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SPECIAL OFFER THE BEST OF KAMCHATKA: BEARS, SALMONS, VOLCANOES AND GEYSERS 10 DAYS

2019-2020*:

22 July — 31 July

25 July — 3 August

28 July — 6 August

31 July — 9 August

12 August — 21 August

18 August — 27 August

2 September — 11 August

**Exact dates for 2020 are subject to specification*

This package is available either
Group Tour (scheduled departures)
or
Private Tour (flexible dates)



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Safe.

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- Australian-owned company
- Over 10 years experience in Russia
- 24/7 support





Russian visa: easy to obtain

**How to obtain a Russian Visa in an easy way:
Step by Step Guide**

- 1. Book your tour with Discovery Russia**
- 2. Get you personal Visa Support Letter (VSL) & Discovery Russia's detailed Visa Manuals**
- 3. Fill in Visa Application form**
- 4. Apply to the Embassy or Russian Visa Centre personally or send Application, passport, photo to the Embassy or Russian visa Center by mail**
- 5. Obtain your Russian visa in the Embassy, Russian Visa Centre or by mail**

Happy Travelers

In 2018 we have hosted over a thousand travelers and we hope all of them not only enjoyed it but truly discovered Russia! Please have a look at our reviews and feedbacks below from people that have travelled with us.

If you're hesitating about going to Russia, you may find these reviews useful:

- **Trustpilot** <https://www.trustpilot.com/review/www.discoveryrussia.com.au>
- **Facebook** <https://www.facebook.com/DiscoveryRussiaTravel/reviews/>

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Itinerary

DAY 1

- Transfer from the airport to a hotel
- Prepare for the trip, buying rubber boots and mosquito repellent for the Lake, if needed
- Welcome dinner in a restaurant

DAY 2

- Flight by MI-8 helicopter to Ksudach Volcano (1hr)
- If weather permits (if bad weather, we will try to land in Ksudach on Day 5th), take a tour to the crater lake Schtubelya right inside Ksudach Volcano
- Short flight to Kamchatka's famous Kurile Lake
- Briefing and orientation

DAY 3-4

- Intense wildlife viewing and amazing photography opportunities!

DAY 5

- In late afternoon the helicopter MI-8 will fly you first to take a bath in the thermal hot springs at the Khodutka River
- The helicopter will land near a tent camp on Mutnovsky Volcano plateau, where 4X4 vans and camp team will be already waiting

DAY 6

- A trekking tour to Mutnovsky volcano
- Return to the base camp and have rest

Itinerary

DAY 7

- 6WD bus heads north to the track round the edge of the large lake that lies in the unfilled eastern crescent of the Gorely caldera
- The day's walk
- Return to the bus and drive to a hotel in the Paratunka Valley
- Rest and swim in pool with thermal hot water

DAY 8

- Avacha Bay tour

DAY 9

- The Valley of Geysers tour (Optional)

DAY 10

- Transfer to the airport or extend your stay for optional tours in the area


DAY 1: WELCOME TO KAMCHATKA



- *Transfer from the airport to a hotel*
- *Prepare for the trip, buying rubber boots and mosquito repellent for the Lake, if needed*
- *Welcome dinner in a restaurant*

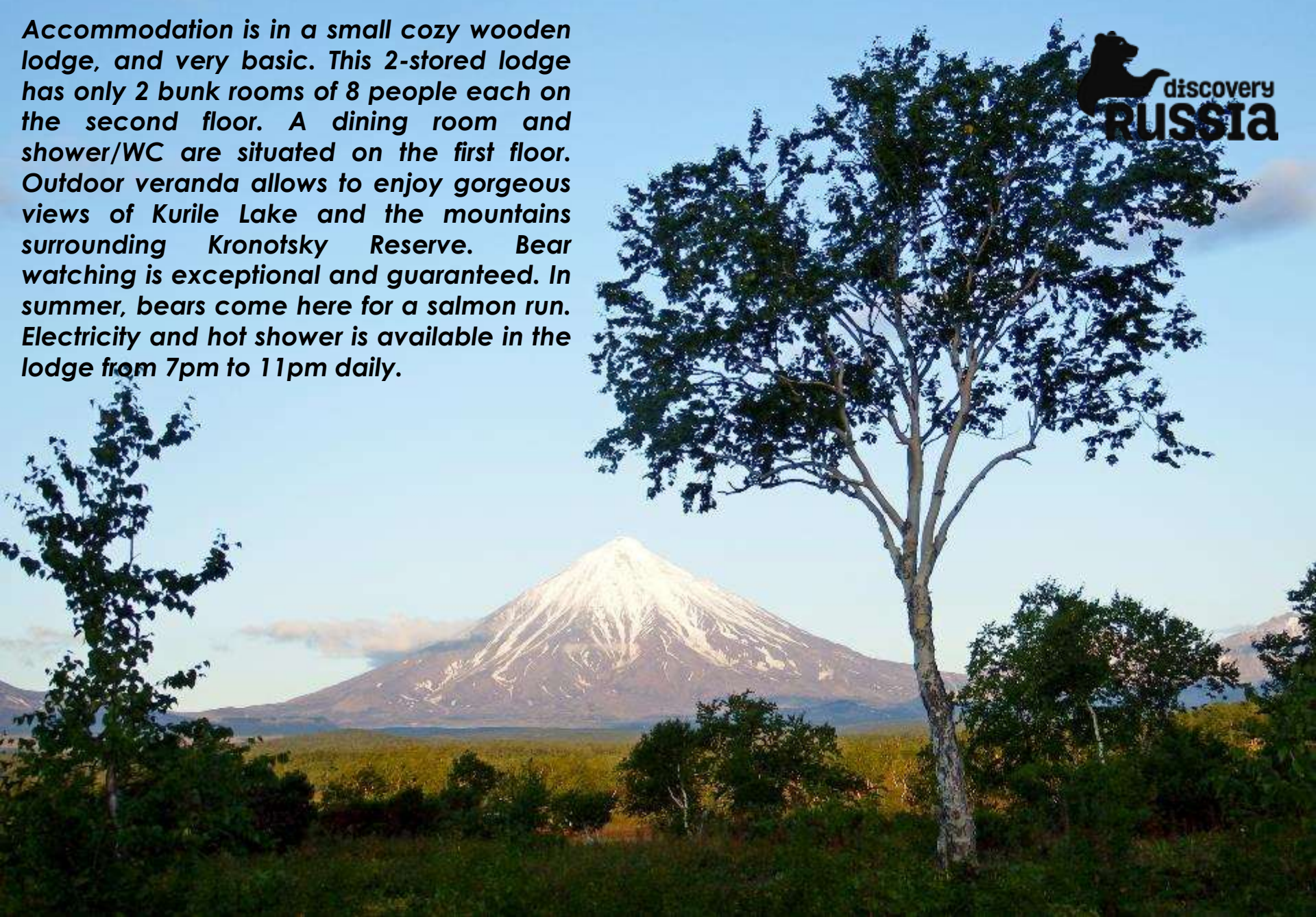
DAY 2: KURILE LAKE



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Accommodation is in a small cozy wooden lodge, and very basic. This 2-stored lodge has only 2 bunk rooms of 8 people each on the second floor. A dining room and shower/WC are situated on the first floor. Outdoor veranda allows to enjoy gorgeous views of Kurile Lake and the mountains surrounding Kronotsky Reserve. Bear watching is exceptional and guaranteed. In summer, bears come here for a salmon run. Electricity and hot shower is available in the lodge from 7pm to 11pm daily.



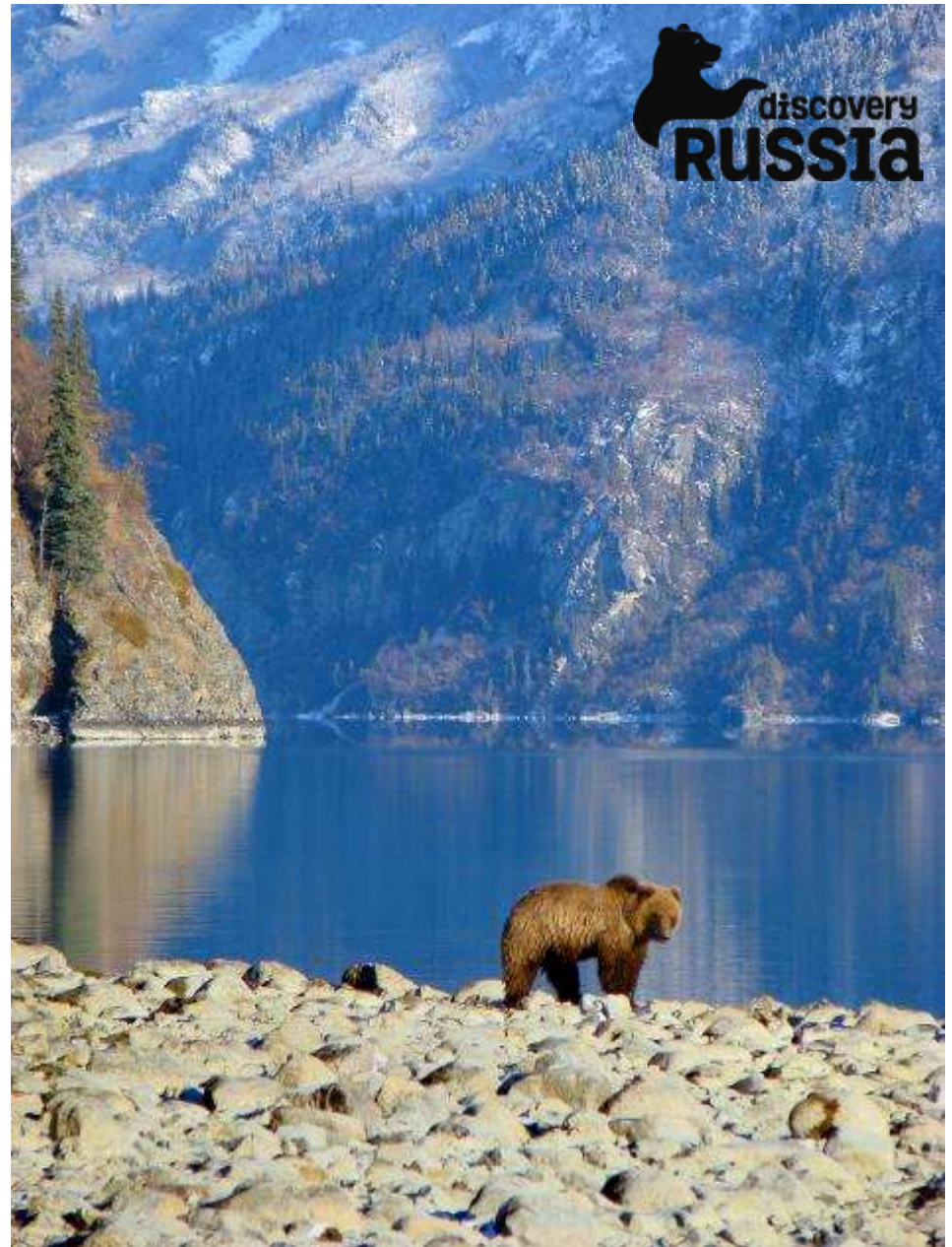
DAY 3-4: KAMCHATKA BEARS



- Intense wildlife viewing and amazing photography opportunities!

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Take your camera everywhere you go to capture Kamchatka brown bears, Stellar sea eagles, salmon spawning places. Take a motor boat tour and walk with local wardens to a nearby bear view platform (800 meters from the lodge) to photograph bears in the wilderness fishing for salmon. The salmon pause briefly in the lake and then make their way from the lake into the streams where they spawn. Take a longer walk to a large meadow where bears feed on wild berries and visit other spawning streams farther from the lodge. Along these streams you'll see spawning salmon - millions of them! - and bears will be fishing just a few yards away as you walk along the banks of streams.



DAY 5: MUTNOVSKY PLATEAU & VOLCANO HOT SPRINGS



- In late afternoon the helicopter MI-8 will fly you first to take a bath in the thermal hot springs at the Khodutka River.
- The helicopter will land near a tent camp on Mutnovsky Volcano plateau, where 4X4 vans and camp team will be already waiting

Khodutka River is the largest hot springs on Kamchatka! The water bubbles out on a section of tundra located just under Khodutka Volcano and forms a small stream. Down the river, the water gradually cools and you can find the location where the temperature is right for you to take a bath.



DAY 6: MUTNOVSKY VOLCANO'S TREK

- *A trekking tour to Mutnovsky volcano*
- *Return to the base camp and have rest*





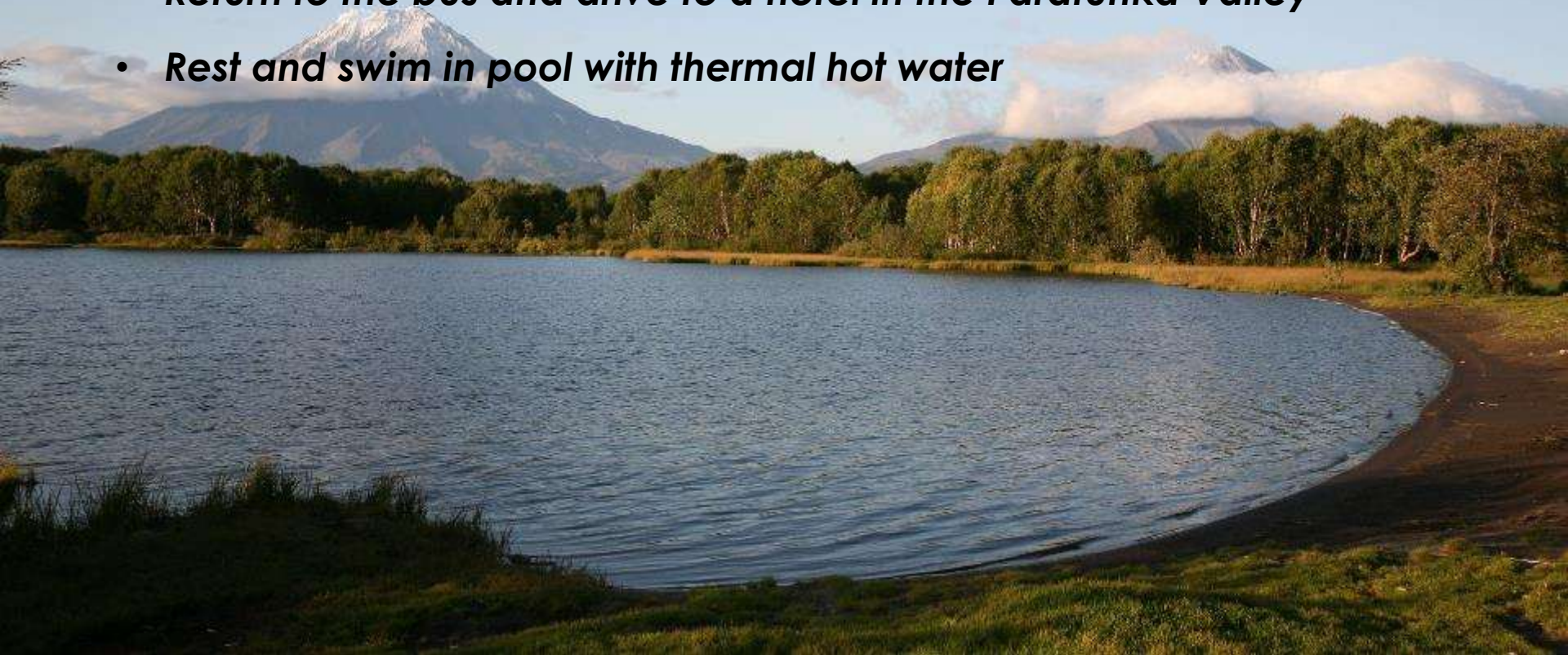
Have a breakfast at a campfire and get ready for an adventure! Take a hat, extra jacket and a bottle of water for a trekking tour to Mutnovsky volcano. The trek is of a moderate difficulty and we will walk into the caldera! Follow your guide's instructions on the trails and pick your preferred one for today's adventure.

The first trek is nearly 7 km with a 600 m ascent into the main caldera. Another once is longer but with less to climb. Our 6WD bus goes as far as possible on a track. Then, we walk by old bore holes spouting steam, watching a mix of tundra, blocky andesite lava and banks of air fall ash. We cross three broad snow-fields before a final ascend to the caldera, to the entrance gorge.

DAY 7: GORELY VOLCANO TREK



- *6WD bus heads north to the track round the edge of the large lake that lies in the unfilled eastern crescent of the Gorely caldera*
- *The day's walk*
- *Return to the bus and drive to a hotel in the Paratunka Valley*
- *Rest and swim in pool with thermal hot water*





After breakfast we pack our overnight bags, sleeping bags, and put them all in the vehicle before setting out for the day's walk. Again the volcano walk is on a single trail there and back, where members can walk as far as they wish and then return down the same trail. Our 6WD bus heads north to the track round the edge of the large lake that lies in the unfilled eastern crescent of the Gorely caldera. Walking distance is 5 km, ascend of 750 m. We pass tundra with very low dwarf willow and bare stripes of lava and ascend between the two low summits.



Higher up, long gently graded snow-fields provide the easiest route up (and certainly the best way to come back down). Head through the saddle and then round to the right, along the far rim of the main crater complex. The first large crater contains a cold lake; its surface has ice floes from a small glacier on its internal slope. The walls of all the craters expose profiles through thick sequences of lava flows with a limited component of interbedded pyroclastic. Continue beyond it to a broad shelf that extends inside the very large old central crater. Picnic lunch. Next, there is a sudden, vertical descent into the active crater. Over 100 m down, a hot acidic lake has active fumaroles and solfataras around its margin and beneath the surface. Return to our bus and drive to a hotel in the Paratunka Valley. Rest and swim in pool with thermal hot water.

DAY 8: AVACHA BAY



- *Avacha Bay tour*

Avacha Bay is large and deep, and provides fantastic views. Three Brothers are tall finger-like sea stacks, whose rock faces rise vertically out of the water. The cliffs around the bay house many colonies of seabirds in their natural habitats, and puffins are commonly seen as well as many other seabirds. Hot lunch is served aboard.

DAY 9: THE VALLEY OF GEYSERS (optional)



The Valley of Geysers is a geyser field on Kamchatka Peninsula, Russia, and has the second largest concentration of geysers in the world. This 6 km (3.7 mi) long basin with approximately ninety geysers and many hot springs is situated on the Kamchatka Peninsula in the Russian Far East, predominantly on the left bank of the ever-deepening Geysernaya River, into which geothermal waters flow from a relatively young stratovolcano, Kikhpinych.

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Temperatures have been found to be 250 °C, 500 m below the caldera ground. It is a part of the Kronotsky Nature Reserve, which, in turn, is incorporated into the World Heritage Site "Volcanoes of Kamchatka". The valley is difficult to reach, with helicopters providing the only feasible means of transport. Natural treasure of the world's largest country, after all!



DAY 10: DEPARTURE



- *Transfer to the airport or extend your stay for optional tours in the area*

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Group Tour, 2019-2020



TRIP COSTS per 1 person in group: **6,400 AUD // 4,545 USD // 6,125 CAD // 3,520 GBP**

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TOUR INCLUSIONS:

ACCOMMODATION:

- Twin bedded accommodation in hotels and VauDe tents;
- Accommodation in a lodge on Kurilskoye Lake.

MEALS:

- Full board (all meals).

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TOUR INCLUSIONS:

TRANSPORTATION:

- Transfers by coach, 4/6WD truck-bus, boat and MI-8 helicopters.

SIGHTSEEING:

- All guided tours as per program with professional English-speaking guides:
 - Tours to Kurile Lake, Mutnovsky Plateau, volcano hot springs, Mutnovsky volcano, Gorely volcano, Avacha Bay.

ENTRANCE TICKETS, VISAS & MISC.:

- Russian visa supporting documents;
- Russian local sim card with data;
- 24/7 English-speaking support line in Russia;
- English-speaking rep at the arrival and departure in the PKC airport;
- Guides, interpreter and cook services;
- Necessary permits and park fees.

GROUP TOUR:

- Group tours are fully escorted by **bilingual tour director**;
- Group size 20 people maximum.

NOT INCLUDED:

- International flights
- Visa fee
- Extras of personal nature
- Lunches and dinners
- Travel insurance
- Optional helicopter excursion to the Geysers Valley and caldera Uzon volcano (Day 9) – 1000 AUD.

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