

Land of bears and volcanoes — Detailed description

Trip Length: 10 Group: 8-16 Departure: Fixed Period: July

Trip overview

During the tour you will visit some unique places in Kamchatka: Dvukhyurtochnoye Lake where you can watch brown bears fishing, white-shouldered eagles, salmon moving and spawning. A helicopter flight to this area will allow you to enjoy beautiful aerial views.

You will cross Kamchatka from south to north and going from one climatic zone to another you will get to Central Kamchatka where the largest volcanoes of Europe and Asia are located. You will visit the area with the most intensive volcano activity on the territory of Russia.

You can ascend Plosky Tolbachik volcano (3085m) as well as the new volcanoes – cones (299m and 278m) of North Breakthrough of 1975. You will walk about the Dead Forest destroyed during the eruption that ravaged a vast territory. You can see the wonderful Geysir Valley.

Optionally, you will have the chance to have a boat trip round Avacha Bay and the Pacific; admire Kamchatka's largest sea bird colonies or take a helicopter flight to the valley of geysers.

During the tour you get to swim several times in natural hot springs and thermal water pools.

Highlights

- Helicopter flight
- Watching bears at Lake Dvukhyurtotchnoye
- Ascent of volcano Plotsky Tolbachik
- Swim in hot springs in the villages of Malkia and Paratunka

Tour type

DISCOVERYNATURE

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.

Begining / end of the tour

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

Program

Day 1 — Arrival to Kamchatka

10:30 — Arrival at the airport to Petropavlovsk-Kamchatsky

11:00 — Transfer to the hotel

11:00 — Check-in in the hotel and rest

13:00 — Lunch (Not included)

14:00 — Visit of Petropavlovsk-Kamtchatsky

19:00 — Dinner

Overnight in the hotel

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

Day 2 — Free time and departure to Milkovo

09:00 — Breakfast in the resort
10:00 — Free time
12:00 — Departure to the village of Milkovo
13:00 — En route lunch in the cafe (Not included)
16:00 — Arrival at the hotel and check-in
19:00 — Dinner (Not included)
Overnight in the hotel

Hotels: Accommodation in the hotel of Milkovo village, Kamchatka, Twin room
Comfort: Comfortable accommodation, WC and shower on the floor

Day 3 — Helicopter flight to Dvukhyurtochnoye Lake

07:30 — Early breakfast
08:30 — Transfer to Kozyrevsk village
11:30 — Helicopter flight to Dvukhyurtochnoye Lake
12:30 — Arrival and check-in
14:00 — Lunch
15:00 — Walking to the Dvukhyurtochnaya river
19:00 — Dinner
Overnight in the resort

Hotels: Accommodation at the Dvukhyurtochnoye lake, Kamchatka, Room for 2-4 persons
Comfort: Simple comfort accommodation, toilet outdoors, banya

Day 4 — Bear watching

09:00 — Breakfast
10:00 — Bear watching and fishing
13:00 — Lunch
19:00 — Dinner
Overnight in the resort

Hotels: Accommodation at the Dvukhyurtochnoye lake, Kamchatka, Room for 2-4 persons
Comfort: Simple comfort accommodation, toilet outdoors, banya

Day 5 — By helicopter over Kamchatka volcanoes

09:00 — Breakfast
10:00 — Morning bear watching
11:00 — Helicopter trip to Kozyrevsk village
12:00 — Transfer to the base of the volcanic massif
13:00 — Lunch (Not included)
16:00 — Arrival and rest
19:00 — Dinner
Overnight in tents

Hotels: Camping,

Day 6 — Ostry and Plosky Tolbachik volcanoes

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09:00 — Breakfast
10:00 — Trekking in neighborhoods
13:00 — Outdoor lunch
19:00 — Dinner
Overnight in tents
Hotels: Camping,

Day 7 — Northern and Southern break

09:00 — Breakfast
10:00 — Driving to the Northern break
11:00 — Ascending the new Tolbachiskie cones
13:00 — Lunch
14:00 — Driving to the Southern break
15:30 — Departure to the Kozyrevsk village
18:20 — Arrival and check-in in the resort
19:00 — Dinner
20:00 — Russian banya
Overnight in the resort

Day 8 — Return to Petropavlovsk

08:00 — Breakfast
09:00 — Departure to Petropavlovsk
13:00 — Lunch in the cafe (Not included)
15:00 — Visit of water source Malkinskye
17:00 — Arrival and check-in in the hotel
19:00 — Dinner (Not included)
Overnight in the hotel
Hotels: Accommodation in the hotel "Petropavlovsk", Twin room
Comfort: Comfortable accommodation, WC and bath / shower in room

Day 9 — Free day

09:00 — Breakfast
10:00 — Optional excursions
13:00 — Lunch (Not included)
14:00 — Free time
19:00 — Dinner (Not included)
Overnight in the hotel
Hotels: Accommodation in the hotel "Petropavlovsk", Twin room
Comfort: Comfortable accommodation, WC and bath / shower in room

Day 10 — Souvenirs and end of the programme

08:00 — Breakfast in the hotel
09:00 — Last tour in the city, you can go see the fish market and buy souvenirs
12:00 — Transfer to the airport. End of the programme.


Departures

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Start	End	Basic price per person
15.07.2023	24.07.2023	285300.00 RUB

Note

The price includes meals from lunch on Day 3 to breakfast on Day 8. The price does not include: - Breakfasts and dinners in the cities and in Milkovo (plan 150 - 300 roubles per meal in a cafe and per person, 300 - 600 roubles in the restaurant). - Helicopter tour to the Valley of Geysers: 46 000 roubles (price of 2020, possible to be changed). - Boat trip with fishing to the Avacha Bay: 6 500 roubles (price of 2020, possible to be changed). Single supplement is 19 500 roubles / per person (except the resort on the lake)

What's included

Price includes

- English-speaking guide services
- Russian-speaking guide services
- Accommodation as per itinerary
- Transport as per itinerary
- 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
- Bathing in hot springs
- Camping outfit rental
- Meals according to the program

Price does not include

- Medical insurance
- Personal expenses and tips
- Visa fees and travel insurance
- Optional activities
- Airline tickets
- Sleeping bag rental

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.

Recommended checklist

- Sleeping bag rated from 0° C to +15° C
- Raincoat or wind and waterproof shell jacket (with hood !)
- POLARTEC or similar pullover
- Windproof waterproof pants and jacket (GORE-TEX, EVENT, SIMPA-TEX)
- Trekking socks
- Trekking pants
- Long sleeve shirts or sweatshirts
- Shorts
- T-shirts
- Socks

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Cap or hat to protect against sun
Comfortable walking shoes (like Vibram or similar)
Sunglasses with filter
Mosquito net for face
Toilet roll
Pocket knife (to put in checked baggage)
Flip-flops for banya
Towel
Swimsuit
Wipes
Wristwatch or pocket alarm clock
Binoculars
Telescopic sticks

Meals

In the canteen at the inns, fresh local products.
Cold lunch and hot dinner, cooked on an open fire in the evening.
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. 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.

Provide a first aid kit that includes among other items:

- aspirin or paracetamol,
- anti-diarrheal pills,
- antiseptic,
- adhesive plaster,

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- 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 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.

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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