

Classic Kamchatka — Detailed description

Trip Length: 11 Group: 12-18 Departure: Fixed Period: December - January

Trip overview

This is a general tour which grants the best opportunity to get acquainted with all main attractions of Kamchatka: active volcanoes, hot springs, wild nature and traditional culture of native peoples without expensive helicopter flights. Nevertheless you also have an option to take a helicopter excursion to the world famous Valley of Geysers.

You'll visit the Tolbachik volcano area in the Central Kamchatka 500 km from Petropavlovsk, where the Great Tolbachik Fissure Eruption took place in 1975-76 and has left impressive after-effects: new volcanic cones with hot summits, huge ash fields, hardened lava flows, ash-burned forest. Tops of the new cones are still blazing. The first Soviet lunar vehicles were tested in this area.

You'll visit the crater of Mutnovsky Volcano with intensive powerful gas and steam spurts and boiling mud cauldrons. Mutnovsky is considered as the most impressive Kamchatka volcano now because it is always active.

You'll cross taiga and mountains areas rafting down the Bystraya River with good chances to see brown bears and fish salmon.

You'll visit national villages of native people - the Evens and get acquainted with their history, culture and present life. You'll also have a chance to see their national holiday The Aborigine's Day if come in proper time.

You'll also have some time for relaxation at Paratunka Hot Springs resort.

Highlights

- The area of volcano Tolbachik, striking evidence of the enormous eruption occurred in 1975
- Bystraya River, which allows to enjoy the wild and gives an opportunity to observe bears while rafting
- Mutnovsky, an impressive active volcano with intensive powerful gas, steam spurts and bubbling mud cauldrons
- The Avacha Bay with its various wildlife
- The world famous Valley of Geysers with more than 29 geysers

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 — Discovery of Petropavlovsk-Kamchatsky city

12:00 — Arrival at the airport to Petropavlovsk-Kamchatsky

12:30 — Transfer to the hotel

14:00 — Check into the hotel and rest

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20:00 — Dinner (Not included)

Overnight in the hotel

Hotels: Accommodation in the hotel Arseniev, Standard twin room

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

Day 2 — Boat trip to the Avacha Bay

09:00 — Breakfast in the hotel

10:00 — Boat trip

13:00 — Lunch

16:00 — Return to the city

19:00 — Dinner (Not included)

Overnight in the hotel

Hotels: Accommodation in the hotel Arseniev, Standard twin room

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

Day 3 — Ascending Gorely volcano

09:00 — Breakfast in the hotel

09:30 — Transfer to the Gorely volcano

11:00 — Ascending Gorely volcano

13:00 — Lunch (picnic)

19:00 — Dinner in the camp

Overnight in tent

Hotels: Camping,

Day 4 — Mutnovsky volcano

09:00 — Breakfast in the camp

10:00 — Ascending the crater of Mutnovsky volcano

13:00 — Outdoor lunch

18:00 — Transfer to Paratunka

19:00 — Dinner

Overnight in the hotel

Hotels: Accommodation in the resort Sputnik, Paratunka, Twin room

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

Day 5 — Free day

09:00 — Breakfast in the resort

10:00 — Free time

15:00 — Transfer to the Milkovo village

19:00 — Dinner

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 6 — Klyuchevskaya group of volcanoes

09:00 — Breakfast

10:00 — Departure to the Klyuchevsky volcano by 6WD car

13:00 — Lunch in Milkovo village (Not included)

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14:00 — Continuation of the way
17:00 — Arrival and establishment of the camp
19:00 — Dinner near the fire
Overnight in tents
Hotels: Camping,

Day 7 — Following consequences of the volcano's eruption

09:00 — Breakfast
10:00 — Trekking in volcano's neighborhoods
13:00 — Lunch (picnic)
19:00 — Dinner near the fire
Overnights in tents
Hotels: Camping,

Day 8 — 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
15:00 — Visiting cones of the Southern break
18:00 — Return to the camping
19:00 — Dinner
Overnight in tents
Hotels: Camping,

Day 9 — Walking along the Dead Forest

08:30 — Breakfast
13:00 — Drive to Milkovo village
14:00 — Walking along the Dead Forest
19:00 — Dinner (Not included)
19:00 — Arrival and check-in the hotel
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 10 — Start of rafting

09:00 — Breakfast in the hotel
10:00 — Driving to Malky village
11:30 — Excursion to the ethnographic museum
13:00 — Lunch (Not included)
14:00 — Rafting down the Bystraya River
16:00 — Return to Petropavlovsk-Kamtchatsky
19:00 — Dinner (Not included)
Overnight in the hotel
Hotels: Accommodation in the hotel Arseniev, Standard twin room

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

Day 11 — Souvenirs and end of the programme

08:00 — Breakfast in the hotel

09:00 — Final tour in the city, you can go see the fish market and buy souvenirs

11:00 — Transfer to the airport. End of the programme.

Departures

Start	End	Basic price per person
09.07.2025	19.07.2025	247900.00 RUB

Note

All departures are guaranteed. Single supplement – 33 900 roubles / per pers (possible only in hotels and resorts) The order of the activities can be changed according to the group size and the weather conditions. Additional budget to consider: - Lunches and diners (300-400 roubles in a cafés, 400-700 roubles in restaurants) - Helicopter trip in the Geyser Valley - 105 000 rubles / per person. - Sleeping bag rental - 1100 rubles / per person.

What's included

Price includes

- Accommodation as per itinerary
- Excursions and visits as per itinerary
- Bathing in springs
- Nature reserves and parks entrance permissions
- English-speaking guide
- Transport a per itinerary
- Meals as per itinerary
- Visa invitation and registration of passports (for foreign citizens, if necessary)

Price does not include

- Personal expenses and tips
- Visa fees and travel insurance
- Airplane/ train tickets
- Accident insurance
- Renting a sleeping bag for overnight stays in a tent

Checklist & Equipment

For summer travel, we recommend preparing:

- comfortable clothes for hot and sunny weather - we advise you to give preference to natural fabrics, be sure to have sun protection (comfortable hat, SPF protection cream, sunglasses);
- protection from rain and wind - a long raincoat with a hood, for active tours - a waterproof cover on a backpack, the second pair of shoes (the ability to dry a second pair if they get wet);
- clothing in case of bad weather - when the temperature drops (in mountainous regions, on the coasts, in the evening), we recommend taking a light jacket, a warm sweater and pants

In different regions of Russia there can be significant temperature fluctuations in the summer. If you do not have experience traveling in similar regions, please contact your manager to pick up the necessary things and find out about the weather forecast in the place where you are planning your trip.

We recommend you to pack all your stuff in two bags: a small backpack and a large travelling bag/suitcase.

SMALL BACKPACK: will be useful for carrying your personal belongings during the day (camera, phone, 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.

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BIG TRAVEL BAG/SUITCASE: 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

underwear, socks (several pairs)
T-shirts, shorts
pants, long sleeve jacket/tracksuit
warm jacket (for example, fleece) or light jacket
comfortable shoes for trekking
comfortable shoes for the city
raincoat / windproof and waterproof jacket with HOOD!
cap/comfortable hat on head (for sun protection)
sunglasses
swimsuit / swim trunks
wet wipes and antibacterial hand gel
water bottle/flask
sleeping bag
trekking telescopic poles

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.

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,

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- anti-diarrheal pills,
- antiseptic,
- adhesive plaster,
- sterile pads.

If you have individual diseases, make sure you have taken your medications.

Medical Form

A 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.

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

Your safety is very important to us! During the trip we ask you to follow the guide's advice, read the instructions carefully and follow the group. If you have any questions or experience any discomfort, please notify your guide or tour-manager immediately.

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