

Watching Siberian tigers in the wild

ECO TOUR



You have a unique opportunity to come and see this great feline in the wild. Only thirty animals remained in the world by the 1940's as a result of excessive hunting. Today, the Amur Tiger population is slowly recovering. The current tiger population is approximately 350 in Primorye, Russia's Maritime Province.

Two different ways to track a tiger:

(i) You can get a tip from the reserve gamekeepers about where you can find the most recent tiger tracks. A 4-wheel drive will take you there, and you will follow the tracks until you can see and photograph a tiger. A gamekeeper will accompany you for safety. Following a tiger in its tracks can be quite a strenuous exercise and can take several days.

(ii) Alternatively, you can set up a hide-out tent in a place frequented by tigers, and wait in the tent for a tiger to appear. This requires less physical exertion, but can be quite trying as you may stay in the tent for days.

Your chances of seeing/photographing a tiger increase with each passing day, but we cannot give a 100% guarantee of seeing a tiger in the wild.

SAMPLE OF THE TOUR

SEASON: March, November

LOCATION: Vladivostok – wilderness in Lazo Reserve

RATING: Strenuous, requires wilderness experience. The tour involves wintertime camping, trekking and tracking in the wilderness.

COMMENTS: Your chances of actually seeing a tiger there are quite low, but you can see tiger haunts and tracks.

GROUP SIZE: max 15

DAY	ITINERARY	MEALS
Day 1	Meeting at the Vladivostok airport, transfer to the hotel.	-
Day 2	After breakfast we take a 5-hour drive to Lazovsky Reserve, which is home to 20 tigers at the last count. We will meet wildlife researchers to receive orientation about the taiga and its wildlife inhabitants.	B hotel L Roadside D in lodge
Days 3-6	Tracking tigers (see below for details).	B, L, D in camp
Day 7	After breakfast we take a 4-hour ride west to a tiger research station for a guaranteed view of a Siberian tiger family. After lunch in a roadside	B in camp L roadside

	restaurant we return to Vladivostok.	
Day 8	Transfer to the airport and departure.	B Hotel

****Please, note! The dates and duration of the tour may depend on the schedule of flights.**

***The program route and duration can be changed considering your wishes.**