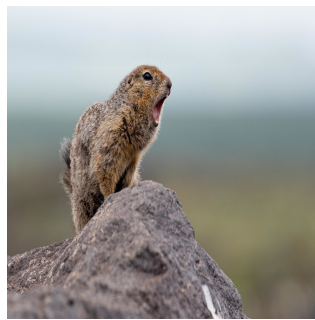


# 7 treasures of the bear state

Tour to Lake Dvukhyurtochnoye



Every year about 150 000 sockeye salmon comes to spawn in the lake Dvuhyurtochnoe. Following them, hundreds of brown bears come to the banks of the lake and its tributaries. This is one of the best places in Kamchatka, where you can observe a large number of wild animals in their natural habitat.

# Experiences you'll have

## Helicopter tour to Kamchatka brown bears

Every year about 500 brown bears come to the banks of Lake Dvukhyurtochnoye for fishing and feeding before winter hibernation. There are so much sockeye salmon in lake's waters and its tributaries, so that you can catch it even with your hands. Do you want to try it? Join our summer journey to Kamchatka.

You will watch bear fishing in quiet and private atmosphere, as well as go fishing and swimming in the thermal springs. Unlike the popular helicopter excursion to Lake Kuril, you will spend at Lake Dvukhyurtochnoye not 1.5 hours, but 2 days.

[In the video of our tourist from Israel](#), you can see the the tourist base, where you are going to stay and conditions of watching the bears on the lake, turn on from the 18th minute.

7 reasons to choose this journey:

- watch the brown bears from a distance of several meters
- meet Steller's sea eagles, as well as otters, foxes and minks
- take part in salmon fishing and try to catch salmon without a fishing rod, right with your hands
- swim in natural thermal springs
- get acquainted with the history and culture of the indigenous people of Kamchatka — Evens, Koryaks and Itelmens
- go hiking in the vicinity of the Avacha volcano that is considered to be one of the most beautiful on the Kamchatka peninsula
- if desired to take a helicopter tour to the Geysers' Valley or a boat trip to the Pacific ocean (for an additional fee)

This tour doesn't suppose hiking routes with backpacks and sleeping in tents, therefore it is suitable for tourists with any level of physical training

**Note:** for a group of two people, we can organize this program at any other dates, please contact our manager for details.

Photo by our tourist [Elad Goldstein](#)

## Itinerary

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

*Depending on the date of arrival, the sequence of the route may change in the opposite direction.*

### Day 1

**After meeting at the airport you will move to**

Petropavlovsk-Kamchatsky, where you will accomodate in the hotel and rest.

**Then you will have a trip around the city and to the bay**

Malaya Lagernaya (2,5-3 hours). In the evening you will return to the hotel and rest.

### Day 2

**On this day it is possible to take some additional tours (see the details and cost in "Common question" section).**

**Option 1: you can take a helicopter tour to Geyser Valley**

— the famous UNESCO world heritage site (extra charge).

**Option 2: take boat trip around Avacha Bay (extra charge).**

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Difficulty	
Age	from 8 y.o.
Group size	to 18
Duration	10 days

Accommodation at the trip



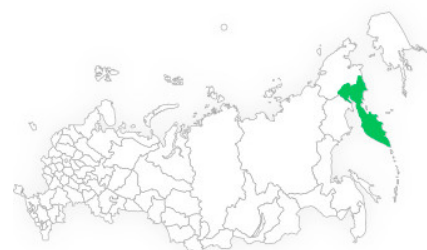
7 nights 2 nights

Языки



guide

from 0 EUR





**Option 2: go for a walk through the historical center of**

Petropavlovsk-Kamchatsky. We recommend you to climb the Mishennaya and Nikolskaya hills, which offer a great view of the city, Avacha Bay and the "home group" of Kamchatka volcanoes: Avachinsky, Koryaksky and Kozelsky.

**Also we advise you to visit the "Volcanarium" – an**

interactive museum, which clearly presents the volcanic processes of Kamchatka. Please note, that museum tours should be booked in advance. You can book a tour at a convenient time by your own, see prices and contacts on the [museum website](#).

**In the afternoon you will move to Milkovo village (280**

km, 3-4 hours). On the way you will stop for dinner in Sokoch village (extra charge). Upon arrival to Milkovo you will stay in a hotel and rest.

**Day 3**

**After an early breakfast, you will move to the Kozyrevsk**

village (195 km, 3 hours), from where a 40-minute helicopter flight to the mountain lake Dvuhyrtochnoe will start.

**During the flight, weather permitting, you can see**

Shiveluch, Alney and Chashakondzha volcanoes.

**Upon arrival at the lake you will accomodate at the**

tourist base, swim in hot springs and walk to the bank of the Dvuhyrtochnaya river to watch the bear fishing from a close distance.

**Day 4**

**You will spend all day at the lake Dvuhyrtochnoye. Bears**

can be observed in the morning and evening. At night they fish and eat off for the winter, and have a rest in the afternoon.

**In the afternoon you can take part in salmon fishing on the**

lake. Every year about 150 thousand sockeye salmon comes to lake Dvuhyrtochnoe, so that the haul is guaranteed.

**Day 5**

**After the morning bear watching, you will have a**

helicopter trip to Kozyrevsk village. During the flight you can enjoy the picturesque ridges of Alney volcano and see the frozen lava flows of the volcano Chashakondzha.

Then you will move to the Esso village (88 km, 1 hour), which is called "Kamchatka Switzerland" for its beautiful surrounding landscapes. You will stay in a hotel, swim in the pool with thermal water and visit the aboriginal camp.

**Day 6**

**Sightseeing in Esso is waiting for you today. You will visit**

the local history museum and folk crafts workshops (bone carving, wood, beading, making shaman tambourines). Get to know the culture of the indigenous people of Kamchatka.

**Horse riding, rafting and hiking can be also arranged on**

request (extra charge). Today a helicopter tour to the reindeer herders is also possible, if the group is recruited.

**Day 7**

**After breakfast you will move to Petropavlovsk-**

Kamchatsky by car (580 km, 7-8 hours). You will stop at Milkovo village to have lunch. Next you will stop for a swimming in the healing radon thermal springs.

**Upon arrival to Petropavlovsk-Kamchatsky you will stay at**

the hotel.

**Day 8**

**Today you will find an exciting off-road trip to the high**

plateau located between Avachinsky and Koryak volcanoes (45 km). Here you will have about 2-3 hours to walk along the volcanoes' slopes and climb the Camel mountain. You will be able to take wonderful pictures of mountain landscapes.

**Here you can meet with the colonies of ground**

squirrels. This kind of gophers have already become an implicit symbol of Kamchatka. They are not afraid of people, boldly beg for nuts and even pose for the camera. In the evening you will return to the city, spend the night in the hotel.

**Day 9**

**Today you have a free day, and you can choose from a**

variety of outdoor activities.

**Option 1: you can take a helicopter tour to Geyser Valley**

— the famous UNESCO world heritage site, if you did not to book it at day 2.

**Option 2: take boat trip around Avacha Bay.**

**Option 2: take a boat trip to Russkaya Bay to watch the**

sea lions rookery. All these excursions are optional and paid additionally. See the details and cost in "Common question" section.

**Day 10**

**After breakfast, at 9 am you will be taken to the fish**

market . You can buy here red fish, caviar and crabs. Then you will be taken to the airport to depart home.

## Accommodation at the trip

The first and last three nights you will spend in the "**Arsenyev**" **Hotel** in Petropavlovsk-Kamchatsky. Each room has a wardrobe, a desk, a flat-screen TV, a refrigerator, a safe, one double or two single beds and a private bathroom. A buffet breakfast is available. Please, note, that the hotel in Petropavlovsk-Kamchatsky may be changed to the similar or higher level.

On the second day you will stay at the newly-built "**Geologist**" **Hotel**. The double rooms have a toilet and a washbasin, and the shower is in a separate room on the floor.

For the bear watching you will stay at the tourist **base on Lake Dvukhyurtochnoye**. It consists of six residential wooden houses with

double rooms and a large kitchen-dining room. Toilets are outside. There is a bath in the thermal waters, available at any time of the day. The base is located at the foot of the valley, on a huge thermal area with hot springs of various strength.

In Esso you will stay at the "**Paramushir**" **Hotel**. The double room has a shower, a TV, a refrigerator, a hairdryer, an electric kettle and dishes, and a minibar. You can relax in a Russian bath and swimming pool with natural thermal water.

## FAQ

### Who will be my guide

During the tour you will be accompanied by an English-speaking guide (with an intermediate level of language proficiency). The service of a professional interpreter is optional and is paid additionally (+1000 EURO).

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### Meals

Breakfasts at hotels and FB at the base «Lake Dvuhyrtochnoe» are included in the cost of the journey. Lunches and dinners on the moving and in the city hotels tourists pay for their own.

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### What to bring

- a backpack or travelling bag
  - hiking or trekking boots
  - a change of footwear (sneakers)
  - personal care items
  - a swimsuit and a towel
  - an norak and lightweight down vest
  - a sweater
  - a raincoat
  - sunglasses
  - a headgear
  - a headlamp
  - gloves
  - personal first aid kit
  - spray for mosquitoes
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- a large backpack, travel bag or suitcase
  - a warm, long, waterproof and windproof jacket with hood
  - a down jacket, a vest, a raincoat
  - a fleece jacket, a sweater, shirts, T-shirts
  - comfortable sports pants, made of lightweight quick-drying material, able to keep warm at low temperature
  - membrane pants
  - cotton and wool socks
  - a swimsuit, flip-flops, a towel
  - a baseball cap, a cap, a buff, gloves
  - comfortable trekking shoes
  - sunscreen and sunglasses
  - a personal first aid kit
  - a mosquito spray
  - a thermos or a water bottle
  - a small backpack for day walks
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### Optional excursions

On the second or ninth day of the tour, you can take one of the additional tours (extra charge):

## 1. A helicopter tour to Geysers Valley

Cost: 690 EURO per person.

Duration: 6-7 hours

Highlights of the tour:

- flying around active volcanoes Karymskiy and Maliy Semyachik
- visiting the Geysers Valley — it is one of the largest geyser fields in the world. It is considered to be one of the Seven wonders of Russia and a UNESCO world heritage Site.
- observing the caldera of Uzon volcano — it is a giant hollow formed as a result of an ancient volcano's collapse. Hydrothermal activity is high occurred at the bottom of the caldera.
- swimming in Nalychevsky hot springs

Flights are carried out by Mi-8 helicopters. Duration of the tour: 6-7 hours. The group consists of 19-23 people, who are always accompanied by a guide. The price of the flight includes hot meals and swimming in natural springs (bring with you a swimsuit, a towel and slippers).

If you would like to book a helicopter tour, please inform us at the time of booking or at least 2 weeks before the trip. The flight is paid in cash at the airport, but it is important to book seats in the helicopter in advance.

## 2. A boat trip to Avacha Bay

Cost: 80 EURO per person.

Duration: 5-6 hours.

Highlights of the tour:

- in the Avacha Bay you will see picturesque rocks, the Babushkin Kamen Island and Three Brothers Rocks that has become the symbol of Petropavlovsk-Kamchatsky
- in the Pacific ocean you will have a chance to meet seals, whales and killer whales. On Starichkov Island you will see thousands of sea birds
- if you wish, you can go fishing. The assistant captain will cook fresh crabs and red fish soup for your lunch.

## 2. A boat trip to Russkaya Bay

Cost: 175 EURO per person.

Duration: 8-10 hours.

Highlights of the tour:

- in the Avacha Bay you will see picturesque rocks, the Babushkin Kamen Island and Three Brothers Rocks that has become the symbol of Petropavlovsk-Kamchatsky
- in the Pacific ocean you will have a chance to meet seals, whales and killer whales. On Starichkov Island you will see thousands of sea birds
- in the Russkaya Bay you will watch the sea lion rookery, go fishing and have lunch with fish soup and seafood

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## What will the weather be like

Kamchatka is a mountainous region stretching from the North to the South and surrounded by the waters of 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 travel are July and August. The average temperature in August is +12°C to +16°C. In the highest parts of the mountains there are glaciers. Rain is possible, as well as snow at high altitudes. In the forest area there are a lot of mosquitoes and midges. In September, it is important to take into account the low temperature and the possibility of frost.

You should be ready for all kinds of weather conditions: from summer heat to strong winds with cold autumn rain and frosts.

# Booking

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from 8 y.o.

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to 18

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7 nights 2 nights

### from 0 EUR

#### What's included in the price:

- accommodation at hotels and at the base «Lake Dvuhyrtochnoe»
- breakfasts at hotels, FB at the base «Lake Dvuhyrtochnoe»
- guide service for the whole tour
- transportation during the tour (bus, minibus, helicopter to Lake Dvuhyrtochnoe)
- transfers from/to airport
- excursions to the aboriginal camp, visiting the local history museum and the folk crafts workshops
- entrance tickets to the pools with thermal water

#### Extra charge:

- [flights to Petropavlovsk-Kamchatsky](#) (starting at 29 000 roubles for round-trip ticket)
- accommodation in a single room, except for the base on the lake (+262 EURO per person)
- lunches and dinners in hotels in the city and on the moving (4-5 EURO in a cafe, 6-9 EURO in a restaurant)
- a helicopter excursion to Geyser Valley and Uzon caldera (from 625 EURO per person, optionally)
- the boat trip to Avacha Bay (+75 EURO per person), optionally
- the boat trip to Russkaya Bay (+150 EURO per person), optionally
- professional English interpreter's service (+1000 EURO)
- insurance



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