

Baikal by kayak — Detailed description

Trip Length: 5 Group: 4-8 Departure: Fixed Period: July - August

Trip overview

This voyage is specially for those who seek seclusion from all civilization and entire immersion in nature. The main goal is to let you enjoy a long trip on kayak and minimize all typical features of "a civilized tour": hotels, transport, crowd...

On the one hand, this idea allowed to reduce considerably your budget : very important thing! On the other hand, the kayak is an excellent way to get some privacy, comfort and cover long distances.

The layout of the itinerary passes through symbolic places of Baikal, most of which are accessible only by kayak, like the Sennaya and Peschanaya bays, the Belyi cape. We can also see Nerpas (Baikal fresh water seals) where the kayak is the single means of transport that does not frighten animal.

Thus, we put our kayaks into the water at Bugul'deika and sailing in the south up to the Village Bolchoe Goloustnoe crossing the famous Peschanaya Bay, where we will make a break to discover all treasures. After 5 days of autonomy way, we will get off to Irkutsk. Many times itinerary will allow to walk around the coast, discover taiga and views of the lake.

Last models of sea kayak Triton, Russian brand, are used to provide security and comfort. These collapsible kayaks have a rigid structure, inflatable edges that make it unsinkable. For navigating and transporting comfortably, you will seat by two in a three-seat kayak.

Highlights

- Discovery of inaccessible place of Baikal
- Opportunity to see Baikal fresh water seals
- Possibility to stay in the most beautiful places of the lake
- Visit of the Peschanaya bay

Tour type

ACTIVENATURE

Difficulty

Challenging - 5-7 hours of challenging physical activity daily

Comfort

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

Begining / end of the tour

Tour starts: Irkutsk, End of the tour: Irkutsk

Program

Day 1 — First meeting with the Baikal

10:00 — Meeting at "BaikalNature" office

10:05 — Transfer to the Bolshoye Goloustnoye village

12:00 — Arrival to the Bolshoye Goloustnoye village

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13:00 — Lunch (Not included)

18:00 — Camping dinner

Overnight in the tent

Hotels: Camping,

Day 2 — Along the western coast of lake Baikal

09:00 — Breakfast

10:00 — Departure on kayak

13:00 — Lunch (picnic)

17:00 — Continuation of the navigation

17:00 — Setting up of the camp and rest

19:00 — Dinner

Overnight in the tent

Hotels: Camping,

Day 3 — The most beautiful bay of lake Baikal

09:00 — Breakfast

10:00 — Navigation on kayak

13:00 — Lunch on the Baikal shore

14:00 — Continuation of the navigation

17:00 — Arrival and setting up of the camp

19:00 — Dinner

Overnight in the tent

Hotels: Camping,

Day 4 — Continuation of the navigation

09:00 — Breakfast

10:00 — Kayaking to the Belyi cape

13:00 — Outdoor lunch

16:00 — Continuation of the navigation

19:00 — Dinner

Overnight in the tent

Hotels: Camping,

Day 5 — Return to Irkutsk

09:00 — Breakfast

10:00 — Departure to the Buguldeyka village

12:00 — Transfer to Irkutsk

Departures

Start	End	Basic price per person
24.07.2023	28.07.2023	35900.00 RUB
01.08.2023	05.08.2023	35900.00 RUB

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Note

The price includes breakfast on Day 2-4; lunch Day 2-4 and dinner on Day 1-4. We recommend you to arrive the day before for avoiding to be late. To note: maximum weight to take part in this trip is 100 kg. The timing and the itinerary of the your is approximate. This tour is held on the uninhabited coast of the lake, far away from the civilization. The duration and the place for the stops will be defined by the guide on site for ensure your security.

What's included

Price includes

- English-speaking guide services
- Accommodation as per itinerary
- Transport as per itinerary
- Reserves and national parks entrance permissions
- Tent rental
- Letter of invitation
- Camping outfit rental
- Kayak and equipment rental
- Dry bag rental
- Meals according to the program

Price does not include

- Personal expenses and tips
- Visa fees and travel insurance
- Transfer from airport / railway station on first day
- Transfer to airport / railway station on last day
- Sleeping bag rental
- Airline tickets
- Medical insurance

Checklist & Equipment

It is hot in summer at Lake Baikal area. Nevertheless, you should always have something to put on, as weather in Siberia is very changeable.

If you plan your trip in May or September, please feel free to bring your hat, gloves and windjacket in case of snow or rain.

June is also pretty cool.

July and August are the hottest months, which offer you temperatures of 25 ° - 35 ° at daytime and 15 ° - 18 ° at night. On the shores of Lake Baikal, like in the Alps, you should wear T-shirts and shorts in the sunny afternoons, sweaters and jackets in the cool evenings.

During your kayak tour, your luggage will be carried in a dry-bag (70 L.), on the kayak itself. Please think about it while packing !

Recommended checklist

Sleeping bag rated from 0° C to +15° C

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

POLARTEC or similar pullover

Trekking pants

Shorts

T-shirts

Socks

Cap or hat to protect against sun

Comfortable walking shoes (like Vibram or similar)

Headlamp

Sunscreen for skin and lips

Sunglasses with filter

Toilet roll

Pocket knife (to put in checked baggage)

Fleece jacket or warm sweater

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Moisturizer
Towel
Swimsuit
Tick and mosquitoes repellent spray
Wipes
Antibacterial hand gel
Flip-flop or kayak shoes
1 or 2 thermal lightweight sweater(s)

Meals

Cold lunch and hot dinner, cooked on an open fire in the evening.

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.

It is advisable to keep the following vaccines valid:

- diphtheria,
- tetanus,
- Polio.

Tick-borne encephalitis is present in areas of forest, taiga where ticks are the carriers of encephalitis between May and July. As of August, they are no longer carrying the virus. If you do not get vaccinated, you should follow the basic precautions, including:

- protective clothes
- use of repellents
- daily check of the skin.

It is also possible to take out special insurance covering the analysis of the insect and vaccines.

Provide a first aid kit that includes among other items:

- aspirin or paracetamol,

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- anti-diarrheal pills,
- antiseptic,
- adhesive plaster,
- sterile pads.

If you have individual diseases, make sure you have taken your medications.

Medical Form

A good 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

The cancellation options are:

- more than 30 days before departure - 15% of the tour price,
- 29 - 7 days before departure - 30% of the tour price,
- less than 7 days before departure - 50% 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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