Active volcanoes and endless adventures

Trekking tour to Kamchatka

The blue Avacha Bay and the «dead forest» covered with ashes, geysers pouring from the bowels of the earth and volcanoes rising to the sky... Kamchatka is a land of contrasts that will open up to you during this journey.
Experiences you’ll have

Trekking the volcanoes of Kamchatka

During this truly unique journey you will cross Kamchatka by car from the south to the north, moving from one climatic zone to another, and then find yourself in the center of the peninsula. There is one of the most beautiful places of the Kamchatka – the Klyuchevskaya volcanoes group that is considered to be the largest in Eurasia.

You will look into the craters of active Mutnovsky and Gorely volcanoes, climb the Tolbachinsky cone. Boiling fumaroles, vast slag fields and lava solidified in different forms look impressive! As well as the «dead forest» – a huge area destroyed by the volcanic eruption in 1975.

You will spend the night in tents, admiring picturesque panoramas of the Kamchatka nature, relax in hot springs and thermal pools after trekking. If you wish, you can make your vacation in Kamchatka even more vivid, visiting the famous valley of geysers or go on a helicopter tour to the Kuril lake to watch the bears hunting salmon.

The tour is guaranteed to be organized on all announced dates. It is possible to join only for a part of the tour with an individual program.

Itinerary

The journey begins with a meeting at the airport of Petropavlovsk-Kamchatsky, which you must travel to on your own. We can help with the purchase of tickets. If necessary, leave a comment on the application.

Day 1

After meeting at the airport you will move to Petropavlovsk-Kamchatsky, where you will accomodate in the hotel and rest. Then you can walk around the city. You will have dinner with the guide at 8 p.m. and discuss the program.

Day 2

Today you will enjoy a boat trip to the Avacha Bay. You will see sea bird rookeries on Babushkin Kamen (Old Woman’s Stone) Island and Tri Brata (Three Brothers) Island. Go out to the Pacific ocean tup to Starichkov Island, where you will watch the largest sea bird rookery in Kamchatka. Most likely you will meet with the dolphins, sea lions and killer whales. You will participate in sea fishing, after which you will have a lunch.

After the sea excursion will move to the Mutnovsky volcano area. Here will set up a camp, have dinner and spend the night in tents.

Day 3

You will climb to the crater of the Mutnovsky volcano (2323 m high). Observe the active fumaroles, mud siphons, and a mountain lake. The Mutnovsky crater is the one of the most outstanding volcanic phenomena in Kamchatka. The steep slopes surround the wide and deep cavity of the crater with gleaming glaciers, crushed cracks and boiling fumaroles.

Trekking will take approximately 8 hours. Then you will return to the camp and rest.

Day 4

Today you will visit another active volcano Gorely (1829 m high), moving past the lava flows and cinder fields, observing 3 craters with volcanic lakes.
Trekking will take approximately 6 hours, after that you will move to the Paratunka recreation base. You will check in and swim in the thermal pools.

**Day 5**

**On this day it is possible to go on a helicopter excursion to** Geyser Valley and Uzon Caldera with walking around Geyser Valley and having lunch outdoors. Also you can visit Kuril lake watching the bears. The excursions are paid additionally.

In the evening you will go to Maika village. Setting the camp and swimming in the hot springs. Spend the night in tents.

**Day 6**

**After breakfast you will go to the Klyuchevskaya volcano group area.** On the way there will be a stop for lunch in the cafe in Milkovo village.

Then you will move to the area of Sharp and Flat Tolbachik volcanoes. On the way in clear weather you will observe the spectacular views of the highest volcanoes of Kamchatka: Krestovsky (4 057 m), Ushkovsky (3 903 m), Klyuchevskaya (4 750 m), Stone (4 579 m), Flat (3 082 m) and Sharp Tolbachik (3 672 m).

**Day 7**

The eruption of the volcano Flat Tolbachik in 2012-2013 became one of the most powerful on Kamchatka in the last hundred years. Two fractured breakthroughs formed at the southern slope. Powerful lava flows passed through the snow-covered volcano’s slopes for about 18 km.

Today you will observe the the consequences of the 2013 eruption — see the young cone, caves made by the wide lava flows, the stone sculptures and the heaps of hardened lava.

**Day 8**

After breakfast you will go to the North and South breakthroughs. You climb on Tolbachinsky cones, representing the volcanoes in miniature. Their height is 100-200 meters.

After you return to the camp, spend the night in tents.

**Day 9**

In the first half of the day you will take a walk through the Dead forest – a huge area destroyed by slag and ash eruptions in 1975.

After you will move to Milkovo village, located on the banks of the Kamchatka river. It was founded in the XVIII century on the island of Itelmen – the indigenous people of Kamchatka.

Here you will stay in the hotel, and you have free time to walk through one of the oldest settlements of the Kamchatka region. You can visit the observation point, which offers panoramic views of the village, the Kamchatka river and volcanoes.

**Day 10**

Today you will get acquainted with the exposition of the
Today you will get acquainted with the exposition of the Ethnographic museum of the Kamchatka river valley's inhabitants. You will have lunch in the cafe and then move to Petropavlovsk-Kamchatsky.

Upon arrival to the city you will accommodate in the hotel, and have a farewell dinner in the evening.

Day 11

Transfer to fish market at 9 a.m. Then you will be taken to airport.

Accomodation at the trip

The first and last night of the tour you will spend at Petropavlovsk Hotel 3* or Geyser Hotel 3*. Double rooms are equipped with modern furniture, TV, refrigerator and a private bathroom.

On the 4th day of the trip you will stay at the Solnechnaja Tourist base, located at the Paratunka resort area. On the 9th day you will stay at the Geologist Hotel, located in Milkovo village. The double rooms have a toilet and washbasin, and the shower is in a separate room on the floor.

During the trips to the volcanoes of Kamchatka, as well as during the days of rafting on the Bystraya river, you will spend the night in tents.

Note: in case of unforeseen circumstances, it is possible to replace the accommodation on the same or higher level.

FAQ

Who will be my guide

In the active part of the route you will be with experienced guides and conductors. As a rule, they also accompany us during transport. In the absence of an accompanying guide, their role is assigned to the driver.

Before the beginning of the active part of the route guides will conduct safety training. In the event of unforeseen minor injuries conductors have a first aid kit.

Meals

During the journey all meals are provided. On the active part food will be cooked on a gas stove or over a fire. You will also have the option of being instructed by a chef if you wish.

In the stowed menu, there are a variety of salads, soups, oatmeal, pasta, buckwheat, rice, potatoes, vegetables, sausage, cheese, meat, mayonnaise, ketchup, tea, coffee, butter, sugar, fruits, cakes, cookies, and candy bread. The water will be taken from streams or rivers. Hiking dishes will be provided.

During the stays in hotels and recreation centers, breakfasts will be at the place of accommodation.

Lunch in the cafe at the Milkovo village is not included in the cost of the program; you will need to pay for yourself (6th and 10th days).

Can I take part
The program involves physical activities associated with trekking (carring a small backpack with the personal items) and climbing up a volcano. All climbing occurs in the first half of the day.

Please let us know at the time of booking of any chronic diseases or contraindications you have to participate in the journey with physical activity and overnight in the field.

Can children take part

Children from 8 years old can participate in this tour. Children 8-12 years old are given a 10% discount.

What to bring

- Backpack or travelling bag
- Sleeping bag
- Hiking or trekking boots
- Change of footwear (sneakers)
- Personal care items
- Swimming accessories
- Anorak & lightweight down vest
- Sweater
- Raincoat
- Sunglasses
- Headgear
- Headlamp
- Gloves
- Trekking poles
- Personal first aid kit
- Mosquito spray

What will the weather be like

Kamchatka is a mountainous region stretched from the north to the south and surrounded by the Pacific ocean and the Okhotsk sea. The weather here is changeable, and there is a special microclimate in different areas.

The best months for summer travelling are July and August. The average temperature in August is +12°C to +16°C. There are glaciers in the highest parts of the mountains. Rains and even snow at high altitudes are also possible. There are a lot of mosquitoes and gnats in the forest area. It is important to take into account the low temperatures and the possibility of frost in September.

Booking

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from 8 y.o.

from 4 to 18

11 days

from 108 200 rub
### What's included in the price:
- DBL accommodation at the hotel and the base
- FB during the whole tour except lunch in Milkovo
- Guide and cook service on the whole tour
- Necessary tourist equipment (tents, dishes, rafts etc. except sleeping bag)
- Transport service
- Boat trip

### Extra charge:
- [International flights](#)
- Accommodation in a single room at hotel and at the base (+15 000 RUB per person)
- Lunches in Milkovo (150-300 rubles)
- The helicopter excursion to Kuril lake with bears watching (+42 000 RUB per person, optionally)
- The helicopter excursion to Geyser Valley and Uzon caldera (+44 000 RUB per person, optionally)
- Sleeping bags rent (+200 RUB per person per day)

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