

Golden Baikal — Detailed description

Trip Length: 8 Group: 4-12 Departure: Fixed Period: December - January

Trip overview

Whether you are a photographer, amateur of splendid autumnal landscapes or eager to discover the famous Baikal Lake far from summer tourist influx: this tour is for you! During its Indian summer the Siberian taiga is bedecked with warm colour contrasting with the snowy mounts and the azure blue of the water leading you in a unique and natural serenity. This excursion was especially composed to give you a chance to discover the nicest spots at the best instant when light comes to play with Baikal coasts colours.

From Irkutsk we will directly go to Baikal board, in its southernmost point – Kultuk village where you will admire the panoramic view on the lake. Then we will advance along the Baikal east coast to Baikalsk town. There will be an excursion to the Warm lakes in the bottom of the majestic Khamar-Daban Mountains. There is a specific microclimate and picturesque landscapes, especially in autumn.

One of the most significant parts of this tour is the Baikal crossing in its south part. The crossing will allow to you to appreciate the real greatness of Lake Baikal that is also called Sea of Siberia.

From medium Baikal " Sredny Baikal " to Olkhon island through the Small sea " Moloie Moré ", the spiritual and geographical heart of this internal ocean with golden steppes, yellow larches and yellow ochres rocks will be the part of journey which will subjugate you by its landscapes. After a walk up to the cape of Khoboj, sacred place of the shamans, you will have opportunity to realise shooting in 360 ° with the Baikal in background. A free day will be granted to you to rest you or to follow the exploration of the island among proposed activities. Back in civilisation we will visit the historical centre of Irkutsk, one of the most ancient Siberian cities founded by the Cossacks, pioneers of the Siberia.

Highlights

- Special itinerary through the most colourful Baikal places
- Baikal crossing by boat in its south part
- Discovery of the Khamar-Daban mountain range, famous for their autumnal colours
- Visit of the Warm Lakes
- Walk in the siberian forest and picking of seasonal mushrooms and berries
- Discovery of Olkhon Island, one of the Baikal sacred place

Tour type

DISCOVERYNATURE

Difficulty

Easy - nothing more than normal walking while sight-seeing

Comfort

Upgraded — all nights in comfortable rooms.

Begining / end of the tour

Tour starts: Irkutsk, End of the tour: Irkutsk

Program

Day 1 — The southernmost point of lake Baikal

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11:00 — Meeting with group in the Irkutsk airport

11:15 — Departure to the Kultuk village

13:00 — Lunch in the cafe (Not included)

14:00 — Continuation of the journey to Baikalsk town

16:00 — Arrival and accommodation in the hotel

19:00 — Dinner (Not included)

Overnight in the hotel

Hotels: Accommodation in the hotel Bely Sobol, Twin standard room

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

Day 2 — Warm Lakes in the Khamar-Daban mountains

09:00 — Breakfast in the hotel

10:00 — Excursion to Warm lakes

13:00 — Picnic

14:00 — Trekking to Warm lakes

16:00 — Return to Baikalsk

19:00 — Dinner in the restaurant

Overnight in the hotel

Hotels: Accommodation in the hotel Bely Sobol, Twin standard room

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

Day 3 — Baikal crossing from east to west coast

09:00 — Breakfast in the restaurant

10:00 — Transfer to the berth

10:30 — Baikal crossing

12:30 — Arrival and transfer to the hotel

13:00 — Lunch in the restaurant of the hotel

14:00 — Discovery of Listvyanka village

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

Overnight in the hotel

Hotels: Accommodation in the hotel "BaikalCedar", Twin room

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

Day 4 — The biggest island of Baikal lake

08:00 — Breakfast in the hotel

08:40 — Departure to the Olkhon island

10:40 — En route excursion to the ethnographic centre

13:00 — Lunch in a Buryat cafe

14:00 — Continuation of the way to Olkhon island

19:00 — Dinner in the resort

Overnight at the resort

Hotels: Accommodation at the resort Nabaymar, Chambre twin comfortable

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

Day 5 — Sacred site for shamans

09:00 — Breakfast at the resort

10:00 — Olkhon island excursion

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13:00 — Outdoor lunch
14:00 — Walking around and come back
19:00 — Dinner at the resort
Overnight at the resort

Hotels: Accommodation at the resort Nabaymar, Chambre twin comfortable
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Day 6 — Day in the Baikal village

09:00 — Breakfast at the resort
10:00 — Free time inwith your guide
13:00 — Lunch at the resort (Not included)
14:00 — Free time
19:00 — Dinner at the resort
Overnight at the resort

Hotels: Accommodation at the resort Nabaymar, Chambre twin comfortable
Comfort: Comfortable accommodation, WC and bath / shower in room

Day 7 — Return to Irkutsk

09:00 — Breakfast at the resort
10:00 — Transfer to Irkutsk
16:30 — Arrival to Irkutsk and check-in
17:00 — Free time
19:00 — Dinner (Not included)
Overnight in the hotel

Hotels: Accommodation in the hotel Angara, Twin standard room
Comfort: Comfortable accommodation, WC and bath / shower in room

Day 8 — Departure

09:00 — Breakfast in the hotel
10:00 — Transfer to the airport

Departures

Start	End	Basic price per person
03.09.2021	10.09.2021	72900.00 RUB
17.09.2021	24.09.2021	72900.00 RUB

Note

Extra charge for single room : 10 800 roubles. The indicated price is guaranteed for a group from 6 participants. If there are less participants, the price can be recalculated. The price does not include breakfast on day 2-8; Lunch on day 2-5 and dinner on day 2, 4-6.

What's included

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Price includes

- English-speaking guide
- Accommodation as per itinerary
- Transport as per itinerary
- Excursions and visits as per itinerary
- Reserves and national parks entrance permissions
- Boat trip
- Letter of invitation
- Transfer to airport / railway station on last day
- Meals according to the program

Price does not include

- Personal expenses and tips
- Visa fees and travel insurance
- Optional activities

Recommended checklist

Raincoat or wind and waterproof shell jacket (with hood !)

POLARTEC or similar pullover

Long sleeve shirts or sweatshirts

T-shirts

Socks

Comfortable walking shoes (like Vibram or similar)

Towel

Important travel documents: Passport and visa, original or electronic airplane tickets (with a sets of photocopies kept separately), bank card

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.

For more information please contact your nearest Russian Embassy or Visa Application Center.

Money

The Russian currency is ruble. In all cities and many large villages of Russia, you can easily withdraw rubles, using a Visa or MasterCard, from ATMs, located in banks, department stores or hotel lobbies, some of them are open 24 hours a day. If you have euros or dollars with you, exchange offices will allow you to change them easily in the cities, seldom in the countryside. However, it can be difficult to exchange traveler's checks, even in cities.

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.

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

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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

No particular physical condition is required.

Emergency Contact

You can contact BaikalNature by phone: +73952 26 56 94.

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 10058/21-49 from October 08, 2021. Amount of coverage: 500 000 RUB. Legal and actual address: BaikalNature LLC 119A Dekabrskikh Sobyti Str., office 13 664007 Irkutsk Russia

Cancellation Options

The cancellation options are:

- more than 30 days before departure - 15% of the tour price,
- 29 - 7 days before departure - 30% of the tour price,
- less than 7 days before departure - 50% 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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