

Classic Yakutia — Detailed description

Trip Length: 8 Group: 4-8 Departure: Fixed Period: December - January

Trip overview

Are you dreaming of exploring one of the most mysterious regions of Russia, Yakutia? We propose you our tour "Yakutia classic". During this trip you will visit the most attractive places of Yakutia!

You will start your journey with a visit of Yakutia's capital – Yakutsk. You will get to see one of the most stunning phenomenons on the Lena River: the Lena Pillars that was inscribed on the World Heritage list. Also you will visit the Buluus glacier that doesn't melt entirely even if it's +35C! In the ethno complex Chochur Muran you will learn about Cossaks' culture and lifestyle in Yakutia and also you will take a taste of some national dishes. Moreover you will have a unique opportunity to take part in a national holiday Ysyakh (celebration rejoicing the end of winter and the subsequent "return" of the sun). It's a celebration of the Yakutia's culture with all its aspects – costumes, traditions, dances, songs, and, of course, cuisine!

For only 8 intense days, you will understand the mysterious Yakuts' soul and their warm hearts. For your comfort, we propose a good buses and the accommodation in the best hotel of Yakutsk – "Polar Star".

Highlights

- Participation in national holiday Ysyakh
- Visit of the Buluus glacier
- Discovery of the Lena Pillars
- Boat trip along the Lena River
- Excursio nto the unique zoo Orto Doydu
- Accommodation in the best hotel of Yakutsk

Tour type

DISCOVERYNATURE

Difficulty

Moderately Easy - 1-3 hours of physical activity daily

Comfort

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Begining / end of the tour

Tour starts: Yakutsk, End of the tour: Yakutsk

Program

Day 1 — Acquaintance with Yakutsk

10:00 — Transfer airport - hotel

12:00 — Lunch (Not included)

13:00 — Walking city-tour

19:00 — Dinner (Not included)

Overnight in the hotel

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Hotels: Accommodation in the hotel Pole star, Standard twin room
Comfort: Comfortable accommodation, WC and bath / shower in room

Day 2 — Buluus glacier

08:15 — Breakfast in the hotel
08:45 — Departure for the Buluus glacier
13:00 — Lunch
13:00 — Discovery of the glacier
19:00 — Dinner (Not included)
Overnight in the hotel

Hotels: Accommodation in the hotel Pole star, Standard twin room
Comfort: Comfortable accommodation, WC and bath / shower in room

Day 3 — Kingdom of Permafrost

08:10 — Breakfast in the hotel
08:45 — Transfer to Orto Doydu
11:00 — Excursion to the complex of Chochur Muran
13:00 — Transfer to the ethno complex of Chochur Muran
14:00 — Lunch (Not included)
16:30 — Excursion to the zoo Orto Doidu
18:00 — Return to Yakutsk
19:00 — Dinner
Overnight on board

Hotels: Accommodation in the twin cabin, Mikhail Svetlov, Twin cabin
Comfort: Comfortable accommodation, WC and shower on the floor

Day 4 — Great rocks - Lena Pillars

07:00 — Breakfast
11:30 — Excursion in the Lena Pillars Nature Park
15:00 — Lunch in the camping zone
19:00 — Dinner
19:00 — Return to Yakutsk
Overnight on board

Hotels: Accommodation in the twin cabin, Mikhail Svetlov, Twin cabin
Comfort: Comfortable accommodation, WC and shower on the floor

Day 5 — Free day in Yakutsk

07:00 — Breakfast
08:00 — Arrival and transfer to the hotel
10:00 — Free time
19:00 — Dinner (Not included)
Overnight in the hotel

Hotels: Accommodation in the hotel Pole star, Standard twin room
Comfort: Comfortable accommodation, WC and bath / shower in room

Day 6 — National holiday Ysyakh

08:00 — Breakfast in the hotel

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09:00 — Transfer to Us-Khatyn
12:00 — Celebration of Ysyakh holiday
13:00 — Lunch (Not included)
14:00 — Continuation of the celebration
19:00 — Dinner (Not included)
Overnight in the hotel

Hotels: Accommodation in the hotel Pole star, Standard twin room
Comfort: Comfortable accommodation, WC and bath / shower in room

Day 7 — Continuation of the ceremony

08:30 — Breakfast in the hotel
11:00 — Second day of national holiday Ysyakh
13:00 — Lunch (Not included)
15:00 — Return to Yakutsk
19:00 — Dinner (Not included)
Overnight in the hotel

Hotels: Accommodation in the hotel Pole star, Standard twin room
Comfort: Comfortable accommodation, WC and bath / shower in room

Day 8 — End of the program

08:00 — Breakfast in the hotel
09:00 — Check-out of the hotel before 12:00.
10:00 — Transfer to the hotel. End of the program.

Departures

Start	End	Basic price per person
17.06.2019	24.06.2019	128400.00 RUB

Note

Guaranteed departure for a group of 4 persons. If there are less persons in the group, the price can be changed. Single supplement 18 750 RUB / pers.

What's included

Price includes

- 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
- Boat trip
- Transfer to airport / railway station on last day
- English-speaking guide services
- Meals according to the program

Price does not include

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

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Checklist & Equipment

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

Sunglasses

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

Shorts

T-shirts

Socks

Cap or hat to protect against sun

Comfortable shoes for city

Sunscreen for skin and lips

Toilet roll

Towel

Swimsuit

Important travel documents: Passport and visa, original or electronic airplane tickets (with a sets of photocopies kept separately), bank card

Photo / video camera

About the boat

Mikhail Svetlov Cruise Ship

Cruise liner "Mikhail Svetlov" was built at Austrian shipyard in Korneuburg. The liner took its name after talented Russian poet Mikhail Svetlov.

Mrs. Kristine Wranitzky, the wife of ex-chancellor of Austria, is the godmother of the liner.

The ship was put into operation in April 1986.

Specifications :

- length : 90,3 m,
- breadth : 15 m,
- draft : 1,6 m,
- cruising speed : 21,5 km/h,
- engine capacity : 1380 h/p.

Cabins :

- 22 four berth cabins,
- 33 standard two berth cabins,
- 8 first class two berth cabins,
- 6 one berth cabins
- 2 cabins Deluxe.

All cabins equipped with comfortable furniture, air-conditioner, shower-box, lavatory. The first-aid post, reception, sauna, ironing room, kiosk and restaurant up to 82 seats with the fountain in the center of the dinner hall are located on the Main deck of the ship. Then visiting our restaurant you will enjoy our chef's art of cooking testing European and Northern nations cuisines. Entertaining programs and disco take place at the Concert hall on the Boat Deck. There is a panoramic salon where you can enjoy reading, admire picturesque surroundings of Lena river banks sitting in the comfortable arm-chair, or playing chess on the heard part of the ship. There is cinema on the Sunny Deck.

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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.

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

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

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 9302/19-49 from September 30, 2019. 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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Cancellation Options

The cancellation options are:

- more than 30 days before departure - 30% of the tour price,
- 30 - 7 days before departure - 50% of the tour price,
- less than 7 days before departure - 100% of the tour price.

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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