

Active small-group off-road tour: Gorely Volcano, Bystraya River, Russkaya Bay











Our recipe for the perfect vacation: small-group travel, a packed itinerary visiting the region's highlights, and accommodation in a comfortable hotel. You will ascend Gorely Volcano to see its crater lakes and frozen lava flows. You will reach the Dachnye hot springs – a fumarole field near Mutnovsky Volcano. On a boat trip to Russkaya Bay, you will see a summer Steller sea lion rookery and panoramas of volcanic cones. And during a rafting trip on the Bystraya River, you will have a chance to fish and might even spot brown bears.

Experiences you'll have

The journey will be in a small group of up to 12 people – a great option for a first visit to Kamchatka. The program includes the essential activities that every guest of the fiery land must try, and the must-see locations of the peninsula. You will not only see the region's signature sights but also sample dishes made from local produce and, of course, taste Kamchatka crab.

We have taken care of your comfort: all transfers are organized in specially prepared off-road vehicles – Jeeps or Mitsubishi Delicas. While the Delica resembles a minibus in appearance, it is a full-fledged 4WD off-road vehicle, well-proven in local conditions.

Please note: if the group has fewer than 6 people, the rafting and boat trip are organized jointly with other tourist groups.

Price for the tour can be increased depending on the number of tourists in the group. For details, please contact our managers.

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Age from 12 y.o.
Group size from 2 to 12
Duration 8 days

Accomodation at the trip

7 nights

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The journey begins in Petropavlovsk-Kamchatsky, which you need to reachuide independently on the first day of the program.

The itinerary may change. The route may be adjusted due to weather conditions and other unforeseen circumstances.

from 4 065 EUR

Day 1

Itinerary

At the airport, you will be met by a driver holding a

RussiaDiscovery sign who will take you to the hotel complex located in the Paratunka resort area. On the way, you will stop at the "Bears" monument, better known as "Here Russia Begins." It is located at a viewpoint with a panorama of three volcanoes — Avachinsky, Koryaksky, and Kozelsky — in the background.

Upon arrival, you will check into the hotel after 3:00 PM.

If you arrive early, you can leave your luggage at the reception, have lunch on your own at one of the complex's restaurants, or visit the swimming pool.

Day 2

After breakfast, you will head to the Southern group of volcanoes.

The route starts from the Vilyuchinsky Pass, which offers

a view of the volcano of the same name. If the weather is clear, you can take photos of the surrounding panoramas as a memento.

The next stop is the Mutnovskaya Geothermal Power

Station (40 minutes from the pass). The hiking route to the Dachnye hot springs at the foot of Mutnovsky Volcano begins from the station (about 2 hours of easy trekking with descents and ascents).

After the trek, you will have a picnic with hot tea. If the

weather is good and the trail is safe, a visit to the Snow Leopard Waterfall is planned. For this, you will need to return to the starting point of the route (30 minutes) and hike for about an hour.

Upon returning to the hotel. you will have dinner (for an

additional fee).

Day 3

Today, you will have an early breakfast and transfer to

the seaport of Petropavlovsk-Kamchatsky (about an hour). Breakfast will be provided as a packed meal (which you can pick up at the reception).

You will set off on a sea boat to the Russkaya Bay area.

While passing through Avacha Bay, you will see the symbol of Petropavlovsk-Kamchatsky — the Three Brothers Rocks. If you're lucky, you might spot seals, whales, and orcas. If not, don't worry — ahead lies Starichkov Island, where thousands of seabirds nest: ancient murrelets, tufted puffins, cormorants, and guillemots. The final point of the route will be Cape Kekurny, with its seasonal Steller sea lion rookery.

If you wish, you can go fishing and catch pollock, sea

bass, greenling, and flounder. The chef will prepare your catch for you.

The boat trip will last 10 hours. In the evening, you will return to the hotel and have dinner on your own.

Please note: for groups of up to 6 people, the boat trip

will be conducted with other tourists. For groups of 6 or more, you will go to sea on a boat chartered exclusively for your group.

Day 4

After breakfast, you will travel in a 4x4 vehicle along the

bed of the Sukhaya River to the active Avachinsky and Koryaksky volcanoes, reaching the Avachinsky Pass (2 hours). You will ascend Mount Camel with a relative height of about 250 meters and walk along the volcanic ridges.

Mount Camel is a volcanic dome at the foot of Avachinsky

and Koryaksky volcanoes. This natural monument got its name due to its shape, which resembles two camel humps. From the top of the mountain, you will enjoy a magnificent view of Avachinsky and Koryaksky volcanoes, as well as the famous Nalychevo Valley.

After the walk, you will have lunch at a mountain canteen

and head to Khalaktyrsky Beach. This is a 50-kilometer stretch of Pacific Ocean coast covered in black volcanic sand. From here, you can see a panoramic view of Kamchatka's "home" volcanoes —Koryaksky, Avachinsky, and Kozelsky.

Dinner will be at the hotel restaurant (for an additional

fee).

Day 5

Today, you can relax in your hotel's spa area (for an

additional fee), walk around the hotel complex grounds, or go on one of the helicopter tours.

Day 6

After breakfast (if departing early, the hotel restaurant

will provide a packed breakfast), you will head north to the Bystraya River (about 2 hours drive).

After a safety briefing, you will begin rafting on an

inflatable raft. The rafting will last about 3 hours, with a guide steering the raft while you relax and fish. If you're lucky, you might spot bears during the trip, as they hunt for spawning fish.

Upon returning to the hotel, you will have dinner on your own.

Please note: for groups of fewer than 6 people, the

rafting will be conducted as part of a combined group. Transfers to and from the starting point of the route will be organized individually for you with your guide.

Day 7

Today, you will travel in a 4x4 vehicle to the foot of Gorely Volcano (2-3 hours drive).

Afterward, you will ascend Gorely Volcano (1,829 meters).

The trek will take about 5 hours (3 hours up and about 2 hours down), but the climb is not difficult. You will walk along frozen lava flows and slag fields, and explore three craters with glacial lakes. A snack break will be held with views of Vilyuchinsky and Mutnovsky volcanoes.

In the evening, you will transfer to the Paratunka resort

area and check into a lodge with a thermal pool, where you will have dinner (for an additional fee).

Day 8

After breakfast, you will be taken to the fish market. You

can buy red fish, caviar, and crabs. Then, you will be transferred to the airport for your flight home.

Accomodation at the trip

Spa Hotel "Laguna" 4* (7 nights)

The complex is located on the shore of the mountain lake Mikizha, near the village of Paratunka. You will stay in standard twin rooms of the guesthouse with a double bed or twin beds, a shower, and a toilet. The territory features thermal pools, a restaurant, a bar, and a barbecue area. Mobile network coverage is available.

FAQ

What will the weather be like

In summer, Kamchatka can experience both intense heat and cool, rainy weather with fog and strong winds (reaching 20-25 m/s at volcano summits). Therefore, when selecting clothing, be prepared for a wide range of conditions and temperatures from $+8^{\circ}\text{C}$ to $+30^{\circ}\text{C}$.

What to bring with me

Documents and Personal Items:

- passport (birth certificate for children)
- · health insurance policy
- small backpack for water and personal items (for ascents and treks)
- sunglasses
- sunscreen
- personal first aid kit
- insect repellent

Clothing and Footwear:

- light down jacket
- windbreaker with hood
- raincoat
- sports pants / trekking trousers
- · sweater/fleece/hoodie
- t-shirts
- · light thermal underwear
- comfortable high socks (trekking or cotton)
- thin gloves
- cap, light hat, buff/neck gaiter
- swimwear
- trekking sneakers or broken-in boots with good tread and sufficient ankle support
- spare sports shoes without deep tread (for the hotel and boat trip)

Who will be my guide

Throughout the tour, you will be accompanied by a certified guide. Off-road routes will also have driver-guides.

Meals

The tour price includes breakfasts at the hotel, picnic lunches on off-road routes (featuring game, seafood), a hot lunch, and a crab tasting during the boat trip.

Lunch on day 5 and dinners are to be paid separately.

What transport is used on the route

Off-road transfers are organized in small 4x4 vehicles (Jeeps, Mitsubishi Delica, or similar). The boat trip is conducted on a motorboat.

Mobile connection and Wi-Fi

There will be no mobile network coverage on the routes. Signal is available only in Petropavlovsk-Kamchatsky and on the hotel grounds. Wi-Fi is also available at the hotel.

Optional helicopter tours

For an extra charge, you can book one of the helicopter tours. Helicopter tours must be paid for when booking the tour in Moscow. If canceled due to inclement weather, the full cost of the tour is refunded upon your return from the trip.

Flights are operated on Mi-8 helicopters. Tour duration: 6-7 hours. The group consists of 19-23 people, accompanied by a guide at all times.

1. Valley of Geysers (with Uzon Volcano Caldera)

Cost: from 150,000 RUB per person.

This tour includes:

- Aerial sightseeing of the active Karymsky and Maly Semyachik volcanoes.
- Valley of Geysers One of the largest geyser fields in the world, one of the Seven Wonders of Russia, and a UNESCO World Heritage Site
- **Uzon Volcano Caldera** A giant depression formed by the collapse of an ancient volcano's walls, showcasing intense hydrothermal activity on its floor.
- · Swimming in the Nalychevo hot springs.

2. Kuril Lake

Cost: from 150,000 RUB per person.

This tour includes:

- Kuril Lake Annually, salmon come here to spawn, followed by dozens of brown bears. You can observe them from just a few meters away.
- **Ksudach Volcano Caldera** A very picturesque area, a natural monument of landscape and geological significance.
- Swimming in the Khodutkinsky hot springs.

Helicopter tours will not take place in poor weather conditions. If visiting the Valley of Geysers or Kuril Lake is a priority for your trip to Kamchatka, we recommend allocating reserve days before or after the main tour.

Booking

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What's included in the price:

- double occupancy accommodation in a 4* hotel
- breakfasts at the hotel, picnic lunches during excursions
- airport transfers (both ways) and transportation services according to the program
- guide services
- excursions according to the program
- access to the hotel's aqua complex

Extra charge:

- airfare to Petropavlovsk-Kamchatsky
- lunch on day 5 and dinners
- single occupancy supplement (+104,000 RUB/person)
- helicopter tours on day 5

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