

Baikal Multi-Active — Detailed description

Trip Length: 8 Group: 4-14 Departure: Fixed Period: February - March

Trip overview

The tour "Baikal Multiactive" fits perfectly for those who appreciate active stay. You will enjoy different winter activities: dog sledding and snowmobiling through the snow-covered taiga, Baikal crossing on hovercraft, trekking with individual pulka on the ice of the lake, Chersky rock lift, toboggan on cow skins, skiing at the best Baikal resort, trekking at the foot of the Khamar-Daban mountain. Also there will be a real Russian banya on the board of the lake.

You will discover the south shore of the lake when Lake Baikal is already frozen and you can drive and walk on it. Shining ice hummocks, pure and crystal Baikal ice, frozen waves on the rocks - that what attracts amateurs of Winter Baikal. At this time days are usually sunny that produces particular colours of Baikal landscapes. Do not miss this opportunity to admire this beauty!

An ideal stay to meet with family or friends!

Highlights

- Circular itinerary
- Dog sledding and snowmobiles through Siberian taiga
- Trekking on ice with your pulka
- Hovercraft crossing of the frozen lake Baikal
- Visit of the best Baikal skiing resort
- Walking in the snow-covered taiga near Kamar-Daban
- Train itinerary along the most beautiful part of the Trans-Siberian

Tour type

ACTIVENATURE

Difficulty

Moderate - 3-5 hours of physical activity daily

Comfort

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

Begining / end of the tour

Tour starts: Irkutsk, End of the tour: Irkutsk

Program

Day 1 — First meeting with the Baikal

10:30 — Pick up at the airport and meeting with your guide

10:50 — Transfer Irkutsk - Listvyanka

11:50 — Excursion to Taltsy

13:00 — Arrival to Listvyanka

14:00 — Lunch (Not included)

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15:00 — Time at leisure

19:00 — Dinner (Not included)

Overnight in the hotel

Hotels: Accommodation in the hotel "BaikalCedar", Standard twin room

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

Day 2 — Dog-sledding through the taiga

09:00 — Breakfast in the hotel

10:00 — Meeting with your guide and transfer to the dog-sledding center

11:00 — Dog sled

13:00 — Lunch in the restaurant

14:00 — Excursion on snowmobile

15:40 — Return to the hotel

19:00 — Dinner in the hotel (Not included)

Overnight in the hotel

Hotels: Accommodation in the hotel "BaikalCedar", Standard twin room

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

Day 3 — Trekking Listvyanka - Bolshiye Koty

09:00 — Breakfast in the hotel

10:00 — Meeting with your guide

13:00 — Outdoor picnic

16:00 — Arrival to the Bolshiye Koty village

18:00 — Russian banya

19:00 — Dinner in the homestay

Overnight in the homestay

Hotels: Accommodation the guest house Solnechniy, Bed in the twin room

Comfort: Simple comfort accommodation, dry closet indoors, banya

Day 4 — Day in the Baikal village

09:00 — Breakfast in the homestay

10:30 — Trekking to the Skreepier cape

13:00 — Lunch in the guest house

15:00 — Walking in the village

18:00 — Russian banya

19:00 — Dinner in the homestay

Overnight in the homestay

Hotels: Accommodation the guest house Solnechniy

Day 5 — Baikal crossing and Warm lakes

09:00 — Breakfast in the guest house

10:00 — Departure on hovercraft to the Vydrino village

11:30 — Arrival to Vydrino

12:30 — Lunch in the hotel

13:30 — Excursion to the Warm lakes

19:00 — Dinner

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Overnight in the hotel

Hotels: Accommodation in the guest house "Na snezhnoy", House for 4 persons
Comfort: Comfortable accommodation, WC and shower on the floor

Day 6 — One of the best Russian skiing resort

09:00 — Breakfast in the hotel
10:00 — Transfer to the Baykalsk town
11:00 — Arrival and accommodation in the hotel
13:00 — Lunch (Not included)
15:00 — Time at leisure
19:00 — Dinner (Not included)

Overnight in the hotel

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

Day 7 — Return to Irkutsk

09:00 — Breakfast in the hotel
12:00 — Transfer to the railway station
17:00 — Arrival to Irkutsk and check-in
19:00 — Dinner in the hotel (Not included)

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 program

09:00 — Breakfast in the hotel
11:00 — Transfer to the airport

Departures

Start	End	Basic price per person
14.02.2021	21.02.2021	69500.00 RUB
07.03.2021	14.03.2021	69500.00 RUB

Note

Guaranteed departure from 5 participants. The price includes breakfast on Day 2-8, lunch on Day 3-5 and dinner on Day 3-5. Banya is included on Day 3-4. Rent of outer clothing (jacket, pants, valenki (felt boots), balaclava and mittens) 6 000 roubles (subject to availability). Single supplement for overnights Day 1-2, 6-7: 7 800 RUB. The price of the tour includes travel health insurance for persons under 65 years.

What's included

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Price includes

- Dog sled rental
- English-speaking guide
- Accommodation as per itinerary
- Transport as per itinerary
- Excursions and visits as per itinerary
- Reserves and national parks entrance permissions
- Transfer from airport / railway station on first day
- Letter of invitation
- Snowmobile and equipment rental
- Transfer to airport / railway station on last day
- Railway tickets in 2nd class
- Meals according to the program
- Accident insurance

Price does not include

- Personal expenses and tips
- Visa fees and travel insurance
- Airline tickets
- Ski rental

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.

Crampons for walking on ice will be provided on the spot.

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 BACKPACK: must contain the rest of your stuff. It will be in the luggage compartment during the flight. You will bring it during some days of the trekking.

Recommended checklist

Thermal underwear
POLARTEC or similar pullover
Long sleeve shirts or sweatshirts
Sunglasses with filter
Flip-flops for banya
Down jacket
Fleece jacket or warm sweater
Comfortable pants

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Warm gloves or mittens

Lipstick

Photo / video camera

Laundry

Some hotels and inns offer laundry services for a variable sum of money. It is sometimes possible to use laundry services at homestay (when there is running water) for a fee.

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.

Medical Form

You should be physically fit enough 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

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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 7902/20-49 from October 08, 2020. Amount of coverage: 500 000 RUB. Legal and actual address: BaikalNature LLC 119A Dekabrskikh Sobyti Str., office 13 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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