

Tour to the Putorana Plateau

Day 1. Saturday

Meeting at the [airport Alykel](#).



Before leaving for the camp Valek, the place of boats departure, we go into the cafe for breakfast and, if it is necessary, to the shops of Norilsk to buy what tourists need. Then – transfer to the pier Valek, a parking place and the departure of boats on Lake Lama. Delivery to Lake Lama is carried out by modernized boats. Boats have spacious cabins with a capacity of 10-12 seats and a deck for passengers wanting to explore the landscape.

Boarding to the boat in Valek.

Travel time is 6-7 hours, depending on the weather. The ride itself is very entertaining and informative. You will see the whole change from the valley, lowland forest tundra, in the floodplain Norilka to northern taiga in the heart of Putorana plateau.

Next, enter the river Talaya. It's a winding, rolling river, fast-flowing, steep shores, one of the favorite places of rest for Norilsk people. We pass three scenic river shoals and go out into the lake Melkoye. This is a lowland lake with sloping banks overgrown with mixed forest-tundra and patches of Northern taiga. From all sides the mountains, the spurs of the Putorana plateau could be seen. You can see mountain valleys, formed by lakes Glubokoye and Lama.

Next, enter the river Lama, which flows out from the same lake. In fact it is not a river, but the spate between the two lakes.

Then we arrive to the camp which is located in the remote and eastern part of Lake Lama.

The camp is located in a dense larch forest, near the mouth of the river Vekhikay. Accommodation in a comfortable guest house. Free time.

If weather is good, Siberian bighorn sheep, which are in IUCN Red List, can be seen through binoculars from the base. Eastern tip of Lake Lama from ancient times among Evenks is believed to be shaman's place, a place of power, a place of rites and communion with the spirits of nature and the spirits of ancestors. It is a place of great power, the concentration of which is the legendary Shaitan - the mountain, in front of which the camp is located, which, of course, was not chosen by chance. Somewhere here the last shaman lived out her life in thirties or forties of the 20th century.

In the afternoon tea - the stories of the Putorana Plateau, Nganasan and Dolgan people, shamans.

In free time you can enjoy fishing from the shore or hire a motor boat for trolling (fishing methods with a moving boat). You can walk through the nearby woods.



Accommodation at the camp Bunisyak in rooms for 3-5 persons



Packed lunch, dinner at the camp



15 km by bus, 165 km by speed boat

Day 2. Sunday

Hiking route to the Weeping rocks.



Travel time is from 6 to 8 hours, depending on the preparedness of the group, with the gamekeeper. Departure by motor boat to the Weeping rocks, 2.5 km from the camp.

It is a unique place in Norilsk lakes. There are steep cliffs, the height of which is 12-15 meters, they go vertically into the lake's depth of 20-25 meters. Several streams flow down the cliffs, the largest of which forms beautiful waterfalls, breaking right into the lake.

In the morning, in a sunny day a bright rainbow comes to light in the flying spray of a waterfall what can be seen very close. A smaller rivulets stream down a rocky cliff, dripping from ledges. It seems that the rock "weeps". This is perhaps one of the most beautiful places in all Putorana lakes.

We land and start climbing, accompanied by gamekeepers, along the rivulet which flows into the lake near Weeping rocks. Soon we find a view of the first 25-meter waterfall located 800 meters from the lake shore.

We climb above the waterfall to the observation desk next to it. There is a magnificent, panoramic view on Lake Lama. Higher in 300 meters there are two waterfall of about 10 and 30 meters in a beautiful canyon.

Next, climb along the canyon on its Eastern edge above and go to the fork of the stream. Both of the waterways are amazingly beautiful waterfalls, descending from the magnificent circus, rocks which break from the plateau at an altitude of about 800 meters. In small gullies on the side of the circus there are a few glaciers, from which originate the streams.

Along the Eastern waterway we rise before the plateau. However, the ascent is quite difficult and only available for physically prepared people. In other words to whom it is not possible are accompanied by a ranger visiting the waterfalls, admiring the scenery or optionally begin the descent back to the lake.

The edge of the plateau offers an unforgettable view of the Eastern extremity of lake Lama, river valleys Bunisyak and Talaya.

Hiking snack, tea from a thermos, sandwiches and sweets. Hiking along the edge of the plateau 3-4 km.

Return. Firstly through the path to the first waterfall. Then turn to the east, and move diagonally across the terraces directly to the camp. We go out to the lake's shore, and, moving across it, we reach the camp.

A dinner with national Dolgan and Nganasan meals, rest, banya on request. In the evening the excursion to the unique ethnographic museum. Today we'll discuss the unique collection of clothing, shoes and household items of indigenous Taimyr people.



Accommodation at the camp Bunisyak in rooms for 3-5 persons



Breakfast and dinner at the camp, packed lunch



15 km on foot, 5 km by boat

Day 3. Monday

Hiking through the valley of the river Vekhtkay. Travel time is from 4 to 6 hours, depending on the readiness of the group, with the gamekeeper. We go out to the picturesque canyon cut by Vekhikay river 1.5 km from the camp.



Further we climb along the mouth till the first right tributary, we start climbing up along it. Somewhere on the slopes of Vekhikay river the photo of a huge statute was taken. But the man who made the photo then could not remember exactly the place where it was. Apparently the ancient spirits of the mountains did not want to be famous, so they closed the unique place for people.

Coming home.

Dinner with national Dolgan and Nganasan meals, rest, banya on request.

In the evening, the continuation of the story about the unique ethnographic museum. Today we will talk about tools and craft items.



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Breakfast and dinner at the camp, packed lunch



15 km on foot

Day 4. Tuesday

The excursion route "Rising the plateau above the Idol". Travel time is from 6 to 8 hours, depending on the readiness of the group, with the gamekeeper.



Departure by motor boat to the edge of a high terrace at the foot of the mountain. Ascent to the terrace. We pass into the depths of the terrace.

This is where the unique Evenk idol is located, which gave the name to the route. Idol is carved in wood at least 200 years ago. It was installed on the site of kamlaniye ritual. Next to it there are signs of wood. Perhaps there was something else nearby, but the fire that happened about a hundred years ago erased it. The idol itself was burned, but survived in the battle with fire. We ask the idol for good weather and a good trip. The idol looks very harmonious against the background of the surrounding landscape.

A smooth climb begins on the afforested terraces. Beautiful views of Lake Lama. Further we climb up several picturesque terraces and reach the crest of the plateau. The higher we rise, the more luxurious views open up before eyes. We reach the plateau itself, from the edge of which even more magnificent views open! To the valley of the river Bucharama, to the lake Lama itself. We observe the expanses of the plateau, going somewhere to boundlessness! Strolling along the edge. Hiking snack, fire, tea, sandwiches, sweets, hot dishes.

We return the same way and reach the camp by motorboats.

Dinner, rest, banya on request.



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Breakfast and dinner at the camp, packed lunch



17 km on foot, 5 km by boat

Day 5. Wednesday

Excursion route "Pioneer". This name was given because of the simplicity and accessibility of this route. Usually we put it after a difficult climb to a plateau. Travel time from 5 to 7 hours, depending on the preparedness of the group.



Departure by motor boat to the shore opposite the mouth of the Bucharama River, it is about 7 kilometers from the camp.

Here, guests visit a local attraction, the house of geologist Urvantsev, the discoverer of the Norilsk deposit of polymetallic ores. He built it in the 30s of the twentieth century, intending to stay on the Lama for the winter.

Further along an extensive, slightly marshy side, we pass to the edge of the terraces. A smooth rise begins. The higher, the more magnificent view opens. Arriving in the valley of a small stream and then move along it. On the way seeing a very rare and unusual strongly twisted tree.

Above the stream we go to cascades of waterfalls. They are not very tall, but very beautiful. Since the waterfalls are not high, our guests like to swim under them. We rise higher along the stream, we pass a few more spectacular waterfalls. We reach the middle of the slope. Here a stream cuts through a very nice, narrow canyon, with waterfalls in its upper part. Even in the middle of summer, the remains of the huge winter ice are preserved here. Ice melts only in August.

On the cliffs of this canyon, as on a cut, different layers of basalt are clearly visible. The crystallization pattern was very different. An interesting cut of basaltic rocks was obtained.

Snack, bonfire, tea, sandwiches, sweets.

We return to the shore of the lake by another route, then by boats.



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Breakfast and dinner at the camp, packed lunch



10 km on foot, 7 km by boat

Day 6. Thursday

The excursion route "Up the river Khoysi". Travel time is 6-8 hours depending on the readiness of the group, with gamekeeper.



Departure by motor boat to the mouth of the river Hoyci. Then we go through the terrace to the big canyon Hoysi. The height of the rock walls is up to 15-20 meters. It extends for several kilometers.

Hiking snack, fire, tea, sandwiches, sweets, hot dishes. The way back is the same.

Dinner with first course, rest, banya on request.



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Breakfast and dinner at the camp, packed lunch



15-25 km on foot, 5 km by boat

Day 7. Friday

Trip on Lama Lake. It is carried out by the speedboat.



We drive along the picturesque southern shore of the lake to the mouth of the river Neralah, it is 38 km from the camp. In one and a half kilometers from the lake there is a large, very spectacular waterfall. To which you can get very close. Below the river cuts a deep, very spectacular canyon. This place is famous for a large number of mushrooms, to the delight of fans of silent hunting.

We cross the lake and go along the northern shore of the lake to the isthmus between lakes Lama and Kapchug. Lake Kapchug is smaller than Lama, its length is 12 km, width is 1-3 km. The isthmus between lakes is 400 meters wide. It opens a scenic views on both lakes. Further we go along the north shore of the lake to the mouth of the picturesque nameless stream flowing into the lake near the mouth of Bucharama. We rise to the beautiful, two-stage waterfall. Its lower level is divided into 3 separate jets.

At the end of the route we visit the base of ufologists in the mouth of the river Bucharama. If owners of base are there we talk about energy features of these places.

Returning to the camp. Dinner with first course, rest, banya on request.



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Breakfast and dinner at the camp, packed lunch



11 km on foot, 95 km by speed boat

Day 8.

Gathering. Departure by speed boat through the lake Lama back to Norilsk.
Back to civilization.



In the middle of the road snack (hot tea from a thermos, sandwiches, sweets). Upon arrival, accommodation in the [hotel Norilsk](#).



Accommodation in the Norilsk hotel 2*



Breakfast at the camp, packed lunch



165 km by boat, 15 km by bus

Day 9. Sunday

This day is necessary in case of bad weather, when, according to meteorological conditions, movement on lakes by motor boat is impossible. If on arrival to [Norilsk](#), weather is favorable the excursion time is transferred to the end of the tour. This day is scheduled for a group excursion around Norilsk.



Excursion program around [Norilsk](#):

Norilsk city tour

Excursion to the [State museum of the History and Development Norilsk Industrial Area](#)



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Breakfast at the hotel



till 10 km by bus

Day 10. Monday

Check-out till 12:00.



Transfer to Norilsk airport.



Breakfast at the hotel



50 km by bus