

LAND OF BEARS AND VOLCANOES KAR7

Destination: Kamchatka

Activity: animals/birds watching, trekking/hiking, ecotour, ascent of a mountain/volcano

Duration: 10 days

Tour type: join in tour

Overview

During the tour you will visit some unique places in Kamchatka:

Dvukhyurtochnoye Lake where you will watch brown bears fishing, white-shouldered eagles, salmon moving and spawning. You can angle and taste salmon courses.

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 of the most intensive manifestation of volcanism on the territory of Russia.

You can ascend as the new volcanoes – cones (299m and 278m) of North Breakthrough of 1975.

You will walk in the **Dead Forest** destroyed during the eruption on a vast territory.

You will make a boat trip round the **Avacha Bay** of the **Pacific**; admire the largest in Kamchatka sea bird colonies. You can see the wondrous **Geysers Valley**.

During the tour you can bathe some times in natural hot springs and pools with thermal water.

The tour will be guaranteed organized in all announced dates.

It is possible to join only for a part of the tour with individually program.

Itinerary:

Day 1. Welcome to Kamchatka

Arrival at the airport, transfer to Petropavlovsk-Kamchatsky (20 km). Accommodation at a hotel 3 *, rest. In the evening - tea ceremonies with Kamchatka local farmer Valery Malakhov. Tasting of various teas from Kamchatka plants, medicinal infusions, Kamchatka honey and traditional folk dishes and salmon.

Returning to the hotel. (D)

Day 2. Petropavlovsk-Kamchatsky - Milkovo

Free day. *Optional tour is recommended:*

*1) **Helicopter excursion to the Valley of Geysers**, flight around Karymsky (1486m) and Maly Semyachik (1560m) volcanoes, walk excursion at the Valley. This valley cannot be compared with any other unique objects in the world. There are more than 20 big geysers in the valley. Velican (Giant), Zhemchuzhny (Pearly), Sakharny (Sugary), Troinoi (Triple), Konus (Cone), Fontan (Fountain), Maly (Small), Bolshoy (Big), Shchel (Split) – here are some names. There are geysers that gush forth every 10-12 minutes, while others may erupt once in 4-5 hours. The wreathes of steam, fountains of boiling water, incredible colours of slopes, hot water streaming along them and profuse greenery of grasses and trees create an enchanting spectacle. Lunch is served at the Valley.*

*2) **Boat trip around the Avacha Bay***

In the evening moving to the settlement Milkovo (280 km).

Dinner at the cafe in Sokochi village (to pay on spot).

Accommodation at the Geolog Hotel (*the room has a toilet and washbasin, shower is located in a separate room on the floor*). (B)

Day 3. Kozyrevsk - Dvukhyurtochnoye Lake

Early in the morning, transfer to Kozyrevsk village (195 km, 3 hours). Helicopter flight to the Dvukhyurtochnoye Lake (40 minutes).

Dvuhyurtochnoe Lake, surrounded on all sides by rugged mountains, is one of the major spawning waters of the peninsula. Here 120 - 150,000 sockeye salmon comes to spawn each year. On the shores of the lake and the tributaries, about 500 brown bears go fishing and feeding before hibernation. Here in the real life of the beast, you can observe how the same bear fishing. Except for bears, Steller's sea eagles, otters, foxes and mink, which also overlook the lake and streams to feed the fish can be observed. This is a great place for productive fishing for char, rainbow trout, salmon. During the flight, the weather permitting, you can see the Alney and the Chashakondzha Volcanoes. Accommodation at the recreational and tourist base on the Dvukhyurtochnoye Lake, in wooden houses, in rooms for 2-4 people. Bathing in the healing waters of the hot springs.

The recreational and tourist base on the Dvukhyurtochnoye Lake consists of six residential wooden houses with rooms on 2 - 4 persons, and a large kitchen - dining room. Toilets are outside. There is a lovely swimming pool with the thermal water, which is available at any time of day. The base is located at the foot side of the valley, on the huge thermal areas saturated with griffins and hot springs of varying strength.

Lunch in the wardroom. Rest. Walk (900 m) to the shore of the mountain Dvuhyurtochnoya River. Observing bears catching fish spawning. (BLD)

Day 4. Dvukhyurtochnoye Lake

Bears watching and run course salmon. Salmon fishing on the lake. Boating on the lake. Bathing in the healing hot springs. Enjoy fresh-caught fish, and more. (BLD)

Day 5. Ostry and Plosky Tolbachik

Bears watching. After lunch helicopter trip to Kozyrevsk. Moving to the foot of the beautiful volcanic massif formed by volcanoes the Ostry (Sharp) Tolbachik and the Plosky (Plane) Tolbachik (90 km, 4 hours). On the road, on a clear day offers views of the highest volcanoes of Kamchatka: the Krestovsky (4057 m), the Ushkovsky (3903 m), the Klyuchevskaya (4750 m), the Stone (4579 m), Plosky Tolbachik (3082 m) and Ostry Tolbachik (3672 m). Overnight in tents.(BLD)

Day 6. Ostry and Plosky Tolbachik

Observing the sequences of eruption 2013 ("young" cone, fresh lava flows, caves – lava tubes, the stone sculptures and the heaps of hardened lava). Spending the night in tents.(BLD)

Day 7. North breakthrough - Kozyrevsk

Moving by car to the North breakthrough. Climbing to the Tolbachik cones - volcanoes in miniature, their height of 100-200 m. Moving to the South breakthrough (15 km.). Visit the Southern cone break, a walk in the "dead wood", crushed slag and ash eruptions in 1975.

In the evening moving to the settlement Kozyrevsk, which is situated on the shore of the Kamchatka River (90 km, 3 hours). Accommodation in the private tourist shelter, in the wooden houses on the special equipped place. Classic Russian bath. Walking. (BLD)

Day 8. Petropanlovsk-Kamchatsky

Returning to Petropanlovsk-Kamchatsky. Early vehicle transfer (580 km, 8-9 hr) to the hotel.

Stop for lunch at cafe in Milkovo settlement (to pay on spot) on the way.

Accommodation, rest. (B)

Day 9. Petropanlovsk-Kamchatsky

Free day. *On this day optional tours are recommended:*

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2) Helicopter tour the Bears of the Kuril Lake.

3) Boat trip around the Avacha Bay (B)

Day 10. Farewell Kamchatka

Visiting fish market, buying Kamchatka souvenirs. Transfer to the airport. (B)

Legend: B - breakfast, L - lunch, D – dinner.

Change of sequence of passage of round is possible.