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Hot on the heels of the Tolbachik volcano eruption, 5 days

In the south-western part of the Klyuchevskoye plateau, to the south of the volcano Klyuchevskoy and the volcano Bezymyanny (Innominate), two joint volcanoes arise: the active – Plosky (Flat) Tolbachik (3085 m) and the extinct – Ostry (Sharp) Tolbachik (3682 m). They are so close to each other that the sharp top of the one is joint to the flat top of the other one. The Ostry Tolbachik has a cone like shape, its slopes are covered with deep barrancos. The Plosky Tolbachik has the top of big area. The top has a caldera of 3.7 km in diameter which is filled by a glacier. In the western part of the caldera there is an active crater of 1.7 km in diameter and up to 500 meters in depth. Near the top of the volcano there are some round intergrown pieces of plagioclase crystals and so-called «Pele's hair» - thin glass threads of basalt. The Plosky Tolbachik is the only one of the active Kamchatka's volcanoes which has very liquid basaltic lava of low viscosity during the eruption. There is a marvelous view of the Klyuchevskaya group of the volcanoes, of mountain ridges and the valley of the river Kamchatka, of the old slag cones range and group, and of the New Tolbachinskiye volcanoes cones, created during the Big Fault eruption in 1975-1976, from the top of the volcano. The Tolbachinskoye Big Fault eruption took place on the wide lava plateau – on the Tolbachinsky dale which is close to the foot of the Tolbachik. The lava was flowing out from the big faults, created above the magma center from the depth of 60-70 km. Now these places are called the Northern and the Southern breaks, which are located 18 km and 28 km to the south of the Plosky Tolbachik crater respectively. The eruption began on July 6th in 1975 and ended on December 10th in 1976. During these 17 months the viscous basaltic lava was flowing out from the Southern break. All the vegetation around and in the area was destroyed; the lakes and creeks were covered with ash. The Northern break is, firstly, a chain of three slag cones stretching in the north-eastern direction, and, secondly, is lava streams, and lava and ash covers with the area of 10 square km. The heights of the cones are 330 meters, 300 meters, and 150 meters. The slopes of the cones are quite smooth and are covered with ash and slag. There are some volcanic bombs on the surface of different size and shape. There is only one slag cone in the area of the Southern break and its height is 165 meters. There are also huge lava streams, the area of which is 39.5 square km. The lavas differ dramatically in their structure.

The period of the tour: June-September

Difficulty: medium

Duration: 5 days/ 4 nights

The number of people in a group: 10

The meeting place: the hotel «Geyser»

The meeting time: 08:45 a.m.

NB: the route or the timetable can be changed due to the weather conditions, physical condition of the group and other circumstances. The decision is made by the tour-guide.

Program:

1 day	8:50. Meeting at the hotel Geyser (10 Toporkova St.). Ride to the northern direction to the settlement Kozyrevsk 500 km, 10 hrs). Lunch during the route in a café in the settlement Milkovo. Accommodation in a privat hotel in Kozyrevsk (dining and toilet room on the street). Rest.
2 day	Ride to the Tolbachinsky dale (80 km, 6 hrs). Setting up of a tent camp. Walking tour to the New Tolbachinskoye eruption lava streams (3 hrs). Comeback to the camp.
3 day	Early wake-up. Walking tour to the foot of the Plosky Tolbachik volcano traversing a hardened lava stream. The ascension to the crater of the Plosky Tolbachik volcano (3085 m) takes 10-12 hours. Sightseeing of the crater. The Plosky Tolbachik has the top of big area. The top has a caldera of 3.7 km in diameter which is filled by a glacier. In the western part of the caldera there is an active crater of 1.7 km in diameter and up to 500 meters in depth. Lunch – sandwiches. Comeback to the camp. Overnight accommodation in tents.
4 day	Ride to the territory of the Northern and the Southern breaks of 1975-1976. Sightseeing of lava streams, lava caves, «dead forest». Ride to the settlement Kozyrevsk (80 km, 4 hours). Accommodation in a private inn. Russian sauna.
5 day	Ride to Petropavlovsk-Kamchatsky (530 km, 10 hours) to the meeting place. Bathing in the Malkinskiye Hot springs on the route.

The price includes:

- accommodation and meals on route,
- group equipment,
- transportation,
- tour guide and cook services,
- medical assurance,
- rent of touristic equipment.

Clothing and equipment:

- backpack, sleeping bag
- roll mat
- footwear with rigid soles
- spare footwear, windcheater
- warm clothes (sweater, trousers, socks, cap, gloves)
- rainwear
- headdress
- swimsuit
- means of personal hygiene
- sunglasses
- repellent
- protective means for sunburns
- individual first aid kit

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