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Martian landscapes and colorful mountains, beautiful lakes and alpine meadows, steppes and waterfalls — it's hard to find a better place to learn landscape photography.

Experiences you'll have

Altai Mountains photo tour

Moving from Barnaul along the legendary Chuysky tract you will reach the heart of Altai. Beautiful views of Multinsky Lakes surrounded by mountains and glaciers, a spectacular Kuiguk waterfall, Kurai steppe and alpine flowers — your camera will be filled with unique shots.

Two photo leaders — <u>Jannik Obenhoff</u> and <u>Lennart Pagel</u> will share secrets of landscape photography with you.

Ancient tombs and cave paintings in a nature park, geyser lake, that stays unfrozen even in winter, Martian landscapes of Chagan-Uzun and colored rocks of Kyzyl-Chin Mars-1 don't leave anybody indifferent. You will have photo shoots in the most picturesque spots at dawns and sunsets for catching the best light.

The cost of this tour includes a flight from Moscow to Barnaul and back

Note: Border permit is required for this tour. Personal data should be submitted minimum 35 days before the date of arrival

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Itinerary

The journey starts in Moscow where you should travel on your own. We are ready to assist with the purchase of tickets. If necessary, leave a comment in the order.

Day 1

The guide will meet you at the airport or railway station.

You will be transferred to Zamulta village in Ust-Koksinsky district (750 km, 12 hours). On the way there will be a stop for the migration registration procedures. Luggage that is not needed in mountains can be left in a storage. You will have lunch in a café.

The road goes along the famous Chuysky Tract and passes

its highest point Seminsky Pass (1800 m above sea level) and Uimonsky Pass. Not far from Ust-Kan village you will see the cave entrance on the mountainside. After Kyrlyk Pass you will go through Abai steppe. Impressive views with meadows and a blue Cocks river are waiting for you in this journey. A steep cliff of Gromotuha Pass will get your adrenaline going.

Upon arrival in Zamulta village, you will accommodate in

summer houses and have dinner. You can also visit sauna here. Day 2

After breakfast, you will move to the Lower Multinsky Lake

(15 km by car, 6 km by foot, 2 hours). It is located in 1710m altitude. Its length is 2370 m, maximum width is 900 m. The road to the lake passes along Mikhailovka River and Krepkaya river.

You will accommodate in summer houses. After dinner, you

will have a walk along Lower Multinsky Lake to the 'Shumy' ridge, where water passes through the rocks. You will admire a magnificent view of the Lower Multinsky Lake, Middle Multinsky Lake and glaciers of the Upper Multinsky Lake. After coming back to the camp, you will relax by the fire. Day 3

You will meet sunrise on 'Shumy' ridge. After having

breakfast in the camp, you will collect equipment and products for spending one night on the river Kuiguk. You will have a horse trip







to the river Kuyguk valley with a water fall and lake. On the way you will see amazing landscapes — mountains, glaciers and rivers. After passing 9 km (2-2,5 hours), you will reach a spectacular Kuyguk waterfall which is 30 meters high.

Kuyguk lake is located 300 meters further. It is surrounded

by high mountains with glaciers, streams and alpine flowers. The lake is about one kilometer long, 500 meters wide and has a beautiful turquoise color.

In the evening you will have dinner by fire. Tonight, you

will stay in tents. Day 4

At sunrise you will have a shooting in Kuyguk valley. After

breakfast, with horses you will return to the Lower Multinsky Lake (1 km by foot, 9 km by horse, 4 hours), have a picnic and some rest in summer houses. In the evening dinner is waiting for you. Day 5

Today with Gaz-66 you will return to 'Multinsky lakes'

camping in Zamulta village (15 km, 2 hours). From here, with a minivan you will be transferred to Chuysky tract to the ethnonatural park Uch-Enmek (285 km, 6 hours). Here, you will see a lot of ancient tombs and cave paintings. On the way you will have a lunch at a roadside café.

You will accommodate in Karakol hotel and have dinner in

a café. There is an option to order a concert of local singing. Day 6

This day you will have an excursion to Kurai village not far

away from Mongolian border. The way goes through the scenic Chike-Taman pass (1470 m above sea level). You will see a lot of beautiful places: the spectacular llgumenskiy rift on Katun river with rocks up to 4 meters, Chuya sands and archaeological monuments, Chui and Katun rivers confluence. Kalbak-Tash tract, a large natural complex with rock paintings – petroglyphs, is also waiting for you in the journey.

After lunch in a café, you will have a walk to the

picturesque geyser lake, that is unfrozen even in winter. You will stay overnight in a camping not far from the Kuray village. Total itinerary of the day — 215 km by car (8 hours), 2 km by foot (1 hour). Day 7

After breakfast, there will be a sunrise photoshoot. Then,

you will be transferred to Chagan-Uzun river, where you will admire Martian landscapes and colored rocks of Kyzyl-Chin Mars-1.

Afterwards, you will go to Kuray village and Jangyskol lake.

Here, you will stay in tents. Total itinerary of the day — 60 km by car, 40 km by off-road jeep, 6 km by foot. Day 8

Half of the day you will spend on the lake. Then, a transfer

to Chibit village is waiting for you. Here, you will accommodate in houses and have dinner at the fire.

	by car. Day 9
	This day you will depart to Barnaul (610 km by car). On the
	way you will have a stop at 'Arzhan-Suu' spring. There is silver, copper and other minerals in water. You can visit a large bazaar with souvenirs nearby.
	Barnaul will be reached at around 19:00. You will
	accommodate in a city hotel. Day 10
	You will be transferred to Barnaul airport or railway
•	station.

Accomodation at the trip

You will stay in summer houses in Zamulta village, near Multinsky lakes and in Chibit village. One night you will spend in camping near Kuray village.

Two nights you will stay in tents — in Kuyguk valley and not far away from Jangyskol lake.

In Barnaul and in Uch-Enmek ethno-natural park you will stay in double rooms in hotels. In Karakol hotel in the ethno-natural park rooms are with shared facilities.

FAQ

Required data for border permit

To participate in tour it is necessary to submit the following information not later than 35 days before start of the tour:

- copy of passport
- full name of employing Company and job position
- address of current residence
- city of birth (with country indicated)
- phone number

The issue of border permit is included in the tour.

Tick-borne encephalitis vaccination

We highly recommend to get a tick-borne encephalitis vaccination, especially for May-June arrivals. In Russia vaccination is done in 2 parts. The first vaccine is made 45 days before arrival to Russia. The second vaccine — 7-14 days before arrival to the Altai region.

The vaccination process might differ in your country. For details, please contact your doctor. If you are not willing to go through vaccination process, please, be assured that your medical insurance covers tick-borne encephalitists.

Booking

Altai Autumn colors of Siberia Difficulty Group size Duration

to 10

from 2 800 EUR

What's included in the price:

- Airfare Moscow Barnaul Moscow
- Accommodation according to the program (7 nights in hotels and camp sites, 2 nights in tents)
- Meals according to the program
- Transfer according to the program
- Horse rides
- Equipment rent (tents, rugs, kitchen and campfire equipment)
- Entrance tickets
- Guide services
- Medical insurance
- Migration registration procedure

Accomodation at the trip



2 nights 2 nights 5 nights

Extra charge:

- Lunches on the road (day 1, 5 and 9)
- Dinner in Barnaul on day 9
- Sauna
- Concert in Uch-Enmek park (+6000 rubles pp)







