

## Cruise Yakutsk -Tiksi - Yakutsk — Detailed description

Trip Length: 14 Group: 1-20 Departure: Fixed Period: July - September

### 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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13:00 — Lunch

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

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

19:15 — Dinner

Overnight on board

Hotels: Accommodation in the twin cabin, Mikhail Svetlov, Twin cabin

Comfort: Comfortable accommodation, WC and shower on the floor

### 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 twin cabin, Mikhail Svetlov, Twin cabin

Comfort: Comfortable accommodation, WC and shower on the floor

### 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 twin cabin, Mikhail Svetlov, Twin cabin

Comfort: Comfortable accommodation, WC and shower on the floor

### 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

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Comfort: Comfortable accommodation, WC and shower on the floor

### 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 shower on the floor

### 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

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Comfort: Comfortable accommodation, WC and shower on the floor

### 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 twin cabin, Mikhail Svetlov, Twin cabin

Comfort: Comfortable accommodation, WC and shower on the floor

### 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 twin cabin, Mikhail Svetlov, Twin cabin

Comfort: Comfortable accommodation, WC and shower on the floor

### Day 9 — Fishermen village

09:00 — Breakfast

10:00 — Visit of Stepanovka village

13:00 — Lunch

15:00 — Continuation fo the navigation

19:00 — Dinner

Overnight on board

Hotels: Accommodation in the twin cabin, Mikhail Svetlov, Twin cabin

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### Day 10 — Polar circle

09:00 — Breakfast

11:00 — Stop near the Polar circle

13:00 — Lunch

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15:00 — Free time

19:00 — Dinner

Overnight on board

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### 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 twin cabin, Mikhail Svetlov, Twin cabin

Comfort: Comfortable accommodation, WC and shower on the floor

### 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 twin cabin, Mikhail Svetlov, Twin cabin

Comfort: Comfortable accommodation, WC and shower on the floor

### 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 twin cabin, Mikhail Svetlov, Twin cabin

Comfort: Comfortable accommodation, WC and shower on the floor

### Day 14 — Farewell, Yakutia

07:30 — Breakfast

11:00 — Transfer to the airport. End of the programme.

## Departures

Start	End	Basic price per person
08.07.2022	21.07.2022	4260.00 EUR
24.07.2022	06.08.2022	4260.00 EUR


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25.08.2022	07.09.2022	4260.00 EUR
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## Note

The price is for one person and includes accommodation in a single cabin. The price is fixed in euros. If it is a double accommodation in a cabin, the cost of the tour is 3140 euros / person. 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. Children from 2 to 14 years old get a 30% discount.

## What's included

### Price includes

- English-speaking guide services
- Accommodation as per itinerary
- Meals
- Excursions and visits as per itinerary
- Reserves and national parks entrance permissions
- Transfer from airport / railway station on first day
- Transfer to airport / railway station on last day
- Letter of invitation
- Meals according to the program

### Price does not include

- Personal expenses and tips
- Visa fees and travel insurance
- Airline tickets
- Medical insurance
- Optional activities

## Recommended checklist

Sunglasses  
Raincoat or wind and waterproof shell jacket (with hood !)  
POLARTEC or similar pullover  
Long sleeve shirts or sweatshirts  
Cap or hat to protect against sun  
Slippers  
Fleece jacket or warm sweater  
Moisturizer  
Lipstick  
Swimsuit  
Binoculars  
Laundry detergent to wash your clothes

## 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 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

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,

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- 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 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

Cancellation policy:

If cancelled more than 69 days before embarkation – 10% of cruise price (non-refundable deposit)

69-60 days before embarkation – 25% of cruise price

59-50 days before embarkation – 50% of cruise price

49-31 days before embarkation – 75% of cruise price

Less than 31 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.

### 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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