

Umba. Boreal Rafting. — Detailed description

Trip Length: Group: 6-10 Departure: Fixed Period: December - January

Trip overview

Umba is a beautiful northern river which takes its source in Lake Oumbozero, inlaid in mountains. It passes through a good part of the Kola Peninsula. The water is pure, emerald. During this descent we cross several lakes (which will be passed motorized) different rapids powerful or extended until 7 km. We will see the unique character of the boreal nature, rocks, forests, clean water and the remains of ancient civilizations (petroglyphs). On the banks of Umba and in the forest you can see the dwarf birch. We will also discover the White Sea and its varied natural environment.

The entire route unfolds beyond the Arctic Circle! That is why the nights will be white until the last departures of August.

During some evenings, touristic banya (Russian sauna) will be organized.

This trip request to be generally in a good physical condition.

Highlights

- Discovery of ancient petroglyphs
- Discovery of boreal wilderness beyond the Arctic Circle
- Discovery of the White Sea and its varied nature

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

Day 1 — -

Day 2 — -

Day 3 — -

Day 4 — -

Day 5 — -

Day 6 — -

Day 7 — -

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Departures

New departures available soon

Note

The base price includes the descent by catamaran. The kayak descent is possible for an additional 2500.00 RUB. Models available: Prijon pure / chopper / yukon expedition / Prijon excursion. Train tickets are available as an option, please, ask us.

What's included

Price includes

- Russian-speaking guide services
- Accommodation as per itinerary
- Transport a per itinerary
- Accommodation
- Camping outfit rental
- Sleeping bag rental
- Kayak and equipment rental
- Dry bag rental

Price does not include

- Personal expenses and tips
- Railway tickets

Recommended checklist

underwear, socks (several pairs)
pants, long sleeve jacket/tracksuit
raincoat / windproof and waterproof jacket with HOOD!
sunscreen and lip balm
swimsuit / swim trunks
wet wipes and antibacterial hand gel
water bottle/flask
winter (down) jacket and warm pants (windproof and waterproof) / winter suit
comfortable winter boots (suitable for walking on ice and snow)
fleece jacket/sweater with collar
comfortable warm hat and scarf (snood)
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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.

Lunch cooked on an open fire.

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.

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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

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.

Emergency Contact

In Western Russia, you can contact BaikalNature by phone: +7 499 705 65 58

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

Security

Your safety is very important to us! During the trip we ask you to follow the guide's advice, read the instructions carefully and follow the group. If you have any questions or experience any discomfort, please notify your guide or tour-manager immediately.

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