

# SUMMER TOURS 2021



## Ascending Tolbachik volcano

JULY: 12, 19, 26

AUGUST: 2, 9, 16

### Day 1 – Transfer to Kozyrevsk village.

Transfer to Kozyrevsk village by all-terrain vehicle (600 km). Stop for lunch at Milkovo village. Arrival at Kozyrevsk in the evening. Dinner, overnight under tents.



### Day 2 – Dead Forest



Breakfast. Transfer to Plosky Tolbachik volcano foothill. Arrival at the camp place. Lunch, accommodation under tents. After lunch transfer to the Dead Forest area or trekking to new lava flows of 2012-2013 eruption. Dinner at the camp. Overnight under tents.

**Tolbachinsky Dale** is one of the most unique places of Kamchatka. Tolbachik is situated in the south-west part of the Klyuchevskaya volcanic group. This place is famous for the Great Tolbachik Fissure Eruption (GTFE) which includes North and South Fissures (1975-1976). The North Fissure consists of slag cones, hardened lava flows, coming down the western slope, slag fields, which formed during the eruption and spread over the territory of more than 1000 km<sup>2</sup>. The lunar vehicle tests were operated in this area in the USSR period.

Even after more than 35 years after that great eruption the area is still like a fantastic planet's surface. The lifeless, at the first sight, slag fields, the chains of variegated slag cones, scattering in numerous directions, volcanic bombs, moving of the dead forest, fixed by the hot breath of the volcano, and bright northern patterns created by flowers on the dark slag.

The last eruption in 2012-13 attracted the volcanologists and lovers of volcanic activities here. Plosky Tolbachik is the only volcano in the Kuril-Kamchatka zone which erupts in the Hawaiian type. It means that during its eruptions the extended flows of liquid lava flow down, the lava gushes and there is not much volcanic slag. The period of Tolbachik volcanic activity is about 35 years. The volcano has been observed since 1740. Since then 10 eruptions has been fixed, 4 of them were great. The last eruption started on the 27<sup>th</sup> of November, 2012, at the south-west slope of Plosky Tolbachik. The lava began to gush and flow from the 6 km in length fissure. The eruption lasted for 9 months and finished on the 28<sup>th</sup> of August, 2013. The total volume of 2012-2013 lava at the end of the eruption was about 0,5 km<sup>3</sup>. The lava covered the area of 36 km<sup>2</sup>.



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### Day 3 – Ascending Plosky Tolbachik volcano



Breakfast. Plosky Tolbachik volcano ascending. The height of the volcano is 3085m. Boxed lunch en route. Dinner at the camp. Overnight under tents.

### Day 4 – Transfer to Petropavlovsk-Kamchatsky

Breakfast. Transfer to Petropavlovsk-Kamchatsky (600 km). Stop for lunch at Milkovo village. Arrival in Petropavlovsk-Kamchatsky.

The top of **Plosky Tolbachik** is “cut” by the caldera of 3 km in diameter. The caldera is filled with ice and eruption products. There is a depression in the western part of the caldera which is about 300 m in diameter and 40-50 m in depth. There are gas emissions which are accompanied by suffocating smell of sulfur. The ascending is quite easy and doesn't require any special training, but it takes rather long time, in average about 10-12 hours (including the way back).

**The Great Tolbachik Fissure Eruption** (GTFE) started in summer, 1975. It was one of the greatest and most beautiful eruptions of the XX<sup>th</sup> century. The great fissure formed in 18 km from Plosky Tolbachik crater, magma began to gush from the fissure forming new cones. The eruption lasted more than 1 year. The lava flows covered huge territory, volcanic bombs were scattered for many kilometers, the slag layer reached 7 meters in height. All the life was destroyed around the volcano.

#### Tour cost per 1 pax in group of:

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10 pax. – \$565 / €495

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12-15 pax. – \$500 / €440

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### TOUR COST INCLUDES:

- ✓ Transfer
- ✓ Guides and cooks' services
- ✓ Meals according to the program
- ✓ Group equipment (tents, mats, field kitchen)
- ✓ Insurance

### NOT INCLUDED:

- ✓ Lunch in Milkovo
- ✓ Strong drinks
- ✓ Sleeping bags
- ✓ Other services not mentioned in the program

### THE LIST OF NECESSARY THINGS:

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| <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>✓ small backpack for personal things</li> <li>✓ trekking boots</li> <li>✓ spare clothes and boots</li> <li>✓ waterproof jacket with hood</li> <li>✓ trainers, trousers</li> <li>✓ cap or warm hat</li> <li>✓ mittens or gloves</li> <li>✓ sunglasses</li> <li>✓ plastic bottle or light flask for water</li> </ul> | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>✓ trekking sticks</li> <li>✓ head-light with batteries</li> <li>✓ anti-sunburn remedy</li> <li>✓ anti-mosquito remedy</li> <li>✓ spare clothes</li> <li>✓ chapstick for lips</li> <li>✓ photo- video- equipment</li> <li>✓ other personal things at the tourist's discretion</li> </ul> |
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DAY	TIME	PROGRAM	ACCOMODATION
MON 1	09:00	<b>Departure from PKC. Transfer to Kozyrevsk village</b> Stop in Milkovo village for lunch Arrival at Kozyrevsk village Accommodation in tents Dinner	Tents
TUE 2	08:00 09:00	Breakfast <b>Dear Forest</b> Transfer to the Tolbachik volcano foothill Arrival at a camping spot, putting up a tent camp Lunch Visit to the Dear Forest (by car) or trekking to the lava flows of 2012-2013 eruption Return to the camp Dinner and overnight under tents	Tents
WED 3	08:00	Breakfast <b>Ascending the Tolbachik volcano (depending on weather conditions**)</b> Lunch (boxed lunch) Return to the camp Dinner and overnight under tents	Tents
THU 4	09:00	Breakfast <b>Departure for PKC</b> Stop in Milkovo village for lunch Arrival in PKC	

\*\*Ascending the Tolbachik volcano according to bad weather conditions, bad path or weak physical condition can be replaced by trekking at the volcano foothill or ascending the slag cones of 1975-76 eruption