

Discovery of Bolshiye Koty Village — Detailed description

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

Trip overview

This day tour allows you to discover Bolshiye Koty, a small typical village located 18 km (11 mi) north of Listvyanka. No road links these two villages but a trail, thus Bolshiye Koty is far from usual tourist routes.

At first, Bolshiye Koty was a settlement of gold diggers when gold mining began in 1842. Some vestiges of this activity still can be seen here: the valley with hills and even... two dredges almost demolished. Today the village is noted for its biological station. Here, there is a museum devoted to Lake Baikal, which owns a quite rich collection of dragonflies, butterflies, beetles, crawfish, algae, fish...

To discover other sights of the place you can also climb a hill to enjoy a celestial silence and to take beautiful pictures (1/2 hour ascent).

The excursion starts in Listvyanka village where we will get a scheduled ship: within half an hour along the coast we are on site! For travelers who want to start in Irkutsk city, it's possible to take a boat ticket Irkutsk – Listvyanka - Bolshiye Koty (optionally).

Highlights

- Discovery of an authentic village far from civilization
- Tour allowing meeting local people
- Cruise along the western Baikal shore
- One-day excursion accessible for everybody

Tour type

DISCOVERYNATURE

Difficulty

Easy - nothing more than normal walking while sight-seeing

Comfort

This tour doesn't have overnights.

Begining / end of the tour

Tour starts: Listvyanka, End of the tour: Bolshiye Koty

Program

Day 1 — Excursion to Bolshiye Koty village

11:30 — Group gathering in Listvyanka
12:05 — Departure by boat to the village Bolshiye Koty
13:00 — Lunch (picnic)
15:00 — Excursion
18:00 — Return to Listvyanka village

Departures

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Start	End	Basic price per person
25.05.2024	25.05.2024	9900.00 RUB
01.06.2024	01.06.2024	9900.00 RUB
08.06.2024	08.06.2024	9900.00 RUB
15.06.2024	15.06.2024	9900.00 RUB
22.06.2024	22.06.2024	9900.00 RUB
29.06.2024	29.06.2024	9900.00 RUB
03.07.2024	03.07.2024	9900.00 RUB
05.07.2024	05.07.2024	9900.00 RUB
10.07.2024	10.07.2024	9900.00 RUB
12.07.2024	12.07.2024	9900.00 RUB
17.07.2024	17.07.2024	9900.00 RUB
19.07.2024	19.07.2024	9900.00 RUB
24.07.2024	24.07.2024	9900.00 RUB
26.07.2024	26.07.2024	9900.00 RUB
31.07.2024	31.07.2024	9900.00 RUB
06.08.2024	06.08.2024	9900.00 RUB
10.08.2024	10.08.2024	9900.00 RUB
13.08.2024	13.08.2024	9900.00 RUB
17.08.2024	17.08.2024	9900.00 RUB
20.08.2024	20.08.2024	9900.00 RUB
24.08.2024	24.08.2024	9900.00 RUB
27.08.2024	27.08.2024	9900.00 RUB
31.08.2024	31.08.2024	9900.00 RUB

Note

The indicated price is for the group of 4 participants minimum. If there are less persons in the group, the small group supplement is applied:
- for a group of 3 participants, a supplement is 1 700 roubles / per person - for a group of 2 participants, a supplement is 5 300 roubles / per person - for an individual tourist , a supplement is 15 600 roubles. The excursion can be organised any dates from the end of May to the end of September. Children under 10 years old inclusive receive a 30% discount. For individual tourists and groups, it is possible to replace the regular motor ship with a private speed boat (on request).

What's included

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Price includes

- Lunches
- English-speaking guide
- Boat trip

Price does not include

- Optional activities

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.

Recommended checklist

underwear, socks (several pairs)
pants, long sleeve jacket/tracksuit
winter (down) jacket and warm pants (windproof and waterproof) / winter suit

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.

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.

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

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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.

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