

Baikal By Snowmobile — Detailed description

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

Trip overview

Imagine snowmobile travel in the very heart of Siberia on the ice-covered Baikal... An ideal route for travellers looking for a blend of cultural discoveries and outdoor activities in one adventure. Magnificent paths on the Baikal ice field leading to the centre of the southern part of Lake Baikal and those of Siberian taiga will make you plunge into the magic of Russian winter. On the menu of this discovery are the Circum-Baikal tunnels and bridges, traditional villages of fishermen and gold diggers. Another busy day is over, you will find yourself in a comfortable hotel and try true Russian banya!

Highlights

- Fabulous snowmobile adventure in the heart of Siberia
- Harmonious union of outdoor activities and cultural programme
- Accommodation in comfortable hotel on the shore of Lake Baikal

Tour type

NATURE

Difficulty

Moderately Easy - 1-3 hours of physical activity daily

Comfort

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Program

Day 1 — -

Day 2 — -

Day 3 — -

Day 4 — -

Departures

New departures available soon

Note

The price includes: Half board accommodation in twin room (breakfast and lunch) English-speaking guide on Day 1 Single supplement - 4500 RUB Supplement for one person per snowmobile - 10000 RUB

What's included

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Price includes

- English-speaking guide
- Russian-speaking guide services
- Russian-speaking guide
- Accommodation as per itinerary
- Transport as per itinerary
- Meals as per itinerary
- Excursions and visits as per itinerary
- Ropeway to Chersky Rock
- Accident insurance
- Letter of invitation

Price does not include

- Transfers in Irkutsk
- Visa invitation and registration of passports (for foreign citizens, if necessary)
- Personal expenses and tips
- Visa fees and travel insurance
- Ski rental
- Ice skate rental
- Bathing in springs
- Airplane/ train tickets
- Airline tickets

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.

If you are traveling in the spring or autumn, please check with your manager for a list of recommended equipment and an approximate weather forecast.

Recommended checklist

comfortable shoes for trekking

raincoat / windproof and waterproof jacket with HOOD!

sunglasses

towel

fleece jacket/sweater with collar

warm mittens (for convenience, thin gloves and a second layer of mittens with fur) / ski gloves

winter expeditionary down jacket (up to -50°)

fleece balaclava

moisturizing cream

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Meals

If you are a vegetarian or have any particular preferences, please let us know, so we could adapt the menu.

Half board: breakfast at your accommodation, lunch during excursions, dinner not included.

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 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.

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.

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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.

Security

Your safety is very important to us! During the trip we ask you to follow the guide's advice, read the instructions carefully and follow the group. If you have any questions or experience any discomfort, please notify your guide or tour-manager immediately.

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