

## Cruise Yakutsk -Tiksi - Yakutsk — Detailed description

Trip Length: 14 Group: 1-20 Departure: Fixed Period: December - January

### Trip overview

Dive deep into one of the northernmost regions of Siberia: Yakutia. You will gain an insight into this remote region as you sail down the greatest river in Russia: the Lena River.

As you travel aboard the Mikhail Svetlov cruise ship, the regions will unveil its hidden treasures.

Your tour will first take you to Yakutsk, the region's capital. Then as the ship sails away you will get to see one of the most stunning phenomena on the Lena River: the Lena Pillars. In the course of the cruise and the stops the River's banks will constantly dazzle you. You will also get acquainted with Yakutia's history and culture.

Aboard the ship you will cross the mythical Arctic Circle. You will keep sailing down the Lena River (and further north) all the way to its delta, where you will visit the village of Tiksi located on the shores of the Laptev Sea (a part of the Arctic Ocean).

The cruise is held on board of the ship "Mikhail Svetlov" (or "Demyan Bedniy" - the sister ship).

Technical description: year built - 1986 (1985), length - 90,3 m, width - 15 m, maximum speed - 21 km/h, cabins - 66, accommodation - 210 berths expedition. Welcome on board!

### Highlights

- Visit of Yakutsk (Yakutia's capital)
- Discovering the Lena Pillars
- Crossing the Arctic Circle
- Sailing up the Lena River all the way to its delta
- Getting acquainted with the Yakuts and their culture
- Conference on Yakutia and Russian language course

### Tour type

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### Difficulty

Easy - nothing more than normal walking while sight-seeing

### Comfort

Upgraded — all nights in comfortable rooms.

### Beginning / end of the tour

Tour starts: Yakutsk, End of the tour: Yakutsk

## Program

### Day 1 — Discovery of Yakutsk

10:00 — Arrival to Yakutsk

11:00 — Transfer to the river port

11:30 — Accommodation in cabins

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14:00 — Yakoutsk city-tour (Not included)

19:00 — Departure from Yakutsk to Lena Pillars by boat

19:15 — Dinner on board

Overnight on board

Hotels: Accommodation in the cabin, Mikhail Svetlov, Single cabin

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

### Day 2 — Great rocks - Lena Pillars

09:00 — Breakfast

10:00 — Lena Pillars national park

13:00 — Lunch during the excursion

15:00 — Continuation of the excursion

19:00 — Dinner

Overnight on board

Hotels: Accommodation in the cabin, Mikhail Svetlov, Single cabin

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

### Day 3 — Buotama river

09:00 — Breakfast

11:00 — Start of navigation

13:00 — Lunch

14:00 — Excursion to the breeding center for bison

19:00 — Dinner

Overnight on board

Hotels: Accommodation in the cabin, Mikhail Svetlov, Single cabin

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

### Day 4 — Continuation of the cruise

09:00 — Breakfast

10:00 — Free day on board

13:00 — Lunch

15:00 — Floor show on board

19:00 — Dinner

Overnight on board

Hotels: Accommodation in the cabin, Mikhail Svetlov, Single cabin

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

### Day 5 — Acquaintance with culture of Yakutia

09:00 — Breakfast

10:00 — Departure to Zhigansk on ferry

13:00 — Lunch

15:00 — Folklore concert of Evenkis

18:00 — Return on board

19:00 — Dinner

Overnight on board

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

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**Day 6 — Everyday life of the village**

09:00 — Breakfast  
09:00 — Visit of the Kussur village  
13:00 — Lunch  
15:00 — Continuation of the excursion  
18:00 — Return on the board  
19:00 — Dinner  
Overnight on board

Hotels: Accommodation in the cabin, Mikhail Svetlov, Single cabin  
Comfort: Comfortable accommodation, WC and bath / shower in room

**Day 7 — The northernmost village of Yakutia**

09:00 — Breakfast  
10:00 — Departure to Tiksi  
13:00 — Lunch  
14:00 — Continuation of the excursion  
19:00 — Dinner  
Overnight on board

Hotels: Accommodation in the cabin, Mikhail Svetlov, Single cabin  
Comfort: Comfortable accommodation, WC and bath / shower in room

**Day 8 — Free day**

09:00 — Breakfast  
10:00 — Free time  
13:00 — Lunch  
15:00 — Floor show on board  
19:00 — Dinner  
Overnight on board

Hotels: Accommodation in the cabin, Mikhail Svetlov, Single cabin  
Comfort: Comfortable accommodation, WC and bath / shower in room

**Day 9 — Fishermen village**

09:00 — Breakfast  
10:00 — Visit of Stepanovka village  
13:00 — Lunch  
15:00 — Continuation to the navigation  
19:00 — Dinner  
Overnight on board

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

**Day 10 — Polar circle**

09:00 — Breakfast  
11:00 — Stop near the Polar circle  
13:00 — Lunch  
15:00 — Free time

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19:00 — Dinner

Overnight on board

Hotels: Accommodation in the cabin, Mikhail Svetlov, Single cabin

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

### Day 11 — Day on board

09:00 — Breakfast

11:00 — Continuation of the cruise

13:00 — Lunch

15:00 — Free time

19:00 — Dinner

Overnight on board

Hotels: Accommodation in the cabin, Mikhail Svetlov, Single cabin

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

### Day 12 — Farewell dinner near the fire

09:00 — Breakfast

11:00 — Green stop

13:00 — Lunch

17:00 — Fire of friendship

19:00 — Dinner

Overnight on board

Hotels: Accommodation in the cabin, Mikhail Svetlov, Single cabin

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

### Day 13 — Open-air museum "Druzhba"

09:00 — Breakfast

11:00 — Excursion to the museum of history and architecture

13:00 — Lunch

15:00 — Souvenir shop

19:00 — Dinner

Overnight on board

Hotels: Accommodation in the cabin, Mikhail Svetlov, Single cabin

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

### Day 14 — Farewell, Yakutia

07:30 — Breakfast

09:00 — Transfer to the airport. End of the programme.

## Departures

| Start      | End        | Basic price per person |
|------------|------------|------------------------|
| 10.07.2024 | 23.07.2024 | 436100.00 RUB          |
| 26.07.2024 | 08.08.2024 | 436100.00 RUB          |
| 14.08.2024 | 27.08.2024 | 436100.00 RUB          |


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## Note

The price is for one person and includes accommodation in a single cabin. It is also possible to accommodate in other types of cabins: luxury, junior suite, two-, three- and four-bed standard cabins. For pricing and availability of other cabin types, please contact us. \* A copy of your tourist visa must be provided 40 days before the start of your cruise. \* For visiting Tiksi all foreigners should get a special permission. This document is free of charge, but it should be prepared 90 days before the date of departure. Everyday lectures about Yakutia, the Russian language classes and movie demonstration are offered. Thematic entertaining program in the musical saloon will be available in the evening.

## What's included

### Price includes

- English-speaking guide services
- Russian-speaking guide
- Excursions and visits as per itinerary
- Nature reserves and parks entrance permissions
- Bathing in springs
- Airplane/ train tickets
- Letter of invitation
- Meals according to the program
- Visa invitation and registration of passports (for foreign citizens, if necessary)

### Price does not include

- Personal expenses and tips
- Visa fees and travel insurance
- Airline tickets
- Meals as per itinerary
- Optional activities

## Recommended checklist

pants, long sleeve jacket/tracksuit

raincoat / windproof and waterproof jacket with HOOD!

towel

sleeping bag

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

winter expeditionary down jacket (up to -50°)

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## 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,

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- 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.

## Meals

Three meals a day on shipboard, cuisine, based on fresh products and caught fish.

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 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,

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- 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: +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

### Cancellation Options

Cancellation policy:

If cancelled 30% of cruise price (non-refundable deposit)

20-10 days before embarkation – 70% of cruise price

Less than 10 days before embarkation -100% of cruise 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.

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