

Expedition to the Shantar Islands — Detailed description

Trip Length: 13 Group: 10-20 Departure: Fixed Period: September

Trip overview

The Shantar islands are the unique place that might be considered as one of the wonders of Russia. Relatively few people have heard about this destination and even less visited it. This archipelago is destined for those who seek adventure and dare to test the forces in the ruthless waters of Okhotsk Sea.

We propose to you the real expedition to the islands that are distant form the civilization. There are only 4 men on the islands, they work at the weather station. However, the flora and fauna are really varied. You have possibility to see: thousands of birds, including the « landlord » of this territory – Steller's sea eagle, killer whale, whale, seal, bear, zibeline and others.

The nature and landscapes are really diverse: gentle banks, rocks, taiga, mountains, rivers and lakes – we will see everything that the nature allows to us.

Meet the nature. The pure nature that was waiting for you for millions of years...

Highlights

- · Visit of the unique archipelago Shantar islands
- The real expedition far away from the civilisation
- Aquaintance with the flora and fauna: brown bears, killer whales, seals, Steller's sea eagle
- Navigation in the bays of the Okhotsk sea
- · Fishing on the Russian Far East
- Pure nature far away from the urban life

Tour type

PURENATURE

Difficulty

Moderate - 3-5 hours of physical activity daily

Comfort

Basic - most of nights in tents or rooms with shared WC, some nights in comfortable rooms.

Begining / end of the tour

Tour starts: Khabarovsk, End of the tour: Khabarovsk

Program

Day 1 — Aquaintance with Khabarovsk

08:00 — Arrival to Khabarovsk

14:00 - Free time

Overnight in the hotel

Hotels: Accommodation in the hotel Khabarovsk city Boutique Hotel, Twin standard room Comfort: Comfortable accommodation, WC and bath / shower in room

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Day 2 — Day on the road

- 08:00 Breakfast
- 09:00 Departure to Nikolaevsk-on-Amur
- 11:00 Departure to the coast of Okhotsk sea
- 14:00 Continuation of the road
- 18:00 Arrival to the Wrangel bay
- 19:00 Dinner

Overnight in the tent of the bank Hotels: Camping,

Day 3 — Wrangel bay

- 08:00 Breakfast
- 10:00 Free time
- 13:00 Lunch prepared on the fire
- 15:00 Walking along the coast
- 19:00 Dinner prepared on fire Overnight in the tent

Hotels: Camping,

Day 4 — Okhotsk sea

- 09:00 Breakfast
- 11:00 Whale observation
- 13:00 Lunch (picnic)
- 15:00 Time at leisure
- 19:00 Dinner

Overnight in the tent

Hotels: Camping,

Day 5 — Whale observation

- 09:00 Breakfast
- 11:00 Whales observation
- 13:00 Lunch
- 15:00 Time at leisure
- 19:00 Dinner in the camp
 - Overnight in the tent

Hotels: Camping,

Day 6 — Bay and cape Ongochan

- 09:00 Breakfast
- 10:00 Navigation to the Ongochan bay
- 13:00 Lunch
- 16:00 Arrival to the Ongochan bay
- 19:00 Dinner
 - Overnight at the base

Hotels: Accommodation at the Ongachan base, House for 4-6 people

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Comfort: Simple comfort accommodation, toilet outdoors, banya

Day 7 — Shantar islands

- 09:00 Breakfast
- 10:00 Navigation to the Grand Shantar island
- 13:00 Lunch (picnic)
- 15:00 Exploration of the Grand Shantar island
- 18:00 Return to the tourist base
- 19:00 Dinner

Overnight at the tourist base

Hotels: Accommodation at the Ongachan base,

Day 8 — North strait crossing

- 09:00 Breakfast
- 10:00 Departure to the Feklistov island
- 13:00 Lunch
- 14:00 Arrival on the island
- 16:00 Return to the base Ongachan
- 19:00 Dinner

Overnight at the tourist base

Hotels: Accommodation at the Ongachan base, House for 4-6 people Comfort: Simple comfort accommodation, toilet outdoors, banya

Day 9 — Feklistov island

- 09:00 Breakfast
- 10:00 Visit of the Fekistov island
- 12:00 Visit of the Arka (Arch) island
- 13:00 Lunch
- 19:00 Dinner

Overnight at the tourist base

Hotels: Accommodation at the Ongachan base, House for 4-6 people Comfort: Simple comfort accommodation, toilet outdoors, banya

Day 10 — Return way to the Wrangel bay

- 09:00 Breakfast
- 10:00 Departure to the Wrangel bay
- 13:00 Lunch
- 16:00 Arrival to the Wrangel bay
- 19:00 Dinner

Overnight in tents

Hotels: Camping,

Day 11 — Departure to Nikolaevsk-na-Amure

- 09:00 Breakfast
- 11:00 Way back by boat
- 13:00 Lunch

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15:00 — Arrival and transfer to the hotel

19:00 — Dinner (Not included) Overnight in hotel

Day 12 — Return to Khabarovsk

- 09:00 Breakfast
- 11:00 Departure to Khabarovsk by plane
- 15:00 Transfer to the hotel
- 19:00 Dinner (Not included)
 - Overnight in the hotel

Hotels: Accommodation in the hotel Khabarovsk city Boutique Hotel, Twin standard room Comfort: Comfortable accommodation, WC and bath / shower in room

Day 13 — End of the programme

09:00 - Breakfast

12:00 — Check-out and transfer to the airport.

Departures

Start	End	Basic price per person
03.08.2020	15.08.2020	217600.00 RUB
11.08.2020	23.08.2020	217600.00 RUB
19.08.2020	31.08.2020	217600.00 RUB
01.09.2021	13.09.2021	255900.00 RUB

Note

The price is indicated for the group of 10-12 persons. If the group's size is smaller, the price can be recalculated. The service of the Englishspeaking guide is 115 000 roubles. Bath every day at all bases. SUB - boards and rowing boats for swimming with whales are included. All camping equipment is furnished. As the road to the Nikolay bay is very long and mostly gravel, it's possible to feel fatigue and discomfort.

What's included

Price includes

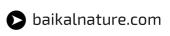
- Russian-spaking guide
- Accommodation as per itinerary
- Nature reserves and parks entrance permissions
- · Bathing in springs
- Airplane/ train tickets
- · Letter of invitation
- Russian-speaking guide services
- Tent rental
- Camping outfit rental
- Meals according to the program

Price does not include

- English-speaking guide
- Meals as per itinerary
- Personal expenses and tips
- Visa fees and travel insurance
- Airline tickets
- Optional activities

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Checklist & Equipment

If you are traveling in the spring or autumn, please check with your manager for a list of recommended equipment and an approximate weather forecast.

Recommended checklist

underwear, socks (several pairs) pants, long sleeve jacket/tracksuit comfortable shoes for trekking cap/comfortable hat on head (for sun protection) sunglasses sunscreen and lip balm swimsuit / swim trunks towel wet wipes and antibacterial hand gel water bottle/flask sleeping bag winter (down) jacket and warm pants (windproof and waterproof) / winter suit comfortable warm hat and scarf (snood) ski mask fleece balaclava 2 10 12 14 16

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Meals

Cold lunch and hot dinner, cooked on an open fire in the evening.

If you are a vegetarian or have any particular preferences, please let us know, so we could adapt the menu.

Visa

You need a tourist visa to travel to Russia. It can be issued for a maximum period of 30 days. Your passport has to be valid for at least six months after the expiry date of your visa and to have at least two blank pages.

BaikalNature offers visa support and has created "BaikalNature letter of invitation" package. If you buy a BaikalNature tour, this package is absolutely free; when you buy any other BaikalNature service, you will have to pay for this package. For questions regarding obtaining an electronic visa, please contact your tour manager.

Money

The Russian currency is ruble. The cost of travel and other services is always fixed in rubles. Please note that cards from foreign banks do not work in Russia at the moment. Tourists can obtain a bank card from a Russian bank in advance or travel with cash. If you have euros or dollars with you, exchange offices will allow you to change them easily in the cities. It is also worth noting that the exchange rate at airports is usually not the most favorable. It is better to exchange in big cities (you can check the current exchange rate online). Important! Only new banknotes without defects or any traces are accepted for exchange.

Tipping

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All persons who compose the BaikalNature travel team (guides, drivers, cooks, etc.) are paid a decent wage for their services and do not expect any tips from you. So you have no obligation to leave anything. If you really want to express your satisfaction by leaving a gratuity, and if it is in foreign currency, be aware that torn or glued coins and banknotes cannot be exchanged. Anyway, thank you for your tips, left at your discretion in envelopes.

Health

You need to get a health examination before a great trip. Consult your doctor. Get a dental checkup. If you have health problems that could worsen during the trip, make sure you have taken all your medications with you.

Provide a first aid kit that includes among other items:

- aspirin or paracetamol,
- anti-diarrheal pills,
- antiseptic,
- adhesive plaster,
- sterile pads.

If you have individual diseases, make sure you have taken your medications.

Medical Form

A good physical condition is required.

Emergency Contact

You can contact BaikalNature by phone: +7 924 531 87 01 (What's App, Telegram, Viber) In addition, your call will be forwarded to your manager, reachable 7/7.

Legal Mentions

Professional Guarantees: BaikalNature LLC (ООО "БайкалНейче"), United Federal Register of Tour Operators number: RTO 009402. Financial Guarantee: "Gaide insurance company" JSC (АО "Страховая компания Гайде"). Insurance contract N 4875/2422-49 from August 6, 2024. Amount of coverage: 500 000 RUB. Legal and actual address: BaikalNature LLC, 55 Dekabrskikh Sobyti Str., office 204.1 664007 Irkutsk Russia

Cancellation Options

The cancellation options are:

- more than 40 days before departure 30 % of the tour price,
- 39 10 days before departure 60 % of the tour price,
- less than 10 days before departure 100 % of the tour price.

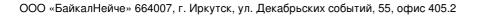
Travel Insurance

In addition to your personal insurance, you have an opportunity to purchase local insurance. Please, do not hesitate to ask us about our services.

Security

Your safety is very important to us! During the trip we ask you to follow the guide's advice, read the instructions carefully and follow the group. If you have any questions or experience any discomfort, please notify your guide or tour-manager immediately.

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