

## Baikal Active — Detailed description

Trip Length: 9 Group: 4-8 Departure: Fixed Period: July - August

### Trip overview

If you are looking for an adventure travel, we propose to you the unique trip with full immersion in nature. During the summer there are so few places on Lake Baikal where you can escape tourists' crowds, cars and buses. We have tried to make for you the tour which includes only two components: you and grand Baikal!

The tour consists of two parts. The first one is kayaking along the most beautiful part of the west Baikal coast accessible only by water. You will see the picturesque Peschanaya bay, Dirovatyi cape and Baklaniy Kamen Island, every overnight will be in a different place. Along this itinerary there are no roads or settlements – you will be out of civilization surrounded by the picturesque taiga-covered hills and sandy beaches!

The second part of the itinerary is the trekking in the heart of the lake – the Olkhon island. Despite the fact that the island is considered as the most visited part of the lake, we propose to you an itinerary along the shore far away from dusty roads. During your 2-days trekking, you will visit the wildest North part of the island. You will see the Shamanka (Burkhan) cape, Urochische Peschanoye, Tri Brata (Three brothers) cape and, of course, Khoboy cape. After this long and intense journey you will have a rest in the cozy wooden homestay with Russian banya (sauna) – really good end for this active tour!

All necessary equipment is included. All you need is to dare !

### Highlights

- Discovery of inaccessible place of Baikal
- Full immersion in the wild Baikal nature
- Trekking in the heart of lake Baikal - Olkhon island
- Possibility to stay in the most beautiful places of the lake
- Kayaking and trekking during the same tour

### Tour type

ACTIVENATURE

### Difficulty

Challenging - 5-7 hours of challenging 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: Irkutsk, End of the tour: Irkutsk

### Program

#### Day 1 — First meeting with the Baikal

10:00 — Meeting at "BaikalNature" office

10:05 — Transfer to the Bolshoye Goloustnoye village

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12:00 — Arrival to the Bolshoye Goloustnoye village

13:00 — Dinner

18:00 — Camping dinner

Overnight in the tent

Hotels: Camping,

### **Day 2 — Along the western coast of lake Baikal**

09:00 — Breakfast

10:00 — Departure on kayak

13:00 — Lunch (picnic)

17:00 — Continuation of the navigation

17:00 — Setting up of the camp and rest

19:00 — Dinner

Overnight in the tent

Hotels: Camping,

### **Day 3 — The most beautiful bay of lake Baikal**

09:00 — Breakfast

10:00 — Navigation on kayak

13:00 — Lunch on the Baikal shore

14:00 — Continuation of the navigation

17:00 — Arrival and setting up of the camp

19:00 — Dinner

Overnight in the tent

Hotels: Camping,

### **Day 4 — Continuation of the navigation**

09:00 — Breakfast

10:00 — Kayaking to the Bely cape

13:00 — Outdoor lunch

16:00 — Continuation of the navigation

19:00 — Dinner

Overnight in the tent

Hotels: Camping,

### **Day 5 — Olkhon island - heart of lake Baikal**

09:00 — Breakfast

11:00 — Departure to the Buguldeyka village

13:30 — Transfer to the Olkhon island

17:00 — Discovery of Khuzhir

19:00 — Dinner

Overnight in the resort

Hotels: Accommodation at the resort Lada, Chambre comfortable

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

### **Day 6 — First day of the trekking**

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10:00 — Meeting with the group and transfer to Peschanoye place

11:00 — Trekking to the village Uzury

13:00 — Picnic on the road

16:00 — Arrival to Uzury

19:00 — Dinner cooked by gaz

20:00 — Banya (Russian sauna) (Not included)

Overnight in tent

Hotels: Camping,

### Day 7 — North of the lake and return to Khujir

09:00 — Breakfast

10:00 — Trekking to Khoboy cape

13:00 — Picnic on the way

16:00 — Return to Khuzhir

19:00 — Dinner at the resort

Overnight at the resort

Hotels: Accommodation at the resort Lada, Chambre comfortable

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

### Day 8 — Free day on Olkhon island

09:00 — Breakfast at the resort

10:00 — Free time

13:00 — Lunch (Not included)

17:00 — Return to the resort

18:00 — Dinner

Overnight in the resort

Hotels: Accommodation at the resort Lada, Chambre comfortable

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

### Day 9 — Return to Irkutsk

09:00 — Breakfast

10:00 — Transfer to Irkutsk by scheduled bus

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

17:00 — Arrival to Irkutsk

## Departures

Start	End	Basic price per person
16.07.2022	24.07.2022	74000.00 RUB
23.07.2022	31.07.2022	74000.00 RUB
30.07.2022	07.08.2022	74000.00 RUB
06.08.2022	14.08.2022	74000.00 RUB
13.08.2022	21.08.2022	74000.00 RUB

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## Note

The camping equipment is included in the price (except the sleeping bag). The sleeping bag rental is 500 roubles. To note: maximum weight to take part in this trip is 100 kg.

## What's included

### Price includes

- English-speaking guide services
- Accommodation as per itinerary
- Transport as per itinerary
- Excursions and visits as per itinerary
- Reserves and national parks entrance permissions
- Tent rental
- Letter of invitation
- Kayak and equipment rental
- Dry bag rental
- Meals according to the program

### Price does not include

- Personal expenses and tips
- Visa fees and travel insurance
- Sleeping bag rental

## Checklist & Equipment

It is hot in summer at Lake Baikal area. Nevertheless, you should always have something to put on, as weather in Siberia is very changeable.

If you plan your trip in May or September, please feel free to bring your hat, gloves and windjacket in case of snow or rain.

June is also pretty cool.

July and August are the hottest months, which offer you temperatures of 25 ° - 35 ° at daytime and 15 ° - 18 ° at night. On the shores of Lake Baikal, like in the Alps, you should wear T-shirts and shorts in the sunny afternoons, sweaters and jackets in the cool evenings.

We recommend you to pack all your stuff in two bags: a small backpack and a large travelling bag.

**SMALL BACKPACK:** will be useful for carrying your personal belongings during the day (camera, film, personal medication, bottled water, etc.) You will also use it as hand luggage during air travel for all your heavy (to lighten the travel bag in the luggage compartment), fragile (camera, etc.) and necessary (toilet bag, etc.) things.

**BIG TRAVEL BAG or BIG BACKPACK:** must contain the rest of your stuff. It will be in the luggage compartment during the flight. It will be transported by vehicles.

This trip is carried out in kayaks type "Taymen" or "Salut" for 2 to 3 people.

During your kayak tour, your luggage will be carried in a dry-bag (70 L.), on the kayak itself. Please think about it while packing !

## Recommended checklist

Sunglasses

Sleeping bag rated from 0° C to +15° C

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

Large 60 litres backpack

Trekking socks

Shorts

T-shirts

Socks

Cap or hat to protect against sun

Headlamp

Sunscreen for skin and lips

Sunglasses with filter

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#### Swimsuit

Important travel documents: Passport and visa, original or electronic airplane tickets (with a sets of photocopies kept separately), bank card  
Camping mat  
Flip-flop or kayak shoes

#### Meals

Homestay cuisine based on fresh products.

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 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

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 very good 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.

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### 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.

### Security

The travelers' security is our primary aim and also the long-term reputation of our travel agency. First-aid kit, adapted for this tour, is available at your guide.

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