

Mount Kazbek 5033m, North Face

Climbing tour from Genaldon valley, 10 days

Program 2012: April-October



Kazbek-Djimarai, view from Vladikavkaz hotel

Day 1. Arrival to Beslan airport. Transfer to Vladikavkaz city. At short city tour we are visit Muslim Mosque, Christian Armenian and Ossetian churches and other interest places. At evening time we are check the test of famous Ossetian pies. Accommodation in Vladikavkaz hotel.

Auto:26km, 15min

Day 2. Transfer to Tmenikau village 1750m, Karmadon valley. By the way great views of old families towers and also we are visit the necropolis of Dargavs city (special stone houses city for dead people with pyramidal roofs piled by stone).Tree hours trekking to Base Camp 2300m. Main equipments carry up by mules and we can still travel with light luggage. Close from the Base Camp there are 2 natural hot mineral water springs with bathes. Tent camp.

Auto:70km, 5h

Walking:8km, 3h



Necropolis of Dargavs city



Maily glacier from Karmadon valley



View from Base Camp 2300m

Day 3. We climb up to the start of the Maily glacier (2450 m) through moraine ridge. We must be careful because glacier is open. Sometimes we need to use crampons. There are some steep places after 2770m of altitude and maybe we will use fixed rope (approximately 100 meters of way). There is not so steep slope after (average slope of 32 degrees) but we must be concentrating at climbing too. Beautifully-facing Camp1 place at 3400m, rewarded our hard all-day's work. There is a greatest view to crevasses of Maily glacier and all circuses of mountains with highest point Djimara Peak (4780m) from Camp 1. In evening time we may see lights of Tmenikau village and Vladikavkaz city. Tent accommodation.

Ascent: 1100m

Walking: 6h



Camp1, 3400 m



View of Maily glacier and North face Mt.Kazbek

Day 4. Today we have 3 hours of climbing way by quite steep (sometimes 60 degrees) stone-covered slope. Some parts of trail are covered by snow (depends at season). There is only 3km of way but we must be concentrated all the time. After some rest time we have 30min. walking to Polyakov peak 4270m. There is great view to Chach glacier (Georgia side) and shapely twin-peaks of Kazbek, which we will hopefully be rewarded with a glowing sunset. Camp-2 place 4150m situated on the big stone moraine near the Maily glacier from where we will take a fresh water.

Ascent: 860m

Walking: 3,5h



Morning view to Djimara 4780m and Shau-hoh peaks 4638m from Camp2 4150m



At the top of Maily pass 4400m

Day 5. Summit day! After breakfast inside the tent we take on our harness and crampons. After two hours by Maily plateau we are reached to rocky head of Maily pass 4400m (30 degrees of slope maximum). Perfect view to all Kazbek plateau and our goal for today. Small descent from pass and cross the Kazbek plateau straight to the Kazbeksky pass 4480m. This point brings together Russian and Georgian ascent route, actual summit climb takes place on the exact same route. We still cross glacier, and after almost 3 hours to reach the "gateway" to the summit. The Mt.Kazbek consists of the small summit, 4890m and the large summit, 5033m. We traverse the slope of small Kazbek along the 30 to 35 degrees ice field (in the snow takes longer) to the saddle direction 4800 m. The last part of slope (10m high ice with snowdrift) quite steep, and we should go very cautiously. Rest before final challenge of the steep and sometimes bare summit ice cap. In the steep ice slope with crampons and partly through rocky passages, we are climbing our final part of the ascent way. Sometimes we need to mobilized all our forces for crossing this ice part (maybe we put a fixed rope) and then culminate TOP - the most eastern five thousand meters peak of the Caucasus rewarded us with a wonderful panoramic view of Central and Eastern Caucasus! At the clean weather we can see another volcano, a giant of the Caucasus - Elbrus (5642 m).

After 2.5-3h of descent, we reach our camp exhausted but happy again!

Ascent/Descent: 800m

Walking: 8-10h



Last pitch before the summit



Under Kazbek slope

Day 6. The first descent part is not as easy as looks. There are many steep and slippery places all the way until to reach Camp1. We need to go very careful and use the sticks for balance. At afternoon we will arrive to base camp and we may enjoy relaxing in the hot swimming pool. Now we have every reason to celebrate whole journey and ascension at dinner time.

Descent: 1960m,

Walking: 6h

Days 7-8. Those two reserve days would be use as extra acclimatization day before Camp-1 and rest/acclimatization day before summit (depends at personal conditions of climbers).

Day 9. Tree hours of descent to Tmenikau village thought the Karmadon valley. Main equipments carry up by mules as always. Farewell with hospital locals. At afternoon we arrive to our hotel in Vladikavkaz city.

Auto: 70km, 3h

Walking: 8km, 3h



Hot spring in Base Camp



Mt.Kazbek view from avia

Day 10. Transfer to Vladikavkaz airport, flight via Moscow city.

Auto: 26km, 15h



Price per person for the trip is 1100€

Single room supplement: Vladikavkaz hotel 25€

The price includes:

- All necessary transfer required for carrying out the trip.
- Accommodation according to the program.
- Full board throughout the trip, excluding citys BB.
- NewRoute mountain guide.
- Outdoor cook.
- Mules for carrying main equipment (base camp and 5kg of personal equipment).
- Necessary formality (visa support, passport registration, border permit).
- National Park fee

Not included:

- Flights to / from Vladikavkaz airport
- Unexpected preliminary evacuation cost
- Insurance
- Personal expenses, alcohol
- Visa costs

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