

Mysteries of Dagestan — Detailed description

Trip Length: 7 Group: 1-6 Departure: Fixed Period: April - May

Trip overview

In 2021 we head for the land, where the gentle Caspian Sea, mild climate, majestic mountains and ancient architecture with authentic villages and Caucasian hospitality are combined, where you can find out what the real Caucasus is. Join us to travel to the unexplored lands of Dagestan, while it has not yet become mainstream, but has great natural and cultural potential.

Land of mountains, translated the word "Dagestan" from the Turkic language, is located in the southeastern part of the northern Caucasus far away from crowded tourist places. This is the most picturesque region with unique natural wonders that are difficult to find anywhere else. We collect only all the most incredible places of Dagestan: Barkhan Sarykum, a mystery of nature surrounded by mountains and the largest desert of Eurasia, the most ancient and southernmost village of Derbent with a thousand-year history, a picturesque village Kubachi with the best jewelry masters, "Caucasian Machu- Picchu" or aul-ghost Gamsutl, as well as the village Gunib, hidden high in the mountains. Finally, you discover the most beautiful canyon, which tops the list of tourist attractions of Dagestan and claims to be one of the 3 deepest canyons in the world (depth up to 1920 meters). The Sulak canyon, stretching for 53 km with the turquoise waters of the Sulak River, will steal your heart.

Apart from it, you will enjoy incredible mountain landscapes, get acquainted with the multinational and hospitable Caucasians, who have a unique culture and honor the customs of their ancestors, and also taste the amazing local cuisine that combines the Persian, Arab and Turkish flavor.

In 2021, Pavel Ageychenko, the founder of the BaikalNature company, will lead the various tours in Russia, and the Caucasus is certainly one of them! Don't miss the chance to discover new places under the guidance of an experienced traveler who knows everything and more about travel!

The tour does not require special physical training and it suits for a family vacation. Come and visit Dagestan, touch a thousand-year history and discover pristine nature, and you'll likely lose a piece of your heart in the mountainous republic!

Highlights

- Visit wonderful Dagestan, including only the most top places
- Authentic culture and delicious Caucasian cuisine
- Discover the picturesque mountain landscapes
- Tour led by experienced traveller Pavel Ageychenko
- Explore the ancient villages with more than 2000 years old history
- Get acquaintance with the best jewelry masters from Kubachi village
- Find out the Caucasian Machu- Picchu
- Enjoy one of the 3 deepest canyon in the world
- Best locations of Dagestan and opportunity to see local life from the inside

Tour type

DISCOVERYNATURE

Difficulty

Moderately Easy - 1-3 hours of physical activity daily

Comfort

Upgraded — all nights in comfortable rooms.

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Beginning / end of the tour

Tour starts: Mahachkala, End of the tour: Mahachkala

Program

Day 1 — Capital of Dagestan and the largest sand dune in Europe

10:00 — Arrival in Mahachkala
11:00 — Start of city tour
13:00 — Lunch in the local restaurant (Not included)
14:00 — Time at leisure
15:00 — Departure to Barkhan Sarykum
18:00 — Accommodation in the guest house
19:00 — Dinner in the restaurant of the trout farm (Not included)
Overnight in the guest house

Day 2 — One of the deepest canyon in the world

09:00 — Breakfast in the hotel
10:00 — The most deepest and the most beautiful
12:00 — Lunch in the local cafe (Not included)
14:00 — Towards to the heart of Dagestan - Ghunib village
18:00 — Discovery of Ghunib and get acquaintance with local people
19:00 — Dinner in the homestead
Overnight in the homestead
Hotels: Accommodation in the homestead Gunib, Room for 2-4 people
Comfort: Comfortable accommodation, WC and shower on the floor

Day 3 — Caucasian Machu-Picchu

08:00 — Breakfast
09:00 — Departure to the abandoned aul
10:00 — Ascending to Gamsutl village
13:00 — Lunch in the local cafe (Not included)
14:00 — Saltinsky waterfall
16:00 — Ghunib fortress among the mountains
19:00 — Dinner (Not included)
Overnight in the homestead
Hotels: Accommodation in the homestead Gunib, Room for 2-4 people
Comfort: Comfortable accommodation, WC and shower on the floor

Day 4 — The aul of goldsmiths

09:00 — Breakfast in the homestead
10:00 — Departure to the village Kubachi
13:00 — Lunch in homestead on the way
15:00 — Excursion to the Kubachinsky art factory
17:00 — Accommodation in the homestead and visit of the family museum

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19:00 — Dinner in the homestead

Overnight at the homestead

Hotels: Accommodation in the guest house Kubachi, Room for 2-4 people

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

Day 5 — Abandoned auls of Dagestan

09:00 — Breakfast in the homestead

10:00 — Walking to Amuzgi village

12:00 — Excursion around the Kubachi village

13:00 — Lunch in the homestead

14:00 — Road to Derbent city and visit of abandoned settlement Kala-Koreish

18:00 — Accommodation in the hotel

19:00 — Dinner (Not included)

Overnight in the hotel

Hotels: Accommodation in the hotel "Alye Parusa", Derbent, Twin room

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

Day 6 — The most ancient city of Russia

09:00 — Breakfast

10:00 — Discovery of Naryn-Kala fortress

12:00 — Walk around the old part of Derbent

13:00 — Lunch in the homestead

16:00 — Discovery of Caspian sea and its monster

19:00 — Dinner (Not included)

Overnight in the hotel

Hotels: Accommodation in the hotel "Alye Parusa", Derbent, Twin room

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

Day 7 — The end of the program

09:00 — Breakfast in the hotel

10:00 — Transfer to the airport

Departures

Start	End	Basic price per person
27.04.2022	03.05.2022	76900.00 RUB
04.05.2022	10.05.2022	76900.00 RUB
13.05.2022	19.05.2022	76900.00 RUB
20.05.2022	26.05.2022	76900.00 RUB

Note

The price is indicated per person in the group of 3, if the number is lower the price will be recalculated.

What's included

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Price includes

- English-speaking guide
- Accommodation as per itinerary
- Transport as per itinerary
- Excursions and visits as per itinerary
- Reserves and national parks entrance permissions
- Transfer from airport / railway station on first day
- Transfer to airport / railway station on last day
- Meals according to the program

Price does not include

- Personal expenses and tips
- Airline tickets
- Accident 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.

Recommended checklist

Sunglasses
Windproof waterproof pants and jacket (GORE-TEX, EVENT, SIMPA-TEX)
Long sleeve shirts or sweatshirts
T-shirts
Cap or hat to protect against sun
Foulard or tagelmust
Comfortable walking shoes (like Vibram or similar)
Comfortable shoes for city
Sunscreen for skin and lips
Charger and spare battery for camera/phone
Photo / video camera

Meals

At restaurants and homestays in cities, traditional cuisine consists of local specialties.

Health

No compulsory vaccination.

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.

Medical Form

No particular physical condition is required.

Emergency Contact

In Western Russia, you can contact BaikalNature by phone: +7 499 705 65 58

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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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