

## Discover The Wild Beauty Of The Siberian Part Of Russia By Trekking

AL-04



Altai, the so-called Russian Tibet or Heart of Siberia, is a unique place, ideal for active holidays! The purity of the mountain air and the crystal-clear water of numerous lakes and rivers will make your trekking in Altai unforgettable! Our route crosses the area of lake Ak-Kem, which rests at the heart of the Altai mountains. Here you will find one of the most beautiful spots for trekking in the world - breathtaking views of mountains and lakes, green forests and valleys covered with blossoming wild flowers. The delicious honey collected in this region is famous for its healing qualities.

The mystical tranquility and the local beauty gave rise to the numerous legends of Altai: about the mysterious treasures of Skifs, and Genghis Khan, part of whose army settled here exhausted after years of long raids into Europe. Located on the border of Europe and Asia, Altai holds the secrets of the many ethnic groups who have inhabited this area since the times of Egypt's pharaohs. It is bursting with natural treasures - 5 natural phenomena in the region are on UNESCO's World Heritage list. The land of Altai is too beautiful to miss!

This is comfort trekking meaning you do not need to have any special skills, it is suitable for anyone in a good physical form, you need to be prepared to spend a few hours a day trekking. We have also included cargo horses to carry your personal (up to 10 kg) as well as group equipment. Accommodation is in a guesthouse at basecamps and tents while on route.

### DEPARTURE DATES:

#### ITINERARY

##### Day 1 - Moscow

Arrival Transfer to the Hotel

##### Day 2 - Moscow

Moscow City Centre Walking Tour. Departure to Barnaul

##### Day 3 - Barnaul / Altai

Transfer to Altai by Bus. "Welcome" Dinner

##### Day 4 - Altai

Base Camp - Oroktoy brook

##### Day 5 - Altai

Continue Ascending along the Oroktoi Brook to the Tuhman Brook (2,000 m)

##### Day 6 - Altai

Trekking up to Lake Kulduairy

##### Day 7 - Altai

Tekeliu River. Optional Hike to the Highest Waterfall of Altai - the Tekeliu Waterfall

##### Day 8 - Altai

River Tekeliu - Sarybel Pass Ascend - Base Camp (2,000 m)

##### Day 9 - Altai

Day Hikes

##### Day 10 - Altai

#### TOUR INCLUSIONS AND OPTIONAL EXTRAS

##### Included

Hotel in Moscow

Guesthouse in Altai

Accommodation in tents

Breakfasts in Moscow

Full board meals in Altai

Tour staff & support

Group equipment and gear

Airport transfers

Visas: checking service

Consular fees: Russia E-visa

##### Not included

Personal equipment

Personal travel insurance

Optional excursions

##### Practical information

About Adventure Tours

FAQ: travelling in Russia

FAQ: adventure trips

First-aid kit checklist

Russian visa procedure

Need to know: Altai

Russian debit card

Day hikes

#### **Day 11 - Altai**

Gradual Descent to the Base Camp. Farewell Dinner

#### **Day 12 - Altai / Barnaul**

Transfer to Barnaul (750 km, 12-13 hours)

#### **Day 13 - Barnaul / Moscow**

Departure to Moscow

### ALTERNATIVE TOURS AND TAILOR-MADE ARRANGEMENTS

In addition to organised group tours, we also offer individual trips. This could be an entirely separate holiday arrangement or an extension to a regular "Go Russia" trip. Whether you would like to travel independently, or just with the group of your friends or colleagues, we can help to realise your holiday plans. Depending on your preference for either comfort or budget, we can help you to design the ideal itinerary and provide the optimal value-for-money quote. Please [contact us for a quote](#).

Based on your chosen tour we believe you might be interested in alternative trips listed below:

- > [Horse Riding through the Siberian Forests to the Mountain Lakes \(AL-05\)](#), Price from Rs , 15 days
- > [Climbing to the Highest Mountain in Europe - Elbrus \(EL-01\)](#), Price from Rs 149,950, 10 days
- > [Discover Kamchatka as a Land of Volcanoes and Unique Ethnic Culture \(KK-01\)](#), Price from Rs , 16 days
- > [Highlights of Kamchatka - Bears and Volcanoes \(KK-06\)](#), Price from Rs 429,950, 12 days

### INFORMATION ABOUT VISAS

Go Russia provides assistance in processing visas and visa fees are included in the cost of most of our trips as detailed in the tour dossier. The visa application process is very straightforward. We have years of practical experience in dealing with tourist visas, and our in-house visa team provides assistance with completing the forms and checking the documents before consular submission. Please do not worry that your application will be unsuccessful (unless you have had any immigration issues with the relevant authorities in the past). All our tourists get their visas.

All nationalities require a full passport valid for at least six months beyond the intended length of stay. Please also make sure there are enough blank pages in your passport: Russian consulate requires minimum two blank pages.

#### **India, USA, UK, Germany, France, Spain residents**

We have in-house visa teams in India, US, UK, Germany, France and Spain. Upon your booking we will email you detailed guidance notes how to fill in the visa forms and what additional documents depending on nationality and your immigration status will be required. You will need to post your application pack to our visa processing office including your original passport. Please allow about two weeks for each visa application to be processed. Please advise us if you require your passport urgently, we can arrange urgent processing for an additional charge.

#### **Non-India, USA, UK, Germany, France, Spain residents**

If you are not resident in India, USA, UK, Germany, France or Spain, we will issue official paperwork and email the required documents to you. You will need to apply for your visa at the local consulate. The process is very straightforward and we can assist you with completing the visa forms. You will have to pay the correct visa fee at the consulate in the country of your residence.

You can read more information about visa and application forms on our website:

[www.justgorussia.in/in/visa\\_services.html](http://www.justgorussia.in/in/visa_services.html)

### HOW TO BOOK

#### **Step 1 - Choose Your Holiday & Departure Dates**

It is important that you choose a trip that is well suited to your interests, capabilities and experience. All our staff has first hand experience of a range of Go Russia holidays and will be happy to talk to you about your chosen trip, enabling you to assess its suitability. We also recommend that you read the descriptions of the relevant region, general information about our services, booking conditions, and trip dossiers carefully. Once you know what tour is right for you, as well as your departure dates, you can start your booking.

## Step 2 - Complete the Booking Form

**Online:** log on to [www.justgorussia.in](http://www.justgorussia.in) and open the tour you wish to book and click "Book now". To provide you with a more personalised and relevant experience in all your contact with Go Russia, when you book online we ask you to register on our system. Once registered you can retrieve your bookings, brochure requests, lecture participation, update newsletter subscriptions, passenger and emergency contact details, submit special dietary requests, view invoices and receipts, download trip documents.

**Email:** alternatively, you can book your tour per email - [info@justgorussia.in](mailto:info@justgorussia.in), or

**Phone:** call us on **000 800 050 24 14**

When booking by email or over the phone please confirm your personal details (full name and address), chosen tour, departure date, package type (hotel / cabin category), and available upgrades.

## Step 3 - Confirmation of your booking

On receipt of your booking form, we will make any necessary reservations for you and send you confirmation invoice, including the flight details, and additional information about your destination: advice on visas, vaccinations and what to take. The invoice will also show you the exact due date of the payment.

## Step 4 - Payment

Please note, if your departure date is more than 56 days you will need to pay the deposit, which should cover the full cost of the flight (if applicable), plus 10% of the land-only arrangements (minimum Rs15,000) per person towards your tour. The outstanding payment must be made 56 days prior to departure. If you book less than 56 days before departure, full payment must be made at the time of your booking. You can make your payment by bank transfer or credit card (2% surcharge applies for credit card payments). You will find all relevant payment details in your invoice.

