

KAMCHATKA VOLCANOES HELISKI

>> BASE

SNOW VALLEY LODGE, KAMCHATKA

The lodge is located in the Verkhne-Paratunskaya hot springs valley at the foot of Goryachaya Mountain (Hot Mountain) in a distance of 500m from the river Poperechnaya (Transversal River). It is 80km from the main town Petropavlovsk-Kamchatsky and 20km from the nearest settlement - Termalny village (Thermal village). Verkhne-Paratunskaya hot springs valley is famous for its healing thermal springs.

You can take a bath in the hot spring pools on the territory of the base or go to wild Karymshinskiye hot springs or hot pools at the slopes of Goryachaya Mountain. Here you will enjoy the fresh air and beautiful view. Active volcano Mutnovsky (2322m) and Vilyuchinsky (2173m) are located in the immediate nearness from the lodge.

>> PROGRAMME

HELISKI

When conditions are favourable, meaning good visibility and little wind, the helicopter, an "MI8" takes 14 passengers + pilot. As a consequence, the heliski group is of 2 guides + 12 participants.

In our experience, it is fantastic to make 4 or 5 flights per day. Fly and ski on one of volcano slopes: Vilyuchinskiy (1273m), Avachinskiy (2741m), Aag (2310m), Arik (2300m), Mutnovskiy (2323m), Zhupanovskiy (2932m). Skiing down to the Bolshe-Bannie hot springs valley, to the Berin sea shore or to the active volcano crater is also possible.

the heliski routes are chosen by the guides and depend on the group riding level, weather and snow conditions.

- DAY 1: Saturday - Arrival to the airport of Elizovo (30km from Petropavlovsk-Kamchatski airport). Meeting, transfer to the base "Snow Valley"; accommodation in base "Snow Valley" check-in; Main instructions in safety measures, heliski rules etc; spare time and acclimatization

- DAY 2 to 5: Sunday – Wednesday
9.00 am breakfast ;
10.30 am take-off to the heliski area, lunch in the mountains ;
18.00 pm return to the base ;
19.00 pm dinner; rest, hot springs.

- DAY 6 and 7: Thursday – Friday
Extra days for the case of a bad weather.

- DAY 8: Saturday - Departure to the airport.

>> INCLUDED IN THE PRICE

- **HELICOPTER:** 8 hours of flight, appr 25 000 vertical meters. No refund for flights not made by an individual due to fatigue, illness, injury or other causes, as an empty seat in the helicopter must be paid. If discontinuation of your week is justified, your personal insurance may refund the part of the week which you have missed.
- **FULL PENSION IN SNOWVALLEY LODGE:** 7 nights with copious skier's breakfast, skier's lunch or picnic (on heliski day) and dinner. Hot swimming pool. Twin accommodation. Three beds room on request.
- **MOUNTAIN GUIDE:** 1 guide for 6, 7 heli-skiers, full-time attention from a registered International Mountain Guide, who is a heli-skiing specialist.
- **TRANSPORTATION:** From and to the airport.
- **2-WAY AVALANCHE "BEEPER" + shovel and probe:** Lent to each participant for the week. Beeper training is planned. If you own a beeper, please bring it.
- **GLACIER HARNESS:** May be provided for skiing on crevassed glaciers. If you own one, please bring it.
- **LOCAL TOUR LEADER :** Accompanying person within the whole time of the program.

>> NOT INCLUDED IN THE PRICE

- **RESCUE INSURANCE** is compulsory (for mountain rescue, assistance, transportation to nearest hospital,...).
- **CANCELLATION INSURANCE** may be subscribed privately for cancellation before the trip or interruption due to accident and repatriation. Highly recommended, as all subsisting costs will be charged in case of absence. Payment by credit card, Visa Premier or Gold MasterCard, may provide cancellation insurance. Check your contract.
- **DRINKS:** You may enjoy many special liqueurs and wines.
- **SINGLE ROOMS:** Advise on the booking form, with extra cost.
- **RESTAURANTS:** Lunches eaten in places other than your hotel, will be at the charge of the participant.
- **EXTRA FLIGHTS:** Each extra hour flight costs 144 000 rubble per group.
- **AIR TICKET** and all airport taxes, luggage exceeding fee.
- **RENTAL:** Ski, snowboard and other equipment rental fee.
- **VISA** and other consular service.
- **AIR TICKET** additional expenses caused by bad weather conditions, airport time-table changes, equipment breakage, illness etc;

>> REMARKS

- **MONEY:** There is no bank nor ATM in Snow Valley lodge. Next change and cash possibility is in Petropavlosk. Extra cash on hand is advisable.

>> INDIVIDUAL EQUIPMENT

- **FREERIDE SKIS:** A must for all off-piste skiing! In the last few years, the design of skis meant for deep snow has totally changed. The revolutionary new cuts and construction make it 100% more fun and easier to ski in any kind of deep snow. We recommend this type of skis, fitted with the new Diamir® Freeride bindings, so that you can also climb with skins.

For renting, reserve in advance indicating your height and weight and length of boot sole in mm.

- **"FAT BOYS":** Originally created for heliskiing in Canada. These super wide skis make it possible for many more skiers to enjoy heliskiing in all conditions, with much less effort. Even confirmed skiers will appreciate them in very deep or heavy snow. Several good pairs are available in our base. Reserve in advance.

- **SCARF AND GOGGLES:** For protection against helicopter wind and powder snow.

- **NECESSITIES DURING THE DAY:** Inside the ABS rucksack (provided by the organisation) can fit, extra clothing for changes in weather, beverages, energy bars, picnic... don't forget your pocket knife! The guide may give you a shovel and probe to carry.

- **OPTIONAL:** Camera, video, binoculars...

>> WHO CAN APPLY

- **INDIVIDUAL PARTICIPATION:**

- In one of our ★★★ groups, (expert skiers in all snow conditions, sure on steep slopes and chutes, who leave nice tracks), 4 skiers per guide.
- You are an experienced ★★ skier - able to handle all conditions, but lacking a bit of style? Check with 9V to see if there is a suitable group.

If in doubt about your ability to ski deep snow in all conditions, we recommend doing a Ski Safari first...

- **GROUP PARTICIPATION:**

- Private charter : 12 persons groups : rate as indicate above, 2 guides. The helicopter will take all 12 participants + the guides on each flight.
- Standard Charter : smaller groups : ask for the rate.

>> HOW TO REACH PETROPAVLOSK KAMTCHATSKKIY

- **BY PLANE :**
 - Fly to Elizovo international airport .

>> HOW TO BOOK

Contact Safari 9V to check whether there is free space in the desired timing. In a favourable case, your request will be registered, but confirmed only once the group is full. As soon as Safari 9V accepts your participation, send back the booking form, completely filled in and signed, with deposit of € 50% per person. No booking will be registered without payment of deposit. Any booking made within a month (60 days) of departure must be accompanied by full payment.

- **PAYMENT OF DEPOSIT:** By cheque or bank draft made out to "SAFARI 9V" or preferably, by Visa or Mastercard; Fill in credit card number and date of expiration on the Booking Form, as well as signed acceptance for payment of deposit and balance.

Prices are based on exchange rate with Russian Rubles, prices may change until you pay the account, prices are frozen once you have payed the account.

- **BALANCE PAYMENT :** Is due no later than 60 days before the tour. Any tour not fully paid at this date will be considered as cancelled by the participant. For Credit Card payments, Safari 9V will charge the balance amount 60 days before the tour, unless written cancellation or disapproval of the details of payment has been received before this date.

>> GENERAL CONDITIONS FOR HELI-SKIING CANCELLATIONS OR CHANGES

All changes or cancellations requested more than 120 days before departure date will cost €80 for administration fees. Under 60 days the date may be changed only if there is a free seat at another time.

- **CANCELLATIONS WITHIN 60 DAYS OF DEPARTURE:** All costs left to Safari 9V will be charged to the person who has cancelled: empty seat in the helicopter, bed in the hotel, share of the guide and organisation costs.

- **REPLACEMENTS:** Any person enrolled can send another person in his / her place at any time, free of charge, as long as the replacement person has the required skiing ability.

- **INTERRUPTED TOURS:** Any trip that has been started and then interrupted by a participant will not be reimbursed, whatever the cause. Only personal insurance can guarantee refund of partial cost for a justified cause.

- **CANCELLATION OR CHANGE BY Safari 9V:** In case of insufficient snow cover for heliskiing, Safari 9V will propose an alternative tour at the same date or the same tour at a later date. If neither are accepted by the client, he will be fully reimbursed.

QUALITY OF REIMBURSEMENT

The guides will organise the daily programme to make the best of prevailing conditions. When heliskiing is not possible or not recommended by your guide, an alternative ski programme will be proposed. If the total hours of flights made by your group during the week is less than 8 hours, the missing hours will be reimbursed on 138 000 rubles basis.

INSURANCE

- RESCUE INSURANCE is compulsory (for mountain rescue, assistance, transportation to nearest hospital,...).
- CANCELLATION INSURANCE may be subscribed privately for cancellation before the trip or interruption due to accident and repatriation. Highly recommended, as all subsisting costs will be charged in case of absence. Payment by credit card, Visa Premier or Gold MasterCard, may provide cancellation insurance. Check your contract.

RESPONSABILITY AND LIABILITY

In booking with Safari 9V, each participant is fully aware that there are inherent risks in the practice of all mountaineering activities. A guide should not be considered as a comprehensive insurance policy. We are dealing with something more than just sports, because man is confronted with a natural environment, which he may know profoundly, but can never control. The role of a guide or of an instructor is to reduce risks to a minimum. Heliskiing involves an additional risk, which is that of the helicopter itself and the landing points which are sometimes quite narrow. Each participant is responsible for his own behaviour during pick-ups, flights and landings and is expected to respect precisely all specific instruction given prior to the flights, as well as every guide's instruction during the helicopter manoeuvres and the skiing. The guide will instruct, warn and give orders, but can not physically control the behaviour of the people he is guiding, therefore, any participant who does not respect his instructions, becomes entirely responsible for any accident he may subsequently cause or be involved in and will not be able to claim against the Safari 9V guides, the organisers or the pilot.