

Winter Stay On Olkhon Island — Detailed description

Trip Length: 4 Group: 2-8 Departure: Fixed Period: December - January

Trip overview

Olkhon Island is the heart of Baikal. It is here that all the most important attractions of the lake are located, which have become its calling cards around the world: steep capes, ice caves and grottoes, fields of pure ice, hummocks near the coast and sacred places of power.

This winter tour to Olkhon is definitely for you if you do not want to go with large tourist groups, value comfort and have only 4 days in reserve. The program is specially designed so as not to overpay for transport, joining group excursions, but to have the opportunity to relax in comfortable places with a high level of service.

This trip to Baikal is suitable for both individual tourists and groups. This tour can be organized on any dates convenient for you during the ice season.

Highlights

- Discovery of the largest island of Lake Baikal
- Main attractions of Lake Baikal
- Comfortable accommodation on the island

Tour type

DISCOVERYNATURE

Difficulty

Easy - nothing more than normal walking while sight-seeing

Comfort

Upgraded — all nights in comfortable rooms.

Beginning / end of the tour

Tour starts: Irkutsk, End of the tour: Irkutsk

Program

Day 1 — Way to the biggest island of the Baikal lake

09:00 — Transfer Irkutsk - Olkhon island (scheduled bus)

13:00 — Lunch (Not included)

15:00 — Arrival to the island and check-in at the hotel

16:00 — The village of Khuzhir and the Shamanka rock

19:00 — Dinner at the hotel's restaurant

Overnight in the hotel

Hotels: Accommodation in the hotel BaikalWood, Twin room

Comfort: Comfortable accommodation, WC and bath / shower in room

Day 2 — South of the island and the Maloye More Strait

09:00 — Breakfast

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10:00 — Excursion to the south of Olkhon

14:30 — Come back to the village

15:00 — Lunch (Not included)

19:00 — Dinner in the hotel

Overnight at the hotel

Hotels: Accommodation in the hotel BaikalWood, Twin room

Comfort: Comfortable accommodation, WC and bath / shower in room

Day 3 — North of Olkhon - Cape Khoboy

09:00 — Breakfast

10:00 — Olkhon island excursion

13:00 — Outdoor lunch

14:00 — Walking around and come back

19:00 — Dinner

Overnight in the hotel

Hotels: Accommodation in the hotel BaikalWood, Twin room

Comfort: Comfortable accommodation, WC and bath / shower in room

Day 4 — Return to Irkutsk

09:00 — Breakfast

10:00 — Transfer Olkhon island - Irkutsk (scheduled bus)

13:00 — Lunch (Not included)

15:00 — Arrival to Irkutsk

Departures

Start	End	Basic price per person
20.02.2026	23.02.2026	74900.00 RUB
27.02.2026	02.03.2026	74900.00 RUB
02.03.2026	05.03.2026	74900.00 RUB
06.03.2026	09.03.2026	74900.00 RUB
10.03.2026	13.03.2026	74900.00 RUB
12.03.2026	15.03.2026	74900.00 RUB

Note

The price per person for a group of 2 to 8 travelers is indicated. Individual departure for 1 person - 109,400 rubles. Additional options: - individual transport /excursions - extension of stay on the island - ice cleats rental - skate rental - recalculation of the program for families with children (depending on the number and age of children)

What's included

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Price includes

- Russian-speaking guide
- Accommodation as per itinerary
- Excursions and visits as per itinerary
- Nature reserves and parks entrance permissions
- Transport a per itinerary
- Meals as per itinerary
- Visa invitation and registration of passports (for foreign citizens, if necessary)

Price does not include

- Visa fees and travel insurance
- Airplane/ train tickets
- Ice crampons

Checklist & Equipment

You will need in Russia in winter:

- to protect yourself from the cold weather;
- to protect yourself from the wind;
- to protect your feet from moisture;
- to protect yourself from the sun's reflection from ice and snow.

Allow the system of "three layers":

- The first layer, called "second skin", determines the performance of the other two layers. It will transport sweat to the next layer and dry quickly to avoid cooling after exercise. Therefore forget the cotton retains moisture in the skin and choose underwear in synthetic fabrics.
- The second layer must keep the heat of the body as long as possible. Warm synthetic or mixed (wool or fleece turtleneck sweater) fabrics, that dry quickly, are preferable.
- The third layer should protect you against wind and moisture. Choose a jacket, long enough, 100% waterproof, preferably with hood.

Recommended checklist

underwear, socks (several pairs)
pants, long sleeve jacket/tracksuit
sunglasses
wet wipes and antibacterial hand gel
winter (down) jacket and warm pants (windproof and waterproof) / winter suit
thermal underwear
comfortable winter boots (suitable for walking on ice and snow)
fleece jacket/sweater with collar
warm mittens (for convenience, thin gloves and a second layer of mittens with fur) / ski gloves
thermal socks
comfortable warm hat and scarf (snood)

Meals

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.

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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

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

No compulsory vaccination.

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

No particular 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.

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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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