

Kamchatka volcanoes

Season: from June to September 2010

day	date	program	accom	meals
1		Arrival in Petropavlovsk. Transfer to apartments in Elizovo. Rest.	ap.	BLD
2		With 6x6 transfer to the Central Kamchatka (7 hours). Crossing the Kamchatka river with a ferry. Along cross-country road (1 hour) – as far as banks of the Studyonaya river, the point for observation of the highest volcanoes in Kamchatka: Kliutchevskaya Sopka, Kamen, etc.	tents	BLD
3		With 6x6 transfer to the foothills of Tolbachik (2,5-3 hours) along cross-country road. Basic camp on the Vodopadnaya ("Waterfall") river. Ideal visibility of Tolbachik. Visiting canyons cut in stiffed lava (3 hours' walking).	tents	BLD
4		With 6x6 crossing ash plateau (the result of long and powerful eruption of 1975-76) and approaching (1 hour) 2 active ash cones of Tolbachik. Ascent (elevation gain 220 m). Great visibility of the whole plateau. Visiting petrified forest and lava caves. Return to the basic camp with 6x6.	tents	BLD
5		With 6x6 up the slopes of Tolbachik as high as possible (depends on the current conditions, usually to 1250 m). CLIMBING as far as the crater (elevation gain 1650 m). We plan 9-10 hours of walking. Return to the basic camp with 6x6.	tents	BLD
6		Transfer back (a part of the way, 7 hours). Visiting Kozyrevsk, the typical Siberian village of Russians. Overnight in the valley of Kamchatka river.	tents	BLD
7		Transfer to Elizovo (the rest of the way, 4 hours). Rest.	ap.	BLD
8		With 6x6 – transfer up the Paratunka river valley, then to the volcanic plateau. Basic camp on the oasis made by little river falling from plateau. Totally 3-4 hours' driving. Visiting the point of observation (3 hours' walking).	tents	BLD
9		With 6x6 – approaching the foothills of Gorely volcano (0,5 hour). CLIMBING Gorely volcano as far as 2 craters (1 is active), climbing the top (1828 m). Elevation gain about 800 m. We plan 7-8 hours of walking. Return to the basic camp with 6x6.	tents	BLD
10		With 6x6 – approaching the foothills of Mutnovsky volcano (1 hour). CLIMBING Mutnovsky as far as the fumaroles, then to the edge of active crater. Lots of different volcanic activity observed (mud pots, fumaroles, jets of vapour, etc.). Elevation gain 750 m. We plan 9-10 hours of walking. Return to the basic camp with 6x6.	tents	BLD
11		Visiting hot springs down the valley (2 hours of walking). After lunch – transfer to Elizovo with 6x6.	ap.	BLD
12		With 6x6 transfer to the foothills of Avachinsky / Koryaksky volcanoes (2,5 hours). Basic camp in a wooden hut, dormitory accommodation. Climbing Verblyud ("Camel") mount - the point of observation (elevation gain 350 m). We plan 3,5 hours of walking.	hut	BLD
13		CLIMBING Avachinsky volcano (2741 m). Elevation gain 1900 m. One of the best point of observation in Kamchatka! Stiffed lava flow on the top, lots of fumarols.	hut	BLD
14		Transfer to Elizovo. Visiting fish market. Rest.	ap	BLD
15		Visiting museum of the Kronotsky reserve in Elizovo. Coach excursion to the Avachinsky bay and Petropavlovsk.	ap	BLD
16		OPTIONAL DAY: the heli-excursion to the Valley of Geysers / Uzon caldera. In case of unfavourable weather: visiting the Pacific Ocean coast north of Petropavlovsk with a coach (2 hours' driving). Great panorama of volcanoes, Long ash beaches.	ap	BLD
17		Transfer to the airport. Departure.		

Price for the trip per person 1990 Euro

The price of the optional heli-excursion to the Valley of Geysers: 450 Euros per pers.

Quotation includes:

- all transfers
- accommodation in apartments, hut and tents
- meals as mentioned
- cook
- visa support
- camping equipment
- English-speaking guide

Not included:

- domestic flight Moscow – Petropavlovsk - Moscow
- visa fees
- airport taxes
- tips
- personal expenses
- drinks