

# Barguzinsky And Chivyrkuysky Gulfs — Detailed description

Trip Length: Group: 1-10 Departure: Fixed Period: December - January

#### Trip overview

The Svyatoy Nos Peninsula forms the two largest gulfs of Lake Baikal - Chivyrkuysky and Barguzinsky. Chivyrkuysky Gulf is 26 km/16 mi long and its width varies between 6 and 12 km (4 and 7.5 mi). Its shores are beautifully embayed and covered with dense forest. The depth of the gulf usually does not exceed 10 m/32 ft that is why the water is relatively warm in summer - from 19° to 23°C (66° to 74°F). In some places the gulf abounds in fish.

Barguzinsky Gulf is the largest gulf of the lake: the gulf basin is over 700 sq km (270 sq mi). Its waters are known for plenty of fish.

# **Highlights**

- · Discovery of two largest gulfs of Lake Baikal
- Various activities: hiking, boating, 4x4 driving, discovering of the landscapes, bathing

#### Tour type

**NATURE** 

#### Difficulty

Physical rating not assigned

#### Comfort

This tour doesn't have overnights.

# **Program**

Day 1 — -

### **Departures**

New departures available soon

# Note

# What's included

#### Price includes

- Lunches
- Russian-speaking guide services
- Transport as per itinerary
- Excursions and visits as per itinerary
- Reserves and national parks entrance permissions

# Price does not include

- English-speaking guide
- Personal expenses and tips
- Visa fees and travel insurance
- Accommodation
- · Letter of invitation

# **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

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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

Long sleeve shirts or sweatshirts

Shorts

T-shirts

Cap or hat to protect against sun

Comfortable walking shoes (like Vibram or similar)

Sunscreen for skin and lips

Mosquito net for face

Toilet roll

Flask

Lipstick

Towel

Swimsuit

Tick and mosquitoes repellent spray

Forceps for extracting ticks

Wipes

Photo / video camera

Tour vouchers and programme

### 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 conact 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.

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#### 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,
- · 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: +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

#### **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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