

Classic Baikal — Detailed description

Trip Length: 4 Group: 4-19 Departure: Fixed Period: December - January

Trip overview

This time we decided to change the concept of the « classic » itinerary and create for you a short, but very outstanding tour with visiting of the greatest Lake Baikal sites!

We start our tour in Listvyanka village where you might to stay before the group travel. First day, we will navigate along the most beautiful part of the western coast of Lake Baikal. Crossing Olkhonskiye Vorota strait, we will reach Olkhon Island – the biggest island of Lake Baikal. We will be accommodated in the cozy resort with the hot dinner in the evening. We will walk to the Chamanka (Bourkhan) rock – the main landmark of Lake Baikal. The second day, we will cross the entire island till its northernmost point – Khoboy cape. Along the way, we will visit the Peschanoye area, the cape Sagan-Hushun (Three brothers) and the cape Shunte-Leviy. On the way back, we will pass the village Uzury and the local weather station. In the third day, we will cruise to the most marvelous Baikal site – Ushkan Islands where you can see the Baikal nerpa – the endemic seals in their natural habitat. For comfortable cruise, we use a little private speed boat.

We promise you 4 days full of impressions after which you can bravely say that you've seen Lake Baikal!

Highlights

- Short but very eventful program
- Visit of Ushkan islands and Baikal seals watching
- Cruise along the most beautiful part of the west coast
- Visit of Olkhon, the largest island of lake Baikal
- Accompaniment by an individual English-speaking guide throughout the route
- The tour is suitable for families with children
- Accommodation in a comfortable hotel

Tour type

DISCOVERYNATURE

Difficulty

Easy - nothing more than normal walking while sight-seeing

Comfort

Upgraded — all nights in comfortable rooms.

Beginning / end of the tour

Tour starts: Listvyanka, End of the tour: Olkhon island

Program

Day 1 — Along the west coast of lake Baikal

07:30 — Meeting with the group

08:15 — Departure to the Olkhon island

17:00 — Arrival to the Zagli bay

19:00 — Dinner in the hotel's restaurant

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Overnight in the hotel

Hotels: Accommodation in the hotel Villa Malina, Standard room
Comfort: Comfortable accommodation, WC and bath / shower in room

Day 2 — North part of the Olkhon island

09:00 — Breakfast
10:00 — Olkhon island excursion
13:00 — Outdoor lunch
14:00 — Walking around and come back
18:00 — Dinner

Overnight in the hotel

Hotels: Accommodation in the hotel Villa Malina, Standard room
Comfort: Comfortable accommodation, WC and bath / shower in room

Day 3 — Excursion to the Ushkan Islands

06:00 — Breakfast
07:00 — Transfer to the port of the village
07:30 — Transfer by boat to the archipelago
10:30 — Seals viewing
13:00 — Picnic (lunch box with hot tea)
17:00 — Return to the Olkhon island by boat
20:00 — Transfer from the port to Khuzhir
21:00 — Dinner

Overnight in the hotel

Hotels: Accommodation in the hotel Villa Malina, Standard room
Comfort: Comfortable accommodation, WC and bath / shower in room

Day 4 — End of the programme

09:00 — Breakfast in the resort
12:00 — Check-out and end of the programme

Departures

Start	End	Basic price per person
28.06.2023	01.07.2023	89000.00 RUB
09.07.2023	12.07.2023	89000.00 RUB
21.07.2023	24.07.2023	89000.00 RUB
02.08.2023	05.08.2023	89000.00 RUB
11.08.2023	14.08.2023	89000.00 RUB
13.08.2023	16.08.2023	89000.00 RUB

Note

The indicated price is guaranteed for a group of 4 participants. If there less persons in the group, the price of the tour can be recalculated.

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Children up to 10 years of age receive a 10% discount. Single supplement – 12 300 RUB / pers. The programme can be extended by supplement services: - transfer from Irkutsk and accommodation in the village Listvyanka; - accommodation on Olkhon island after the tour; - individual transfer or a ticket for scheduled bus from Khujir to Irkutsk city.

What's included

Price includes

- Russian-speaking guide
- Accommodation as per itinerary
- Excursions and visits as per itinerary
- Letter of invitation
- Meals according to the program
- Nature reserves and parks entrance permissions
- Meals during excursions
- English-speaking guide services

Price does not include

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

Checklist & Equipment

For summer travel, we recommend preparing:

- comfortable clothes for hot and sunny weather - we advise you to give preference to natural fabrics, be sure to have sun protection (comfortable hat, SPF protection cream, sunglasses);
- protection from rain and wind - a long raincoat with a hood, for active tours - a waterproof cover on a backpack, the second pair of shoes (the ability to dry a second pair if they get wet);
- clothing in case of bad weather - when the temperature drops (in mountainous regions, on the coasts, in the evening), we recommend taking a light jacket, a warm sweater and pants

In different regions of Russia there can be significant temperature fluctuations in the summer. If you do not have experience traveling in similar regions, please contact your manager to pick up the necessary things and find out about the weather forecast in the place where you are planning your trip.

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

pants, long sleeve jacket/tracksuit

towel

wet wipes and antibacterial hand gel

water bottle/flask

spray against mosquitoes and ticks (for summer outdoor tours)

sleeping bag

winter (down) jacket and warm pants (windproof and waterproof) / winter suit

fleece jacket/sweater with collar

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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Meals

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

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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

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

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

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.

Travel Insurance

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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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