

8 Die on Highest Volcano in Russia's Far East

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Klyuchevskaya Sopka volcano in Russia's Kamchatka peninsula. **Sed Brayton (CC BY-SA 3.0)**

Eight climbers have died on the highest active volcano in Russia's Far East, the Interfax news agency [reported](#) Monday.

A party of 12 climbers from seven Russian regions, including two Novosibirsk-based guides, set off to climb the Klyuchevskaya Sopka volcano on the Kamchatka Peninsula last week.

Six people fell to their deaths, Interfax reported Sunday, citing investigators.

A guide located on the volcano reported two more fatalities on a satellite phone, Roman Vasilevsky, the regional administration's deputy governor, told the news agency Monday without identifying the cause of death.

At least two rescue groups have been [dispatched](#) to find two survivors at a height of 3,300 meters, according to the RIA Novosti news agency.

The first group is expected to reach the destination by midnight Monday, the second by

Wednesday.

In addition, a guide and another survivor are [stranded](#) at a height of 4,100 meters, according to Interfax.

Klyuchevskaya Sopka has been an active volcano since its first recorded eruption in 1697.

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