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Golden Ring of Altai – May 2021

8 days/7 nights: Blossoming pink mountains

The packages are available as Group & Private tours

Katun River Valley – Chuysky Trakt – Karakol Valley – Chulyshman River Valley – Lake Teletskoye – Artybash – 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 views of Chulyshman River valley - UNESCO World Heritage Site
- To visit Karakol valley - Stonehenge of Altai
- To be amazed by the views of Altai Mars
- To enjoy serenity of Kurai Steppe
- To take wonderful pictures of rhododendron bloom
- To cruise in crystal-clear waters of Teletskoye Lake
- 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
- Sightseeing along the Chuysky Trakt (Chike-Taman mountain pass, Ininsky bridge, Chui-Oozy, Petroglyph tracts of Kalbak-Tash complex, Adyr-Kan archeological complex, Geyser Lake)
- Visiting Altai Mars in Kyzyl-Chin valley

DAY 5

- Breakfast
- Visiting Kurai Steppe
- Passing the Red Gate, Mountain Passes Ulagan & Katu-Yaryk
- the Chulyshman river valley

DAY 6

- Breakfast
- Ferry from the Kyr say Cape to the village of Artybash across Lake Teletskoye
- Artybash

DAY 7

- Breakfast
- Morning trekking near Lake Teletskoye
- A motor ship trip on Lake Teletskoye
- Yaylyu cordon & village visit
- Evening horseback riding

DAY 8

- Breakfast
- Transfer to the Gorno-Altaysk airport for the departure flight

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



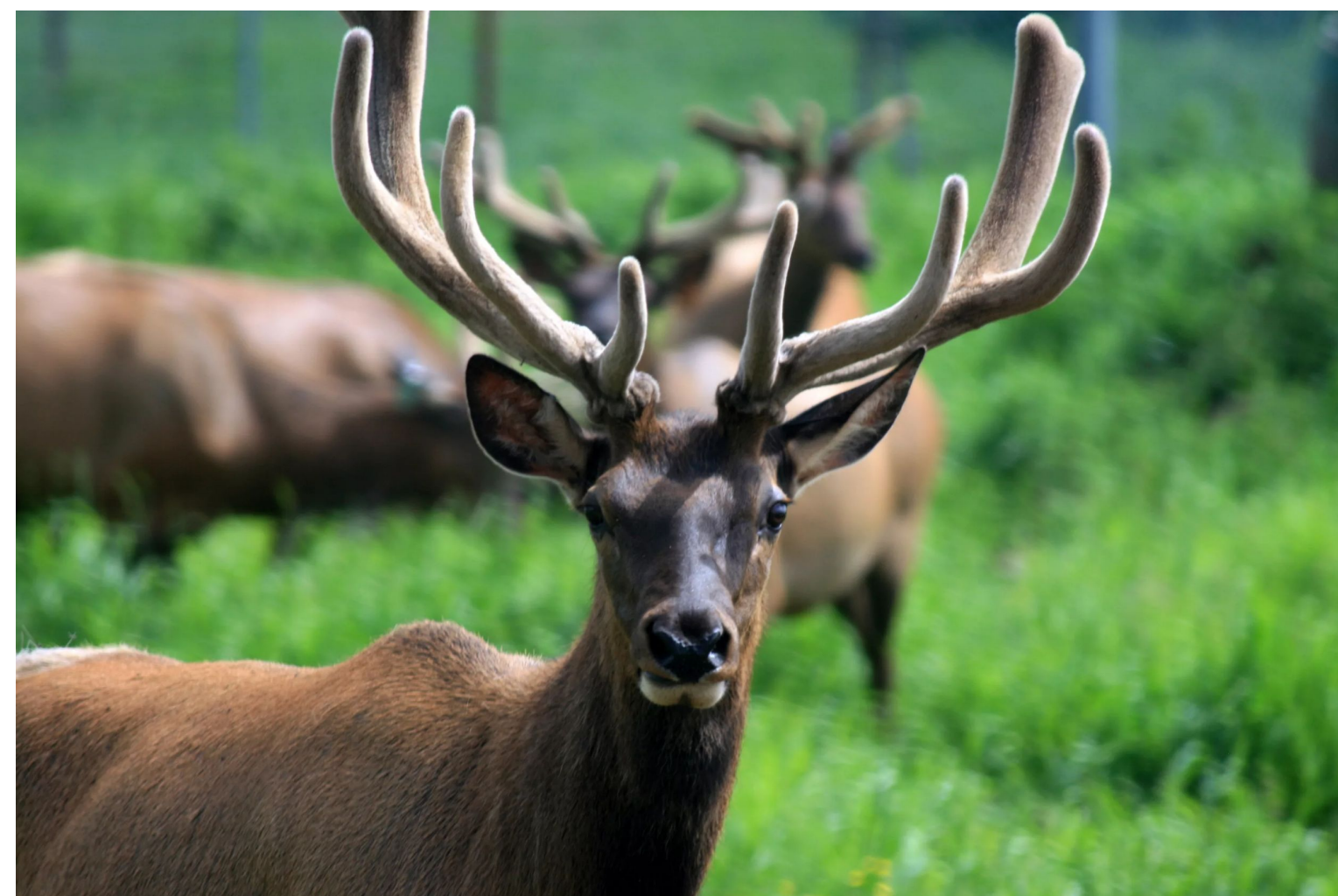
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Guesthouse by
the river Katun



Transportation





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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



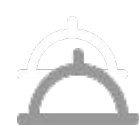
Day 3: Karakol Valley

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. Make stops to admire the mighty Seminsky pass, and see firsthand the gorgeous blooming rhododendron, which colors slopes of the Altai mountain landscape in bright pink.

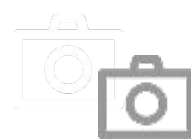
Since ancient times, people have settled in the Karakol Valley, as evidenced by numerous archaeological finds - stone steles - balbals, mounds, sculptures of petroglyphs.

Have Altai cuisine culinary master class, as well as enjoy Kai concert, the traditional Altai throat singing. See megaliths of Altai in Karakol Valley.

Overnight stay in a guesthouse (en-suite facilities) in the Uch-Enmek area. Now, the real, remote Altai begins.



Breakfast



Tour



Guesthouse Barskaya
Usadba or similar



Transportation



Day 4. Chuysky Tract

This day you will travel on the most beautiful part of Chuysky Tract without losing sight of a big number of attractions along this road.

Along the way, you will enjoy the rhododendron bloom, see the Chike-Taman Pass, famous for its steep slopes, visit the Ininsky (Tsaplinsky) bridge over the Katun river, known as the world's first double-cable suspension bridge, make a stop at Chuy-Oozy, the confluence of two mighty mountain rivers Chuya and Katyn. You will also get acquainted with the petroglyphs of the Kalbak-Tash complex & the famous Chuya deer stone of the Adyr-Kan complex.

Near the village of Aktash, you will also visit the unique Geyser Lake, which has a bizarre azure pattern at its bottom.

You will catch the sunset in the multi-colored Kyzyl-Chin valley, known as Altai Mars, and after that move to Aktash for overnight stay in local guest-house



Breakfast



Tour



Karavan
guesthouse or
similar



Transportation



Day 5: Kurai Steppe & Chulyshman River Valley

Early in the morning you move to the Kurai Steppe, known for its famous for one of the most spectacular fields of giant current ripples in the world.

The second part of the day is devoted to the Chulyshman River Valley - one of the most amazing and at the same time inaccessible places in Altai.

Passing through the gorge Red Gate, named for the reddish shade of the surrounding rocks, you will find yourself on a mountain road, following through numerous mountain lakes and passes, starting from the Ulagan Pass and ending with the Katu-Yaryk Pass, from which an incredible breathtaking view of the Chulyshman river valley opens.

You will spend a night in wooden houses by the river Chulyshman.



Breakfast



Tour



**Kamennye Griby
guesthouse or similar**



Transportation



Day 6: Ferry across Lake Teletskoye

You will move to Cape Kyrsay on the Southern shore of Lake Teletskoye, where a ferry waits to take you back to Artybas that is located on the northwestern shore of the lake.

A quiet relaxing evening or a short trekking on the lake awaits you upon arrival.

Overnight stay in the hotel Artybash.



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Breakfast



Tour



Artybash hotel
or similar



Transportation

Day 7: Lake Teletskoye cruise

After breakfast, take cruise to Yaylyu - accessible by water only, this is the unique village, located inside of the Altai National Biosphere Reserve.

On the way, we will pass waterfalls of Estyuba, Kishte and famous Korbu.

In Yaylyu, we will be met by the state inspector of the reserve who will share amazing stories of conservation life, introduce us to the museum of patrol service, talk about very unusual milestones of lake shipping, gardening and christianisation of Altai.

On your return to Artybash, after a short rest, you will experience an evening horseback ride around the lake.



Breakfast



Tour



Artybash hotel
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

109 500 RUB

Private tour

Based on 2 people to go.

For customized tours,
please inquire.

159 000 RUB

Set group departures **2021: 2 May 2021 (maralnik), 6 June 2021, 7 July 2021, 8 August 2021**

Tour inclusions:

ACCOMMODATION

Hotels & Guesthouses:

- 2 nights in Artybash (Artybash hotel or similar)
- 2 nights in Chemal (Veles guesthouse or similar)
- 1 night in Ongudayskoye (Barskaya Usadba guesthouse or similar)
- 1 night in Aktash (Karavan guesthouse or similar)
- 1 night in Chulyshman river valley (Kamennye Griby 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
- Chuysky trakt sightseeing tour (Ininsky bridge, Chuy-Oozy, Kalbak-Tash complex, Adyr-Khan complex, Geyser Lake)
- Visiting Kurai steppe & Kyzyl-Chin (Altai Mars)
- Chulyshman river valley sightseeing tour
- Tour to Chuybekkol lake (Dead) and Uzunkol lake (Live), Pazyryk valley
- Cruise on the Lake Teletskoye visiting remote Yayluy
- Horseback ride in Artybash



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ENTRANCE TICKETS, VISAS & MISC.

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

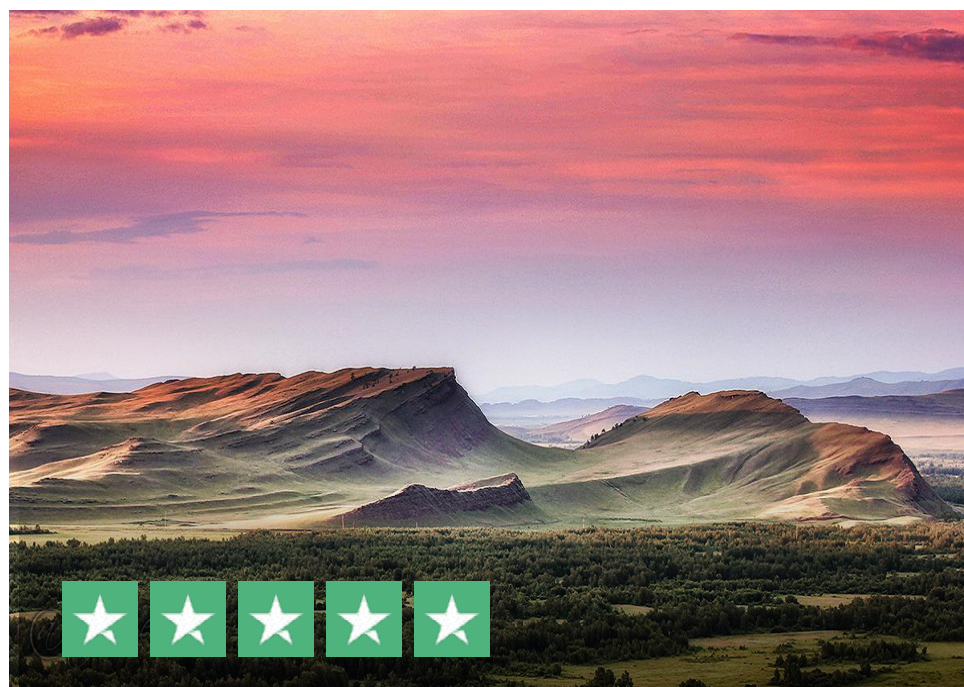
TRANSPORTATION

- Private transportation throughout the tour
- Ferry Kursay Cape - Artybash

NOT INCLUDED

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

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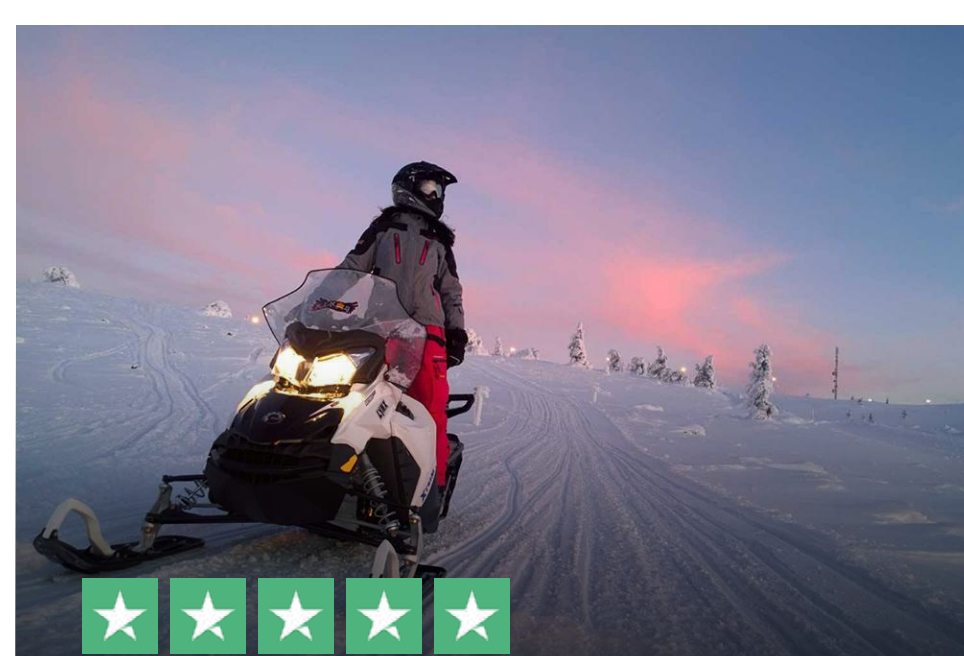
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