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# Best Of Kamchatka: Bears, Volcanoes, Geysers, Sea Life Kamchatka Peninsula

8 days / 7 nights

This package is available as Private Tour or Group Tour







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## What our travelers say







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## Itinerary

### DAY 1

- **Meet and greet at the airport**
- **Transfer to your eco lodge**
- **Check in and time for lunch & rest**
- **Tour to Itelmen village**
- **Itelmen dinner**
- **Return to the lodge**

### DAY 2

- **Breakfast**
- **Transfer to heliport**
- **Heli trip to Kurile Lake**
- **Picnic lunch**
- **Boat tour**
- **Fly to Khodutka volcano and hot springs bathing**
- **Return to heliport and transfer to the lodge**

### DAY 3

- **Breakfast**
- **Transfer to sea port**
- **Boat trip to Avacha Bay, Starichkov Island & Russian Bay**
- **Lunch on board**
- **Return to the port and transfer to the lodge**

### DAY 4

- **Breakfast**
- **Transfer to heliport**
- **Heli trip to Karymsky and Malyi Semyachik**
- **Heli trip to the Valley of Geysers**
- **Picnic lunch**
- **Boat tour**
- **Nalychevo national park and hot springs bathing**
- **Return to heliport and transfer to the lodge**

### DAY 5

- **Breakfast**
- **Jeep tour to Vachkazhets volcano**
- **Picnic lunch**
- **Return to the lodge**

### DAY 6

- **Breakfast**
- **Full day jeep tour to Mutnovsky volcano**
- **Light trekking**
- **Picnic lunch**
- **Return to the lodge**

### DAY 7

- **Breakfast**
- **Extra day to take heli tour in case we had a non-flying day**
- **Optional tours available: Khalaktyrsky black beach, Petropavlovsk - Kamchatsky city tour, Koryak people village**
- **Return to the lodge in the evening**

### DAY 8

- **Breakfast**
- **Transfer to the airport for the departure flight, visit fish market en route**





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## Day 1: Meet the locals

Meet and greet at the airport. Transfer to the **hot springs resort** in Paratunka village.

We offer you 2 options: 5\* lodge and 4\* lodge.

Both have big swimming pools with thermal water on the air and spa complex. The detailed hotels descriptions on pages 13 and 14.

In the afternoon, we travel to the local settlement of **Itelmen people**, to the real one, not a tourist attraction type. Everything you see today is not a performance, but a way of life which is still preserved here, at the Far East of Asia, at a volcano's base. You will be carried through an ancient "purification" ceremony by the Chief, then you will learn about the Itelmens way of life, traditions, legends, and enjoy national dances and songs.

And there is more, if you are interested in mystical aspects of old cultures, you will be able to see an ancient ceremony of shamans, such as "circulation on coals" and walk to the ancient Valley of Spirits. Traditional Itelmen dinner will be served: fish soup, meat, herbal teas and cowberry pies. Transfer back to the lodge.







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## Day 2: Kurile Lake: bears and hot river bathing

Breakfast in the logde.

Spend a day at magnificent and world-famous **Kurile Lake**. Take a helicopter tour to see Russian bears during a salmon run. Iconic landmark and world-famous highlight of Kamchatka, the Kurile lake and its residents- brown bears, are just a 1 hour helicopter flight away.

Every year about three million salmon come into the lake to spawn and die. Enormous quantity of fish attracts bears from all the area. it can easily gather up to 200 bears at once! Fantastic and guaranteed bear viewing and no crowds, like on other top bear-watching spots of the planet.

Enjoy bear viewing and watch how bears fish, while an armed guard take care of your safety. Then we take a **boat tour** on the lake, it is a great opportunity to make stunning photos. Hot picnic lunch will be provided today.

Landing at the foot of the **volcano Khodutka**. Take a **bath in a unique hot river** with water temperature 40 °. Khodutkinsly minerals sources are considered therapeutic, they contain a large amount of silicic acid. Fly back and transfer to the lodge.







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## Day 3: Boat cruise

Breakfast.

We have a great team on board for a day in the sea. Enjoy **deep-sea fishing** and magnificent views on volcanoes Vilyuchinsky, Avacha and Koryak. We will see large and seal rookeries, killer whales and dolphins, and will catch a Big Fish, grouper or halibut!

You will visit **Avacha Bay, Russian Bay, Starichkov Island** - all the top nature's attractions. Fishing equipment is on board, success is guaranteed!  
Hot lunch and drinks on board.

The Starichkov Island is a nature sanctuary and protected area thanks to unique birds' rookery. It is a limited access area, as birds nest here. In total, there are 44 nested colonies of ten species of sea colonial birds, such as hatchets, cormorants, willocks, seagulls.

Transfer back to the lodge.





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## Day 4: The Valley of Geysers and Kronotsky Reserve

Breakfast.

Helicopter tour over **volcanoes Karymsky and Maly Semyachik** (flying time 1 h 10 minutes). Volcano Karymsky, 1487 m above sea level, is one of the most active giants of the peninsula: eruptive activity of a volcano has been lasting for 20 years by now!

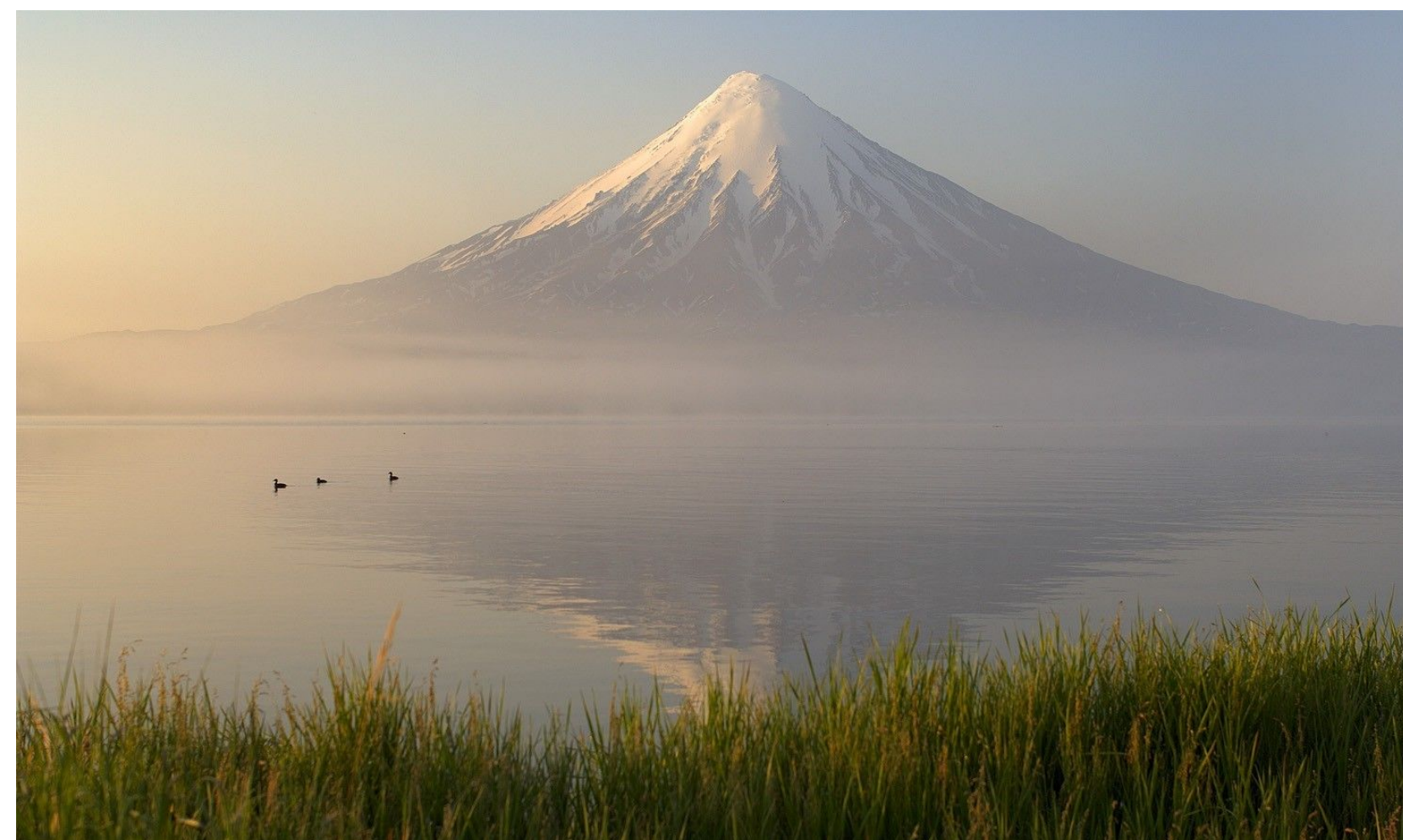
Volcano Maly Semyachik is even higher, 1520 m, extraordinary beautiful thanks to the acid lake in the crater. Arrival to Lake Kronotsky, the heart of Kronotsky Biosphere Reserve and a place to take iconic photos.

Arrival to **Kronotsky Reserve**, and to the most amazing place of Kamchatka, **Lake Kronotsky**. Here the lake's smooth surface perfectly reflect one of the most beautiful volcanoes of the peninsula – Kronotsky Volcano.

Lake Kronotsky is the biggest fresh-water reservoir of Kamchatka. We will walk, take a boat tour and have a picnic brunch.

We fly further to to the **Valley of Geysers** (flying time 1,5 hours) with our experienced pilot.

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## Day 4: The Valley of Geysers & Kronotsky Reserve

The **Valley of Geysers** is the iconic landmark of Kronotsky Biosphere Reserve and entire Kamchatka with the unique ecosystem. You will be stunned by eruption of geysers, activities of thermal fields and mud coppers.

After lunch we take a trip to a **volcano's caldera Uzon**.

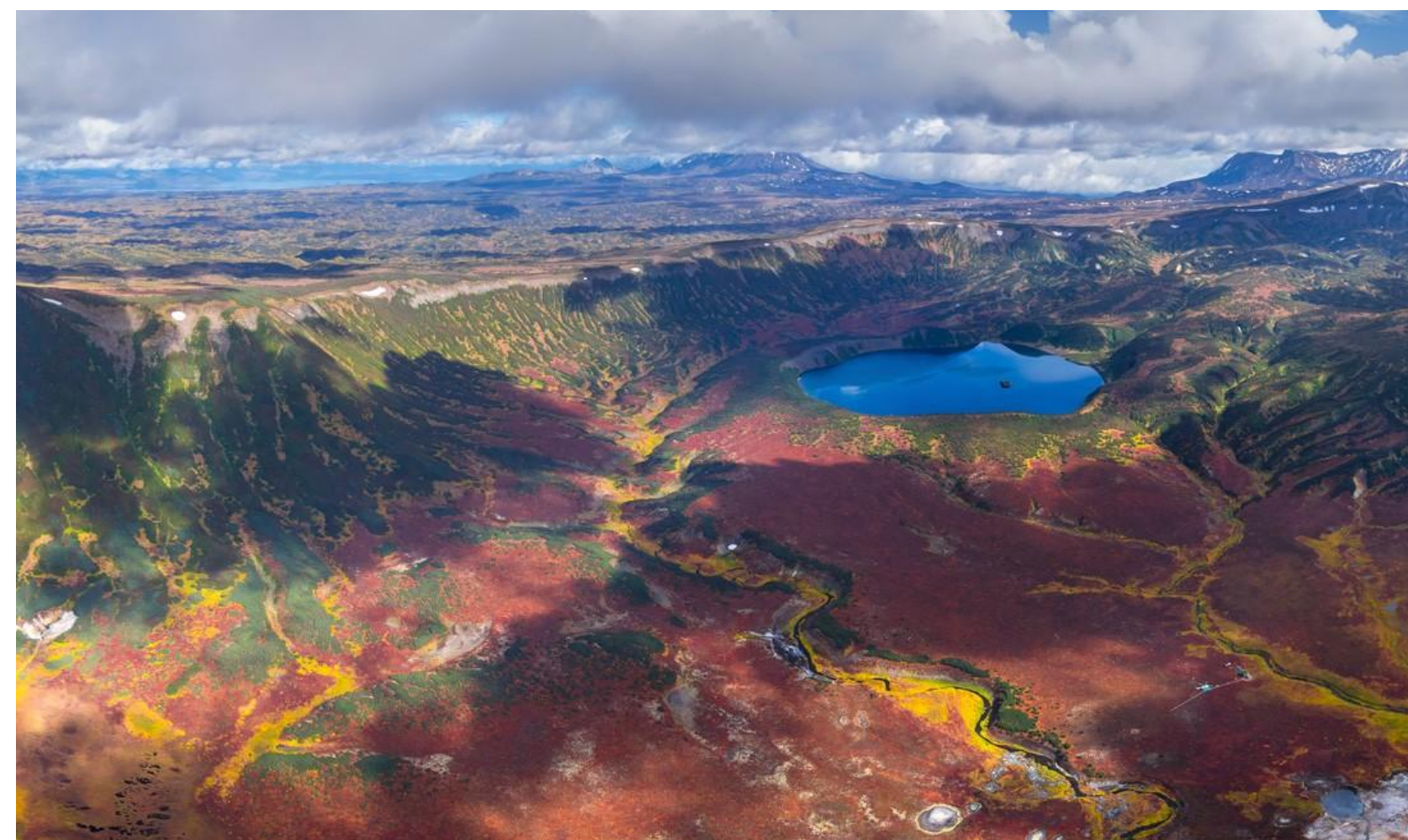
The caldera represents a volcanic bowl which was formed as a result of an eruptopn at the top, when walls of the volcano were destructed about 40 thousand years ago.

And now hundreds of columns of steam escape here from yellow fumarol fields alternating with green groves and the brownish tundra.

Guided tour for about 1 hours, walk to acid and radonic lakes, and mud small "volcanoes".

There are several groups of thermal sites in the valley, and all of them are located in the basin of Pravaya Nalycheva River.

Here you will find amazing landscapes and diverse flora. River terraces are covered with high-equal meadows and thickets of dry tundra, and the foot of the hills surrounding the basin is covered with thickets of stone birch. Transfer back to the lodge.







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## Day 5: Mountain jeep safari

Breakfast.

We use specially prepared Japanese vans for this jeep tour to the mountains, however mind the road is bumpy sometimes.

**Vachkazhets volcano** and its vicinities is one of the most beautiful places of the primeval Kamchatka's nature.

We shall deliver you safely and with maximum comfort possible to the heart of the volcano.

The nature sanctuary includes a combination of picturesque landscapes, exiting geological objects, rare minerals, a remains of ancient fauna, mountain circuses - the hollows in mountains which are shaped as an amphitheater formed by a glacier.

Steep rocky slopes of the massif go down to coast of the **lake Takhkolo** where the picnic will be organized.

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## Day 6: Mutnovsky volcano trek

Breakfast.

Jeep-tour to the foot of **Mutnovsky volcano**, one of the largest volcanoes in South Kamchatka with a complex structure and a long history of development.

It is considered to be one of the most spectacular volcanoes in Kamchatka and is famous for its active steam-gas activities, which tourists from all over the world come to see.

**Trekking** to the top. During trekking, you will see volcanoes and picturesque landscapes. Picnic.

Trip to the "**Opasniy**" **canyon** formed by soft rocks. There is a glacier at the bottom of the canyon, and an indescribably beautiful 80 meters high waterfall falls from a sheer cliff of a canyon.

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## Day 7: Free day

### Breakfast

Kamchatka has the very unstable weather even in the summer. This day off allows us to be flexible in case one of our heli tours is delayed.

On this day, we can arrange another heli ride to Kamchatka hot spots, ocean surfing tour, tour to black sand Khaltursky beach, city tour, caviar degustation, and other activities.







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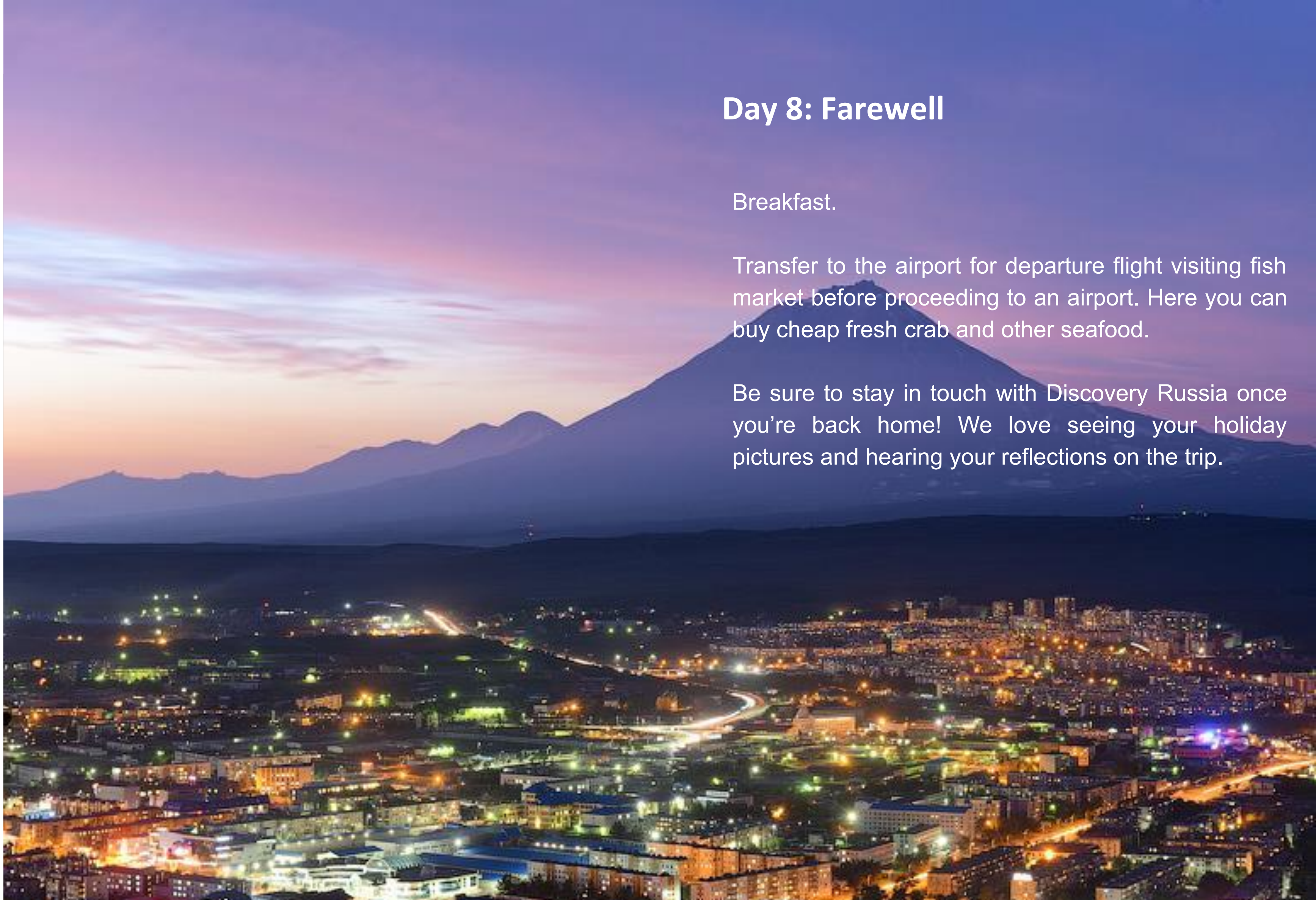
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## Day 8: Farewell

Breakfast.

Transfer to the airport for departure flight visiting fish market before proceeding to an airport. Here you can buy cheap fresh crab and other seafood.

Be sure to stay in touch with Discovery Russia once you're back home! We love seeing your holiday pictures and hearing your reflections on the trip.







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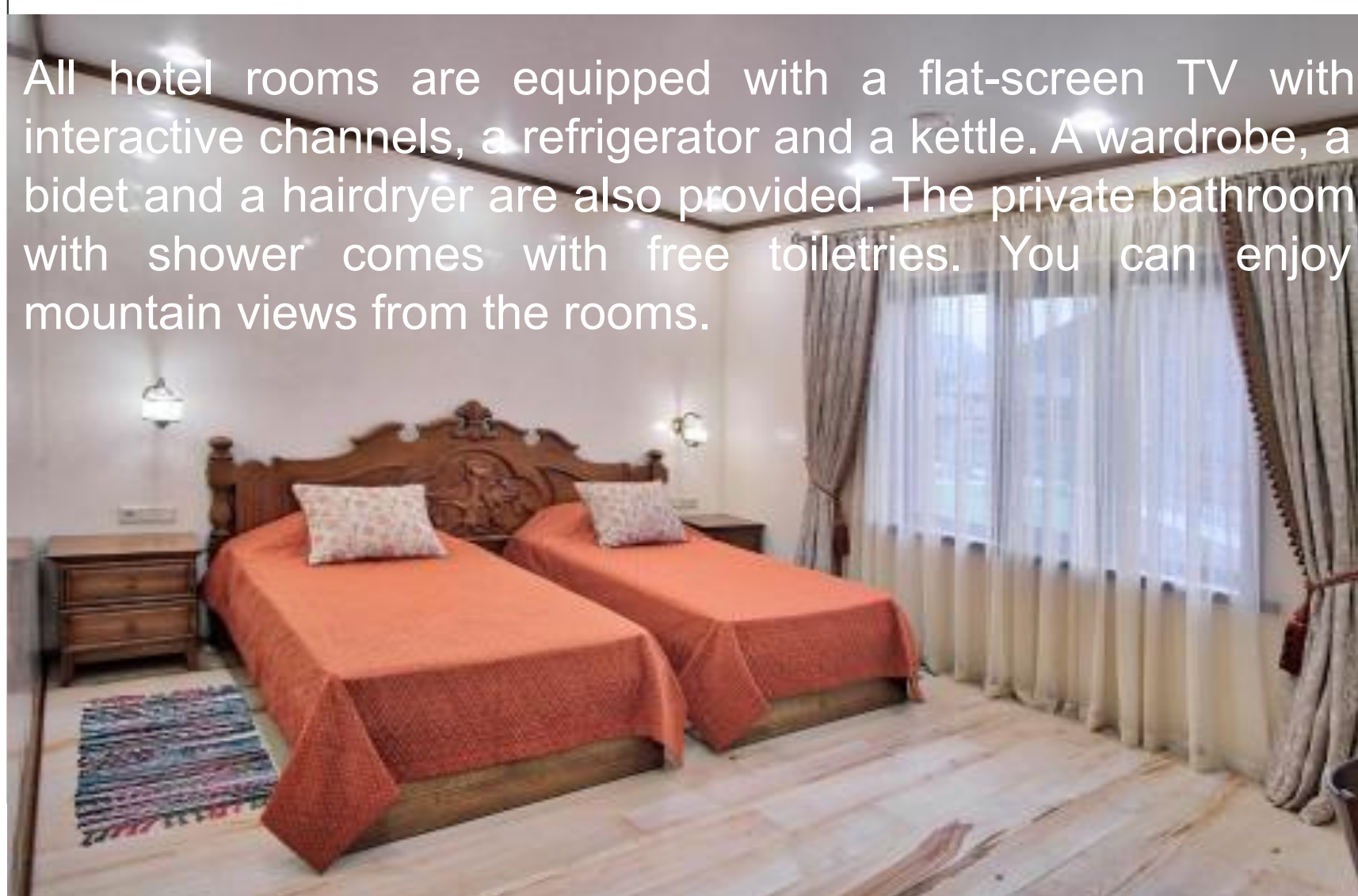
## Accommodation options

### Option 1 “Mystery Kamchatka” luxury lodge

“Mystery Kamchatka” Hotel & Restaurant is located in the resort area of Paratunka village, famous for its natural geothermal sources. Guesthouses are located in a closed secure area. The resort is all about privacy and guests' comfort.

The hotel offers 24-hour reception, free Wi-Fi, a **big swimming pool with thermal water** on the open air and on-site parking. The interior design wonderfully consist of rustic and classic styles.

All hotel rooms are equipped with a flat-screen TV with interactive channels, a refrigerator and a kettle. A wardrobe, a bidet and a hairdryer are also provided. The private bathroom with shower comes with free toiletries. You can enjoy mountain views from the rooms.







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## Accommodation options

### Option 2 “Sputnik” lodge

“Sputnik” lodge is also located in Paratunka village hot springs area. It features a restaurant, outdoor swimming pool with natural thermal water, a bar and shared lounge. Among the facilities at this property are a 24-hour front desk and room service, along with free WiFi throughout the property, SPA center and kids playroom.







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## Dates & Rates RUB per person in twin/double room

### Group package



285 525 RUB

### Single supplement

52 500 RUB

### Private tour based of 2 people to go

312 600 RUB



345 075 RUB

131 250 RUB

380 000 RUB

**Group dates:** August 9 - August 16, 2021





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## Tour Inclusions

### ACCOMMODATION

7 nights in the 5\* or 4\* lodge in  
Paratunka village, sharing twin/double  
with thermal water pool access.

### MEALS

- Full breakfast daily (except Day 1)
- Traditional Itelmen lunch on Day 1
- Picnic lunch on Day 2
- Hot lunch on Day 3
- Picnic brunch on Day 4
- Picnic on Day 5
- Hot lunch on Day 6

### TRANSPORTATION

- Ground transportations as per program
- Meet & greet at the airports/train stations
- Private return airport/train station transfers
- Transportation on a helicopter on tours according to the itinerary

## SIGHTSEEING and ACTIVITIES

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

- Tour to the local settlement of Itelmen people // Walk to the ancient Valley of Spirits
- Boat cruise visiting Avacha Bay, Russian Bay, Starichkov Island, Deep-sea fishing
- Jeep tour to Vachkazhes volcano
- Helicopter tour to the Kurile Lake for bear viewing and Trekking excursion in the caldera of Ksudach volcano//Kurile Lake boat tour// Khodutka volcano hot river bathing
- Helicopter tour to the Valley of Geysers / Uzon caldera / Nalychevo Hot Springs
- Jeep tour to Mutnovsky volcano

### ENTRANCE TICKETS, VISAS & MISC.

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

### NOT INCLUDED

- Dinners and lunches not mentioned
- Flights to Petropavlovsk Kamchatsky
- Insurance & optional tours
- Extras of personal nature