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Visiting the Old-Believers of Tuva

Day 1. Getting to know Tuva

Arrival of tourists in **Kyzyl**, the capital of the Tuva Republic.



Meeting at the airport or bus station, transfer to the Chalama Hotel 3*.

Excursion around Kyzyl. Visit the geographical center of Asia and **Buddhist monastery** "Thubten Shedrub Ling". During the excursion around the city, tourists will also visit a local landmark - the **"drum of wishes"** and local craftsmen who will share the secrets of making national Tuvan instruments, shamanic drums, jewelry.

Then the National Museum of Tuva (excursion to the exhibition "Gold of the Scythians"), souvenir shops, the outskirts of Kyzyl, the mineral spring.

Dinner, where dishes of Tuvan cuisine will be prepared for the guests.

exists in harmony with shaman beliefs.

Meeting with handicraftsmen.

Also you will visit the Regional Museum of Tuva (exhibition Scythian gold) and see unique archaeological finds of different epochs.

Also visiting Kyzyl surroundings, a mineral healing spring.

Dinner with national cuisine.

Accommodation in a hotel

Lunch and dinner in a cafe

10 km by car

Day 2. Taiga village Erzhey

The lack of public transport and good roads reward travelers with unforgettable impressions of this picturesque mountain region, coniferous forests, meadows and pastures.



Departure in the southern direction to **the Erzhey village.**

Arrival for lunch at the Erzhey tourist camp, located on the bank of the Kaa-Khem River (Small Yenisei), in the foothills of the Sayan Mountains, in the subtaiga zone, 2 kilometers from the Erzhey and Sizim villages, where Siberian Old-Believers live.

Accommodation in wooden houses without amenities.

A walk in the vicinity of the camp, climbing the mountain (1000 meters above sea level, the mountain is consecrated by the Orthodox Church), from where a magnificent view of the surrounding taiga and all the nearby settlements opens up.

Additionally paid services:

Horse riding;

phyto-sauna.

Accommodation at the Erzhey camp in wooden houses

Breakfast at the hotel, lunch and dinner at the camp

150 km by bus

Day 3. Visiting the Old-Believers

Excursion to **the village of Uzhep** to the Old-Believers. (**Photography and video shooting are prohibited!**)



The Old-Believers settled in Tuva at the end of the 18th century, when these lands were being developed by migrants. The descendants of the Old-Believers still live quite secluded. But some families receive guests. This day you will visit this kind of family, where will get acquainted with the lifestyle, rituals, and traditions of these unusual people. The village is located on the picturesque bank of the river, you can only get there by boat, the trip will take a whole day.

Metings with local residents are unusually colorful - this is a real journey through time, a world of completely different values and interests. Lunch will be held with the family. Return to the camp, dinner. Free time.

- Accommodation at the Erzhey camp in wooden houses
- Breakfast, and dinner at the camp, lunch with the family
- KM Moving to the village by boat

Day 4. Walks through the taiga

Today we continue to get acquainted with the Old-Believers. We will make one more visit to the family, where tourists will be able to ask questions about the family's life. Then we will take a walk through the taiga surroundings. In the evening visit a typical Siberian hot sauna called banya.



Accommodation at the Erzhey camp in wooden houses

Breakfast, lunch and dinner at the camp

KM Moving to the village by boat

Day 5. Coming back to Kyzyl

Departure to **Kyzyl**. Free time in the city. If you want you can order a throat singing concert or a shamanic ritual called kamlaniye*. Individual communication with a shaman (fortune telling, healing, purification ritual)*



Throat singing is a fantastic ability of Tuvans (and some other peoples of Siberia) to simultaneously produce two or three musical sounds of different pitches and at the same time to sustain them for 25-30 seconds without taking a breath. If you listen with your eyes closed, you will not believe that these sounds are produced by a person and not a musical instrument.

Accommodation in the hotel

Breakfast at the camp, lunch and dinner in the cafe

KM 150 km by bus

for extra charge

Day 6. End of the tour

End of the tour. Check out before **12:00**



Transfer to the airport or bus station of Kyzyl.

Breakfast at the hotel