Travel to the country of White Water (summer 2023)

The Mountain Altai was the cradle for many nations. Tribes of Scythes, Huns and Turks starting from that area spread around the endless territories of Eurasia. Many archaeological objects were found here and these discoveries on their historical and cultural values occupy an important part in the World Cultural Heritage. Ancient barrows and rock paintings, interesting legends, mountain lakes with clean water, speedy mountain streams and snow peaks are waiting for the traveler on this route. Making acquaintance of the unique cultural traditions of Altai people allows the traveler to get a deep insight into the past to feel the connections between times and to understand the beauty of the presence. The way from Novosibirsk to Verkhiy Uymon village is similar to the route of the Central Asia expedition of Nikolay Rerikh (1925 - 1928).

Trip Description

Activities: trekking, rafting, speleology
Tour duration: 8 days
Group size: 2- 4 person
Total trekking length: 1080 km by car + 48 km on foot + 0.85 km speleo + 40 km rafting
Guides' assistance: 1 guide
Difficulty: easy to medium, no need of special skill or gear (kids from 10 to 16 years old are allowed with adults).

Daily itinerary

1 day	**Transfer Gorno-Altaysk- Denisov caves.** Departure from Gorno-Altaysk airport at 11.00 a.m. (local time, the difference with Moscow + 4 hours)/ Meals on the road by yourself. On the way, a visit to the cheese factory "Manor Three A", a tea time with testing of 27 types of cheese. Meals on the road by yourself. On the way, a visit to the cheese factory "Manor Three A", a tea time with testing of 27 types of cheese. Arrival in the base camp next to Denisov caves	Mode of travel: auto Distance: 200 km Meals: dinner in cafe
2 day	**Tour to caves** The caves are named after a hermit Dennis who lived here in XVIII century. This cave contains the most ancient archeological findings in the region and consists of more than 20 cultural layers from different periods of Human History. The cave is included into the UNESCO World Heritage list. A visit to the "Museum" cave is a good opportunity to get acquainted with the mysterious subterranean world and to see the sculptural masterpieces made of stalactites and stalagmites. The traveler can get a touch of complete darkness and silence and immerse into the great realm of subterranean grottos and enigmatic labyrinths.	Mode of travel: by car, on foot, speleo Distance: 12 km, 2 km, 0.85 km Meals: breakfast and dinner in a cafe, lunch - picnic Accomodation: hotel
3 day	**Radial excursion to Shinok waterfall** Transfer to the Karakol village. Walking to the third waterfall (along the way a simple pass - 1200m). Lunch at the third waterfall. Return to the Denisova Cave (along the way, a tour of the cascade of waterfalls, the gorge of the Shinok River). Flowing through a narrow gorge, the Shinok River forms a spectacular cascade of several waterfalls from 3 to 60 m high. The path to the waterfall passes through the territory of the state landscape reserve.	Mode of travel: auto,on foot Distance: 18 km, 15 km Meals: breakfast and dinner in a cafe, lunch - picnic Accomodation: hotel

4 day	**Transfer to Ust-Koksa village.** Visit to the Ust Kan cave on the way. Here an ancient site of a stone age man was found. These archeological findings are kept in the Hermitage museum now. A captivating excursion to the Ethnographical museum in the Mendur-Sokkon village. The travelers learn about the religious and cultural traditions of Altai people. Banya (for extra payment).	Mode of travel: auto, on foot Distance: 313 км 1 км Meals: Cooking on fire Accomodation: wooden lodge
5 day	**Tour to the Red Mountain** Excursion to the Red Mountain (on UAZ or GAZ-66)Spectacular views of the mountains, alpine meadows, 3 mountain lakes - the lower, middle and upper. Lower and middle lake connected by a beautiful waterfall. Picnic on the bottom lake.	Mode of travel: auto, on foot Distance: 100 km, 2-5 km Meals: breakfast and dinner in a cafe, lunch-picnic Accomodation: ECO TC Altair
6 day	**Rafting Koksa river** The Koksa River is surrounded by beautiful mountains covered with dense forest. The rafting begins from the village Tyuguryuk and ends in the village Ust-Koksa. Raging Shiver, majestic mountains, the place where the On the rafting lunch is organized, you can relax on the river bank, enjoy the beautiful views, and to swim.	Mode of travel: auto, rafting Distance: 30 km, 40 km Meals: breakfast and dinner in cafe, lunchbox Accomodation: ECO TC Altair
7 day	**Multinskiye lakes** Transfer to Multa-Maralnik. Travelers go by GAZ-66 along Multa river. They come up to Lower Multa Lake with extremely clean water and a pebble shore. When the weather is still, the mirror-like surface of the lake reflects clouds drifting in the blue sky and the peaks of surrounding mountains. Situated at the altitude of 1710 meters the Lower Multa Lake favors the traveler with the clean mountain air, calmness and the touch of nature. Walking distance to the Middle Multin Lake. Picnic time. Return to Ust-Koksa for dinner.	Mode of travel: GAZ-66 Distance: 106 km Meals: Breakfast and dinner in cafe, lunch - cooking on fire Accomodation: ECO TC Altair
8 day	**Departure to Gorno-Altaysk** After breakfast checkout at 12.00. Lunch. After lunch – excursion to Verkhniy Uymon village, which is one of the oldest villages in the Ust-Koksinsky area. The village was founded by Old Believers about 300 years ago. It has two museums: Local History Museum named after N.K. Roerich and Old Belief Museum. After the excursions, departure to Gorno-Altaisk at 03.00 p.m. Arrival time 09.00 p.m. Hotel accommodation (by yourself) Recommended hotels: "Lyubimyi" (S. Maima), "Igman" (Gorno-Altaysk). Transfer to the airport by yourself. Taxi Maxim +7 (38822) 2-44-44 (Estimated cost 200 rubles).	Mode of travel: auto Distance: 325 km Meals: breakfast, lunch in a cafe, dinner on the way by yourself

Dates & Prices

25-08-2023 - 01-09-2023, days total: 10, price: 74 400

Departure time from Gorno-Altaysk– 11.00 a.m. local time	Arrival time in Gorno-Altaysk – about 09.00 p.m. local time Place of departure: bus station.

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What's included

Tour price is Included:

- full board (except the meal during the transfer)
- excursions per program with entrance fees
- accomodation in the wooden houses during the trip
- transfer from Novosibirsk/Barnaul to the starting point of the route and back to Novosibirsk/Barnaul
- guides/interpreters
- special equipment
- insurance
- transfer on GAZ-66 to lower Multinskoe lake
- border permit
- visa invitation

Tour price is not included:

- airtickets
- consular fees for visa

For extra payment:

- meeting at the airport
- accommodation in hotels in Novosibirsk or Barnaul
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- accommodation in hotels in Novosibirsk

What to pack

- warm jacket
- rain gear
- trekking boots, trainers and slippers
- track-suit and warm hat
- 2 - 3 T-shirts, shorts
- 4 pairs of simple socks and 2 pairs of warm ones
- cap and sun-glasses
- bathing suit
- flashlight, knife, matches, electric batteries
- personal tableware
- personal hygiene utensils

Please keep in your mind!
For entry in the Ust-Koksinsky district, foreign citizens must provide some relevant documents to cross the border zone, 60 days prior the proposed date of entry!
Foreign citizens should submit the following documents to travel agency:
- copy of passport
- address
- phone number
- information on the work site (name, address, phone number)