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## Land of bears and volcanoes — Detailed description

Trip Length: 8 Group: 8-16 Departure: Fixed Period: July

### Trip overview

During the tour you will visit some unique places in Kamchatka: Dvukhyurtochnoye Lake where you can watch brown bears fishing, white-shouldered eagles, salmon moving and spawning. A helicopter flight to this area will allow you to enjoy beautiful aerial views.

You will cross Kamchatka from south to north and going from one climatic zone to another you will get to Central Kamchatka where the largest volcanoes of Europe and Asia are located. You will visit the area with the most intensive volcano activity on the territory of Russia.

Optionally, you will have the chance to have a boat trip round Avacha Bay and the Pacific; admire Kamchatka's largest sea bird colonies or take a helicopter flight to the valley of geysers.

During the tour you get to swim several times in natural hot springs and thermal water pools.

### Highlights

- Helicopter flight
- Watching bears at Lake Dvukhyurtotchnoye
- Kamchatka volcanoes
- Swim in hot springs in the villages of Malkia and Paratunka
- Local cuisine
- Getting to know the life of Kamchatka aborigines

### Tour type

DISCOVERYNATURE

### Difficulty

Moderate - 3-5 hours of physical activity daily

### Comfort

Standard — most of nights in comfortable rooms, some nights in tents or rooms with shared WC.

### Begining / end of the tour

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

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### Program

#### Day 1 — Welcome to Kamchatka!

10:30 — Arrival at the airport to Petropavlovsk-Kamchatsky

11:00 — Transfer to the hotel

13:00 — Lunch (Not included)

14:00 — Check-in in the hotel and rest

15:00 — Boat trip along Avacha Bay

18:00 — Dinner on board

Overnight in the hotel

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Hotels: Accommodation in the hotel Arseniev, Standard twin room  
Comfort: Comfortable accommodation, WC and bath / shower in room

### Day 2 — Free time and departure to Milkovo

09:00 — Breakfast in the resort  
10:00 — Free time  
13:00 — Lunch (Not included)  
17:00 — Departure to the village of Milkovo  
18:00 — Arrival at the hotel and check-in  
19:00 — Dinner (Not included)  
Overnight in the hotel

Hotels: Accommodation in the hotel of Milkovo village, Kamchatka, Twin room  
Comfort: Comfortable accommodation, WC and shower on the floor

### Day 3 — Helicopter flight to Dvukhyurtochnoye Lake

07:30 — Early breakfast  
08:30 — Transfer to Kozyrevsk village  
11:30 — Helicopter flight to Dvukhyurtochnoye Lake  
12:30 — Arrival and check-in  
14:00 — Lunch  
15:00 — Walking to the Dvukhyurtochnaya river  
19:00 — Dinner  
Overnight in the resort

Hotels: Accommodation at the Dvukhyurtochnoye lake, Kamchatka, Room for 2-4 persons  
Comfort: Simple comfort accommodation, toilet outdoors, banya

### Day 4 — Bear watching

09:00 — Breakfast  
10:00 — Bear watching and fishing  
13:00 — Lunch  
19:00 — Dinner  
Overnight in the resort

Hotels: Accommodation at the Dvukhyurtochnoye lake, Kamchatka, Room for 2-4 persons  
Comfort: Simple comfort accommodation, toilet outdoors, banya

### Day 5 — By helicopter over Kamchatka volcanoes

09:00 — Breakfast  
10:00 — Morning bear watching  
11:00 — Helicopter trip to Kozyrevsk village  
13:00 — Lunch in cafe (Not included)  
14:00 — Transfer to the Esso village  
18:00 — Dinner  
19:00 — Arrival and rest  
Overnight in the hotel

### Day 6 — Return to Petropavlovsk

08:00 — Breakfast

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12:00 — Departure to Petropavlovsk  
13:00 — Lunch in the cafe (Not included)  
16:00 — Visit of water source Malkinskye  
17:00 — Arrival and check-in in the hotel  
19:00 — Dinner (Not included)

Overnight in the hotel

Hotels: Accommodation in the hotel Arseniev, Standard twin room  
Comfort: Comfortable accommodation, WC and bath / shower in room

#### Day 7 — Free day

09:00 — Breakfast  
10:00 — Optional excursions  
13:00 — Lunch (Not included)  
14:00 — Free time  
19:00 — Dinner (Not included)

Overnight in the hotel

Hotels: Accommodation in the hotel Arseniev, Standard twin room  
Comfort: Comfortable accommodation, WC and bath / shower in room

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

08:00 — Breakfast in the hotel  
09:00 — Last tour in the city, you can go see the fish market and buy souvenirs  
12:00 — Transfer to the airport. End of the programme.

#### Departures

Start	End	Basic price per person
15.07.2024	22.07.2024	350900.00 RUB

#### Note

Please consider additional costs: - lunches and dinners not included in the program (approximately 300-500 rubles in a cafe, 500-1000 rubles in a restaurant) - optional excursions - on request - single supplement - 30,000 rubles. (except for the accommodation on the lake). The order of excursions may be changed depending on weather conditions.

#### What's included

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**Price includes**

- English-speaking guide services
- Russian-speaking guide
- Accommodation as per itinerary
- Excursions and visits as per itinerary
- Nature reserves and parks entrance permissions
- Tent rental
- Bathing in springs
- Airplane/ train tickets
- Letter of invitation
- Bathing in hot springs
- Camping outfit rental
- Meals according to the program

**Price does not include**

- Meals as per itinerary
- Personal expenses and tips
- Visa fees and travel insurance
- Optional activities
- Airline tickets
- Sleeping bag rental

**Checklist & Equipment**

If you are traveling in the spring or autumn, please check with your manager for a list of recommended equipment and an approximate weather forecast.

**Recommended checklist**

T-shirts, shorts  
pants, long sleeve jacket/tracksuit  
raincoat / windproof and waterproof jacket with HOOD!  
sunglasses  
sunscreen and lip balm  
swimsuit / swim trunks  
towel  
wet wipes and antibacterial hand gel  
water bottle/flask  
spray against mosquitoes and ticks (for summer outdoor tours)  
sleeping bag  
winter (down) jacket and warm pants (windproof and waterproof) / winter suit  
warm mittens (for convenience, thin gloves and a second layer of mittens with fur) / ski gloves  
thermal socks  
comfortable warm hat and scarf (snood)  
ski mask  
fleece balaclava  
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**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. The cost of travel and other services is always fixed in rubles. Please note that cards from foreign banks do not work in Russia at the moment. Tourists can obtain a bank card from a Russian bank in advance or travel with cash. If you have euros or dollars with you, exchange offices will allow you to change them easily in the cities. It is also worth noting that the exchange rate at airports is usually not the most favorable. It is better to exchange in big cities (you can check the current exchange rate online).

## 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.

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

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.

## 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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### Travel Insurance

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

Your safety is very important to us! During the trip we ask you to follow the guide's advice, read the instructions carefully and follow the group. If you have any questions or experience any discomfort, please notify your guide or tour-manager immediately.

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