

## Wonders of Mountain Altai — Detailed description

Trip Length: 9 Group: 3-5 Departure: Fixed Period: December - January

### Trip overview

Altai has a spectacular variation in scenery that encompasses high mountains, stunning lakes and waterfalls, forests and endless steppes as well as an extraordinary number of nature wonders. What more could one ask for? Its wildlife and natural landscapes combined with exciting activities will ensure that it is all you need.

Most part of our journey lies through the Chuya highway that hits the top 10 of the most beautiful roads in the world! Traveling along it, you can see all the geographical areas of Altai, from the steppes to the mountain ranges. We head for every corner of Altai and cater to your travel style, whether it be a slow paced nature trip for individual travellers, an adventurous weekend with friends or that joyful family trip you've always wanted to take! From the main and single city of Altai to the wild nature without crowds of people it will be full immerse in nature. Experience rafting on the main river of Altai, discover the greatest waterfalls by boat trip, see the magic Geyser lake and lose yourself the cosmic landscapes of the Chulyshman valley.

This tour around Altai can be a once in a lifetime adventure for most people. We aim to make sure that this tour is everything that you want it to be by offering a guidance, comfortable cozy accommodation and number of activities so that you can really enjoy the trip.

If you really dream of seeing the wild and pristine Altai, this trip is it. Take airline tickets book the tour and cross off the Golden ring of Altai from your bucket list!

### Highlights

- All significant places of Altai in one tour
- Exciting rafting on the main river of Altai - Katun
- Travel by car with comfortable accommodation
- Circular itinerary along the legendary Chuysky tract
- Visit of the most picturesque waterfalls in Altai
- An opportunity to discover the "Eye of the Earth"
- Trekking to the giant stone mushrooms
- Water cruise on the pearl of Altai - Teletskoye lake
- Discovery of the pristine nature of Gorny Altai

### Tour type

DISCOVERYNATURE

### Difficulty

Moderately Easy - 1-3 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: Gorno-Altaysk, End of the tour: Gorno-Altaysk

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## Program

### Day 1 — The Queen of Altai Rivers - Katun

10:00 — Arrival in Gorno-Altaysk  
10:20 — Departure to the village Chemal  
11:30 — Excursion to the maral breeding farm  
13:00 — Lunch in the local cafe (Not included)  
14:00 — Accommodation in the hotel  
15:00 — Patmos Island and Chemal hydroelectric power station  
19:00 — Dinner (Not included)

Overnight in the hotel

Hotels: Accommodation at the hotel "Chemalskoe Podvorie", Standard twin

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

### Day 2 — Along the beautiful highway of Siberia

09:00 — Breakfast  
10:00 — Rafting on the Katun river  
12:00 — Lunch (Not included)  
13:00 — World-famous Chuisky highway  
15:00 — Chike-Taman Pass  
16:00 — Accommodation at the tourist base  
19:00 — Dinner at the tourist base

20:00 — Russian banya

Overnight at the tourist base

Hotels: Accommodation at the resort "Eco-bochka", Twin room

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

### Day 3 — Wonders of Altai

09:00 — Breakfast  
11:00 — Petroglyphs Kalbak-Tash and Shirlak waterfall  
13:00 — Lunch in the local cafe (Not included)  
15:00 — Discovery of Geyser Lake  
19:00 — Dinner in the guest house

Overnight in the guest house

Hotels: Accommodation in the guest house "Rasul", Twin room

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

### Day 4 — Road to Chulyshman valley

09:00 — Breakfast  
11:00 — Pass Katu-Yaryk and Ulagansky  
13:00 — Lunch  
14:00 — Discovery of Chulyshman valley and trekking to the waterfall Kurkure  
18:00 — Dinner at the tourist base

20:00 — Russian sauna

Overnight at the tourist base

Hotels: Camping "Stone Mushrooms", Wooden house for 2 people

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Comfort: Simple comfort accommodation, toilet and shower outdoors

### Day 5 — The most beautiful waterfall

09:00 — Breakfast

11:00 — Trekking to the waterfall Uchar

13:00 — Lunch - picnic

15:00 — Return to the base

19:00 — Dinner at the tourist base

20:00 — Russian sauna

Overnight at the tourist base

Hotels: Camping "Stone Mushrooms", Wooden house for 2 people

Comfort: Simple comfort accommodation, toilet and shower outdoors

### Day 6 — Giant Mushrooms

09:00 — Breakfast at the tourist base

10:00 — Trekking to Stone Mushrooms

13:00 — Lunch at the tourist base

14:00 — Departure to Teletskoye lake

15:00 — Accommodation at the tourist base and rest

19:00 — Dinner

Accommodation at the tourist base

Hotels: Accommodation at the tourist base "Kyrsay", Twin room

Comfort: Simple comfort accommodation, dry closet indoors, banya

### Day 7 — The pearl of Altai - Teletskoye Lake

09:00 — Breakfast

10:00 — Crossing Lake Teletskoye by ferry

13:00 — Lunch (lunch boxes)

14:00 — Continuation of Navigation

19:00 — Dinner in the restaurant (Not included)

Overnight in the hotel

Hotels: Accommodation at the tourist base "Gornoye Ozero", Twin room

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

### Day 8 — Waterfall Korbu

09:00 — Breakfast (Not included)

11:00 — Group excursion to the waterfall

13:00 — Lunch (Not included)

15:00 — Departure to Gorno-Altaysk

18:00 — Accommodation in the hotel

19:00 — Dinner in the hotel (Not included)

Overnight in the hotel

Hotels: Accommodation in the hotel Igman, Twin standard

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

### Day 9 — The end of the tour

08:00 — Breakfast

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09:00 — Transfer to the airport

## Departures

Start	End	Basic price per person
01.05.2022	09.05.2022	121100.00 RUB
09.07.2022	17.07.2022	121100.00 RUB

## Note

The price given is for a group of 4 people (for one car). If there are less than 4 persons in the car, the price of the tour will be recalculated. \*If the group of 5 people, the price will be 99 300 RUB. Meals not included: breakfasts for day 1, 8; lunches for the days: 1-3& 8 ; dinners for the days: 1-2, 7-8.

## What's included

### Price includes

- English-speaking guide
- Russian-speaking guide
- Accommodation as per itinerary
- Excursions and visits as per itinerary
- Meals according to the program

### Price does not include

- Personal expenses and tips
- Visa fees and travel insurance
- Airline tickets

## 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

underwear, socks (several pairs)  
pants, long sleeve jacket/tracksuit  
raincoat / windproof and waterproof jacket with HOOD!  
sunglasses  
sunscreen and lip balm  
swimsuit / swim trunks  
towel  
water bottle/flask  
spray against mosquitoes and ticks (for summer outdoor tours)  
winter (down) jacket and warm pants (windproof and waterproof) / winter suit  
fleece jacket/sweater with collar  
warm mittens (for convenience, thin gloves and a second layer of mittens with fur) / ski gloves  
fleece balaclava  
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## Meals

In the canteen at the inns, fresh local products.

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

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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.

### 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 204.1 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.

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