

Discovery of Bolshiye Koty Village — Detailed description

Trip Length: 1 Group: 4-8 Departure: Fixed Period: December - January

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

12:30 — Departure by noat to the village Bolshiye Koty

13:00 — Home-made lunch

15:00 — Excursion

18:30 — Return to Listvyanka village

Departures

Start	End	Basic price per person
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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 1 200 roubles / per person - for a group of 2 participants, a supplement is 2 800 roubles / per person - for an individual tourist, a supplement is 7 800 roubles. The excursion can be organised any dates from mid-May to mid-September.

What's included

Price includes

- Lunches
- English-speaking guide
- Boat trip

Price does not include

- Optional activities

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.

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.

Recommended checklist

Sunglasses

Raincoat or wind and waterproof shell jacket (with hood !)

Comfortable walking shoes (like Vibram or similar)

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.

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For more information please contact your nearest Russian Embassy or Visa Application Center.

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

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: +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 7902/20-49 from October 08, 2020. Amount of coverage: 500 000 RUB. Legal and actual address: BaikalNature LLC 119A Dekabrskikh Sobyti Str., office 13 664007 Irkutsk Russia

Cancellation Options

The cancellation options are:

- more than 30 days before departure - 15% of the tour price,
- 29 - 7 days before departure - 30% of the tour price,
- less than 7 days before departure - 50% of the tour price.

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