

Rafting on the Katun river — Detailed description

Trip Length: 8 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 Chemal, 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 through 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.

Beginning / end of the tour

Tour starts: Gorno-Altaysk, End of the tour: Barnaul city

Program

Day 1 — Arrival in Gorno-Altaysk

08:00 — Arrival to the Barnaul/ Gorno-Altaysk airport
09:00 — Transfer to the village Barangol
12:00 — Accommodation in the guest house
13:00 — Lunch (Not included)
19:00 — Dinner and Russian banya
Overnight in the guest house

Day 2 — The biggest river of Altai

09:00 — Breakfast

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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 3 — Starting the Katun river rafting

09:00 — Breakfast

10:00 — Strarting the rafting

13:00 — Lunch

15:00 — Continuation of the navigation

19:00 — Dinner

Overnight in tents

Day 4 — 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 5 — 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 6 — 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 7 — Free day

10:00 — Free time

13:00 — Lunch

15:00 — Free time

19:00 — Dinner near the fire

Overnight in tents

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Day 8 — One more rapid and end of the navigation

09:00 — Breakfast
10:00 — Navigation along the river
12:00 — Lunch (picnic)
13:00 — Departure to the Barangol village
16:00 — Russian banya
19:00 — Farewell dinner
22:00 — Departure to Barnaul

Departures

Start	End	Basic price per person
18.06.2023	25.06.2023	52800.00 RUB
28.06.2023	05.07.2023	52800.00 RUB
08.07.2023	15.07.2023	52800.00 RUB
18.07.2023	25.07.2023	52800.00 RUB
28.07.2023	04.08.2023	52800.00 RUB
07.08.2023	14.08.2023	52800.00 RUB
17.08.2023	24.08.2023	52800.00 RUB
27.08.2023	03.09.2023	52800.00 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. The route passes through the border area, therefore, for citizens who do not have Russian citizenship, it is necessary to issue a pass 60 days before the start of the tour. For the foreign residents it's needed to get a special entry permit. The documents should be filed 2 months before the departure. Citizens of the Russian Federation are MANDATORY to have a passport with registration at the place of residence.

What's included

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Price includes

- Russian-speaking guide services
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- Accommodation as per itinerary
- Meals as per itinerary
- Excursions and visits as per itinerary
- Nature reserves and parks entrance permissions
- Tent rental
- Bathing in springs
- Airplane/ train tickets
- Letter of invitation
- Raft and equipment rental
- Meals according to the program

Price does not include

- English-speaking guide
- Personal expenses and tips
- Visa fees and travel insurance

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.

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Recommended checklist

T-shirts, shorts
pants, long sleeve jacket/tracksuit
raincoat / windproof and waterproof jacket with HOOD!
swimsuit / swim trunks
wet wipes and antibacterial hand gel
water bottle/flask
fleece jacket/sweater with collar
warm mittens (for convenience, thin gloves and a second layer of mittens with fur) / ski gloves
ski mask

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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 questions regarding obtaining an electronic visa, please contact your tour manager.

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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

A very good physical condition is required.

Emergency Contact

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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