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★★★★★ 4,8 out of 5

Altai Weekend: Karakol Valley

4 days/3 nights: Blossoming pink mountains

The packages are available as Group & Private tours

Katun River Valley – Chuysky Trakt – Karakol Valley – Gorno-Altaysk

Departure dates: 2 May 2021 (maralnik), 6 June 2021, 7 July 2021, 8 August 2021





What our travelers say



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Why travel to Altai

- To see Chuysky tract - one of 10th most beautiful roads of the world (*"National Geographic"*)
- To enjoy serenity of Kurai Steppe
- To take wonderful pictures of rhododendron bloom
- To catch a drive on ATV safari in Altai Mountains
- To experience Rafting on the river Katun
- To visit Maral farm and local apiary with honey tasting
- To plunge into Altai aboriginal culture and listen to throat singing



Itinerary

DAY 1

- *Arrive at Gorno-Altaysk*
- *Quad Bike riding in Manzherok*
- *Visiting a maral (Siberian Red Deer) farm and degustation of tea with Altai maral antlers*
- *Visiting a zubr (European bison) nursery*

DAY 2

- *Breakfast*
- *Rafting on the river Katun*
- *Altai apiary*
- *Patmos Island*

DAY 3

- *Breakfast*
- *Visiting the Seminsky Pass*
- *Visiting the Karakol Nature Park - Uch-Enmek*
- *Traditional Altai cooking master class*
- *Kay concert (traditional Altai throat singing)*

DAY 4

- *Breakfast*
- *Transfer to the airport of Gorno-Altaysk*



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Day 1: Quad Bike Riding & Maral Farm

Arrive Gorno-Altaysk in the morning. Your guide will be waiting for you in the airport to take you to the village of Manzherok, where you will have a quad bike ride along the mountain trails around Sinyukha Mountain and Manzherok Lake stopping at a picnic spot with stunning views of mountain valleys.

Then you will have a ride to the Altai maral farm, where you will see Siberian red deer and taste special tea, as well as other products, made of maral antlers, known for their medicinal properties.

You will also visit the only nursery of purebred European bison, known as zubrs, in Siberia.

After that you will be taken to the Katun River valley. Accommodation in a comfy wooden house in Chermal resort area, with beautiful river views. Russian banya available on request.



**Tea degustation
at the maral farm**



Tour



**Guesthouse by
the river Katun**



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Day 2: Rafting on the River Katun

The day begins with rafting on the Katun River that gives a lot of vivid emotions for both adults and young travelers, and also allows to capture the beautiful nature of Altai from a different angle.

After finishing rafting, you will go to a local apiary to taste real Altai honey, considered one of the best in Russia.

Then, you will visit the monastery located on the tiny island of Patmos in the middle of the river. Walking up to the island across a wooden footbridge offers truly mesmerizing views.

Return to a guesthouse by the river Katun for overnight stay.



Breakfast



Tour



Guesthouse by the
river Katun



Transportation



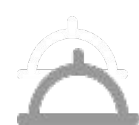
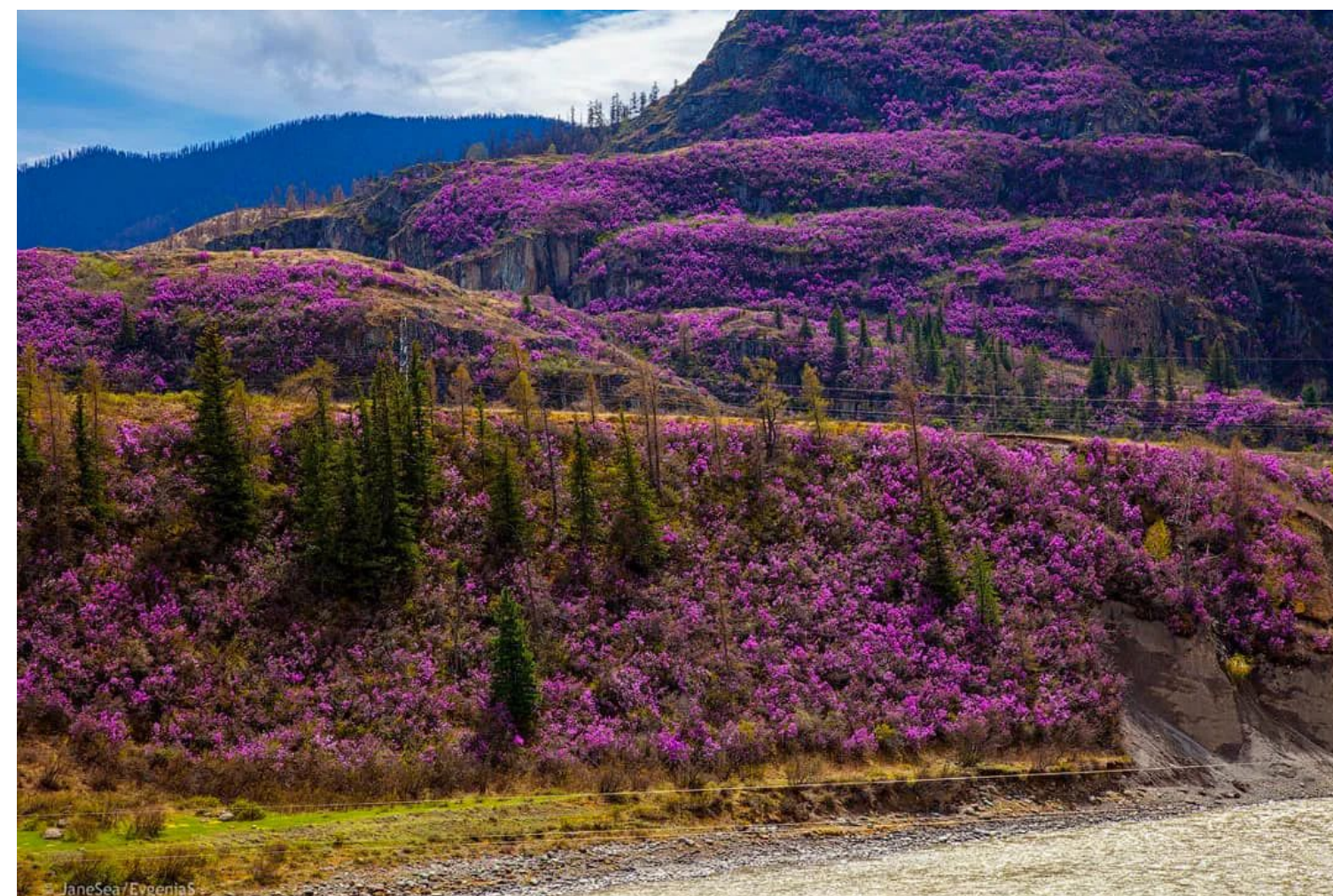
Day 3: Karakol Valley

This day is divided to the visit of the Karakol valley, the sacred land of Altai aborigines. The road to the Karakol Natural Park runs along Chuysky Trakt - one of the most beautiful roads in the world according to National Geographic.

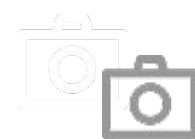
On the way, you make stops to admire natural sights, like the mighty Seminsky pass, and see firsthand the gorgeous blooming rhododendron, which colors slopes of the Altai mountain landscape in bright pink.

Upon arrival at the Karakol Natural Park, you will have a sightseeing tour of the natural attractions of the valley and Altai cuisine culinary master class, as well as enjoy Kai concert, the traditional Altai throat singing.

In the end of the day you return to Chuysky Trakt for overnight stay in a comfy guesthouse



Breakfast



Tour



Guesthouse Barskaya
Usadba or similar



Transportation

Day 8: Departure

In the morning you are taken back to the airport to catch your day flight from Gorno-Altaysk.

If you have a need or desire to stay one more night we can offer an optional extra night in a hotel in Gorno-Altaysk.



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Dates & Rates per person in twin/double room



Group package

Group of 4 people

51 300 RUB

Private tour

Based on 2 people to go.

For customized tours,
please inquire.

72 600 RUB

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Tour inclusions:

ACCOMMODATION

Hotels & Guesthouses:

- 2 nights in Chemal (Veles guesthouse or similar)
- 1 night in Cherga (Family ugotok guesthouse or similar)

MEALS

- Full breakfast at the hotels
- Tea degustation at the maral farm
- Altai cuisine culinary master class

SIGHTSEEING & ACTIVITIES

Please take note that due to logistic issues we might occasionally amend the sequence of the tours.

- ATV safari tour in Manzherok
- Maral farm with a degustation of tea made of malar antlers
- Altai apiary tour
- Bison Farm visit
- Chemal tour and Patmos island visit
- Rafting on the river Katun
- Karakol valley day tour, including culinary master class and Kai concert



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ENTRANCE TICKETS, VISAS & MISC.

- Entrance tickets to all listed attractions
- 24/7 English-speaking support line in Russia

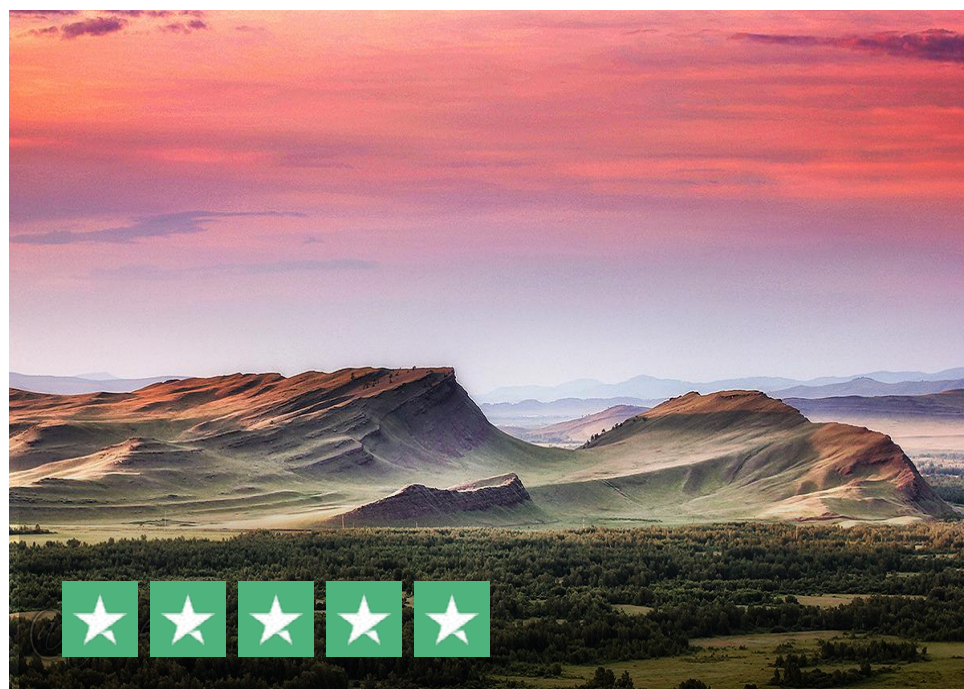
TRANSPORTATION

- Private transportation throughout the tour

NOT INCLUDED

- International flights
- Extras of personal nature
- Lunches & Dinners not mentioned
- Travel insurance

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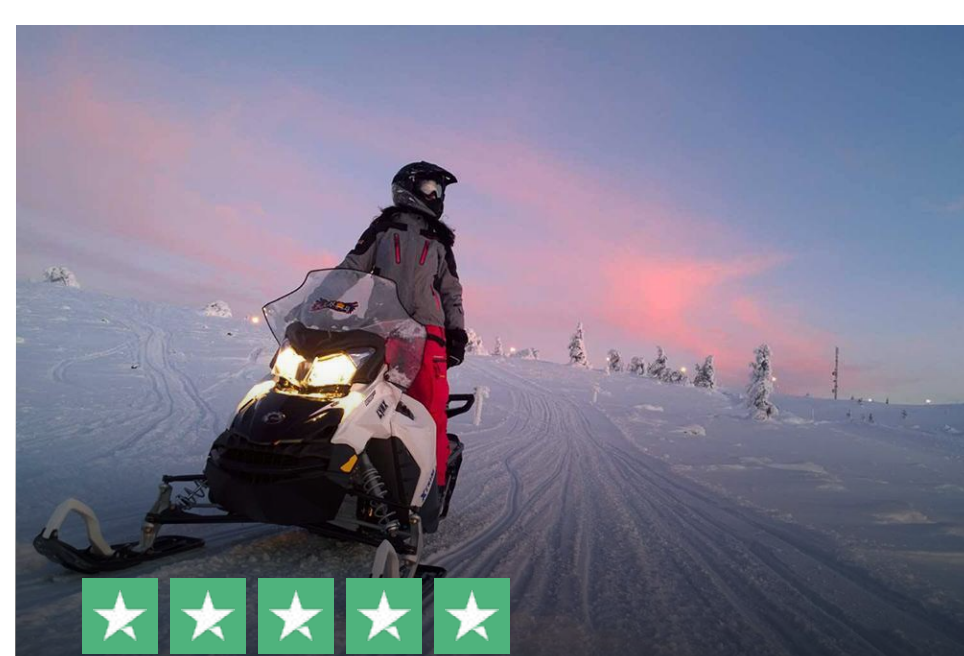
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