

Classic Caucasus — Detailed description

Trip Length: 6 Group: 4-12 Departure: Fixed Period: May - October

Trip overview

If you are looking for a real vacation, which has a diverse nature, centuries-old history, rich culture and, of course, hospitable people, then the Caucasus will give you all this. Visit the busiest cities of the Caucasian Mineral Waters - Pyatigorsk, Zheleznovodsk and Kislovodsk, which can boast of their originality and uniqueness, which have always been considered not only the best, but also the oldest resorts in Russia.

But the Caucasus is not only resorts with mineral springs. The main highlight of the tour will be the great Elbrus - the highest mountain peak in Europe. The best way to enjoy and appreciate its beauty is to go to the Elbrus region and take the lift from the Azau glade, then you will see a delightful picture. The Chegem Gorge with weeping waterfalls should also not be left without your attention. These places, where the pristine nature has been preserved, will conquer every demanding traveler. You will also visit the real monuments of the Middle Ages - the Ingush towers.

Spice up this adventure with tastings and master classes, and get a mixture of unique nature, ancient history and vibrant colors! You will definitely remember such an acquaintance with the Caucasus!

Highlights

- Visit 3 Caucasus regions: Stavropol Krai, Kabardino-Balkaria and Ingushetia
- Relax in the 3 main resort cities of the Caucasian Mineral Waters
- See the highest point in Europe - Elbrus
- Learn how the rocks "cry" in the Chegem Gorge
- Taste the Caucasus: national dishes of different regions and wines

Tour type

DISCOVERYNATURE

Difficulty

Easy - nothing more than normal walking while sight-seeing

Comfort

Upgraded — all nights in comfortable rooms.

Begining / end of the tour

Tour starts: Pyatigorsk, End of the tour: Pyatigorsk

Program

Day 1 — Kislovodsk natural outskirts and Honey Waterfalls

13:00 — Lunch (Not included)

14:00 — Arrival to Pyatigorsk city and check-in

14:30 — Excursion to Honey Waterfalls

19:00 — Dinner (Not included)

Overnight in the hotel

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Hotels: Accommodation in the hotel Intourist, Pyatigorsk, Twin room
Comfort: Comfortable accommodation, WC and bath / shower in room

Day 2 — Chegem Gorge - the pearl of Kabardino-Balkaria

09:00 — Breakfast in the hotel's restaurant
10:00 — Excursion to the Chegem Gorge
13:00 — Lunch (Not included)
14:00 — Visit to Geduko thermal springs
16:00 — Return to Pyatigorsk
19:00 — Dinner (Not included)
Overnight in the hotel

Hotels: Accommodation in the hotel Intourist, Pyatigorsk, Twin room
Comfort: Comfortable accommodation, WC and bath / shower in room

Day 3 — Excursion to the Elbrus region

09:00 — Breakfast in the hotel's restaurant
10:00 — Excursion to the Elbrus region
13:00 — Lunch in the cafe (Not included)
18:00 — Return to Pyatigorsk
19:00 — Dinner (Not included)
Overnight in the hotel

Hotels: Accommodation in the hotel Intourist, Pyatigorsk, Twin room
Comfort: Comfortable accommodation, WC and bath / shower in room

Day 4 — Culture and cuisine of the Caucasus

09:00 — Breakfast in the hotel's restaurant
10:00 — Pyatigorsk city tour
14:00 — Lunch (Not included)
15:00 — Tasting of Caucasian wines and cognac
17:00 — Caucasian dance master class
19:00 — Dinner
Overnight in the hotel

Hotels: Accommodation in the hotel Intourist, Pyatigorsk, Twin room
Comfort: Comfortable accommodation, WC and bath / shower in room

Day 5 — Ancient mysteries of Ingushetia

06:00 — Breakfast in the hotel
06:10 — Transfer to Ingushetia
11:00 — Excursion to the Jeirakh Gorge
13:00 — Lunch in the local cafe
16:00 — Master class on making a national dish
17:00 — Tour of the tower complexes of Ingushetia
20:00 — Return to Pyatigorsk
Overnight in the hotel

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Day 6 — Excursion around Zheleznovodsk and Cossack culture

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10:00 — Breakfast in the hotel's restaurant
11:00 — Check-out
13:00 — Lunch (Not included)
13:30 — Excursion around Zheleznovodsk
16:00 — Excursion to the Cossack farmstead
18:00 — Dinner
19:00 — End of the program

Departures

Start	End	Basic price per person
02.05.2023	07.05.2023	56100.00 RUB
30.05.2023	04.06.2023	56100.00 RUB
27.06.2023	02.07.2023	56100.00 RUB
18.07.2023	23.07.2023	56100.00 RUB
22.08.2023	27.08.2023	56100.00 RUB
12.09.2023	17.09.2023	56100.00 RUB
24.10.2023	29.10.2023	56100.00 RUB

Note

Single supplement - 15 300 rubles (for all 5 overnights in the hotel). Supplement for an English-speaking guide - 63 530 rubles (the cost of the services of an English-speaking guide is divided between all interested participants of the tour. The indicated price shown is for 1 English speaking tourist per group for all trip duration). Entrance fees and environmental tax are not included in the price (about 50 - 350 rubles)

What's included

Price includes

- Accommodation as per itinerary
- Transport as per itinerary
- Letter of invitation
- Meals according to the program
- Russian-speaking guide services

Price does not include

- Personal expenses and tips
- Visa fees and travel insurance
- Airline tickets
- Reserves and national parks entrance permissions
- Transfer from airport / railway station on first day
- Transfer to airport / railway station on last day
- English-speaking guide services

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

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transported by vehicles.

Recommended checklist

Raincoat or wind and waterproof shell jacket (with hood !)
POLARTEC or similar pullover
Long sleeve shirts or sweatshirts
Shorts
T-shirts
Socks
Cap or hat to protect against sun
Comfortable walking shoes (like Vibram or similar)
Comfortable shoes for city
Sunglasses with filter
Slippers
Bath towel
Swimsuit
Wipes
Binoculars

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 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

No compulsory vaccination.

Provide a first aid kit that includes among other items:

- aspirin or paracetamol,
- anti-diarrheal pills,
- antiseptic,

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- 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 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.

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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