

## Off the beaten path of Plateu Putorana with Pavel Ageychenko — Detailed description

Trip Length: 10 Group: 4-9 Departure: Fixed Period: August

### Trip overview

A lot of people call the Putorana plateau as the lost world of Siberia. The lack of roads, human settlements, short summer and severe winter attract more and more true nature lovers. Translated from the Evenki language, Plateau Putorana means "a land of lakes with steep shores", and translated from Yukaghir - "mountains without peaks." The bizarre mountains of the Putorana Plateau are located on the highest part of the Central Siberian Plateau. Snow on the tops begins to melt in July forming numerous lakes and waterfalls. Stepped slopes descend into the valleys, where powerful rivers and cleanest lakes create a "face" of the plateau...

We intend to conquer the Putorana plateau again and head for the most hidden corners to the very heart, far away from popular tourist routes. Our way lies along the rivers and lakes of the Putorana plateau on a comfortable and safe catamaran boat. Don't miss an opportunity to touch the pristine ancient lakes up to 100 million years old, and enjoy the bizarre landscapes. In the tour we do radial trekking to discover the most beautiful waterfalls from 10 to 47 m high! The highlight of our expedition is a visit of the Kureysky waterfall - the most powerful waterfall in Russia in the amount of water discharged per second (up to 1000 m3).

Full harmony and isolation from the modern world is guaranteed. Hiking, overnight in the tent under the starry sky, campfire songs, boat adventures and the riddles of wild world of Putorana await you. All you need is good physical condition and fighting spirit. An experienced team of guides, together with Pavel Ageichenko, founder of BaikalNature, will do everything to create a pleasant atmosphere. The tour is a kind of an expedition, so the route can be adjusted depending on the conditions.

### Highlights

- Putorana Plateau - the geographical center of Russia
- A unique route off the beaten path
- Full immersion in nature and lack of civilization
- Visit to the most powerful waterfall in Russia - Kureysky
- Combination of water-walking route (1100 km by water and 50 km on foot)
- Trekking to the most mysterious lake - Khantaysky
- Helicopter flight
- Amazing landscapes of the land of a thousand lakes and waterfalls

### Tour type

ACTIVENATURE

### Difficulty

Moderately Easy - 1-3 hours of 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: Turuhansk, End of the tour: Igarka

### Program

#### Day 1 — Arrival in Turuhansk


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11:00 — Arrival in Turukhansk and check in to the hotel

13:00 — Lunch (Not included)

15:00 — Free time in the city

19:00 — Dinner (Not included)

Overnight in the hotel (Not included)

### Day 2 — Kureyskoe reservoir

07:30 — Breakfast (Not included)

09:00 — Gathering a group at the airport

09:10 — Departure to Svetlogorsk

10:00 — Crossing the Kureyka river

13:00 — Lunch

14:00 — "Gates" of Lake Dupkun

19:00 — Dinner

Overnight in the camp

Hotels: Camping,

### Day 3 — Welcome to Plateu Putorana

08:00 — Early breakfast

09:00 — Putorana plateau

13:00 — Lunch in the camp

14:00 — Trekking to waterfalls

19:00 — Campfire

Overnight in the tent

Hotels: Camping,

### Day 4 — Most powerful waterfall

07:30 — Early breakfast

08:00 — Departure by boat

13:00 — Lunch-picnic

14:00 — Trekking to the Big Kureysky waterfall

19:00 — Dinner

Overnight in the tent

Hotels: Camping,

### Day 5 — Canyon of the river Kureyka

08:00 — Breakfast

11:00 — Return way to the boat

13:00 — Lunch

14:00 — Canyon of Kureyka river

19:00 — Campfire

Overnight in the camp

Hotels: Camping,

### Day 6 — Putorana from above

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09:00 — Breakfast  
10:00 — Trekking to the observation point  
13:00 — Lunch  
14:00 — Returning to the camp  
19:00 — Dinner in the camp  
Overnight in the tent  
Hotels: Camping,

#### Day 7 — Waterfalls of Putorana

09:00 — Breakfast  
10:00 — Departure to the river Gagarya-2  
13:00 — Lunch - picnic  
15:00 — Return to the camp and mobile banya  
19:00 — Dinner  
Overnight in the tent  
Hotels: Camping,

#### Day 8 — Back to Svetlogorsk

09:00 — Breakfast  
11:00 — Departure to Svetlogorsk  
13:00 — Lunch-picnic  
17:00 — Camping  
19:00 — Dinner on fire  
Overnight in the tent  
Hotels: Camping,

#### Day 9 — Flight to Turuhansk

08:00 — Breakfast  
09:00 — Departure to Svetlogorsk  
13:00 — Lunch  
14:00 — Arrival to Svetlogorsk and flight to Turukhansk  
17:00 — Check-in the hotel (Not included)  
19:00 — Dinner (Not included)  
Overnight in the hotel (Not included)

#### Day 10 — End of the programme

09:00 — Breakfast in the hotel (Not included)  
11:00 — Transfer to the airport (Not included)

#### Departures

Start	End	Basic price per person
21.08.2022	30.08.2022	173800.00 RUB

#### Note

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The price given is for a group of 4 people. If there are less than 4 persons, the price of the tour will be recalculated. It is possible to get to the Turuhansk city by plane or ship from Krasnoyarsk. Airline tickets from 14,000 rubles (price 2021) The cost of ship ticket is from 6,000 rubles to 28,000 rubles depending on the category of the cabin (prices 2021) Accommodation and transfer in Turuhansk is not included on 1 and 9 days. Opptionally, we can arrange it for you. Payment on site in cash. Please note that the weather conditions on the plateau Putorana are changeable. Also, there can be a lot of insects in the summer, make sure to take repellents. Please, follow our check-list before the departure. The tour includes easy radial hikes to the waterfalls (500 m to 2 km), however during trekking to the Big Kureysky waterfall with an overnight stay, equipment will be divided between all participants. This route is a kind of expedition, so the itinerary can be changed according to the weather conditions as well as unforeseen events. **\*\*\*IMPORTANT:** For the foreign residents it's needed to get a special entry permit. The documents should be filed 2-3 months before the departure. For getting this document we need: - the notarised translation of your passport in Russia (all pages); - the copy of the visa. Don't hesitate to contact us for all details. **TERMS OF PAYMENT AND CANCELLATION POLICY:** For booking the tour you need to pay 30 % from the cost of the tour. The rest amount should be paid two month before the departure. in case of tour cancellation from 30 to 14 days before the departure, the cancellation fees in amount of 30 % is due; in case of tour cancellation less than 14 days before the departure, the cancellation fees in amount of 100 % is due

## What's included

### Price includes

- English-speaking guide
- Accommodation as per itinerary
- Transport as per itinerary
- Reserves and national parks entrance permissions
- Letter of invitation
- Meals according to the program

### Price does not include

- Medical insurance
- Personal expenses and tips
- Visa fees and travel insurance
- Transfer to airport / railway station on last day

## Checklist & Equipment

You will need in Russia and Mongolia 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.

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 BACKPACK:** must contain the rest of your stuff. It will be in the luggage compartment during the flight. You will bring it during some days of the trekking.

## Recommended checklist

Sunglasses

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

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

Large 70 - 85 litres backpack

Thermal underwear

Windproof waterproof pants and jacket (GORE-TEX, EVENT, SIMPA-TEX)

Trekking socks

Trekking pants

Long sleeve shirts or sweatshirts

T-shirts

Socks

Cap or hat to protect against sun

Comfortable walking shoes (like Vibram or similar)

Sunscreen for skin and lips

Mosquito net for face

Flask

Fleece jacket or warm sweater

Towel

Swimsuit

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

Tick and mosquitoes repellent spray

Photo / video camera

Camping mat

Telescopic sticks

## Meals

Cold lunch and hot dinner, cooked on an open fire in the evening.

## 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.

## Tippling

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

Provide a first aid kit that includes among other items:

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- 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**

You should be physically fit enough for this tour.

### **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.

### **Security**

First-aid kit, satellite phone, walkie-talkie are available at your guide.

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