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## Ascension on the volcano Mutnovsky, Gorelyi + the waterfall «Veronica's braid», 3 days

*The Mutnovsky volcano (2324m) is a four joint cones, the tops of which are destroyed after several eruptions of different kinds. On the west side there is a crater – an active cone which is the main zone of current volcanic activity. The uniqueness of the volcano is that tourists can easily observe its activity from inside! Active fumaroles, evaporative emissions, mud pots, formation of minerals and volcanic sulfur, and spectacular volcanic landscape place this territory in the list of the world's best zones of volcanic activity observation. The river Vulcannaya (Volcanic) cuts the bottom of the northern crater and, flowing out of it, creates a 80 meter fall and a deep canyon – the gully Dangerous. The canyon and the fall have world significance as natural sanctuaries.*

*In 60 km from the town Petropavlovsk-Kamchatsky on the high Gorelinsky dale (1000 m.) there is an active volcano Gorelyi (1829 m). The volcano is a ridgelike massif of joint cones of different size, form, and stages of remainance, arising from ellipsis-like caldera 9/14 km in size. The collection of eleven various craters on its top is absolutely unique. On the east there is the biggest and the most beautiful crater 500 m in diameter and 200 m in depth, which is filled with incredibly beautiful lake of light blue colour.*

*The waterfall «Veronica's braid» or Spokoinyi (Calm) is situated on the creek of the same name. The creek begins in the outer north-eastern slopes of the Gorelyi volcano caldera and then flows into the river «Vilyucha» in its middle stream. The height of the fall is 16 meters, the width of steeply falling stream is 5-6 meters. Here, the creek is quite narrow with steep and rocky right bank and with flat left one. There is a good observation deck from where one can see a picturesque view. Alder elfin woodland and stone birch, growing almost on the vertical slopes, beautify the rocky banks in the spot of water falling. The landscape of the fall adds «gloss» and a special esthetic value to this place.*

*Verhneparatunskiye hot springs are situated on the slope of the Goryachaya (Hot) hill on the height of 70 meters above the bottom of the Paratunka river valley, where the jets of hot thermal water break through the mountain's cracks. Flowing into bigger creeks, they stream down the rocky slopes forming warm waterfalls and natural hot baths. The temperature of the water is 39-45 C°.*

**Period of the tour:** july-september

**Kind of the tour:** car ride - walking

**Duration:** 3 days/2 nights

**Number of people in group:** 4 and more

**Age restrictions:** from 5 years old

**Meeting of a group:** bus station (Avtostantsiya 10 km.)

**Time of the meeting:** 7:55 a.m.

**Total length of pedestrian route:** 35 км

**The route:** Petropavlovsk-Kamchatsky – excursion to the Mutnovsky volcano crater – excursion to the Gorelyi volcano craters – excursion to the waterfall «Veronica's braid» – Petropavlovsk-Kamchatsky

**NB:** Well-experienced drivers and guides work on each route. For the objective reasons (bad weather, MES recommendations, life and health threat of a tourist) a guide has a right to change a direction and a timetable of a route immediately. A tourist must execute the accident preventions and follow the commands of a guide.

Day	Time	Program
1	08:00	Departure from P-Kamchatsky to the foot of the Gorelyi volcano (80 km – 3-4 hrs). Arrival to the slope of the volcano. Preparation for the ascension. Personnel safety notification.
	17:00	Walking route to the volcano crater (6+6 km). Ascension and descent take from 5 to 6 hrs. A lunch on the slope of the volcano. Comeback to the camp. Ride to the slope of the Mutnovsky volcano, setting up of a camp, dinner, spending a night in the camp.
2	11:00	Breakfast. Personnel safety notification. Ascension on the volcano Mutnovsky. Excursion to the volcano crater, to the fumaroles zones, to mud coppers, to the crater lake and «Active cone». Lunch on the slope of the volcano. Descent. The ascension and descent with the excursion to the volcano crater take 7 – 7.5 hrs. For the desire and physical condition of a group, the descent may be held through the gully Dangerous with the excursion to the fall (80 m) in the canyon. Total time is 8 – 8.5 hrs. depending on the road condition.
	19:00	Comeback to the camp. Dinner at a fire. Spending a night in the camp.
3	11:00	Breakfast. Ride to the river Spokoinaya (Calm), situated not far from Rodnikovyh (Viluchinskiye) springs. A walk in the forest to the fall (30 min). Rest at the fall, the landscape of which leaves an unforgettable impression because of it powerful beauty. Comeback to the car. Ride to the foot of the Goryachaya (Hot) hill. A walk to the hot Verhneparatunskiye springs (150 meters). Swim in the springs, rest. Dinner at the bank of the river Paratunka.
	18:00	Departure to Petropavlovsk-Kamchatsky

**The price includes:**

- transportation
- accommodation (tents) and meals on route
- group equipment (cooking utensils, fire utensils)
- tour guide, guide assistant, and cook services
- payment to GeoTerm (the admission for the departmental road)
- assurance

**Necessary equipment:** private equipment (backpack, sleeping bag, mat), sheet or a special insert for a sleeping bag, tracking footwear with rigid sole which is suitable for rocky territory, wind-water protective jacket with a hood, spare underwear, 2-3 couples of prime and woolen socks, spare footwear and linen, a sweater, a headdress, gloves, sunglasses, a security measure from solar burns and blood-sucking insects, means of personal hygiene, flashlight.

**Children under 12 y/o are allowed to obtain a tour only with their parents.**

**People needing treatment and continuous medical supervision are not recommended to travel along this route.**

**Services for extra fee – rent of the equipment per day: mat – 70 rub, sleeping bag – 100 rub, backpack – 150 rub.**

***We wish you a delightful vacation and unforgettable experience!***