

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 Chermal, 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 throw 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.

Begining / 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 — Departure 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 — Starting 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 the 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
- Accommodation as per itinerary
- Transport as per itinerary
- Medical insurance
- 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
- 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

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.

During your kayak tour, your luggage will be carried in a dry-bag (70 L.), on the kayak itself. Please think about it while packing !

Recommended checklist

Sleeping bag rated from 0° C to +15° C

Raincoat or wind and waterproof shell jacket (with hood !)

POLARTEC or similar pullover

Trekking pants

Shorts

T-shirts

Sunscreen for skin and lips

Sunglasses with filter

Pocket knife (to put in checked baggage)

Fleece jacket or warm sweater

Moisturizer

Bath towel

Swimsuit

Important travel documents: Passport and visa, original or electronic airplane tickets (with a sets of photocopies kept separately), bank card

Flip-flop or kayak shoes

1 or 2 thermal lightweight sweater(s)

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

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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

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: +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.

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Security

The participants of this tour have an extra accident insurance effected in Irkutsk.
First-aid kit, satellite phone, walkie-talkie are available at your guide.


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