 — Dinner

Overnight at the resort

Hotels: Accommodation at the resort "Bunisyak", Room for 3-4 persons

Comfort: Simple comfort accommodation, toilet outdoors, banya

#### Day 6 — Up the river Hoicy

09:00 — Breakfast

10:00 — Excursion on the river Hoicy

13:00 — Lunch (picnic)

15:00 — Continuation of the excursion

18:00 — Russian banya (Not included)

19:00 — Dinner

Overnight at the resort

Hotels: Accommodation at the resort "Bunisyak", Room for 3-4 persons

Comfort: Simple comfort accommodation, toilet outdoors, banya

#### Day 7 — Lama lake by boat

09:00 — Breakfast

10:00 — Transfer on the motor boat to the mouth of the Neralah river

13:00 — Lunch (picnic)

14:00 — Crossing of the lake and return to the resort

19:00 — Dinner

Overnight at the resort

Hotels: Accommodation at the resort "Bunisyak", Room for 3-4 persons

Comfort: Simple comfort accommodation, toilet outdoors, banya

#### Day 8 — Following the ancient Evenk hunters

09:00 — Breakfast

10:00 — Excursion to the Evenks site

13:00 — Lunch (picnic)

15:00 — Continuation of the excursion

19:00 — Dinner

Overnight at the resort

Hotels: Accommodation at the resort "Bunisyak", Room for 3-4 persons

Comfort: Simple comfort accommodation, toilet outdoors, banya

#### Day 9 — Return to Norilsk

09:00 — Breakfast

10:00 — Way to Norilsk

13:00 — Lunch (picnic en route)

17:00 — Accommodation in the hotel and rest

19:00 — Dinner

Overnight in the hotel

Hotels: Accommodation in the hotel "Norilsk", Twin room

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

#### Day 10 — End of the programme

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09:00 — Breakfast in the hotel

10:00 — Transfer to the airport

## Departures

Start	End	Basic price per person
22.08.2020	31.08.2020	174900.00 RUB
29.08.2020	07.09.2020	174900.00 RUB
05.09.2020	14.09.2020	174900.00 RUB
12.09.2020	21.09.2020	174900.00 RUB
19.09.2020	28.09.2020	174900.00 RUB
26.09.2020	05.10.2020	174900.00 RUB
03.10.2020	12.10.2020	174900.00 RUB
10.10.2020	19.10.2020	174900.00 RUB

## Note

The accommodation at the resort "Bunisyak" can be organized by 1 or 2 persons. For the foreign residents it's needed to get a special entry permit. The documents should be filed 3 months before the departure. For getting this document we need: - the notarised translation of your passport in Russia (all pages); - the copy of the visa. Don't hesitate to contact us for all details. For this tour you need waders. You can buy them in Norilsk (about 2 000 roubles). The itinerary of the tour can be changed according to the weather conditions as well as unforeseen events.

## What's included

### Price includes

- Accommodation as per itinerary
- Transport as per itinerary
- Excursions and visits as per itinerary
- Reserves and national parks entrance permissions
- Visa fees and travel insurance
- Transfer from airport / railway station on first day
- Letter of invitation
- Russian-speaking guide services
- Meals according to the program

### Price does not include

- Medical insurance
- Airline tickets
- Beverages

## 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.

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## Recommended checklist

Raincoat or wind and waterproof shell jacket (with hood !)

Thermal underwear

Large 60 litres backpack

POLARTEC or similar pullover

T-shirts

Socks

Comfortable walking shoes (like Vibram or similar)

Sunglasses with filter

Pocket knife (to put in checked baggage)

Flip-flops for banya

Bath towel

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

Tick and mosquitoes repellent spray

## 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

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

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You should be physically fit enough for this tour.

### 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 405.2 664007 Irkutsk Russia

### 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.

### 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

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

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