

## Winter Kamchatka — Detailed description

Trip Length: 8 Group: 1-10 Departure: Fixed Period: January - February

### Trip overview

If the brown bears of Kamchatka go into hibernation, it is not true for the peninsula, on the contrary! Kamchatka is worthy of its great volcanoes and remains very active throughout the year.

This trip offers you an opportunity to discover Kamchatka and enjoy the joys of winter at this faraway land.

Shortly after the arrival, you immerse yourself in an open bath of warm thermal water, in the village of Paratounka. You will then have an opportunity to repeat this experience on nature and appreciate the benefits.

You will approach Avachinsky volcano, one of the famous volcanoes of Kamchatka. At its foot, you will spend unforgettable moments, dog sledding and snowmobiling. Also, we will make a great snowmobile passage in the footsteps of the Vilyuchinsky volcano.

Kamchatka is also the Pacific Ocean. You will walk on the shore and will be lucky enough to see a lot of different mammals that inhabit its water. Anyway, you can watch the impressive sea-lions that come to rest to the dock of Petropavlovsk-Kamchatsky.

### Highlights

- Snowmobile trips
- Dog-sledding
- Bathing in hot springs
- Animal observation
- Avacha Bay and the diversity of its wildlife

### Tour type

DISCOVERYNATURE

### Difficulty

Moderately Easy - 1-3 hours of physical activity daily

### Comfort

Upgraded — all nights in comfortable rooms.

### Beginning / end of the tour

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

## Program

### Day 1 — Acquaintance with the city Petropavlovsk-Kamchatsky

10:30 — Journey to Petropavlovsk-Kamchatsky

13:00 — Lunch (Not included)

14:00 — Walking city tour

Overnight at the hotel

Hotels: Accommodation in the hotel "Gelios", Paratunka, Twin room

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**Day 2 — Dog-sledding riding**

09:00 — Breakfast in the hotel (Not included)  
10:00 — Transfer to the kennel by snow mobiles  
11:00 — Meeting with mushers  
12:00 — Start of the dog-sledding  
13:00 — Lunch  
14:00 — Exhibition of Kamchatka's souvenirs  
17:00 — Return to the hotel  
19:00 — Dinner (Not included)  
Overnight in the hotel

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**Day 3 — Beauty of Avacha Bay**

09:00 — Breakfast in the hotel (Not included)  
10:00 — Transfer to the port of Petropavlovsk-Kamtchatsky  
11:30 — Sea excursion  
13:00 — Lunch on the boat  
14:00 — RETURN TO THE PORT  
15:00 — Transfer to the volcanoes' museum Volcanarium  
16:00 — EXCURSION TO THE VOLCANIC MUSEUM  
19:00 — Dinner (Not included)  
Overnight in the hotel

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**Day 4 — Travel to Acachinsky volcano on snowmobiles**

09:00 — Breakfast in the hotel (Not included)  
10:00 — Snowmobile excursion  
13:00 — Picnic  
18:00 — Return to the hotel  
19:00 — Dinner (Not included)  
Overnight in the hotel

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**Day 5 — Meeting with Pacific ocean**

09:00 — Breakfast (Not included)  
10:00 — Transfer  
11:00 — Walking along the ocean Pacific coast and a visit to the Steller sea lion rookery  
13:00 — Lunch (Not included)  
19:00 — Dinner (Not included)  
Overnight in the hotel

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**Day 6 — Snowmobile travel to Vilyuchinsky pass**

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09:00 — Breakfast in the hotel (Not included)

10:00 — Gathering group

11:00 — Excursion on Vilyuchinsky pass

13:00 — Lunch box

19:00 — Dinner (Not included)

Overnight in the hotel

Hotels: Accommodation in the hotel "Gelios", Paratunka, Twin room

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

#### Day 7 — Free day

09:00 — Breakfast in the hotel (Not included)

10:00 — Free time

13:00 — Lunch (Not included)

19:00 — Dinner (Not included)

Overnight in the hotel

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#### Day 8 — Souvenirs and end of the programme

09:00 — Breakfast in the hotel (Not included)

10:00 — Last tour in the city, you can go see the fish market and buy souvenirs

13:00 — Transfer to the airport. End of the programme.

#### Departures

Start	End	Basic price per person
05.01.2020	12.01.2020	155900.00 RUB
26.01.2020	02.02.2020	155900.00 RUB

#### Note

The order of excursions can be changed according to the weather conditions.

#### What's included

##### Price includes

- Dog sled rental
- English-speaking guide services
- Accommodation as per itinerary
- Transport as per itinerary
- Excursions and visits as per itinerary
- Transfer from airport / railway station on first day
- Transfer to airport / railway station on last day
- Meals according to the program
- Snowmobile and equipment rental

##### Price does not include

- Medical insurance
- Personal expenses and tips
- Visa fees and travel insurance
- Ski rental
- Optional activities
- Bathing in hot springs
- Airline tickets

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## Checklist & Equipment

You will need in Russia in winter:

- to protect yourself from the cold weather;
- to protect yourself from the wind;
- to protect your feet from moisture;
- to protect yourself from the sun's reflection from ice and snow.

Allow the system of "three layers":

- The first layer, called "second skin", determines the performance of the other two layers. It will transport sweat to the next layer and dry quickly to avoid cooling after exercise. Therefore forget the cotton retains moisture in the skin and choose underwear in synthetic fabrics.
- The second layer must keep the heat of the body as long as possible. Warm synthetic or mixed (wool or fleece turtleneck sweater) fabrics, that dry quickly, are preferable.
- The third layer should protect you against wind and moisture. Choose a jacket, long enough, 100% waterproof, preferably with hood.

## Recommended checklist

Thermal underwear  
POLARTEC or similar pullover  
Windproof waterproof pants and jacket (GORE-TEX, EVENT, SIMPA-TEX)  
Trekking socks  
Trekking pants  
Long sleeve shirts or sweatshirts  
Sunglasses with filter  
Slippers  
Down jacket  
Fleece jacket or warm sweater  
Comfortable pants  
Mountain boots for walking on ice and snow  
Thick socks  
Wool gloves and winter cap  
Warm gloves or mittens  
Bath towel  
Swimsuit  
Wipes  
Ice cleats  
Ski goggles

## Meals

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.

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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

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 9302/19-49 from September 30, 2019. Amount of coverage: 500 000 RUB. Legal and actual address: BaikalNature LLC 119A Dekabrskikh Sobyti Str., office 13 664007 Irkutsk Russia

## Cancellation Options

The cancellation options are:

- more than 60 days before departure - 10% of the tour price,
- 60 to 30 days before departure - 50% of the tour price,
- less than 30 days before departure - 100% of the tour price.

## Travel Insurance

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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**

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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