

Baikal Trekking — Detailed description

Trip Length: Group: 8-10 Departure: Fixed

Trip overview

Lake Baikal offers magnificent itineraries of trekking at a leisurely pace walking on popular routes. This time we invite you to adventure trekking that route is divided into two parts: eastern shore of Lake Baikal and its biggest Olkhon Island, shaman's land.

Having left Irkutsk for Bolchoye Goloustnoye where trekking will start we will reach Listvyanka in four days. During all this route we will enjoy the Baikal panorama from the bird's-eye view from the one hand, from the other one Siberian taiga with its rich colors. Then the landscapes will change when we will arrive on Olkhon Island where we will continue trekking with an overnight in the true yourta. Discovery of small Buryat villages on the island, sacred rocks, white sand beaches and endless steppes will make this trekking unforgettable.

You will not have to carry your luggage with you, we will care about it. So for the first four days you will need to take the most necessary things with you (prepare a medium backpack), the rest we will bring to you to Listvyanka on the 5th Day when you will go to Olkhon Island. You will have to bring your personal things neither on Olkhon Island: you will be accompanied with a vehicle, so you can always have a rest. Furthermore a hot lunch and dinner will be waiting for you!

Highlights

- Popular itinerary aimed at discovering the riches of the unique nature of Lake Baikal
- Adventurous but at the same time comfortable travel

Tour type

NATURE

Difficulty

Moderately Easy - 1-3 hours of physical activity daily

Comfort

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

Program

Day 1 — -

Day 2 — -

Day 3 — -

Day 4 — -

Day 5 — -

Day 6 — -

Day 7 — -

Day 8 — -

Day 9 — -

Departures

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New departures available soon

Note

The price is given for the group of 8 persons. If the number of participants is less than 8, the following supplement is applied: + 2 200 RUB / pers. for the group of 7 participants + 5 000 RUB / pers. for the group of 6 participants + 10 600 RUB / pers. for the group of 5 participants + 15 700 RUB / pers. for the group of 4 participants + 28 100 RUB / pers. for the group of 3 participants + 47 700 RUB / pers. for the group of 2 participants. The price includes banya on Day 4, 8. The price does not include breakfast on Day 1 and dinner on Day 9. Single supplement 1 000 roubles.

What's included

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
- Tent rental
- Transfer from airport / railway station on first day
- Banya
- Luggage transport
- Letter of invitation

Price does not include

- Medical insurance
- Personal expenses and tips
- Visa fees and travel insurance
- Transfer to airport / railway station on last day
- Optional activities
- Camping outfit rental
- Sleeping bag rental
- Airline tickets
- Dry 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.

Recommended checklist

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

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

Large 60 litres backpack

Trekking pants

Shorts

T-shirts

Socks

Cap or hat to protect against sun

Headlamp

Sunscreen for skin and lips

Sunglasses with filter

Pocket knife (to put in checked baggage)

Flip-flops for banya

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Important travel documents: Passport and visa, original or electronic airplane tickets (with a sets of photocopies kept separately), bank card
Forceps for extracting ticks
Charger and spare battery for camera/phone
Photo / video camera
Tour vouchers and programme
Camping mat

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 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.

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.

In Western Russia, you can contact BaikalNature by phone: +7 499 705 65 58

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 10383/18-49 from November 8, 2018. Amount of coverage: 500 000 RUB. Legal and actual address: BaikalNature LLC 119A Dekabrskikh Sobyti Str., office 13 664007 Irkutsk Russia

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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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