

## Excursion to Listvyanka village — Detailed description

Trip Length: 1 Group: 1-8 Departure: Fixed Period: September - October

### Trip overview

70 km from Irkutsk, on the spot where the Angara River takes its source, Listvyanka is located remaining the most accessible village from the lake. Excursion to Listvyanka village is the good opportunity to get acquainted with the lake if you have only one available day. We suggest this excursion before the great tours to the lake – there the acquaintance with Lake Baikal should be started!

Many years ago the cargoes of tea, salt, meat, fish and furs were transferred through the port of Listvyanka. At the Soviet time the Institute of Limnology of the lake, that is now in Irkutsk, was located there and conducted great researches on this gigantic natural laboratory called Lake Baikal. The building of the Institute in Listvyanka is nowadays the Baikal museum. There are unique expositions representing the variety of the Baikal flora and fauna. The village is situated an hour away from the city of Irkutsk and it's the most accessible Baikal point to visit.

### Highlights

- Ideal option to discover Lake Baikal in a short space of time
- Discovery of traditional Siberian wooden architecture
- Visit of the Baikal museum
- Chairlift to the viewpoint
- Tasting of the Baikal cuisine
- Small group of 8 participants maximum with private transport

### Tour type

DISCOVERYNATURE

### Difficulty

Easy - nothing more than normal walking while sight-seeing

### Comfort

This tour doesn't have overnights.

### Begining / end of the tour

Tour starts: Irkutsk, End of the tour: Listvyanka

### Program

#### Day 1 — Excursion to Listvyanka village

10:00 — Meeting with your guide and acquaintance  
10:10 — Departure to Listvyanka village  
11:10 — Excursion to Taltsy  
12:30 — Lift on the Chersky rock  
13:20 — Lunch in the restaurant  
14:20 — Excursion to the Baikal Museum  
16:00 — Return to Irkutsk

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## Departures

Start	End	Basic price per person
09.03.2020	09.03.2020	9800.00 RUB
17.09.2020	17.09.2020	9800.00 RUB
01.10.2020	01.10.2020	9800.00 RUB
05.10.2020	05.10.2020	9800.00 RUB
12.10.2020	12.10.2020	9800.00 RUB
18.10.2020	18.10.2020	9800.00 RUB
27.10.2020	27.10.2020	9800.00 RUB

## Note

The price is indicated for a group of 4 persons minimum. If there less people in the group, the supplement is applied: - for a group of 3 participants, the supplement is 2200 roubles / per person; - for a group of 2 participants, the supplement is 4300 roubles / per person; - for an individual traveller the supplement is 15100 roubles. The programme can be organised all the year round. According to your suggestions, the program can be extended by supplement visits and activities. The price includes lunch, breakfast and dinner are not included.

## What's included

### Price includes

- English-speaking guide
- Transport as per itinerary
- Excursions and visits as per itinerary
- Ropeway to Chersky Rock
- Lunches

### Price does not include

- Personal expenses and tips

## 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.

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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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.

ATTENTION! The list of equipment varies with the season of travel!

## 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 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.

## Medical Form

No particular physical condition is required.

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

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