

Baikal Buggy Winter Adventure — Detailed description

Trip Length: 3 Group: 4-6 Departure: Fixed Period: February - March

Trip overview

Do you want an adventure with new feelings? Especially for you BaikalNature made an exclusive tour where you will have a unique circular itinerary offering you a total change of scenery each kilometre.

Buggy is a comfortable and practical vehicle with a very high off-road performance often used on rally rides will get over Baikal ice ridges and through cracks. Your trip will be very safe because of spike tires, low seat, stable chassis and firm body. These are the main characteristics that differ buggy from quad bikes and snowmobiles. This little "bug" is very easy to drive having or not experience to drive a car. All you need is to press accelerator pedal or the brake.

You will enjoy driving; moreover, we propose you a unique itinerary: starting from the Maloye More strait, we will stop near the Khorin Irgui cape (Mare's head), we will drive along the western coast of Olkhon island for discovering icy grottoes with splashes – "sokuyi" till the Khoboy Cape – the northernmost point of the island. Then, we will drive to the geographical centre of the lake where we will spend a night in a real BaikalIceCamp! The second day, we will go along the eastern Olkhon island shore: it's uninhabited and wild far away from bitten tourists trails.

Highlights

- Circular tour around Olkhon island
- 100 % safe vehicles and itinerary
- Overnight in the tent camp in the centre of Lake Baikal - "Baikal Ice Camp"
- Discover of the most beautiful places of frozen Baikal

Tour type

ACTIVENATURE

Difficulty

Moderate - 3-5 hours of physical activity daily

Comfort

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

Begining / end of the tour

Tour starts: MRS (Sakhurta), End of the tour: MRS (Sakhurta)

Program

Day 1 — In the great spaces of Maloye More strait

09:00 — Meeting with the group in MRS (Sakhurta village)

09:30 — Briefing and start of the itinerary

13:00 — Packed lunch with hot tea

14:00 — Continuation of the itinerary to BaikalIceCamp

19:00 — Dinner in the camping

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Overnight in the heated tents

Hotels: Camp on the ice of Baikal, Tent for 5-6 persons
Comfort:

Day 2 — Along the eastern Olkhon island coast

09:00 — Breakfast in the camp

10:00 — Return to MRS by the ice

13:00 — Lunch

17:00 — Arrival to MRS and accommodation at the resort

19:00 — Dinner

Overnight at the resort

Hotels: Accommodation at the resort Naratey, Twin comfort room
Comfort: Comfortable accommodation, WC and bath / shower in room

Day 3 — End of the programme

09:00 — Breakfast

Departures

Start	End	Basic price per person
25.02.2023	27.02.2023	81200.00 RUB
28.02.2023	02.03.2023	81200.00 RUB

Note

The price is indicated for a group of 3 persons minimum. If there less people in the group, the supplement is applied: - for a group of 2 participants, the supplement is 15 100 roubles / per person. For an individual buggy - the supplement is 30 000 roubles. The tour has an open departure. Please, contact us for the availability. For all possible optional supplements, please, contact your tour-manager

What's included

Price includes

- Russian-speaking guide
- Accommodation as per itinerary
- Letter of invitation
- Buggy rental and special equipment
- Meals according to the program
- English-speaking guide
- Nature reserves and parks entrance permissions

Price does not include

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

Checklist & Equipment

You will need in Russia in winter:

- to protect yourself from the cold weather;
- to protect yourself from the wind;
- to protect your feet from moisture;
- to protect yourself from the sun's reflection from ice and snow.

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Allow the system of "three layers":

- The first layer, called "second skin", determines the performance of the other two layers. It will transport sweat to the next layer and dry quickly to avoid cooling after exercise. Therefore forget the cotton retains moisture in the skin and choose underwear in synthetic fabrics.
- The second layer must keep the heat of the body as long as possible. Warm synthetic or mixed (wool or fleece turtleneck sweater) fabrics, that dry quickly, are preferable.
- The third layer should protect you against wind and moisture. Choose a jacket, long enough, 100% waterproof, preferably with hood.

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

underwear, socks (several pairs)
comfortable shoes for trekking
sunglasses
towel
water bottle/flask
spray against mosquitoes and ticks (for summer outdoor tours)
winter expedition boots (like Sorel or Baffin)
fleece balaclava
2
3
6
9
11
12
16
Ski goggles
Fleece Balaclava

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 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

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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.

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

You should be physically fit enough for this tour.

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

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

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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