

Multinskiye lakes (summer 2023)

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Trip Description

Tour duration: 9 days

Group size: 5 - 15 persons

Trekking duration: 7 days

Total trekking length: 112 km

Difficulty: easy to medium, no need of special skill or gear (kids from 10 to 16 years old are allowed with adults).

Guides' assistance: 1-2 guides

Daily itinerary

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| 0 day | Transfer Novosibirsk - Ust-Koksa. Departure from Novosibirsk at 20.00. Place of departure - 65, Sovetskaya street. Departure from Barnaul at 23:50. Point of departure - "Oblepikha" cafe (local time, UTC/GMT+7). The road goes along the famous Chuysky Tract, once a main route of Russia - China trade. The road goes along Kanskaya steppe and finishes its run in Uyonskaya valley. The change of different landscapes and natural zones provides the traveler with general impression of this unique region of Asia. | Mode of travel: Coach or minibus Distance : 825 km /640 Km Meals: - Accommodation: - |
| 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 Uyonskaya valley. Arriving at Ust-Koksa village to the tourist complex. Lunch. Getting equipment. Safety-awareness briefing. Dinner, acquaintance party. | Mode of travel: Bus, minibus Distance: 375 km Meals: Lunch and Dinner in cafe Accommodation: Tents in the tourists complex |
| 2 day | Multa-Maralnik - Low Multa lake. Early awakening. Breakfast at 09.00 a.m. Transfer to Multa-Maralnik at 11.00 a.m. Travelers go along Multa river. There are a lot of mushrooms and berries on the way. 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. | Mode of travel: minibus/ on foot/ pack horses Distance: 41 km 13 km Meals: Breakfast - in cafe, lunch and dinner - cooked on fire Accommodation: tents |

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| 3 day | Tour to the Upper Multa lake Tour to the Upper Multa Lake, which hides in the deep rock circus near the glacier at the altitude of 1860 meters. The path goes over the place called "Shumy". It is a natural isthmus between two lakes that is formed by huge stones; some of them are 20 meters in diameter. Water, running through this dam, produces a loud noise, which makes a sharp contrast with the stillness of two lakes. On the way travelers can see a few small waterfalls on the steep slopes of Katun ridge and the icy and snowy peaks of surrounding mountains. | Mode of travel: on foot Distance: 26 km Meals: Three meals a day, cooking on fire Accommodation: tents |
| 4 day | Radial exit to the observation deck of Mikhailovka Mountain (2690 M). Radial exit to the observation deck of Mount Mikhailovka (2690 m). You can see the Passing lakes and the Cold Belki from the top of the mountain. Russian Sauna (optional, extra charge) | Mode of travel: on foot Distance: 9 km Meals: Cooked on fire Accommodation: tents |
| 5 day | Travelers go up Kuyguk river. The base camp is set up among the majestic Siberian pines next to the wonderful Kuyguk waterfall (25 meters). Walk to the alpine lake (2270 m) optional. | Mode of travel: on foot / pack horses Distance: 9 km Meals: Three meals a day, cooking on fire Accommodation: tents |
| 6 day | Lake Kuyguk - Kuyguk pass. Lake Kuyguk - Kuyguk pass (difficulty category 1a, height 2520 m). The road passes by the mirror lake, a cascade of small waterfalls and various grasses of the high-altitude tundra. Mount Kolban and Lake Akchan with the amazing turquoise color of the water are clearly visible from the pass. Overnight on a high-altitude plateau. | Mode of travel: on foot Distance: 6 km Meals: Three meals a day, cooking on fire Accommodation: tents |
| 7 day | Akchan lake - Kolban mountain (the height above sea level is 3022 meters) This is a sacred mountain according to the stories of the Altai people. There are many romantic legends about it. There is a magnificent panoramic view from the top of the mountain. | Mode of travel: on foot Distance: 12 km Meals: Three meals a day, cooking on fire Accommodation: tents |
| 8 day | Travelers come back to Ust-Koksa village. Travelers come back to Ust-Koksa village. Going down the Multa river. Transfer to Ust-Koksa. Supper | Mode of travel: on foot / minibus Distance: 16 km 41 km Meals: Breakfast and lunch - cooking on fire, dinner in cafe Accommodation: Tents in the tourists complex |
| 9 day | Departure to Gorno-Altaysk Breakfast. Handing over the equipment. Free time. 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 Barnaul/Novosibirsk at 15:00 (UTC/GMT+7). Departure to Gorno-Altaysk at 21.00. 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: bus/minibus Distance: 375 km to Gorno-Altaysk Meals: breakfast, lunch in the cafe, dinner on the road at your own expense |

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| 10 day | Time for rest. Free time. For additional fee the interested persons can choose either horseback riding in the vicinity, 2-hour rafting or excursion to Krasnaya Mountain. Departure to Novosibirsk/Barnaul (Novoaltaysk) (local time, difference from Moscow + 4 hours) at 18.00. | Mode of travel: bus or minibus Distance: 640 km to Barnaul (Novoaltaysk) 825 km to Novosibirsk Meals: meals at your own |
| 11 day | ARRIVAL TO BARNAUL/NOVOSIBIRSK/GORNO-ALTAISK Estimated arrival in Barnaul - 4:00, in Novosibirsk - 8:00 (UTC/GMT+7), in Gorno-Altaysk - 3.00 | |

Dates & Prices

10-06-2023 - 18-06-2023, days total: 7, price: 32 900
 19-06-2023 - 27-06-2023, days total: 7, price: 32 900
 28-06-2023 - 06-07-2023, days total: 7, price: 32 900
 07-07-2023 - 15-07-2023, days total: 7, price: 32 900
 16-07-2023 - 24-07-2023, days total: 7, price: 32 900
 25-07-2023 - 02-08-2023, days total: 7, price: 32 900
 03-08-2023 - 11-08-2023, days total: 7, price: 32 900
 12-08-2023 - 20-08-2023, days total: 7, price: 32 900
 21-08-2023 - 29-08-2023, days total: 7, price: 32 900

Transfer to Ust-Koksa:

Gorno-Altaysk - Ust-Koksa - Gorno-Altaysk - 5600 rub.
 Novosibirsk - Ust-Koksa - Novosibirsk - 8200 rub.
 Barnaul (Novoaltaysk) - Ust-Koksa - Barnaul (Novoaltaysk) - 7800 rub.

Early booking - 32 900 rubles. The cost is valid for 100% payment until 03/31/2023. Cost from 01.04.2021 - 37 100 rubles.

What's included

Tour price is Included:

- full board (except the meal during the transfer)
- excursions per program with entrance fees (11-th day)
- guides
- special equipment (tent, sleeping bag, mat, backpack, equipment for camp-fire)
- insurance
- invitation letter for Russian visa
- pack-horses rental (3-d and 5-th days)
- border permit
- visa invitation

Tour price is not included:

- airtickets
- consular fees for visa
- interpreters
- transfer from Novosibirsk/Barnaul to the starting point of the route and back to Novosibirsk/Barnaul

Novosibirsk - Ust-Koksa - Novosibirsk - 8200 rubles
 Barnaul - Ust-Koksa - Barnaul - 7800 rubles
 Gorno-Altaysk - Ust-Koksa - Gorno-Altaysk - 5600 rubles

For extra payment:

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

WHAT TO PACK

To participate in the route we recommend you to take the following personal wear and equipment with you:

- 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)

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During the trip you will have the opportunity to:

- A dip in the clean and cool Lower Multinskiye Lake,
- Rise to the Kuyguk pass (2520m) and Unnamed peak (2909m), to take pictures and admire the wonderful panorama of all Katun ridge, with its main peak - beautiful Beluha mountain,
- Compare the color, size and picturesque large number of lakes, which will meet on your way: Multinskiye, Akchan, Kuyguk and many others with no names,
- Spend the night surrounded by the mighty relic cedars, with magical dreams and atmosphere of peace,
- Stand under the refreshing spray of the waterfall Kuyguk and feel its awesome power,
- Climb to the top of the sacred Kolban mountain (3145 m) and touch the sacred ordinances of the inhabitants of these places,
- To sit at the evening campfire under the night sky, watch the stars and think about the eternal,
- Breathe in the enchanting smell of Alpine meadows and mountain herbs,
- Stop in the Upper Uimon village, where in 1926 lived for a while Rerih during the Central-Asian expedition,
- Learn about the life, culture and faith of the Old Believers came to the Uimon valley in the 17th century looking for a land of eternal happiness and justice - Belovodye.