

## Discover the Wild Beauty of the Siberian Part of Russia by Trekking

AL-04



The basic idea of this trip is trekking in absolutely wild, unpopulated and rarely visited areas. Our route crosses the area of lake Ak-Kem, which rests at the heart of the Altai mountains. Here you can find one of the most beautiful spots for trekking in the world. The mystical tranquillity and the local beauty gave rise to the numerous legends of Altai.

**DEPARTURE DATES:** 10.07.2012; 15.07.2012; 25.07.2012; 04.08.2012; 09.08.2012; 14.08.2012; 24.08.2012; 08.09.2012.

### ITINERARY

#### Day 1 - Moscow

Airport arrival transfer to the hotel

#### Day 2 - Moscow

Moscow City Centre Walking Tour

Airport departure transfer from the hotel

Flight to Barnaul

#### Day 3 - Barnaul

Transfer to Altai by bus

Arrival at the base camp "Vysotnik" (750 km, transfer duration 12-13 hours). "Welcome" dinner

Overnight in tents

#### Day 4 - Altai

Base camp - Kuzuyak pass (1,513 m)

Daily route of approx. 5-6 hours, 600 m altitude change

Overnight in tents

#### Day 5 - Altai

Continue ascending along the Oroktoi brook to the Tukhman brook (2,000 m)

Daily route of approx. 6-7 hours, 14km

Overnight in tents

#### Day 6 - Altai

Continue trekking up to our camp site on the shore of lake Kulduairy

Daily route of approx. 5-6 hours hiking, altitude change 100m

Overnight in tents

#### Day 7 - Altai

Tekeliu river - optional hike to see the highest waterfall of Altai - the Tekeliu waterfall

Daily route of approx. 5-6 hours, altitude change 500m

Overnight in tents

#### Day 8 - Altai

River Tekeliu - Sarybel pass ascend (2,300 m) - base camp (2,000 m)

Daily route of approx. 6-7 hours, altitude change 600m

### TOUR INCLUSIONS AND OPTIONAL EXTRAS

#### INCLUDED

**Flights:** advertised package price including flights covers flights from / to London and domestic flights in Russia where applicable. The airfare is not guaranteed unless ticketed. Please note if you depart from a regional airport in the UK there might be additional surcharges for flights.

The package price depends on the availability of flight tickets and is to be reconfirmed by your travel consultant

**Accommodation:** 3\* hotel DBL in Moscow - 1 night, 3\* hotel DBL in Barnaul - 1 night, tent for 2-3 people - 9 nights, wooden lodge (sanitary facilities are outside) - 2 nights

**Meals:** breakfasts in the hotel, full board in Altay

**Transport:** coach, horses for luggage transportation (optional)

**Equipment and gear on a tour:** equipment for camping and field kitchen, dining dishes, tents for 2-3 persons

**Tour staff and support:** English-speaking guide, cook, driver

**Local culture and traditions:** all excursions, entrance fee as described in the itinerary

**Russian visa:** standard Russian visa processing within the UK, invitation letter to Russia

**Other services:** all airport transfers within Russia **NOT INCLUDED**

Personal travel insurance, optional excursions and services, Russian sauna, horses for luggage transportation. The trekkers either carry all their personal belongings plus 4-5 kg of communal equipment or they can hire a horse for luggage transportation at appr. £20 per horse per day.

#### SPECIAL EQUIPMENT REQUIRED

Waterproof and three season sleeping bag, foam sleeping mat, windproof clothes, waterproofs, warm clothes, trekking boots, spare socks, hat or cap, gloves, swimming items, personal hygiene items and first aid kit, matches or lighter, torch, sunglasses, mosquito repellent, sunscreen, spoon, plate, mug and knife, rucksack 60-100 litres.

**Note:** Please view a suggested complete [First-Aid Kit Checklist](#) for your trip. Please contact us to obtain information on the medications available from your guide on site.

Overnight in tents

#### Day 9 - Altai

A day hike to the mysterious ravine Yarlú. Return to the base camp. Overnight in tents

Overnight in tents

#### Day 10 - Altai

The Karatiurek pass ascend (3,060 m). Camping in a virgin cedar glade (2,000 m)

Daily route of approx. 6-8 hours, altitude change 1,000 m

Overnight in tents

#### Day 11 - Altai

Camping on the shore of one of the most beautiful lakes in Altai - lake Kucherla

Daily route of approx. 4-6 hours, altitude change 300m

Overnight in tents

#### Day 12 - Altai

Trekking through the Kucherla ravine

Daily route of approx. 5-6 hours, altitude change 300m

Overnight in tents

#### Day 13 - Altai

Gradual descent down the Kucherla river. Trekking to our base camp "Vysotnik". Russian banya (sauna). Farewell dinner

#### Day 14 - Altai

Transfer to Barnaul by bus

#### Day 15 - Barnaul

Airport departure transfer from the hotel

Flight to Moscow

Transfer from the local airport to the international airport

### AVAILABLE PACKAGES

#### COMFORT PACKAGE

Dates	Excl. flights	Incl. flights*	Single suppl.
10/07/2012 - 24/07/2012	£945	£1,495	£195
15/07/2012 - 29/07/2012	£945	£1,495	£195
25/07/2012 - 08/08/2012	£945	£1,495	£195
04/08/2012 - 18/08/2012	£945	£1,495	£195
09/08/2012 - 23/08/2012	£945	£1,495	£195
14/08/2012 - 28/08/2012	£945	£1,495	£195
24/08/2012 - 07/09/2012	£945	£1,495	£195
08/09/2012 - 22/09/2012	£945	£1,495	£195

### ALTERNATIVE TOURS AND TAILOR-MADE ARRANGEMENTS

In addition to organized group tours, we also offer individual trips. This could be an entirely separate holiday arrangement or an extension to a regular "Go Russia" trip. Whether you would like to travel independently, or just with the group of your friends or colleagues, we can help to realise your holiday plans. Depending on your preference for either comfort or budget, we can help you to design the ideal itinerary and provide the optimal value-for-money quote. Please [contact us for a quote](#).

Based on your chosen tour we believe you might be interested in alternative trips listed below:

- [Climbing to the Highest Mountain in Europe - Elbrus \(EL-01\)](#), Price from £995, 10 days
- [Discover Kamchatka as a Land of Volcanoes and Unique Ethnic Culture \(KK-01\)](#), Price from £3,095, 16 days

- Horse Riding Through the Siberian Forests to the Mountain Lakes (AL-05), Price from £1,295, 15 days
- Classical Trans-Mongolian: Moscow - Irkutsk - Baikal - Mongolia - Beijing (TS-01), Price from £1,895, 16 days
- Best of Moscow & St. Petersburg Guided Tour (CB-17), Price from £995, 8 days

## INFORMATION ABOUT VISAS

Go Russia provides assistance in processing visas and visa fees are included in the cost of most of our trips as detailed in the tour dossier. The visa application process is very straightforward. Please do not worry that your application will be unsuccessful (unless you have had any immigration issues with the relevant authorities in the past). All our tourists get their visas.

All nationalities require a full passport valid for at least six months beyond the intended length of stay. Please also make sure there are enough blank pages in your passport: Russian consulate requires minimum two blank pages.

### UK residents

Upon your booking we will email you detailed guidance notes how to fill in the visa forms and what additional documents depending on nationality and your immigration status will be required. Please allow about two weeks for your visa application to be processed. Please advise us if you require your passport urgently, we can arrange urgent processing for an additional charge.

### Non-UK residents

If you are not resident in the UK, we will issue official paperwork and email the required documents to you. You will need to apply for your visa at the local consulate. The process is very straightforward and we can assist you with completing the visa forms. You will have to pay the correct visa fee at the consulate in the country of your residence.

You can read more information about visa and application forms on our website:

[http://www.justgorussia.co.uk/en/visa\\_support.html](http://www.justgorussia.co.uk/en/visa_support.html)

## HOW TO BOOK

### Step 1 - Choose Your Holiday & Departure Dates

It is important that you choose a trip that is well suited to your interests, capabilities and experience. All our staff has first hand experience of a range of Go Russia holidays and will be happy to talk to you about your chosen trip, enabling you to assess its suitability. We also recommend that you read the descriptions of the relevant region, general information about our services, booking conditions, and trip dossiers carefully. Once you know what tour is right for you, as well as your departure dates, you can start your booking.

### Step 2 - Complete the Booking Form

**Online:** log on to [www.justgorussia.co.uk](http://www.justgorussia.co.uk) and open the tour you wish to book and click "Book now". You can easily find your tour by using a Quick Trip Finder facility located on the left hand side of our website. To provide you with a more personalised and relevant experience in all your contact with Go Russia, when you book online we ask you to register on our system. Once registered you can retrieve your bookings, brochure requests, lecture participation, update newsletter subscriptions, passenger and emergency contact details, submit special dietary requests, view invoices and receipts, download trip documents.

**Email:** alternatively, you can book your tour per email - [info@justgorussia.co.uk](mailto:info@justgorussia.co.uk), or

**Phone:** call us on +44 (0)20 33 55 77 17

When booking by email or over the phone please confirm your personal details (full name and address), chosen tour, departure date, package type (hotel / cabin category), and available upgrades.

### Step 3 - Confirmation of your booking

On receipt of your booking form, we will make any necessary reservations for you and send you confirmation invoice, including the flight details, and additional information about your destination: advice on visas, vaccinations and what to take. The invoice will also show you the exact due date of the payment.

### Step 4 - Payment

Please note, if your departure date is more than 56 days you will need to pay the deposit, which should cover the full cost of the flight (if applicable), plus 10% of the land-only arrangements (minimum £100) per person towards your tour. The outstanding payment must be made 56 days prior to departure. If you book less than 56 days before departure, full

payment must be made at the time of your booking. You can make your payment by bank transfer, debit or credit card (2% surcharge applies for credit card payments), cheque, bankers draft or postal order. You will find all relevant payment details in your invoice.

