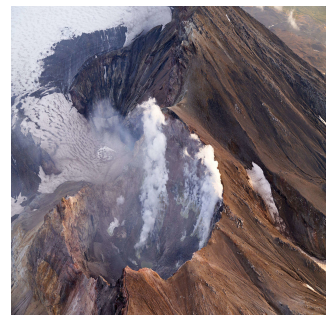


# Kamchatka exclusive

Premium tour featuring a helicopter



Fly by helicopter over the smoking calderas. Ride quad bikes to the foot of the most active volcano in the south of Kamchatka. Watch bear fishing on Kurilskoye Lake. Enjoy a natural "Kamchatka SPA" in secluded thermal springs. Get acquainted with the wildlife during a sea boat trip and rafting down a mountain river. We have collected the most vivid impressions you can get in Kamchatka in one exclusive trip.

# Experiences you'll have

## A rich journey through Kamchatka

In only 8 days you will see and visit the most beautiful natural sites of the Kamchatka Peninsula, alternating between different types of outdoor activities. You will fly to the Kurilskoye Lake by helicopter, go to the foot of Mutnovsky volcano on quad bikes, raft down the Karymchina river and take a boat trip to Avacha Bay and the Pacific Ocean on a comfortable yacht.

The most striking impression of this VIP-tour is the helicopter trip to the Kurilskoye Lake with a flyover of the Ksudach volcano and a swim in the thermal springs. Unlike other tours to Kamchatka, this excursion will be held in an extended format and only for your group.

### During 8 days of the trip you will:

- ascend to the crater of the Mutnovsky volcano and walk through its huge fumarole field
- take a spectacular photo against the background of the Opasniy waterfall - a powerful stream of water that falls into a deep canyon from the height of 80 meters
- spend 2 days in a tent camp surrounded by wild nature and swim in thermal springs
- fly in a helicopter over the picturesque Ksudach volcano, the crater of which holds an enormous lake
- closely observe bears hunting sockeye salmon while boating on the Kurilskoye Lake
- see large colonies of birds on Starichkov island and a rookery of sea lions in Russkaya bay
- take part in sea and river fishing and try to catch your own plaice
- try the freshest sea delicacies - a diver will accompany you during the boat trip and fetch crabs and sea urchins for you

### We accept bookings for groups of 6 or more

Comfortable accommodation in a mountain base camp with thermal springs on site awaits you on this journey. On the rafting route and during the boat trip a professional chef will accompany you to prepare expedition-style haute cuisine dishes with a variety of Kamchatka delicacies.

**Note:** we can hold this program on any other dates for your group of 12 people.

## Itinerary

The trip starts in Petropavlovsk-Kamchatskiy, where you should get to on your own. We recommend the Aeroflot flights arriving at 10 am on the first day of the tour and departing back to Moscow at 1 pm on the last day. We are ready to assist with the purchase of tickets. If necessary, leave a comment in the application.

*The exact sequence of the route may change.*

### Day 1

#### After the meeting at the airport, you will be taken to the

base camp at the Verkhne-Partuanskaya valley. A stop at the local fish market on the way will be possible if desired.

#### After checking into the hotel you will have lunch during

which you will get acquainted with the guides and discuss the upcoming program. Then you will receive a safety briefing. In the evening you will have dinner in the restaurant and swim in the thermal springs located on the premises of the base.

### Day 2

#### After breakfast, you will ride ATVs (two persons per

vehicle) to the Mutnovsky volcano (2323 m in altitude), one of the most active volcanoes in the south of Kamchatka. The route will follow a gravel road through a pass with magnificent views of

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from 10 y.o.

Group size

to 12

Duration

8 days

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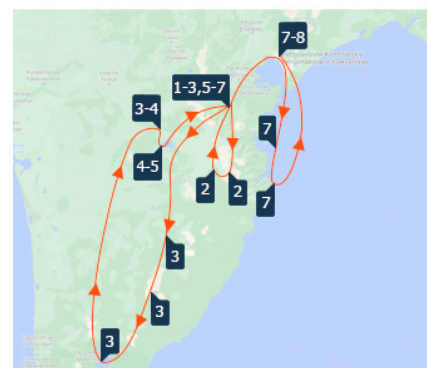
1 nights 4 nights 2 nights

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guide

from 5 130 EUR



Mutnovsky and Gorely volcanoes.

**After descending from the pass, you will find yourself on a**

vast mountain plateau. From here you will start your hike to the crater of the Mutnovsky volcano. You will see eternal glaciers, colorful rock outcrops, boiling mud pits, and a huge fumarole field with powerful sulfurous gas vents as you ascend. The crater of the volcano consists of two cones, each containing acidic crater lakes of vibrant colors.

**After descending from the volcano, you will have lunch**

outdoors, then move on to the Opasniy (Rus. for "Risky") waterfall. Its height is 80 meters, and its powerful stream of rumbling waters plunges into a vast canyon.

**You will return to the base camp by evening, have dinner**

in the restaurant and be able to rest and relax in the thermal pool.

**Stage length: 50 km by ATM.**

**Day 3**

**Today you will be taken by helicopter to Kurilskoye Lake,**

where you will be able to observe the famous Kamchatka brown bears.

**You will fly in a Mi-8 helicopter to the south of Kamchatka,**

making your first stop at Khodutka volcano, at the foot of which more than 20 thermal springs are located, forming the Goryachiy (Rus. for "Hot") brook with water temperature up to 80°C.

**On the way to the Khodutkin Springs, you will fly around**

the picturesque Ksudach volcano (1079 m) holding an enormous lake inside its caldera. In March 1907, an unusually powerful eruption happened out of its young Shtubel cone: the ash spread all over the peninsula to the coast of the Sea of Okhotsk.

**At the Hodutkin springs, you will have lunch outdoors.**

After having a rest and swimming you will fly to Kurilskoye Lake by helicopter. There you will first have a hike to the source of the Ozernaya river, and then a one-hour walk along the lake, during which you'll be able to observe Kamchatka brown bears in their natural habitat.

**The Kurilskoye Lake is the second largest freshwater lake**

in Kamchatka, formed in the caldera of an ancient volcano. The lake is one of the largest spawning grounds of prized fish species. Bears come out to the shores of the lake to feed, so you will have a unique opportunity to observe bears fishing from a close but safe distance.

**You will then leave the lake, and a helicopter will take you**

to the starting point of the rafting trip down the Karymchina River. You will cover approximately 15 km on rafts, and you will be able to fish along the way. By evening you will pick a campsite, have dinner and rest in tents.

**Day 4**



### **After breakfast, you will continue rafting down the**

Karymchina river for approximately 15 km. Along the way, you will make several stopovers for rest, lunch and fishing. In the evening you will have a dinner of freshly caught fish and spend the night in the tent camp on the riverbank.

#### **Day 5**

### **In the morning after breakfast, you will cover a further 15**

km stretch down the river and finish the trip at the hydropower station on the Tolmacheva river by lunchtime. After that, you will be taken by a comfortable Ural shift car to the familiar base camp in the Verhne-Paratunskaya valley.

### **In the evening you will have dinner and swim in the**

thermal springs at the base camp.

#### **Day 6**

### **Today you will have some free time at the base camp. You**

can simply have a rest and try the "Kamchatkan SPA" or choose one of the additional activities for an extra fee. You can go on ATV trips around the area, book fishing sessions, or surfing lessons in the Pacific.

### **We also recommend you take a helicopter tour to the**

Valley of Geysers – a unique natural landmark of Kamchatka and a UNESCO World Heritage Site. This program also includes a tour around the Uzon volcano caldera, a flight around the active Maly Semyachik Volcano and bathing in hot springs.

### **For more information on the cost of additional excursions,**

see the "Common Questions" section.

#### **Day 7**

### **Today after breakfast you will be taken to the port, from**

where you will embark on an 8-hour boat trip from Avacha Bay to Russkaya Bay.

### **The Avacha Bay is the "transportation gate" of Kamchatka**

and one of the largest ice-free bays in the world. Passing through Avacha Bay you will see picturesque cliffs, Babushkin Kamen (Rus. for "Grandma's Stone") island and one of the main symbols of Petropavlovsk-Kamchatskiy – the Three Brothers rocks.

### **Then you will take the boat out into the Pacific Ocean to**

Starichkov island. One of the largest colonies of waterfowl on Kamchatka is located there: murrelets, puffins, cormorants and guillemots nest here. During the trip, you can enjoy sea fishing. A diver will accompany you on the boat and catch the freshest seafood for you, so you'll have freshly cooked crab and sea urchins for lunch.

### **After reaching Russkaya Bay, you will take motorboats to**

the Kekurny Cape, where a large rookery of Steller sea lions – the largest of the eared seals – is located. You can get as close as possible to them by boat, and take amazing pictures.

### **After admiring the picturesque fjords of Russkaya Bay, you**

will head back to Petropavlovsk-Kamchatsky. If you are lucky, you

might see orcas in the sea. On arrival at the port, you will be taken to a hotel in the city. In the evening you will have dinner (extra paid) and rest.

#### Day 8

**After breakfast, a transfer to the Elizovo airport will take**

place, from where you will head home. You can stop at the fish market on the way if you so choose.

## Accommodation at the trip

For days 1-3 and 5-7 you will be staying at the **Snezhnaya Dolina** (Rus. for "Snow Valley") mountain sports base. This is a modern resort in Verkhne-Paratunskaya valley, located far from civilization, in a picturesque spot surrounded by mountains with a view of the Vilyuchinsky volcano. You will be accommodated in standard double rooms in the hotel building, located near the outdoor pool and a cascade of hot thermal springs. There will be two single beds, bedside tables, a table and a chair, a closet, a mini-fridge, a private bathroom with a shower in your room. There is a gym, a screening room for meetings and seminars, and a drying room for your clothes on the first floor of the hotel. There is also a restaurant with a billiards room, a bar, a sauna with a plunge pool, and a SPA center with various massage programs at the guests' disposal.

During the rafting trip on the Karymchina river (days 3-5), you will spend two days in a tent camp. You will be accommodated in large tourist tents (spacious enough to stand full height in) with fold-out beds and warm soft sleeping bags. There will also be a kitchen tent, a spacious dining tent with furniture and lights, a generator to charge your gadgets, as well as a camping shower and toilet. A camping sauna can be arranged for you upon request.

You will spend the final night of your trip at the **Dolce Vita Boutique Hotel** in Petropavlovsk-Kamchatsky. The double rooms are decorated in art deco style and feature a flat-screen TV with cable channels, a refrigerator and a desk. The private bathroom is complete with a bathrobe, hairdryer and free toiletries.

**Note:** the hotel in Petropavlovsk-Kamchatsky can be replaced with a similar one.

## FAQ

### Who will be my guide

Experienced guides will be with you throughout the tour.

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### Meals

The price of the program includes three meals a day, excluding dinner in Petropavlovsk-Kamchatsky on day 7. Breakfasts and dinners will be organized at the base, and lunches will be served outdoors during daytime routes. The menu will include various dishes of Far Eastern cuisine with an emphasis on fresh seafood and Kamchatka delicacies.

While rafting on the Karymchina river you will be accompanied by a professional chef who will prepare expedition-style haute cuisine dishes.

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### Participation requirements

Participation in this program does not require any special training or skills. No water travel experience is required either. The rafting will be held on a quiet part of the river, you won't have to row actively, the raft will be piloted by a guide.

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### Children's participation

It is possible to go on this trip with children from 10 years old.

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## What type of ATVs is used on the route

You will be driving Yamaha Grizzly 700 ATVs with two persons per ATV seating.

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## Supplied equipment

During the two-day rafting on the Karymchina river, you will be provided with rafts, necessary camping equipment and fishing tackle (a spin fishing rod, a reel with line and a set of bobbers, 3 pcs).

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## Required insurance

The cost of the tour includes sports insurance from Rossgostrakh insurance company for the entire duration of the tour (with coverage up to 35 000 EURO).

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## Additional activities

On day 6 of the tour you can enjoy one of the optional excursions for an additional fee:

### 1. Helicopter trip to the Valley of Geysers

Flights are carried out by Mi-8 helicopter in a group (19-23 persons). Duration of the tour: 6-7 hours. The cost of the flight includes hot meals and swimming in natural springs (bring your swimsuit, a towel and slippers).

Cost: 575 EURO per person + transfer fee.

On this trip you will:

- tour the Karymsky and Maly Semyachik active volcanoes, the latter of which holds an acidic crater lake;
- hike through the Valley of Geysers (1,5 hour) - one of the largest geyser fields in the world, one of the Seven Wonders of Russia and a UNESCO World Heritage Site;
- tour the Uzon volcano caldera (50 min) - a giant depression formed by the collapse of the walls of an ancient volcano. There are around 100 springs in the caldera and over 500 individual hydrothermal sites there;
- have lunch in the Nalychevo Nature Park and bathe in the hot springs.

### 2. Surfing in the Pacific

A surfing lesson includes a safety briefing, a land-based training session, and a lesson on the water. Water temperature in the ocean during the summertime is up to +15 °C.

The price on inquiry.

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## Connectivity during the tour

The Snezhnaya Dolina mountain sports base has Wi-Fi connectivity. Megafon reception is good, MTS coverage is poorer, and Beeline does not work at all.

On the routes to Mutnovsky volcano, the Valley of Geysers and during rafting on the Karymchina River there is no cellular reception. Service in

Petropavlovsk-Kamchatsky is stable.

## What the weather will be like

In mid-September, the average temperature is 10-15°C during the day, at night it may drop to 5°C. However, the weather in Kamchatka is often changeable, so be careful when picking clothing for your trip.

# Booking

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### What's included in the price:

- accommodation as per program
- breakfasts, lunches and dinners (except for dinner on day 7)
- group transfers as per program
- helicopter tour to the Kurilskoye Lake with a visit to the Khodutkin hot springs (MI-8 helicopter rental, 3 hours of flight time)
- boat rental for the boat trip on the Kurilskoye Lake waters, permits for the Kurilskoye Lake visit, escort by a wildlife warden
- rental of ATVs for the trip to the Mutnovsky volcano (2 persons per vehicle), rafts and a service Mi-8 helicopter rental (1 hour) for delivery of the camping equipment
- rental of camping equipment, camping and fishing gear
- boat trip to the Russkaya bay (8 hours)
- guide and cook services along the route, diver's services during the boat trip
- sports insurance (with coverage of up to 35 000 EURO)

### Extra charge:

- [air tickets](#) to Petropavlovsk-Kamchatsky (starting at 337 EURO for a round-trip)
- dinner in Petropavlovsk-Kamchatsky on day 7
- personal transfers
- single ATV occupancy (+280 EURO per person)
- helicopter tour to the Valley of the Geysers and the Uzon volcano caldera (around 575 EURO per person + transfer)
- surfing lesson in the Pacific (price on inquiry)
- single accommodation along the route (price on inquiry)
- camp sauna

