

## Natural monument “Yuzhno-Sakhalinskiy mud volcano”

(Duration: 6 hours; includes 4 km walking)

Yuzhno-Sakhalinskiy mud volcano is the largest mud volcano on Sakhalin Island. It is located 24 km northwest from the city of Yuzhno-Sakhalinsk.

Road to volcano lies along picturesque and abandoned railway with tunnels.

Forest vegetation around volcano is presented by dark coniferous forests and forests with *Betula ermanii* Cham. and *Sasa kurilensis* (Rupr.) Makino & Shibata.

There are 133 species of vascular plants growing within area of the natural monument, some of them are listed in a Red Book of Russia and Red Book of Sakhalin Region (*Diphylleia grayi* Fr. Schmidt, *Paeonia obovata* Maxim., *Hydrangea petiolaris* Siebold et Zucc., *Padus ssiori* (Fr. Schmidt) C.K. Schneid., *Aralia cordata* Thunb., *Cardiocrinum glehnii* (Fr. Schmidt) Makino, *Calipso bulbosa* (L.) Oakes, *Neottianthe cucullata* (L.) Schlechter). *Skimmia repens* Nakai from Rutaceae family and *Trillium tschonoskii* Maxim. are also growing here.

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Price per 1 person	Number of persons	Price (in rubles)
	1	6400/8300*
	2-3	3550/4600*
	4-5	2000/2500*
	6-10	2300/2400*
	11-15	1400/2200*

\* Option “Comfortable” (not available after rainfall)

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<b>Price includes</b>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>*Transport (for the option “Comfortable” payment for transportation is included in the price)</li><li>Guide services</li><li>Gloves</li></ul>
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<b>Price doesn't include</b>	Meal (you can take a lunch box by yourself) Insurance (70 rubles per 1 person) Transport (100 rubles per 1 person)
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<b>Route</b>	Yuzhno-Sakhalinsk → Novoderevenskaya station → Mud volcano → Novoderevenskaya station → Yuzhno-Sakhalinsk
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**What should you take:** comfortable shoes, repellents, drinking water, windcheater (depends on the weather), sunscreen, flashlight.