

Program 2014 : June-July-August-September



Mt. Belukha twin top

Day 1 Meeting in Barnaul airport at 7:00. Transfer to Tungur, 10h, 700km. By the way stops in picturesque places for rest and lunch. Fresh meals for dinner (meat, potatoes, handmade cheese with perfect herbal tea). Night at the private refuge. **Distance: 10h, 700km.**



Mountain Lake

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Bridge under Katun river near Tungur village



Elan' valley

Day 2 Trekking through the valley of Kucherla river. Overnight stop in the s. Dinner cooked on fire. Distance: 20km, 6-7h.

Day 3 Trekking to Kucherlinskoe Lake direction. The way lies through of Kucherla river. Light trekking with small altitude different – 900m of altitude different at two first days. Night in the tent. Dinner cooked on fire.



Kucherla river valley

Altay, trekking to mt.Belukha, 4506m 13-days, Kucherla and Ak-kem valleys

Day 4 Today we will see one of the beautiflies lakes of Altay - Kucherinskoe Lake, 1750m. It's situated in picturesque valley surrounded by beautiful cedar-forest. camps near Kara-Turek pass.



Base Camp on the Ak-Kem Lake



Mountain river

Day 5 Today we need to cross Kara-Turek pass, 3060m. First amazing view of lakes and valleys of whole Katunskiy ridge with highest point - Mt.Belukha, 4506m. Descent to the Base Camp near Ak-kem Lake, 2100m.



Ridges of the Yarlu Valley



Sunset

Day 6 Rest day. Who want may have light hiking (3-4 hours) to mysterious Yarlu Valley with Roerikh followers shrine (3-4 hour). Russian bania (national wet sauna) at evening.

Day 7 Today we start our 2-days trekking to Tomskie camp, 3100m. That place climbers used like first camp in Mt.Belukha ascension. The trail lies by moraine and glacier (8-10 hours). Great view to the Belukha twin peak and amazing Ak-kem wall with icefalls. Dinner is cooked on a stove.

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Day 8 Descent to the Base Camp (6-8 hours). Dinner. Russian bania (national wet sauna) at evening.



Mt.Belukha twin peaks with amazing Ak-kem wall

Day 9 Rest day. Who want may have light hiking to the nearest valley with beautiful lakes (5-6 hours)!



Near the Tomskie camp, 3100m



On the way

Day 10 Descent by Ak-kem river valley to Tekelyu waterfall – one of the highest of the Siberia and Altai. Night in the tents near the river. Dinner cooked on fire.



Morning in Ak-kem Base camp

Days 11 Trekking thru the Kuzuyak pass,1340m to Tungur village. Arriving to the private refuge in farm place. Russian bania (national wet sauna) and losing drinks. Night at the private refuge.

Day 12 After breakfast transfer to Barnaul. Night at the hotel Central. Distance: 10h, 700km.



Altay edelweiss



Forest mushrooms

Day 13 Transfer to the airport. Departure flight.



Mt. Belukha

Price per person for the trip: 1360 €

The price includes:

- All necessary transfers required for carrying out the trip;
- Accommodation and meals according with the program;
- Expeditionary Maintenance: guide, cook, horseman;
- Rental group equipment and pack horses (to carry common equipment);
- Necessary formality (visa support, passport registration, permits).

Organizer provides (included in price):

- 2 or 3- persons tents;
- group Tent (10-15 persons), gas stove and dishes;
- Satellite communications «Iridium».

Not included in price:

- Flight to / from Barnaul;
- The use of satellite communications;
- Unexpected preliminary evacuation cost;
- Insurance;
- Personal expenses, alcohol;
- Visa costs.

Weather conditions:

July-August-September is a good time for the ascent. Weather is stable and sunny. Daytime temperatures on the track +20+23°C and +13 +15°C in the night. The temperature at the altitude of 2,000m or more is +11+18°C, in the night may drop to zero temperature.

Requirements:

The expedition will be led by experienced guides. But do not forget about individual physical shape. Help with daily bivouac works would be an asset. Food is cooked on a fire and a gas stove. Given the mountainous area, you must first consult with your doctor. Vaccination against tick-borne encephalitis is obligatory. Ascension part of expedition is implicit neglect of comfort.

Attention: For visit of Mt. Belukha region (border zone) you will need to file a documents for permits not less than 3 months before visit.