

Road of bones Expedition — Detailed description

Trip Length: 8 Group: 1-4 Departure: Fixed Period: August - September

Trip overview

This expedition is for those who seek unknown emotions and new impressions. For those who want to move away from the beaten tourist routes and, at the same time, immerse themselves in the boundless kingdom of harsh nature with its majestic history of human exploration.

During the tour you will visit the port city of Magadan, the famous Kolyma highway or "road of bones", the Kolyma hydroelectric power station, an abandoned ghost town, the Pole of Cold, the capital of Yakutia and the highway through permafrost.

The Kolyma highway is located between Yakutsk and Magadan, 2032 km long. It is also known as the "road of bones", because the Kolyma highway became one big mass grave for thousands of people during its construction.

The Lena Highway (A-360) runs mainly through permafrost. In 2006, the road was recognized as one of the most dangerous roads in the world. Some drivers compared this road to hell. Until 2014, asphalt pavement was only on small sections in the Tynda, Neryungri and Aldan area, and the road becomes difficult to pass during snowmelt or heavy rains. Today, only some sections of the road are unpaved. The length of the highway is 1,157 km.

This program is an expedition. The route description is a general plan of the expedition. In case of any force majeure or weather conditions, the organizers have the right to make changes.

Highlights

- The harsh and wild beauty of the natural expanses of Russia's largest region
- Ghost town visits
- Visit of the GULAG camps
- Travelling through the permafrost and the Road of Bones
- Meeting with the indigenous people of Russia
- Driver-guide with many years of experience and complete safety on the route

Tour type

EXPEDITIONNATURE

Difficulty

Moderate - 3-5 hours of physical activity daily

Comfort

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

Beginning / end of the tour

Tour starts: Yakutsk, End of the tour: Magadan

Program

Day 1 — Arrival in Yakutsk

10:00 — Arrival at the airport of Yakutsk

11:00 — Transfer to the hotel

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Overnight in the hotel

Hotels: Accommodation in the hotel "Sterkh", Yakutsk, Twin or Double room
Comfort: Comfortable accommodation, WC and bath / shower in room

Day 2 — Siberian rivers Lena and Aldan

08:00 — Breakfast in the hotel
09:00 — Start of the expedition
12:00 — Excursion to the museum in Cherkekh
13:00 — Lunch (Not included)
17:00 — Arrival to Khandyga
19:00 — Dinner (Not included)

Overnight in Khandyga

Hotels: Accommodation in the homestay Khandyga, Bed in the homestay
Comfort: Comfortable accommodation, shared WC and bath / shower

Day 3 — Mountain ranges of the Kolyma road

08:00 — Breakfast
09:00 — Departure to Tomtor
18:00 — Arrival to Tomtor and accommodation
19:00 — Homemade dinner

Overnight in the homestay

Hotels: Accommodation in the homestay in Tomtor, Bed in the twin room
Comfort: Simple comfort accommodation, dry closet indoors, banya

Day 4 — Oymyakon - Pole of Cold

09:00 — Breakfast
11:00 — Visit of the Oymyakon village
13:00 — Lunch in the cafe en route (Not included)
14:00 — Transfer to Ust-Nera
19:00 — Dinner in the café (Not included)

Overnight in the hotel

Hotels: Accommodation in the hotel "Solnechnaya", Ust-Nera, Twin room

Day 5 — Ghost town Kadykchan

08:00 — Breakfast (Not included)
08:30 — Departure to Kadykchan
13:00 — Lunch in the café (Not included)
16:00 — Continuation of the road to Susuman town
18:00 — Dinner in the café (Not included)

Overnight in the hotel

Hotels: Accommodation à l'hôtel de Soussouman, Chambre double
Comfort: Comfortable accommodation, WC and shower on the floor

Day 6 — Kolyma - Road of Bones

08:00 — Breakfast in the café (Not included)
09:00 — Starting of the road
13:00 — Lunch in the road cafe (Not included)

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18:00 — Arrival in Magadan and accommodation at the hotel

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

Overnight in a hotel

Hotels: Accommodation in the Magadan hotel, Twin standard room

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

Day 7 — Getting to know Magadan and the bays of the Sea of Okhotsk

08:00 — Breakfast in the hotel

09:00 — Trip to the Sea of Okhotsk coast

13:00 — Lunch in the café (Not included)

14:00 — Visit of Magadan

19:00 — Dinner (Not included)

Overnight in the hotel

Hotels: Accommodation in the Magadan hotel, Twin standard room

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

Day 8 — End of the program

09:00 — Breakfast

12:00 — Check out from the hotel and transfer to the airport

Departures

Start	End	Basic price per person
02.07.2025	09.07.2025	306100.00 RUB
23.07.2025	30.07.2025	306100.00 RUB
13.08.2025	20.08.2025	306100.00 RUB
10.09.2025	17.09.2025	306100.00 RUB

Note

The price is for a group of 3 participants / per person. For fewer or more people, the cost will be recalculated. - for an individual traveler: 745,900 rubles. - for a group of 2 people: 398,700 rubles / per person. - for a group of 4 people: 246,100 rubles / per person. - for more participants, the cost is calculated individually. It is possible to organize a tour in the opposite direction Magadan - Yakutsk. The itinerary of the expedition can be changed according to the road or weather conditions as well as unforeseen events.

What's included

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Price includes

- Accommodation as per itinerary
- Excursions and visits as per itinerary
- English-speaking guide
- Transport a per itinerary
- Meals as per itinerary
- Visa invitation and registration of passports (for foreign citizens, if necessary)
- Nature reserves and parks entrance permissions
- Accident insurance

Price does not include

- Personal expenses and tips
- Visa fees and travel insurance
- Airplane/ train tickets

Checklist & Equipment

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

underwear, socks (several pairs)
T-shirts, shorts
pants, long sleeve jacket/tracksuit
warm jacket (for example, fleece) or light jacket
rubber slippers
comfortable shoes for trekking
comfortable shoes for the city
raincoat / windproof and waterproof jacket with HOOD!
sunglasses
wet wipes and antibacterial hand gel
water bottle/flask
spray against mosquitoes and ticks (for summer outdoor tours)

Meals

At restaurants and homestays in cities, traditional cuisine consists of local specialties.
In the canteen at the inns, fresh local products.

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.

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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

You should be physically fit enough for this tour.

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

The cancellation options are:

- more than 40 days before departure - 30 % of the tour price,
- 39 - 10 days before departure - 60 % of the tour price,
- less than 10 days before departure - 100 % of the tour price.

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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