

Circum-Baikal Rail Road — Detailed description

Trip Length: 1 Group: 1-50 Departure: Fixed Period: May - October

Trip overview

We invite you to a unique excursion along the Circum-Baikal Railway - a monument of engineering architecture of the late 19th century.

The Circum-Baikal Railway, built between Port Baikal and the village of Kultuk, 84 km long, unites 424 engineering structures, including 39 tunnels, with a total length of 8994 m. The tunnels and stone galleries of the Circum-Baikal Railway are unique in that they were built according to non-standard designs and were not subsequently rebuilt, preserving the original design architects and engineers of the early 20th century.

In terms of volume, complexity and cost of work, the Circum-Baikal Railway had no equal among Russian railways. Before the revolution, it was called the "Golden Buckle of Russia's Steel Belt": a buckle because it connected the Trans-Siberian Railway, which had been severed by Lake Baikal, and a gold one because the cost of work surpassed all existing roads in Russia. The road also justifies its name thanks to its unique appearance, which has no analogues in the world, combining a complex architectural complex and picturesque coastal landscapes of the lake.

The rich excursion program will definitely be remembered for a long time! Tourists of any age and level of training can participate - there are no restrictions!

Highlights

- Fascinating discovery of genius architectural constructions of the Circum-Baikal Railway
- Opportunity to enjoy enchanting Baikal sceneries all along the route
- Discovery of small traditional villages on the shores of Lake Baikal

Tour type

DISCOVERYNATURE

Difficulty

Easy - nothing more than normal walking while sight-seeing

Comfort

Standard — most of nights in comfortable rooms, some nights in tents or rooms with shared WC.

Beginning / end of the tour

Tour starts: Irkutsk, End of the tour: Irkutsk

Program

Day 1 — Excursion by the Circum-Baikal Railway

07:45 — Departure of the train from Irkutsk-Passazhirsky station

10:00 — Breakfast (Not included)

10:20 — Arrival to Sludianka

10:30 — Excursion programme

13:00 — Lunch (Not included)

17:20 — Arrival in Port Baikal

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19:00 — Dinner (Not included)

20:00 — Arrival to Irkutsk

Departures

Start	End	Basic price per person
02.05.2024	02.05.2024	10850.00 RUB
03.05.2024	03.05.2024	10850.00 RUB
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Note

The price indicated is for 1 adult (non-resident) - mountain side location. Permission to visit the Pribaikalsky National Park is included. You can book a place near the window face Lake Baikal: supplement of 1 700 roubles / per person. Baggage is paid additionally - 400 roubles. Some departures are carried out in the OPPOSITE direction. Depending on the schedule, the excursion is carried out by electric train or diesel locomotive. In summer it is also possible to order meals (June-August).

What's included

Price includes

- Russian-speaking guide services
- Accommodation as per itinerary
- Nature reserves and parks entrance permissions

Price does not include

- Transport a per itinerary

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.

For summer travel, we recommend preparing:

- comfortable clothes for hot and sunny weather - we advise you to give preference to natural fabrics, be sure to have sun

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protection (comfortable hat, SPF protection cream, sunglasses);

- protection from rain and wind - a long raincoat with a hood, for active tours - a waterproof cover on a backpack, the second pair of shoes (the ability to dry a second pair if they get wet);
- clothing in case of bad weather - when the temperature drops (in mountainous regions, on the coasts, in the evening), we recommend taking a light jacket, a warm sweater and pants

In different regions of Russia there can be significant temperature fluctuations in the summer. If you do not have experience traveling in similar regions, please contact your manager to pick up the necessary things and find out about the weather forecast in the place where you are planning your trip.

Recommended checklist

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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 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.

It is advisable to keep the following vaccines valid:

- diphtheria,
- tetanus,
- Polio.

Tick-borne encephalitis is present in areas of forest, taiga where ticks are the carriers of encephalitis between May and July. As of August, they are no longer carrying the virus. If you do not get vaccinated, you should follow the basic precautions, including:

- protective clothes
- use of repellents
- daily check of the skin.

It is also possible to take out special insurance covering the analysis of the insect and vaccines.

Provide a first aid kit that includes among other items:

- aspirin or paracetamol,

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- anti-diarrheal pills,
- antiseptic,
- adhesive plaster,
- sterile pads.

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

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

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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