

ROUTE PASSPORT

DISCOVERING OF THE SPACE, TIME AND EVERYTHING - ALTAI REPUBLIC OF RF

Company: Altai Discovery Team, Novosibirsk

Dates: 12 – 26 July 2012

Number of days: 15

Expedition leaders: Denis Frolov

Route: Novosibirsk - Aktash – Kosh Agach – Dzhazator – Ukok Plateau - Ulagan - Chulyshman - Novosibirsk.

Distance: 2600 km.

1st day. 8:00 - Transfer Novosibirsk - Altai Republic 700 km. Overcoming two passes of Chuisky Pass - Seminsky and Chike-Taman. Overnight - River Mal. Yaloman - Dinner by the campfire.

2nd day. Today, we have to overcome about 200 km, therefore, let us return to the M-52 and proceeded south to the new camping place – Tydtuyaryk. We'll see the confluence of the two biggest Altaian rivers – Katun and Chuya. In the evening you'll try Russian sauna and lamb for the dinner.

3th day. After breakfast we go to the Elangash Valley where will spend two days, walking along the valley, exploring the rock carvings - petroglyphs, and admiring the charm of the alpine meadows. Stay overnight in Tydtuyaryk camp.

4th day. Today we discover the Chuya Steppe Space, visit Kosh-Agach village and “Altaian Stonehenge”. Then go to the Highlands to the Dzhazator village where will stay overnight.

5th - 9th days. From now we change our cars for horses and starting the real adventure to the Altai Princess Home – Ukok plateau. We'll pass many valleys, rivers and lakes on the way. First we visit amazing plush Samaha Steppe and along the Ak-Alaha river will reach Kara-Alaha river. At the Akalaha Lake you have an opportunity to go fishing. Through Chindagatuy and Mukyr rivers we'll reach the Mukur-Tabata Pass conquered that we'll see beautiful Kaldzhin-Kul-Bas Lake. From here we're going to discover Bertek tract, Scythian burial mounds and burial place of the Altai Princess. We'll see the majestic mountain Taban-Bogda-Ola, situated on the territories of Russia, China and Mongolia. From Ukok Plateau we go to the Warm Key Pass – one of the most difficult pass in this area with the highest point at 3100 m above sea level.

10th day. The main place of interest of this point of a route, besides amazing panoramas of the Sajljugem ridge, is a geothermal source – «Dzhumalinskije Kluchi». This source is a local Relic and possesses salutary properties, it is not investigated yet by scientists, and its curative properties, are based on local people's Belief in power of the father - Altai. And this is the end of our horse riding trip.

11th day. Today we'll return to our yurt camp Tydtuyaryk where enjoy beds and sauna.

12th - 13th day. We go east direction to explore the central part of the Altai – Ulagan District. In Aktash we turn to Red Gates Way where will find beautiful highland lakes and after Balyktuul village we'll make 40 km off-road trip through the Paziric valley to the Katu-Yaryc Pass. Descended from the Pass, we find ourselves in the magic Wind Land – the valley of Chulyshman River - a big canyon with more than 130 km length. This is the homeland of the wind Phoen – the warm strong wind which creates unimaginable landscape and unique climate of this region.

13th day. Here we're going to have the mountain trekking – to the biggest cascade falls of Siberia – Unchar. The way to Unchar can't be called easy way, but despite all the difficulties you'll be awarded with unforgettable emotions!

14th day. After breakfast we go back to Chuya Tract to see its sights and stay overnight at the Kamlak village – one more wonderful place.

15th day. Transfer to Novosibirsk.

*In such long distances we always put one extra day in the route to avoid force majeure with time.

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Food: fresh fruits, vegetables, fresh meat - lamb, cereals, pasta, tea, coffee, etc..

Accommodation: 1-2 person tents, yurts, guest house – twin accommodations.

Category: Includes hikes, horse riding, suitable for moderate fitness people

Equipment provided by company: 2-3-persons tents, a hike kitchen, an awning, chairs, rugs, a hike shower, the socket 220 V, sleeping bag, tableware, raincoats, insecticide, the first-aid set

Price: 1850 Euro

The price includes: all transfers along the route, providing equipment, accommodation in campgrounds, insurance, excursions and any other fees.

Price excludes: International flights / Passport and Visa charges / Drinks / Items of a personal nature.

List what you need to take on a route:

- **Cloths:** worm cloths, jeans or other trouser of dense texture (2 pcs.), T-shirts (2-3 pcs), shorts and swimming suits
- **Shoes:** flip-flops, sneakers or other hiking shoes
- Toiletry case.
- Towels – 2 pcs.
- **First-aid kit:** don't forget to take the medicine you take when have a cold or flue
- Sun screen and sun glasses.
- socks - 3 pairs, hat, bandana, scarf
- Camera \ camcorder battery charger or replacement battery pack for them.
- Flashlight (if any), a book or magazine, notepad, pen
- Small backpack for trekkings
- Bait and fishing tackle
- Umbrella (for photos)
- **Documents:** passport and its photocopy.
- **Money:** for souvenirs and incidentals.

Basic rules of conduct on the route:

1. You must comply with all requirements and instructions of the leaders of expedition as far as we responsible for your safety.
2. Be polite and avoid conflict situations during the expedition.
3. Do not leave the parking and camping areas without notifying the expedition leader or guide.
4. With the passage of difficult and dangerous areas, follow the instructions of the conductors.
5. Smoking during traveling in vans are allowed only at the parkings.
6. To observe fire safety rules - do not throw matches, and not extinguished cigarette butts on the ground and make fires on your own without coordination with the conductors.
7. Do not throw anything on the ground and did not paint on rocks and trees.
8. On the route you are not allowed to eat wild berries, plants, fungi which are not known to you and guides.

Let us know in advance:

- If you are allergic to any food product or you are vegetarian.
- If you already have a vaccination against tick-borne encephalitis.

For safety reasons:

- * All expedition members are insured against accident and the tick bite.
- * If there any bad weather conditions or other force majeure, the line of the route can be changed as decided by the leaders of expedition.

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