

To the foot of Belukha with pack horses (2021)

To visit at the foot of Belukha in itself is wonderful, and to go it through the Oroktoy path is a double gift. The main advantage of this path is that it passes along the high altitude, repeatedly opening Belukha from unusual and bewitching angles. Below are beautiful valleys, clouds are floating past.

In addition, this route provides access to Tekelyu waterfall - the highest waterfall in Altai, absolutely luxurious. There are rocks, slopes, lakes, valleys, passes, rivers. In a word, on this route there is everything that can be. The route includes the maximum possible number of beautiful places in 10 days. You don't have to get bored at all. In any weather. After such a route, the feeling that you were not in civilization for not 10 days, but eternity. All 10 days of the route you are accompanied by pack horses that carry food, tents and other equipment.

Trip Description

Type of tourism: Trekking (requires good physical condition). Children from the age of 14 can join tour, but only accompanied by adult

Duration: 12 days

Duration of active part: 10 days

Number of members: 5-15 person

The length of the active part: Auto (800 km) + trekking (138 km)

Number of guides: 1-2 guides, 1-2 horsemen

Daily itinerary

1 day	GORNO-ALTAISK - UST-KOKSA Departure from Gorno-Altai at 9.00-11.00 a.m. The road passes through the well-known Chuya Highway among rocky ridges of the Altai Mountains, followed by Kanskaya steppe in Uymonskaya valley. Arriving at Ust-Koksa village to the tourist complex. Lunch. Getting equipment. Safety-awareness briefing. Dinner.	Mode of travel: Bus/Minibus Distance: 375 km Meals: meals on the road at your own expense. Dinner in cafe Accommodation : Tents
2 day	Early awakening. Moving to Tyungur at 8.00 AM. Ascending along the Kucherla river After transfer to Tyungur we change to GAZ-66 special off-road car to move at Elan place (around 12 km). The Kucherla River (from Altai "Kudzhurly", which means "with saline soils"), formed by the confluence of two mountain streams, Myushtu- Ayry and Koni-Ayry, has an amazing milky- turquoise water. The total length of the river is about 50 km. It cuts a lot of ridges and moraines, beats against the gorges, forming an almost continuous chain of challenging rapids. On the way - visiting a rocky cave near the Kuylyu river, in which niche you can see more than 100 cave paintings.	Mode of travel: auto/on foot Distance: 74 km, 12 km Meals: Breakfast - Cafe, Lunch and dinner - cooked on fire Accommodation : Tents
3 day	Moving to Kucherla Lake The lake is 5220 m long, at 1790 m above sea level elevation, 900 m wide and 55 m deep. The Kucherla Valley has more than 40 tectonic, corrie and moraine lakes. The Kucherla Lake is the largest of them. It is closed by mountain ridges from east and west with loosened rocks up to 3,000 m high, narrow valley of the Kucherla from south and moraine deposits that create a dam from north. The lake is filled with ice, greenish-blue water.	Mode of travel: On foot Distance: 18 km Meals: Cooked on fire Accommodation : Tents
4 day	Moving under Kara-Tyurek pass The camp is at the timber line.	Mode of travel: On foot Distance: 7 km Meals: Cooked on fire Accommodation : Tents

5 day	<p>Climbing up Kara-Tyurek pass Difficulty category - 1A, 3060 m, the nature of obstacles - talus, with a spectacular panoramic view of Belukha Mountain and endless peaks of Katun ridge. It provides a good opportunity for photo and video shooting. Overnight at the base camp at Ak-Kem lake (approx. 2010 m above sea level elevation).</p>	<p>Mode of travel: On foot Distance: 10 km Meals: Cooked on fire Accommodation : Tents</p>
6 day	<p>Radial hike to Ak-Kemsky glacier and the lake of Mountain Spirits Visiting the chapel. The path runs along the Ak-kem lake through several picturesque hanging bridges, moves across stone piles in the form of an old moraine and leads to Ak-kem riverhead, coming out of the kingdom of ice and cold. Dinner at the Ak-Kem glacier. It provides an excellent opportunity for photo and video shooting. It is possible to climb up to the lake of Mountain Spirits on the way (optional, and depending on group's well-being).</p>	<p>Mode of travel: On foot Distance: 20 km + 4 km Meals: Cooked on fire Accommodation : Tents</p>
7 day	<p>Radial hike to Ak-Oyuk river gorge, valley of seven lakes and Yarly valley (optional) The Ak-Oyuk riverhead has the most beautiful lakes, each of which has its own unique color: turquoise, green, milky-blue and blue-black. Descending to the base camp after the hike. Lunch. After lunch - excursion to Yarly valley (optional), where the entire city is built of stones.</p>	<p>Mode of travel: On foot Distance: 8 km + 6 km Meals: Cooked on fire Accommodation : Tents</p>
8 day	<p>Moving to Tekelyu waterfall On this day, remove the camp and go to the river Tekelyu. After lunch, radial excursion to one of the most beautiful waterfalls of Altai - Tekelyu. Height is more than 40 m.</p>	<p>Mode of travel: On foot Distance: 12 km Meals: Cooked on fire Accommodation : Tents</p>
9 day	<p>Gul'daira Going to the mountain lake Gul'daira (2150 m). Overnight on the waterside.</p>	<p>Mode of travel: On foot Distance: 8 km Meals: Cooked on fire Accommodation : Tents</p>
10 day	<p>Tukhman. A large transition from Lake Gul'dairy to the nearest good camp with water. The route traverses the slopes of the ranges, partially entering the territory of the Saylyugemsky national park of federal significance.</p>	<p>Mode of travel: On foot Distance: 15 km Meals: Cooked on fire Accommodation : Tents</p>
11 day	<p>Return. On this day, for the last time on the route, you will be able to admire Belukha from a good sight, then the path will abruptly descend down along the Oroka stream. Big car GAZ-66 will be waiting for you near the Ak-Kem River to move through the Kuzuyak pass to the village of Thyungur. Transfer to Ust-Koksa village .</p>	<p>Mode of travel: On foot + Car Distance: 18 + 84 km Meals: Cooked on fire Accommodation : Tents</p>

12 day	Rest. Breakfast.Equipment returns. Rest. Horse riding and rafting are available for extra payment. Lunch. After the lunch transfer to Verhniy Uymon village. The village is one of the oldest settlements in the area and was founded by religious group of old-believers more then 300 years ago. There are two museums in Verhniy Uymon village: Ethnographical museum named after famous artist Rerih and Museum of Old-Believers' religious traditions and culture. After the excursions, departure to Gorno-Altaiisk at 17:00 or 21.00 (utc/gmt+7).	Mode of travel: Bus/Minibus Distance: 375 km Meals: Cafe Accommodation :
13 day	Arrival to Gorno-Altaiisk. Estimated arrival time - 23:00 or 3:00. Staying in hotel.	

Dates & Prices

07-07-2021 - 18-07-2021, days total: 11, price: 36 800

25-07-2021 - 05-08-2021, days total: 11, price: 36 800

12-08-2021 - 23-08-2021, days total: 11, price: 36 800

Transfer to Ust-Koksa:

Gorno-Altaiisk - Ust-Koksa - Gorno-Altaiisk - 5000 rub.

Novosibirsk - Ust-Koksa - Novosibirsk - 7000 rub.

Barnaul (Novoaltaisk) - Ust-Koksa - Barnaul (Novoaltaisk) - 6600 rub.

Early booking promotion The cost of the route is 36 800 rubles with 100% payment until 31.03.2021. Cost from 01.04.2021 - 44 600 rubles.

What's included

Included in the price:

- 3-course meal (except meals on the road)
- service according to the program
- services of guides
- camping equipment: tents, sleeping bags, mats, backpacks, fire equipment, first- aid kit
- health insurance and accident insurance for active part of the route: MC-450000, SNS-30000
- health insurance and accident insurance for non-active part of the route: MC-150000, SNS-30000
- Ust-Koksa - Tyungur - Ust-Koksa transfer
- horses for transportation of food and public equipment
- excursion to Verkhniy Uymon village on the 12-th day
- entrance tickets to Old Believers' Museum and the Roerich family's Museum (Local History Museum named after N.K. Roerich)
- recreational fees
- Transfer by GAZ-66 from "Three birches" camp to Tyungur

Not included in the price:

- meals on the road
 - bath-house. Visiting bath-house is possible: during the 3rd day of the route (Kucherla lake, from 2000 rubles per hour), during the 5,6,7 days (Ak-Kem lake, from 1500 rubles per hour)
 - transfer to Ust-Koksa
- Gorno-Altaiisk - Ust-Koksa - Gorno-Altaiisk - 70 USD

Attention! Horses are for transportation of food and public equipment only. You still need to carry backpack with your own belongings (8-12 kg). You can order additional horse if you want to go without backpack. It would cost 250 USD. Additional horse can bring belongings of two persons.

WHAT TO PACK

- Down jacket or a warm jacket
- Waterproof clothing (raincoat, jacket, pants)
- Trekking shoes
- Sneakers and shale (light slippers)
- Personal sitting mat
- Warm sport suit and a warm hat
- Cotton gloves
- T-Shirts (2 - 3 pieces).
- Shorts
- Woolen socks (2 pairs)
- Thin socks (3-4 pairs)
- Sun cap
- Sunglasses and sunblocking cream
- Swimsuit / trunks
- Flashlight
- Jackknife
- Matches
- Batteries for your devices
- Personal set of dishes
- Personal hygiene items
- Medicine: plasters, bandages, elastic bandages, iodine, painkillers etc.

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)