

Golden Ring of Altai — Detailed description

Trip Length: 8 Group: 6-10 Departure: Fixed Period: June - September

Trip overview

This journey of 8 days gives you a unique chance to discover the Altai in its natural magnificence. Including the most famous and characteristic places of the region, our program will lead you into strong and contradictory feelings by passing the river bank of Aktru, frosty and tempestuous, to the ascent of the snowy summits where streams are forming glittering waterfalls.

Meeting the local population with their legends, traditions and customs you will cross the impressive valley of the river Tchulychmane via the legendary road of Chuya, connecting Russia and Mongolia, along which you will observe rupestral engravings and mortuary buildings. The lake Teletskoye will also be a major step of this incredible trip.

The transport envisaged for trip it is a Russian vehicle any ground (GAZ, UAZ, KAMAZ, URAL) equipped for safety transfer.

Highlights

- Journey accessible to all
- Boat excursion on the lake Teletskoye, the biggest one of Gorno-Altai
- Discover of wonderful panoramas
- Visit of the highest waterfall of the Altai
- Trekking to the wonderful glacier Aktru and blue lakes
- Visit of Geyser lake and stunning Martian landscapes
- Possibility to touch the Stone Mushrooms

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: Barnaul, End of the tour: Barnaul

Program

Day 1 — Cross Seminsky and ethnic village Uch-Enmek

10:00 — Arrival to Barnaul
11:00 — Transfer to the camping
13:00 — Lunch (Not included)
15:00 — Continuation of the road
17:30 — Arrival to the camping
19:00 — Dinner

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Overnight in the tents

Day 2 — Aktru valley

09:00 — Breakfast
10:00 — Transfer to the village of Kuray
13:00 — Lunch (picnic)
14:00 — Trekking along the Aktru river
16:30 — Accommodation in the tents of the camp
19:00 — Dinner
Overnight in the tents

Day 3 — Blue lake

09:00 — Breakfast
10:00 — Pedestrian excursion to the Light blue lake
13:00 — Outdoor lunch
17:00 — Return to the camp, rest
19:00 — Dinner
Overnight in the tents

Day 4 — Picturesque Ulagansky passage

09:00 — Breakfast
11:00 — Transfer to the Ulagansky passage
13:00 — Lunch on the way
15:00 — Stop for the overnight, arrangement in the camp
19:00 — Dinner
Overnight in the tents

Day 5 — The Chulyshman River

09:00 — Breakfast
10:00 — Departure to the Chulyshman River
13:00 — Lunch on the way
15:00 — Trekking to the tent camp
19:00 — Dinner
Overnight in the tents

Day 6 — Uchar waterfall

08:00 — Breakfast
09:00 — Pedestrian excursion to Uchar waterfall
13:00 — Lunch (picnic)
18:00 — Return to the camp, rest
19:00 — Dinner
Overnight in the tents

Day 7 — Stone mushrooms

08:00 — Breakfast

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09:00 — Crossing over the Chulyshman River
10:00 — Discovery of the Stone mushrooms
14:00 — Outdoor lunch
16:00 — Transfer to the Lake Teletskoye
19:00 — Dinner
Overnight in the tents

Day 8 — Lake Teletskoye

08:00 — Breakfast
09:00 — Boat trip on the lake Teletskoye
13:00 — Lunch
14:00 — Transfer to the Barangol village
17:00 — Russian banya
19:00 — Farewell dinner
22:00 — Return to Barnaul

Departures

Start	End	Basic price per person
14.06.2023	21.06.2023	61000.00 RUB
22.06.2023	29.06.2023	61000.00 RUB
28.06.2023	05.07.2023	61000.00 RUB
06.07.2023	13.07.2023	61000.00 RUB
12.07.2023	19.07.2023	61000.00 RUB
20.07.2023	27.07.2023	61000.00 RUB
26.07.2023	02.08.2023	61000.00 RUB
03.08.2023	10.08.2023	61000.00 RUB
09.08.2023	16.08.2023	61000.00 RUB
17.08.2023	24.08.2023	61000.00 RUB
23.08.2023	30.08.2023	61000.00 RUB
04.09.2023	11.09.2023	61000.00 RUB
10.09.2023	17.09.2023	61000.00 RUB
18.09.2023	25.09.2023	61000.00 RUB

Note

The departure is guaranteed for the group from 6 person. It's possible to be accommodated in the wooden house (2-6 persons in the room) with a supplement - 16 500 roubles.

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What's included

Price includes

- Russian-speaking guide services
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- Accommodation as per itinerary
- Transport as per itinerary
- Meals as per itinerary
- Nature reserves and parks entrance permissions
- Tent rental
- Bathing in springs
- Airplane/ train tickets
- Accident insurance
- Boat trip
- Letter of invitation

Price does not include

- English-speaking guide
- Personal expenses and tips
- Visa fees and travel insurance

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.

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Recommended checklist

warm jacket (for example, fleece) or light jacket

water bottle/flask

spray against mosquitoes and ticks (for summer outdoor tours)

sleeping bag

fleece jacket/sweater with collar

warm mittens (for convenience, thin gloves and a second layer of mittens with fur) / ski gloves

fleece balaclava

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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. The cost of travel and other services is always fixed in rubles. Please note that cards from foreign banks do
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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.

Emergency Contact

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

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

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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