

Elbrus on ski - Caucasus Prequel or freestanding ski ascent of Mount Elbrus.

Further Details:

Proposed Itinerary

Day 1 (23rd June): Arrive Mineralnye Vody, drive to the Elbrus area. Overnight at hotel.

Day 2: Acclimatisation walk to the Cheget Karabashi summit, 3404m - a magnificent viewpoint over Elbrus. 4 hrs walking up. Hotel.

Day 3. Short drive (10-15 min) to the Azau ski lift station. Ski lifts up to 3500m. 2,5-3 hours ski tour up to the Diesel hut at about 4100m. Ski down to the Krugozor lift station (at 3000m) and by lifts descend in the valley. Return to the hotel.

Day 4. Short drive to Azau cable way station. Ascend cable car system to Garabashi Huts (barrel huts) at 3750m. Ski tour on the lower slopes up to 4400m (about 2,5-3 hrs). Return and overnight at the huts.

Day 5. Acclimatisation Ski tour to the bottom of Pastukhova Rocks 4700m (about 4-4,5 hrs walk). Ski descend to the Barrel huts.

Day 6. Move to the Diesel hut for the summit attempt. Diesel hut

Day 7: Summit day. Sleep Diesel hut.

Day 8: Spare day if the weather on the day before was bad.

Day 9: Return to the hotel.

Day 10 (2nd July): Drive to Bezengi camp

Cost: around 700 euros per person, for a group of 5-6, plus flights NB Flights to Mineralnye from Heathrow with Aeroflot/KLM/Air France usually include a ski bag with up to 15kg of kit for the price of 3kg excess baggage

Included:

- * All accommodation as per itinerary (hotel accommodation is based on double occupancy),
- * All land group transfers as per itinerary,
- * Using of the stows at the huts;
- * Breakfasts and dinners at the hotel,
- * An English-speaking liaison person,
- * All the necessary permits and taxes,
- * OVIR registration,
- * Russian entry visa support

Not included:

- * Mountain guide,
- * Food and cooking equipment at the huts,
- * Ski lifts,
- * Climbing equipment,
- * Russian entry visa consular fee.



View of twin summits of Elbrus en route to Diesel Hut



The burnt out shell of the Priu 11 hut with the new Diesel Hut & the Caucasus Range in the background



Skinning up to the Pastukhova Rocks



Elbrus seen from the Garabashi Huts



Arriving at the Garabashi Huts with Ushba & dongusoran in the background