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Crimean Summer: Culture & Wine Tour – 2021

7days/6nights

The packages are available as Private tours

Simferopol – Bakhchisaray – Sevastopol – Balaklava – Yalta – Gurzuf – Alushta – Sudak – Kerch – Simferopol
Group tour dates 2021: June 12-18, July 10-16, August 7-13, September 4-10,
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What our travelers say



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Day 1: Simferopol - Bakhchisaray

Arrive Simferopol in the morning. Your guide will be waiting for you in the airport to take you to ancient town Bakhchisaray, capital of Crimean Tatar kingdom (35 km).

Visiting the Khan's Palace which is the only example of the Crimean Tatar palace architecture in the world.

Then, take a part in a Crimean Tatar cuisine master class during which you will know how to cook famous “chebureki” and taste some delicious local specialties for lunch followed by traditional tea of mountain herbs.

Transfer to your hotel and check in. Tonight, stay in Bahitgul hotel built in traditional style.



National lunch



Bahitgul hotel



Tour



Transportation



Day 2: Sevastopol & Balaklava

After breakfast, check out and travel just 35 km to Sevastopol - the home of the Russian Navy Fleet.

Sevastopol city-tour that takes you to the 50s of the 20th century, you will find yourself in Soviet city where times stands still. At the same time, you will see some finest examples of the classic Russian imperial architecture of XIX century. Your guide will show not only the highlights, but also hidden gems only locals know about. Take a boat trip in Sevastopol bay along the warships of the Russian Black Sea Fleet.

Travel to Balaklava for a still wine degustation at on the best champanery in Crimea - “Zolotaya Bukhta”, and try 9 types of local wines. After that you will move to the Balaklava Bay which has inspired many top artists, with its fishing piers and colorful boats. Overnight at the Rota-Shale Marina hotel with a view in Balaklava bay.

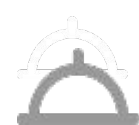


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**Breakfast, wine
degustation**



Tour



**Rota-Shale Marina
hotel/or similar**



Transportation



Day 3: Palaces and Parks

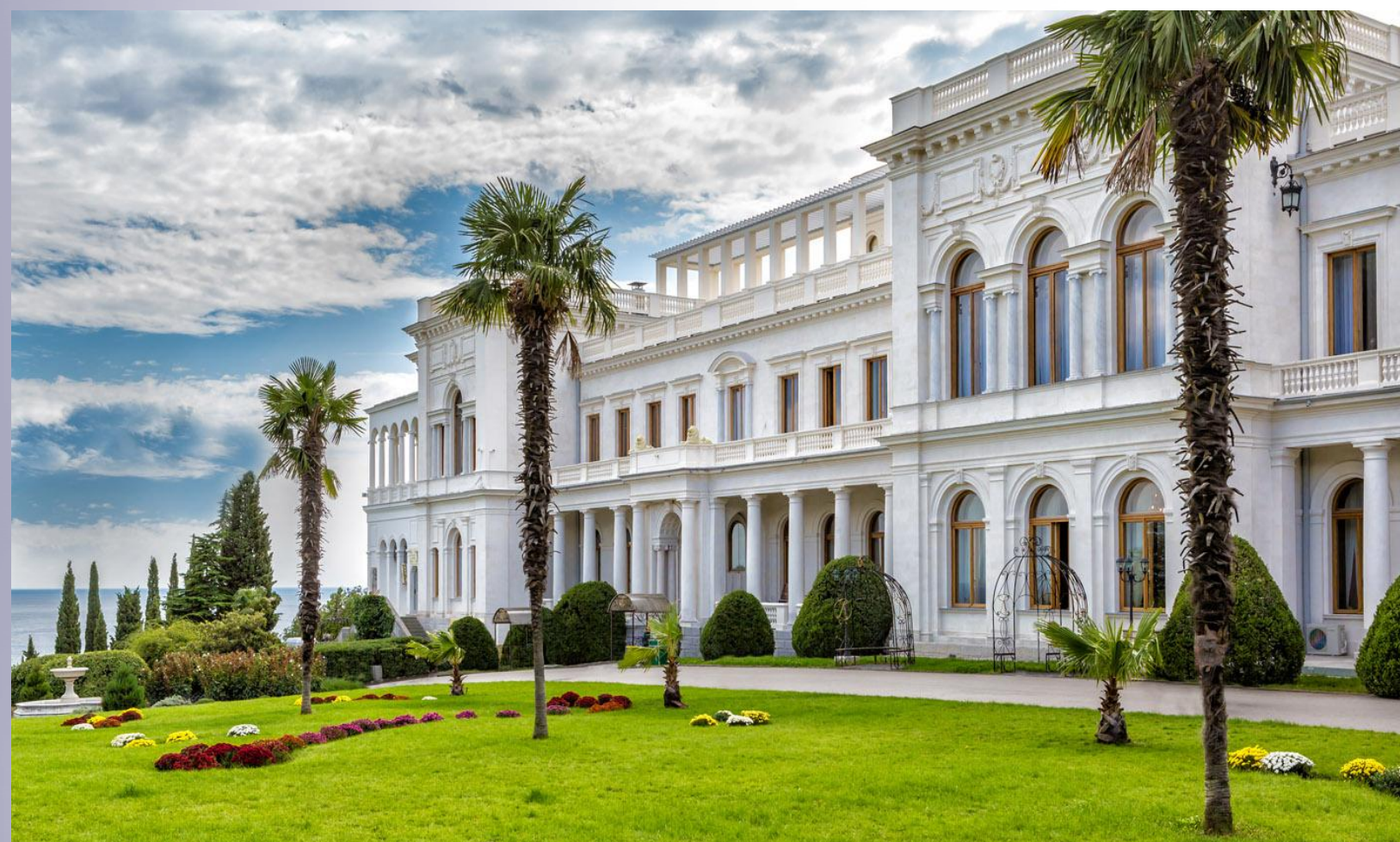
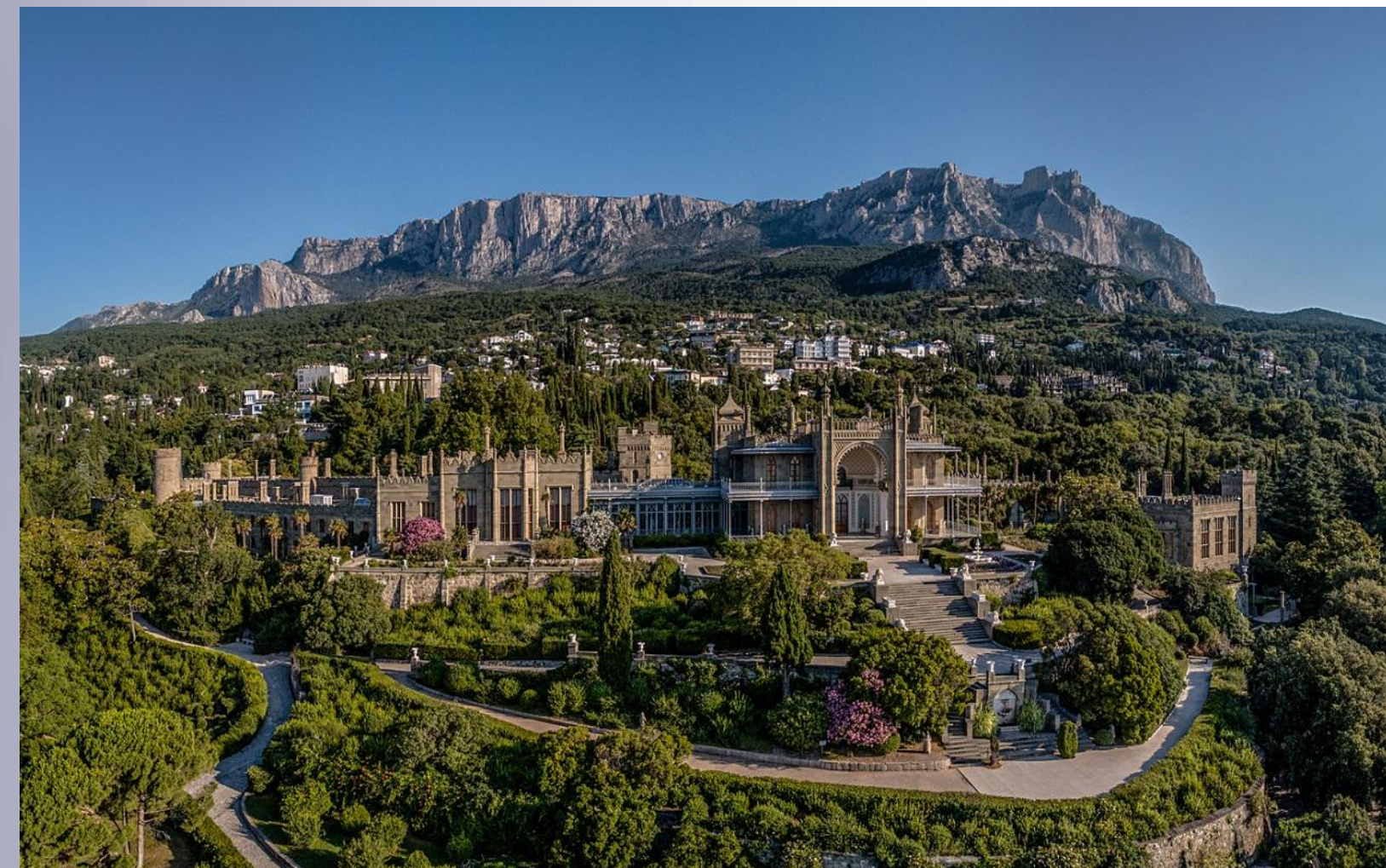
After breakfast, check out and transfer to Alupka. Visit the Vorontsov palace, built in Neo-Moorish style, and Vorontsov garden with 200 exotic species of trees and shrubs.

You will also visit Livadia Palace, where the famous Yalta Conference with Roosevelt, Churchill and Stalin was held in 1945 when WWII ended.

Then, another wine degustation awaits you at Massandra Winery - one of the most famous in the whole Russia.

You will continue the day with the evening ride to Swallow's Nest castle to view the sunset.

Overnight at comfy hotel in Yalta with beautiful sea views.



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**Breakfast, wine
degustation**



Tour



**Polyana Skazok
hotel/or similar**



Transportation

Day 4. Mount Ai-Petri & Grand Canyon of Crimea

Early in the morning we will drive to a famous Ai-Petri peak in the Crimean Mountains to see a magic sunrise. Then, we will walk up in the mountains to see wild peony. Have your breakfast with magnificent view over Crimea.

Transfer to the Grand Canyon of Crimea. Piling of stone blocks and boulders, numerous rapids and intricate waterfalls, karst baths with emerald water and magnificent cliffs of a large canyon makes this place one of the must sees any time of the year. Lunch boxes today.

Return to the seaside for overnight stay at your hotel in Yalta.



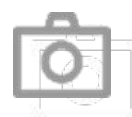
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Breakfast



Tour



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hotel/or similar



Transportation

Day 5 : ATV & Cheese

The day starts with ATV 2-hours ride to Chatyr-Dag mountain, passing by wonderful landscapes, rivers and waterfalls will make you simply fall in love with Crimea: wild flowers blossoming spring, sunny summer or colorful autumn. Trek is not difficult but you'll be accompanied by the instructor for your safety. Make stops at the most picturesque locations.

A visit to the farm cheese dairy located in the mountain village will be a great addition to this day full of emotions. Here, we will taste local sorts of goat cheese. (Crimean wines are also served). Then, we'll move to the town-resort Gurzuf, known as Small Italy of Crimea for its narrow streets, flowering bushes and two-storey houses covered with tiled roofs. During the city-tour you will see Suuk-Su palace, a snow-white building made in the Italian Renaissance style. (If you like Russian classic literature, you'll also enjoy a visit to Anton Chekhov "datcha"). An overnight in authentic Muskatel hotel.



**Breakfast, cheese
degustation**



Tour & 2 hours ATV ride



Muskatel hotel



**Transportatio
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Day 6: Valley of Ghosts & Sudak

The day begins with a jeep tour to the Valley of Ghosts, a place of bizarre rock clusters on the slope of Mount Demerdzhi in the Crimean mountains.

After the jeep tour you hit the road to the eastern part of Crimea along a scenic mountain road with sea views.

During the road you make a stop at the village of Novy Svet to admire the views of Mount Chaliapin and see the relict juniper grove, in which some trees are even more than a thousand years old. Here, the guide will recommend a place for a lunch, serving fresh seafood.

Upon arrival to a town Sudak you will visit the largest Crimean fortress, built by the Genoese in the 14-15th centuries.

Overnight stay at the authentic Tatar guest house to embrace the local spirit and feel the warm hospitality of the locals.



Breakfast



Tour



Ilgari Resort hotel



Transportation

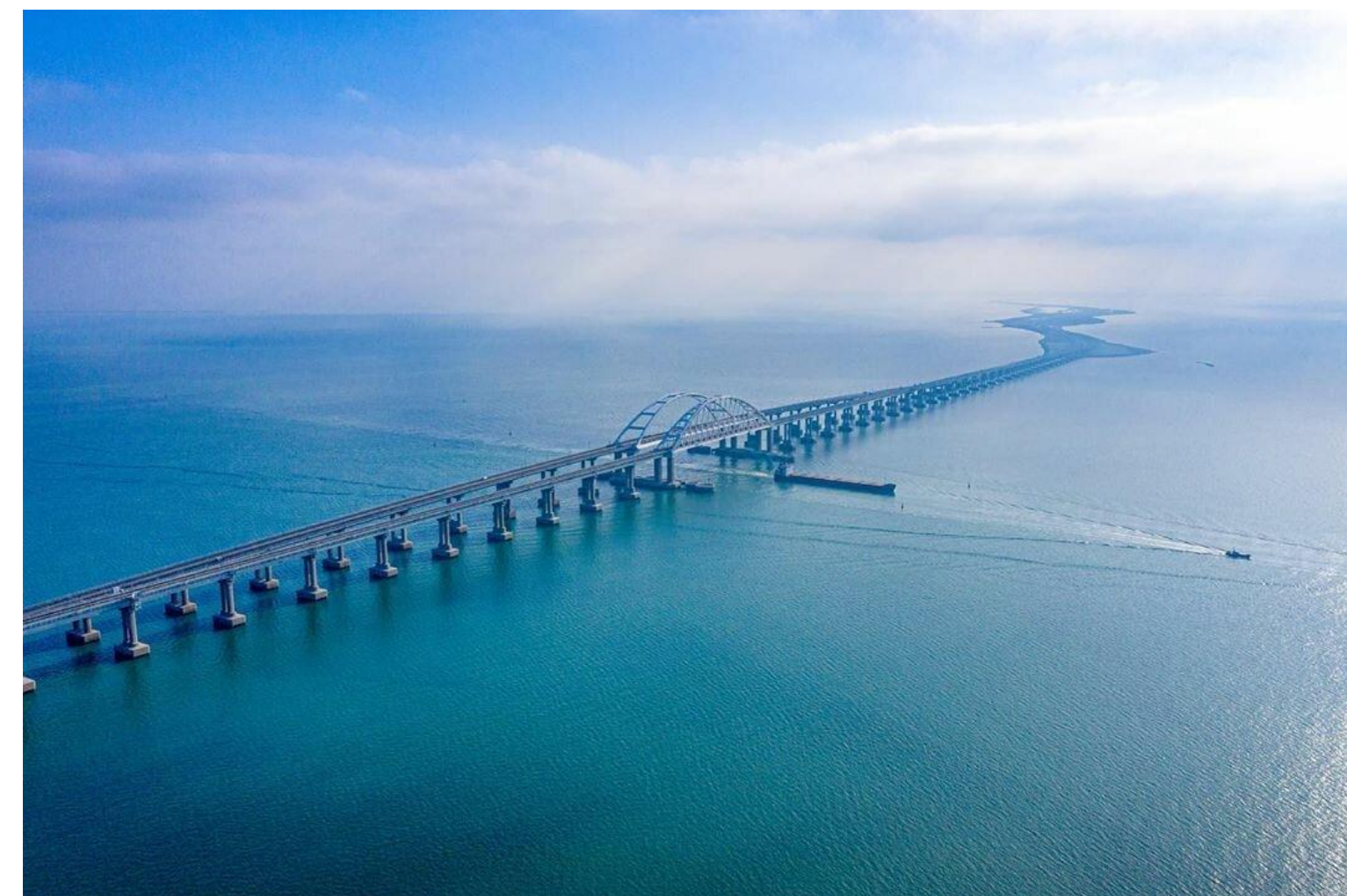
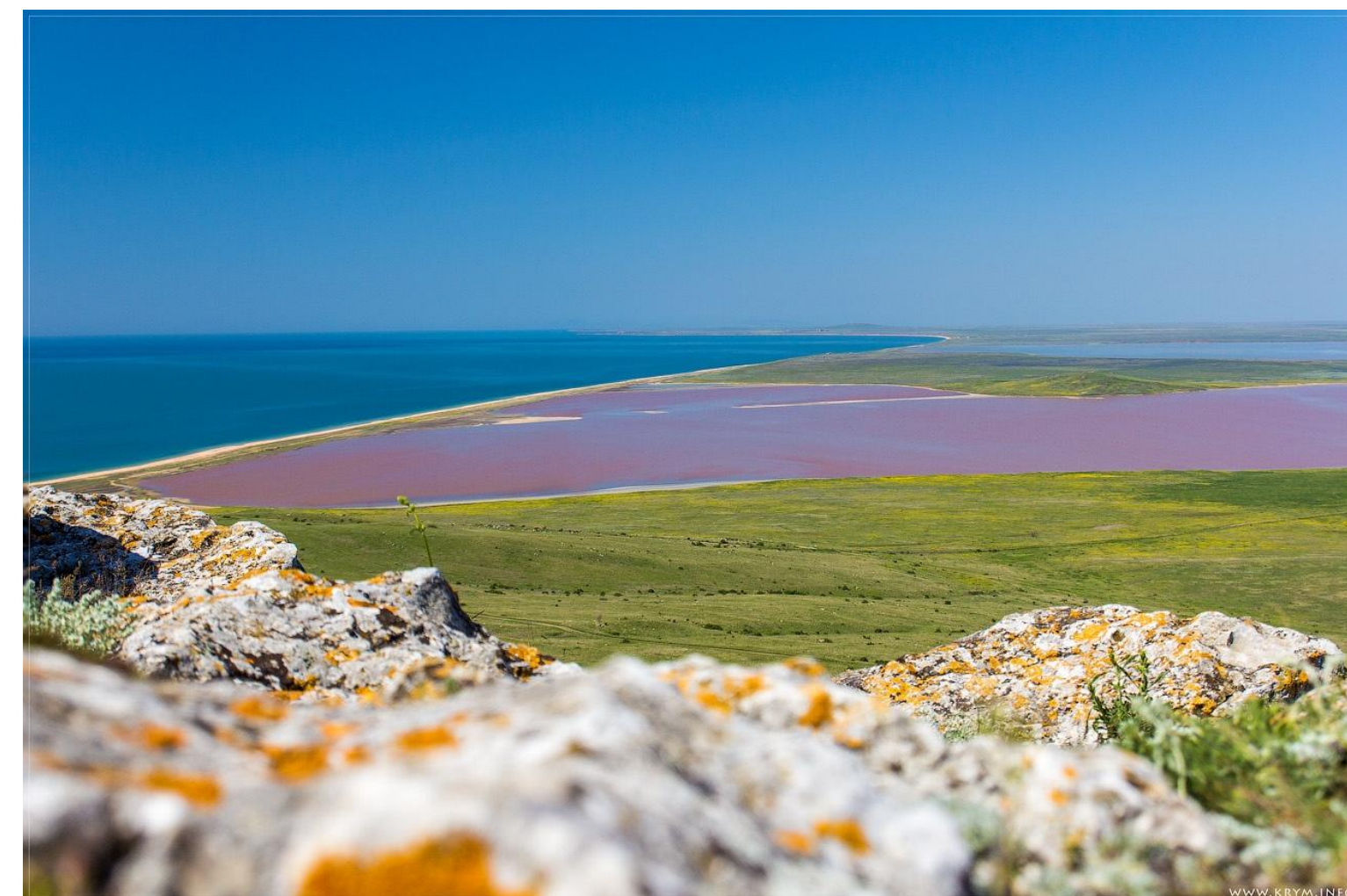


Day 7: Opuksky Reserve, Salt Lake & The Bridge

Early in the morning we will explore Koyash salt lake, which takes on a pinkish color in the warm season when salt evaporates. If we're lucky, we might get a chance for a good photos at the sunrise

We will find yourself lost in the wild and vast expanses of the Opuksky national reserve to admire wild Crimean steppe in all its glory.

Drive to Kerch, another ancient city of Crimea, visiting Turkish castle Eni-Kale, ancient Greek Pantikapei, mythic Mitridat King ladder. Then, we travel to see this famous Crimean Bridge before transfer to airport for your evening departure flight from Simferopol. Alternatively, if you'd like to cross the entire bridge, you may continue the journey to the nearest airports – Krasnodar or Anapa.



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Breakfast



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Dates & Rates RUB per person in twin/double room

★★★★
3-4* local boutique
hotels

Group package

91 500

**Single
supplement**

25 500

**Private tour (2
ppl to go)**

139 000

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TOUR INCLUSIONS:

ACCOMMODATION

Hotels:

- 1 night Bakhchisaray (Bahitgul boutique hotel, 3*/or similar)
- 1 night Balaklava (Rota-Shale Marina 3* hotel/or similar)
- 2 nights Yalta (Polyana Skazok 4* hotel/or similar)
- 1 nights Gurzuf (Muskatel boutique 4* hotel or similar)
- 1 night Sudak (Ilgeri boutique guest house/or similar)

ENTRANCE TICKETS, VISAS & MISC.

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

TRANSPORTATION

- Private transportation throughout the tour

MEALS

- Full breakfast at the hotels
- Crimean Tatar cuisine master class
- Lunch box in Grand Canyon
- Cheese degustation
- Wine degustation at the Zolotaya Bayka champanery
- Wine degustation at the Massandra winery

SIGHTSEEING & ACTIVITIES

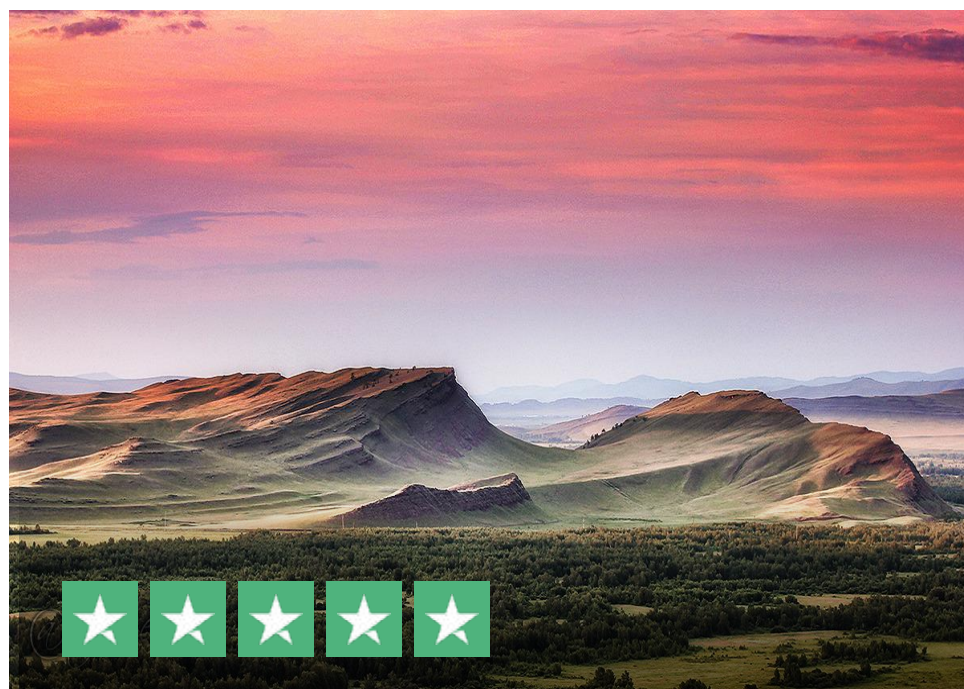
Please take note that due to logistic issues we might occasionally amend the sequence of the tours.

- Bakhchisaray khan's palace & Crimean Tatar cuisine master class
- Sevastopol city-tour and 1 hour boat trip in Sevastopol bays
- Visiting Vorontsov Palace, Livadia Palace, Nikitsky Botanical Garden
- Mount Ai-Petri & Grand Canyon of Crimea day tour
- Gurzuf tour
- ATV safari to the Chatyr-dag mount (2 hours, 2 people per van), local farm cheese dairy
- Jeep tour to the Valley of Ghosts (3 hours)
- Sudak Genovese fortress
- Kerch tour

NOT INCLUDED

- Flights to Crimea
- Porters
- Extras of personal nature
- Lunches & Dinners not mentioned
- Travel insurance

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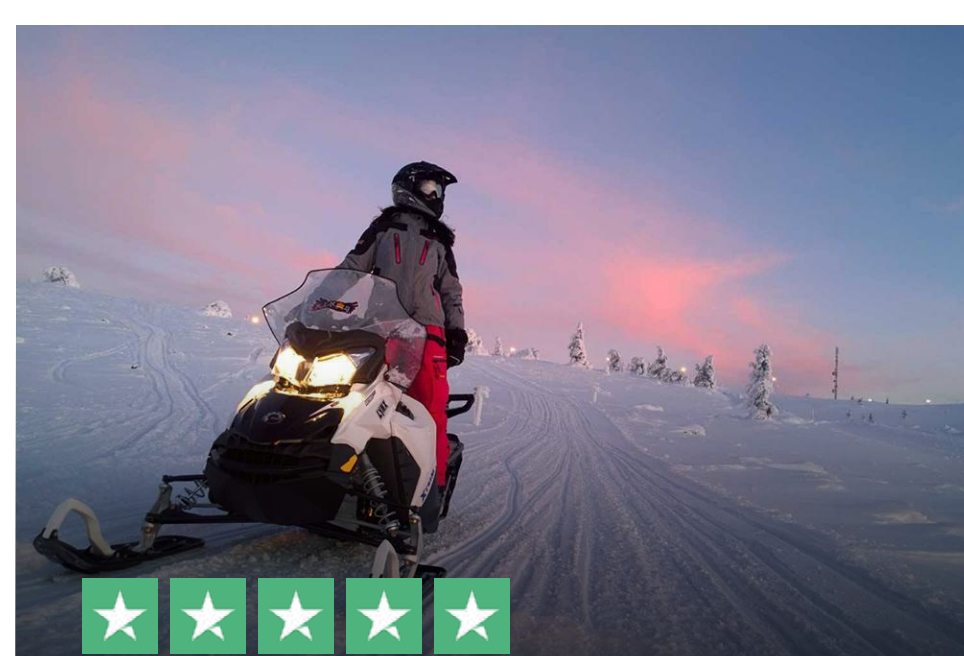
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