Ural Mineralogical Festival

Information for guests

The Ural is the oldest and main mining region of Russia, a mountain range of 2,500 km long, the border between Europe and Asia. The Ural Mountains are one of the richest clusters of gemstones in the world. There are 30 deposits of emeralds, 20 deposits of sapphires and rubies, 20 diamond deposits, more than 100 deposits of amethysts, more than 1,000 deposits of other gemstones, and more than 5,000 different mining works (mines, quarries, pits, holes).

The most famous in the world are Murzinka (blue topaz, heliodor, amethyst), Ural Emerald Belt (30 deposits of emeralds and alexandrites), Poldnevskoe and Korkodinskoie deposits of garnet demantoid, Subpolar Ural (deposits of quartz Puyva, Dodo, Neroika), Ilmensky Natural Mineralogical Reserve.

This summer, the Urals geologists are organizing a festival so that you can get acquainted with the Ural minerals and visit unique and unknown deposits. You will get acquainted with the culture, traditions and history of the mining industry of the Ural region of Russia.
The calendar

July 2019

3 - Opening day

4 - Solemn meeting of the participants

5, 6,7 (weekend) - Mineralogical safari(mineral trips), folk celebrations, handicrafts fair, meeting with local geologists, prospectors, collectors, and jewelers, master classes, museum programs

9,10 - Museum programs, master classes

11 - Solemn meeting of the participants

12, 13,14 (weekend) – Mineral show, Mineralogical safari(mineral trips), meeting with local geologists, prospectors, collectors, and jewelers, master classes, museum programs

16,17 - Scientific conferences, museum programs

18 - Solemn meeting of the participants

19, 20,21 (weekend) - Mineralogical safari(mineral trips), folk celebrations, meeting with local geologists, prospectors, collectors, and jewelers, master classes, museum programs

21 – Closing day
Yekaterinburg Mineral Show

12-13 July 2019

The Regional Exhibition-Fair of Minerals and Russian Traditional Jewelry Arts

- Exhibition of a collection of mineralogical samples from private and museum collections.

- Exposition of samples of minerals, jeweler and lapidary handicrafts.

- Master classes

- Exhibition of specialized geological literature.
The most interesting program

Arrival day:

Arrival to Ekaterinburg. Hotel accommodation. Meeting with the organizers and participants.

Hotel in center Yekaterinburg

Traditional russian greeting of guests
Evening Yekaterinburg

Night Yekaterinburg
Day 1

9.00 Meeting at the hotel.

9.00 - 10.00 Transfer Yekaterinburg - Krutiha village, on a comfortable bus with a geologists and a guide-translator(eng, deut, fr).

10.00 - 10.15 The change to the off-road transport. Transfer Krutiha village – Private amethyst mine, with imperial amethysts.

10.15 - 11.15 Amethyst mining, accompanied by the geologist and local prospectors.

11.15 - 11.45 Transfer to the citrine mine. Picking up of samples of citrine.
12.15 - 13.00 Arrival in Rezh town. Lunch in a cafe or restaurant. Optionally, you can tour the Mineralogical, Historical Museum, to choose.

13.00 - 14.00 Transfer Rezh - Murzinka village. On the way – visit to historical place “Kornilov creek”, a place of extraction of corundum (ruby and sapphire). Mine “Zolotukha” (topaz, heliodor, tourmaline)

14.00 - 16.00 Arrival in Murzinka. Excursion to the Mineralogical Museum and the famous mine "Talyan". Folk celebration, handicrafts fair. Meeting, master classes .

Mineralogical Museum in Murzinka

Mine "Talyan"          Blue topaz. Murzinka
Folk celebration, handicrafts fair
16.00 - 16.45 Transfer Murzinka village - Lipovskoe deposit of tourmaline, aquamarine, blue topaz, morganite, chrysoberyl, ruby, spinel, fire opal, etc.

16.45 - 18.00 Extraction of tourmaline, aquamarine, blue topaz, etc. Dinner.

18.00 - 20.00 Transfer Lipovka village - Kunara village - Yekaterinburg - Hotel

Lipovskoe deposit
Lipovskoe deposit
*If we have any free time, on this day you can visit Phantom quartz mine (+ 30 min), gold-silver mine (+ 30 min), garnet almandine mine (+ 30 min).
Day 2

9.00 Meeting at the hotel.

9.00 - 10.30 Transfer Ekaterinburg - Asbest town, on a comfortable bus with a geologist and a guide-translator.

10.30 - 11.00 Arrival at the viewing point of the Bazhenovsky career, one of the largest career in the world 8 x 2 x 0.5 km. (85 minerals). Sampling of garnet-grosslyar.

Bazhenovskoe deposit
11.00 - 11.30 Transfer Asbest - Emerald village - Malysheva village

11.30 - 17.00 Visiting the career of the Malyshevskoe deposit. Sampling of emerald, alexandrite, phenacite, fluorite, euclase, etc. Lunch in a cafe or restaurant. Meeting with local jewelers and prospectors. Visiting the factory on processing and faceting of emeralds. Master class on cutting stones. Dinner.

17.00 - 18.30 Transfer Malysheva village - Yekaterinburg- Hotel
Emeralds. Malyshevskoe deposit

Factory on processing and faceting of emeralds
*18.30 - 19.30 If we have any free time, on this day you can visit a unique crokoite mine near Yekaterinburg and Gold Museum

Unique crokoite mine (there are only 2 such mines in the world, one in Australia, the second near Yekaterinburg)
Additionally. Day 3

9.00 Meeting at the hotel.

9.00 - 10.30 Transfer Ekaterinburg - Poldnevskoe deposit, on a comfortable bus with a geologists and a guide-translator.

10.30 - 11.30 Demantoid mining, accompanied by the geologists and local prospectors.

Demantoid mining. Poldnevskoe deposit.
Ural Demantoid
11.30 - 14.30 The change to the off-road transport. Transfer Poldnevskoe- Lake Arakuly. light walk on the Arakuly rocks. Dinner.

light walk on the Arakuly rocks
14.30 - 16.00 Transfer Lake Arakuly - a Zircon mine. Sampling of zircon.

Ural zirkon
16.00 - 17.30 Transfer zircon mine - sapphire mine. Meeting with local prospectors, corundum-sapphire sampling.

17.30 - 19.30 Transfer sapphire mine - Yekaterinburg-hotel.

Sapphire mine
Ural corundum-Sapphire
If you have free time (1-2 hours), then on this day you can visit the Rare metals mine or the Ufaley quarries or Animal farm near the Ufaley village (deer, moose, bears, horses, rabbits, donkeys, goats, sheep) or Museum of the Ilmensky Mineralogical Reserve

Rare metals mine
Ufaley quarries

Marble quarry
Animal farm near the Ufaley village

Museum of the Ilmensky Mineralogical Reserve
Price.

Mineral show - 1 euro

Folk celebrations, handicrafts fair, meeting - free

Master classes - free or 1-5 euro

Museum programs - free or 1-5 euro

Mineralogical safari(mineral trips) – The most interesting event

The cost will depend on the number of people in the group and the number of deposits that you visit.

Trips will be held in groups of 5-10 people

Some deposits require special permission and special support

Some deposits require special off-road transport

therefore Visiting 1 deposit - from 30 to 150 euros

Guests from abroad will receive as a present Ural minerals and souvenirs

We will also help arrange legal export of your specimens found at the deposits

Direct flights to Ekaterinburg from Europe

Prague - Tuesday, Wednesday, Thursday, Sunday

Helsinki - Monday, Wednesday, Friday, Saturday

Barcelona - Tuesday

Paris - Thursday

Moscow - every day