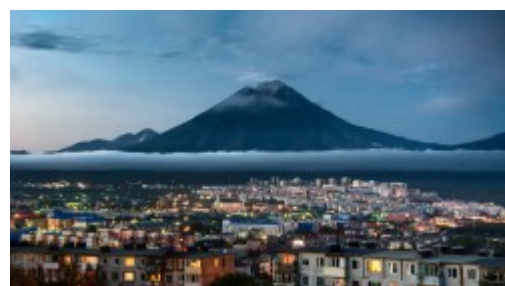


# Amazing Kamchatka

## Day 1.

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Arrival in Petropavlovsk-Kamchatskiy from Moscow/Novosibirsk/Vladivostok/Khabarovsk/Tokyo. Meeting at the airport, transfer to a hotel in Paratunka or Petropavlovsk-Kamchatskiy. Hotel check-in after 14:00. Free time. Rest and bathing in hot thermal water swimming pool (in case of the hotel in Paratunka).



Accommodation in a hotel



Till 30 km by bus



All meals independent

## Day 2.

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Breakfast at hotel. Transfer to Petropavlovsk-Kamchatsky. **City sightseeing tour** including visit to the Local Lore Museum, city's historic sites like Vitus Bering and Charles Clark monuments, scenic view point and fish market. Transfer to the sea port of Petropavlovsk-Kamchatsky. A boat trip along the Avachinskaya bay to the Pacific Ocean and the Starichkov island. Dinner on board. Transfer to the hotel.



***The Avachinskaya bay is considered to be one of the most beautiful in the world. Its twisting coastline is cut by numerous small bays. Two spawning rivers flow into the bay. 32 species of fish inhabit its waters. Practically all the year round we can find here several species of sole, greenling, bullhead and halibut. Sea birds are rather numerous in the area. One can see seals in the bays situated at the entrance to the Avachinskaya bay. The seals***

are not afraid of people and let them approach rather close. Among big mammals one can find killer-whales. The waters of the Avachinskaya bay are rich in natural gifts – sea urchins and crabs.

**The Starichkov Island** is situated about 10 km (5,5 miles) from the entrance to the Avachinskaya bay. It got its name after small sea birds - Murrelets that nest there (in Russian it sounds like “Starik”). The Starichkov Island is a nature reserve on water which abounds in puffins, loons, cormorants and other waterfowl. Several nests of Steller’s Sea Eagle and a seal harem are situated on the island.



Accommodation in a hotel



Breakfast in hotel, lunch on boat board



till 100 km by bus, 60 km by boat

## Day 3.

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Breakfast at hotel. Transfer by all-terrain vehicle to the Mutnovskaya geothermal power station (about 3 hours). Trekking to the Dachniye hot thermal springs. Boxed lunch. Transfer to the Spokoiniy (Quiet) creek (about 30 minutes). Visit to the waterfall (the height is about 40 m). Transfer to the hotel.



**NOTE!** Due to road and weather conditions the total time for trekking can be enlarged. According to group physical preparation and personal abilities the guide has the right to decide to shorten or (and) to change the route on spot.



Accommodation in a hotel



Breakfast in hotel, lunch at camp



180 km by all-terrain vehicle, 7 km on foot

## Day 4.

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Breakfast at hotel. Transfer to the Bystraya river (about 1.5 hours). River floating with “catch-and-release” fishing (3 – 3,5 hours). Transfer to the Malki Hot Springs, bathing. Return to the hotel.



**The Bystraya river**, the second longest river in Kamchatka, flows along the southern slopes of the Sredinniy Ridge (MiddleRidge). It plays an important role in reproducing Pacific salmon. King salmon, Red salmon, Humpback salmon, Silver salmon and Sima spawn in the waters of the Bystraya river. Pacific Char and East Siberian Char are found here in great quantities as well as Grayling, Rainbow Trout and Atlantic salmon. Experienced guides and inflatable rafts are at your disposal.

**The Malkinskiye** hot thermal springs are situated in the valley of the Bystraya river, at a great thermal territory of underground natural springs. Hot thermal water runs to small basins situated near the cold creeks. This is a great place for bathing and rest in the open air.



Accommodation in a hotel



Breakfast in hotel, lunch at the camp



till 320 km by bus, 9-12 km by rafts

## Day 5.

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Breakfast at hotel. Transfer to the foothill of the Avachinskiy volcano by an all-terrain vehicle (about 2 hours). Arrival at the base camp, rest and safety instructions before trekking, trekking to the Camel mountain, lunch at the base camp.



**The Camel mountain** is situated between two volcanoes, Koryakskiy and Avachinskiy. The height is about 1200 meters. The trekking to the mountain takes about 3 hours and is not very difficult. From the top of the mountain you can see beautiful views of the Avachinskaya bay and

*the surroundings of Petropavlovsk and Elizovo, the Avacha river and Nalychevo valley.*

After the trekking you will have lunch at the base camp. Then we'll take you to the Pacific coast where you'll have a walk along the black sandy beach of volcanic origin. Return to the hotel.

***The Khalaktyrskiy beach*** is a popular place among the citizens of Petropavlovsk. The long coastal line is covered with volcanic sand and in summer is full of blossoming flowers and bushes.



Accommodation in a hotel



Breakfast in hotel, lunch-picnic



till 190 km by bus, 8-18 km by bus



For extra charge

## Day 6.

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**Optional tour\* – helicopter trip to the Valley of Geysers.** 200 km by helicopter, about 2 km on foot



The Valley of Geysers is by right called the Pearl of Kamchatka. There is no other place which can be compared to the Kamchatka Valley of Geysers according to the majesty of the sight and the number of gushing geysers situated on a rather small territory. The unique nature of the Valley attracts tourists from all over the world.

The Uzon Caldera is a gigantic caldera 12 km in diameter which is a unique place of the modern volcanism. Its uniqueness is in a large diversity of hydrothermal activity: mineral lakes, powerful steams of vapour coming from hot springs, mud volcanoes in miniature.

Transfer to the helicopter pad. Check-in, boarding. Departure for the Valley of Geysers with flight over the active volcanoes Karymsky and Maly Semyachik (flight time 1h 15 min). Landing in the Valley of Geysers. 1.5 hour excursion in the Valley. Flight to the Uzon caldera (flight time 5-7 min). 1 hour excursion in the caldera. Flight to the Nalychevo Valley (flight time 25 min), boxed lunch, bathing in hot thermal springs. Return to the helicopter pad (flight time 35 min).

Other optional trips are possible or free time.

**Optional tour\* - helicopter trip to the Kurilskoye lake.** 160 km by helicopter, not more than 500 m on foot

Kurilskoye is a unique beautiful lake located on the territory of the Yuzhno-Kamchatsky Preserve in the south of the peninsula. The lake has a volcanic nature. Two impressive volcano cones (Kambalniy and Ilinskiy) that frame the lake create a captivating view.

The Kurilskoe Lake is famous for being one of the largest salmon spawning areas in Kamchatka and Eurasia. Earlier amount of the fish coming into the lake for spawning reached 6 million species. Spawning lasts from August till November. At this time one can see a lot of small & big animals appearing along the lakeshore. Fish also attracts Kamchatka huge brown bears. Nearby the lake a special safe viewing tower is built for tourists to observe the astonishing scenes of bears fishing in their natural habitat.

On your way back the helicopter will land at the Khodutka hot springs where you can have lunch, rest and bathe.

Transfer to the helicopter pad. Check-in, boarding. Departure for the Kurilskoye lake with landing in the Ksudach volcano caldera (flight time 1h 10 min). Landing at the Kurilskoye lake. 1,5 hour excursion to observe brown bear. Lunch. Flight to the Khodutka hot springs, bathing. Return to the helicopter pad.

**Optional tour\* - excursion to Kainyran ethnic centre.** 88 km by bus

«Kainyran» is an ethnic style village which introduces you to the culture of the native Kamchatka people (Koryaks, Itelmens and others). It is situated on an open field at the lake shore where you have a picturesque view of the Koryakskiy and Avachinskiy volcanoes. Here the guests will listen to the stories about Kamchatka natives, watch traditional dances and learn some of the dancing moves. You can also take pictures in traditional costumes, learn about the Kamchatka natives' lifestyle, taste hot fish soup (oukha) in the open air.

Transfer to the ethnic village and sledd dog kennel. Excursion around the kennel, Ethnic program, storytelling about the culture and lifestyle of Kamchatka native at the centre, dance concert, lunch in traditional dwelling. Transfer to the hotel.



Accommodation in a hotel



Breakfast in hotel



Distance of the day depends on chosen excursion



All tours today for extra charge!

## Day 7.

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Breakfast at hotel. Transfer to Pacific ocean coast, walking along the shore. Transfer to the restaurant, business lunch. Visiting the fish market, souvenirs shop. Transfer to the hotel.



Optional tour: Vachakazhets Mountain Mass.

Breakfast at hotel. Transfer to the Vachakazhets Mountain. Trekking to the mountain cirque, to the lake and waterfall. Boxed lunch. Transfer to the hotel.

**Note! Due to road and weather conditions the total time for trekking can be enlarged. According to group physical and personal abilities the guide has the right to decide to shorten or (and) to change the route on spot.**



Accommodation in a hotel



Breakfast in hotel



2 hours by car, 2 hours on foot



For extra charge

## Day 8.

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Transfer to the airport (no guide assistance).  
Departure by flight from Petropavlovsk-Kamchatsky.



Breakfast in hotel



Till 30 km by bus