

## Survival in the Siberian taiga — Detailed description

Trip Length: 8 Group: 1-4 Departure: Fixed Period: July - August

### Trip overview

If you are looking for something truly special, if you are tired of the routine of the city and want to test yourself for strength, if you lack vivid impressions, we offer you a unique «Survival in the Siberian Taiga» tour.

For the most daring, we suggest going in search of adventure to the very heart of the Siberian taiga, to the foot of the majestic Khamar-Daban mountain range. The route starts from Baikal itself, passes through gentle plains, impenetrable taiga, through passes, streams and rivers, along calm lakes and numerous waterfalls. You will find yourself in a place cut off from civilization, where everything lives according to the rules of nature itself, where there are much more chances to meet a wild animal than a person. Together with a group of daredevils and our experienced guide, you will learn how to survive in the Siberian taiga - without the Internet, communications, electricity.

During the tour, you are provided with only the minimum set of necessary tools: axes, knives, campfire equipment, fishing tackle, backpacks and tents. It is no coincidence that we organize a tour at the end of August, when the taiga is rich in all gifts: mushrooms, berries, fish, cones. You will learn how to fish, distinguish between edible and inedible berries, mushrooms and herbs, and also try all the gifts of the taiga forest.

We can guarantee that after such an extreme tour you will never be the same again. Being cut off from all the good things, you will understand the value and importance of the moment. What you are doing here and now. No matter how unfriendly the deaf Siberian taiga may seem to you, you will discover a completely different nature for yourself: one that helps everyone who is able to hear and understand it.

We trust the safety on the route to our most experienced guide. He has emergency communication equipment and a first aid kit at his disposal. All tour participants are insured.

**IMPORTANT:** before you go on a tour, objectively evaluate your physical and moral strength.

### Highlights

- Real isolation from civilization
- Picturesque landscapes of the majestic Khamar-Daban Mounts
- 5 days surrounded by rich and diverse wildlife
- Teaching the bushcraft skills
- Unusual route with all types of Siberian landscape

### Tour type

PURENATURE

### Difficulty

Extreme - 7+ hours of challenging/extreme 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


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**Day 1 — Arrival to Irkutsk and preparation for the tour**

11:40 — Meeting in the airport of Irkutsk  
13:00 — Lunch in the hotel (Not included)  
14:00 — Meeting with your guide at the hotel's reception  
19:00 — Dinner (Not included)  
Overnight at the hotel

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

**Day 2 — to the foot of the mountain range of Khamar-Daban**

09:00 — Breakfast in the hotel  
10:00 — Transfer to the Baikalsk city  
13:00 — Lunch in the cafe of the town (Not included)  
14:00 — The beginning of the road  
19:00 — Landing on the bank  
19:00 — Dinner  
Overnight in the camp

Hotels: Taiga shelter, Taiga camp  
Comfort:

**Day 3 — First day of the survival**

09:00 — Breakfast  
10:00 — Trekking to the ridge  
13:00 — Lunch en route  
18:00 — Setting up of the camp and rest  
19:00 — Dinner  
Overnight in the camp

Hotels: Taiga shelter, Taiga camp  
Comfort:

**Day 4 — Fishing on the Khara-Murin**

09:00 — Breakfast  
10:00 — Along the Khara-Murin river  
13:00 — Lunch  
16:00 — Fishing  
19:00 — Dinner  
Overnight in the camp

Hotels: Taiga shelter, Taiga camp  
Comfort:

**Day 5 — In the valley of the waterfalls**

09:00 — Breakfast  
10:00 — Road to the Charming Waterfall  
13:00 — Lunch  
19:00 — Dinner  
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Hotels: Taiga shelter, Taiga camp  
Comfort:

### Day 6 — Descent and return to Baikalsk

09:00 — Breakfast

10:00 — Way back

13:00 — Lunch

19:00 — Dinner

Overnight in the camp

Hotels: Taiga shelter, Taiga camp  
Comfort:

### Day 7 — Return to Irkutsk

09:00 — Breakfast

12:00 — Lunch in the road cafe (Not included)

14:00 — Transfer to Irkutsk

16:00 — Arrival and accommodation in the hotel

19:00 — Dinner

Overnight in the hotel

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

### Day 8 — End of the programme

09:00 — Breakfast in the hotel

10:00 — Transfer to the airport

## Departures

Start	End	Basic price per person
29.07.2023	05.08.2023	67600.00 RUB

## Note

The indicated price is for the groupe of 4 persons minimum. If there are less participants, the supplement is to be applied: - 10 400 roubles per person - supplement for a groupe of 3 persons - 31 100 roubles per person - supplement for a goupe of 2 persons This tour can be organised for an individual traveller - 148 800 roubles (total price, without changing the program published on the site). The price of the tour includes Accident insurance and Tick bite insurance. Sleeping bag rent is 1000 roubles / per person.

## What's included

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**Price includes**

- Transport as per itinerary
- Reserves and national parks entrance permissions
- Letter of invitation
- Accident insurance
- Transfer from airport / railway station on first day
- Transfer to airport / railway station on last day
- English-speaking guide services
- Meals according to the program
- Accommodation as per itinerary
- Tent rental
- Camping outfit rental

**Price does not include**

- Visa
- Personal expenses and tips
- Airline tickets
- 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.

**Recommended checklist**

Sunglasses

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

Large 60 litres backpack

POLARTEC or similar pullover

Sleeping bag rated from -10° C to +15° C

Long sleeve shirts or sweatshirts

T-shirts

Socks

Cap or hat to protect against sun

Comfortable walking shoes (like Vibram or similar)

Headlamp

Sunscreen for skin and lips

Mosquito net for face

Toilet roll

Pocket knife (to put in checked baggage)

Flask

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

Tick and mosquitoes repellent spray

Wipes

Antibacterial hand gel

Binoculars

Telescopic sticks

**Meals**

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

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## 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

You should be physically and mentally excellently prepared for this tour.

## 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 7890/22-49 from September 19, 2022. Amount of coverage: 500 000 RUB. Legal and actual address: BaikalNature LLC, 55 Dekabrskikh Sobyti Str., office 405.2 664007 Irkutsk Russia

## Cancellation Options

The cancellation options are:

- more than 30 days before departure - 15% of the tour price,

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

### Security

First-aid kit, satellite phone, walkie-talkie are available at your guide.

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