

## Baikal By Kayak 2014 — Detailed description

Trip Length: 11 Group: 5-7 Departure: Fixed Period: December - January

### 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 caves, Cape Kobylia Golova, islands of the Small Sea or "Belfry" of Peschnaya Bay. We will 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 Bolchoe Goloustnoe and sailing in the south up to the Village Bugul'deika crossing the famous Peschanaya Bay, where we will make a break for the half of the day to discover all treasures. After 5 days of autonomy way, we will get off to the southern part of the Olkhon island. There we could have a rest : nice beds and russian banya! With the next day begins the second part of voyage - discovery of the geographic, historical, and cultural heart of Baikal. Starting out from the south of Olkhon, we will go the north passing picturesque bay - Maloye More, Small Sea. We are going to spend two last nights of the journey in Uzury village staying at meteorologist's family. We'll have a chance to explore Khoboy cape, shaman's worship, and enjoy a spectacular view 360 over the lake!

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.

Get inspired while reading attentively "Day by Day" and looking at map!

Our offer is UNIQUE.

### Highlights

- Itinerary aimed at autonomy and immersion in nature
- Discovery of inaccessible place of Baikal
- Possibility to stay in the most beautiful places of journey
- Opportunity to see Baikal fresh water seals
- Trekking to the north of Olkhon island
- Staying at meteorologist's family in Uzury

### Tour type

NATURE

### Difficulty

Moderately Easy - 1-3 hours of physical activity daily

### Comfort

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

### Program

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Day 1 — -

Day 2 — -

Day 3 — -

Day 4 — -

Day 5 — -

Day 6 — -

Day 7 — -

Day 8 — -

Day 9 — -

Day 10 — -

Day 11 — -

## Departures

New departures available soon

## Note

Breakfast on 1 Day; lunch/dinner on 1,5,11 Days (not included) If the number of participants is less than 5, the following supplement is applied: - group of 2 - 31640 RUB / pers. - group of 3 - 13150 RUB / pers. - group of 4 - 5980 RUB / pers.

## What's included

### Price includes

- English-speaking guide services
- Accommodation as per itinerary
- Transport as per itinerary
- Meals
- Medical insurance
- Excursions and visits as per itinerary
- Reserves and national parks entrance permissions
- Tent rental
- Banya
- Letter of invitation
- Camping outfit rental
- Kayak and equipment rental
- Dry bag rental

### Price does not include

- Administrative registration
- 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

## 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.


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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

Moisturizer

Lipstick

Bath towel

Swimsuit

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

Tick and mosquitoes repellent spray

Wipes

Charger and spare battery for camera/phone

Photo / video camera

Tour vouchers and programme

Laundry detergent to wash your clothes

Flip-flop or kayak shoes

1 or 2 thermal lightweight sweater(s)

### Meals

Homestay cuisine based on fresh products.

If you are a vegetarian or have any particular preferences, please let us know, so we could adapt the menu.

Breakfast and dinner prepared on fire, bivouac. Lunch at the picnic, hot water in thermos.

### 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.

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## 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.

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

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

## 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

## 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

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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.

The participants of this tour have an extra accident insurance effected in Irkutsk.

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