

## Cruise across the deepest canyon of Siberia — Detailed description

Trip Length: 9 Group: 1-10 Departure: Fixed Period: December - January

### Trip overview

Welcome on board!

This tour gives you the opportunity to explore one of the most mysterious regions of Siberia: Yakutia.

Aboard the cruise ship you will sail up the third greatest river in Russia: the Lena River.

You will begin your tour with a visit of Yakutia's capital: Yakutsk. Then, as soon as the ship gets going you can admire the beautiful landscapes and distinctive features that the banks have in store, including the Lena Pillars and the impressive Lena Schyoki Canyon.

This cruise will also allow you to meet the Yakuts, whose history and daily life is intimately linked to the Lena River.

The cruise is held on board of the ship "Mikhail Svetlov" (or "Demyan Bedniy" - the sister ship).

Technical description: year built - 1986 (1985), length - 90,3 m, width - 15 m, maximum speed - 21 km/h, cabins - 66, accommodation - 210 berths expedition.

### Highlights

- Cruise on the Lena - the greatest Siberian river
- Sailing through the Lena Schyoki
- Getting acquainted with the Yakuts and their culture
- Conference on Yakutia and russian language class
- Acquaintance with the nature of the permafrost region

### Tour type

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### Difficulty

Easy - nothing more than normal walking while sight-seeing

### Comfort

Upgraded — all nights in comfortable rooms.

### Begining / end of the tour

Tour starts: Yakutsk, End of the tour: Lena river

### Program

#### Day 1 — Start of the navigation and open-air museum

09:00 — Arrival to Yakutsk

11:00 — Transfer to the river port

12:00 — Accommodation in the cabins and the start of the navigation

13:00 — Lunch on board

14:00 — Excursion to the museum of history and architecture

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19:00 — Dinner

Overnight on board

Hotels: Accommodation in the twin cabin, Mikhail Svetlov, Twin cabin

Comfort: Comfortable accommodation, WC and shower on the floor

## Day 2 — Great rocks - Lena Pillars

09:00 — Breakfast

11:00 — Lena Pillars national park

13:00 — Lunch during the excursion

14:00 — Continuation of the excursion

19:00 — Dinner

Overnight on board

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Comfort: Comfortable accommodation, WC and shower on the floor

## Day 3 — Navigation near the Dapparai

09:00 — Breakfast

11:00 — Navigation to the Dapparai river

13:00 — Lunch

15:00 — Free time

19:00 — Dinner

Overnight on board

Hotels: Accommodation in the twin cabin, Mikhail Svetlov, Twin cabin

Comfort: Comfortable accommodation, WC and shower on the floor

## Day 4 — Visit of exile place

09:00 — Breakfast

10:00 — Visit of Ancient Olyokminsk

13:00 — Lunch

15:00 — Continuation of the excursion

19:00 — Dinner

Overnight on board

Hotels: Accommodation in the twin cabin, Mikhail Svetlov, Twin cabin

Comfort: Comfortable accommodation, WC and shower on the floor

## Day 5 — Acquaintance with people of Yakutia

09:00 — Breakfast

11:00 — Station near the Dapparai village

13:00 — Lunch

15:00 — Walking along the shore

19:00 — Dinner

Overnight on board

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## Day 6 — Vitim village

09:00 — Breakfast

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10:00 — Stop near the Vitim village

13:00 — Lunch on board

14:00 — Walking excursion

19:00 — Dinner

Overnight on board

Hotels: Accommodation in the twin cabin, Mikhail Svetlov, Twin cabin

Comfort: Comfortable accommodation, WC and shower on the floor

### Day 7 — Lena Schyoki canyon

09:00 — Breakfast

11:00 — Visit of Lena Schyoki canyon

13:00 — Lunch

14:00 — Continuation of the excursion

19:00 — Dinner

Overnight on board

Hotels: Accommodation in the twin cabin, Mikhail Svetlov, Twin cabin

Comfort: Comfortable accommodation, WC and shower on the floor

### Day 8 — Discovery of Lensk

09:00 — Breakfast

10:00 — Lensk city-tour

13:00 — Lunch during the excursion

15:00 — Continuation of the excursion

19:00 — Dinner

Overnight on board

Hotels: Accommodation in the twin cabin, Mikhail Svetlov, Twin cabin

Comfort: Comfortable accommodation, WC and shower on the floor

### Day 9 — Discovery of the Mirnyi city

08:00 — Bus tour to Mirnyi city (to pay on site) (Not included)

09:00 — Breakfast on board

10:00 — Transfer to the town

Overnight on board (Not included)

## Departures

Start	End	Basic price per person
07.09.2020	15.09.2020	1960.00 EUR

## Note

The price is for one person and includes accommodation in a twin cabin. The price is fixed in euros. Single supplement - 500 euros. After the cruise, we can help you with the booking of the supplement services: - accommodation in the hotel "Zarnotsa" of the Mirny town ; - flight Mirny - Yakutsk or Mirny - Moscow. Don't hesitate to contact us for all details. Everyday lectures about Yakutia, the Russian language classes and movie demonstration are offered. Thematic entertaining program in the musical saloon will be available in the evening.

## What's included

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**Price includes**

- English-speaking guide services
- Accommodation as per itinerary
- Meals
- Medical insurance
- Excursions and visits as per itinerary
- Reserves and national parks entrance permissions
- Transfer from airport / railway station on first day
- Transfer to airport / railway station on last day
- Letter of invitation
- Meals according to the program

**Price does not include**

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

**Recommended checklist**

Sunglasses

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

Universal AC power outlet

Shorts

T-shirts

Cap or hat to protect against sun

Sunscreen for skin and lips

Slippers

Fleece jacket or warm sweater

Swimsuit

Important travel documents: Passport and visa, original or electronic airplane tickets (with a sets of photocopies kept separately), bank card

Binoculars

Laundry detergent to wash your clothes

**About the boat****Mikhail Svetlov Cruise Ship**

Cruise liner "Mikhail Svetlov" was built at Austrian shipyard in Korneuburg. The liner took its name after talented Russian poet Mikhail Svetlov.

Mrs. Kristine Wranitzky, the wife of ex-chancellor of Austria, is the godmother of the liner.

The ship was put into operation in April 1986.

Specifications :

- length : 90,3 m,
- breadth : 15 m,
- draft : 1,6 m,
- cruising speed : 21,5 km/h,
- engine capacity : 1380 h/p.

Cabins :

- 22 four berth cabins,
- 33 standard two berth cabins,
- 8 first class two berth cabins,
- 6 one berth cabins
- 2 cabins Deluxe.

All cabins equipped with comfortable furniture, air-conditioner, shower-box, lavatory. The first-aid post, reception, sauna, ironing room, kiosk

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and restaurant up to 82 seats with the fountain in the center of the dinner hall are located on the Main deck of the ship. Then visiting our restaurant you will enjoy our chef's art of cooking testing European and Northern nations cuisines. Entertaining programs and disco take place at the Concert hall on the Boat Deck. There is a panoramic salon where you can enjoy reading, admire picturesque surroundings of Lena river banks sitting in the comfortable arm-chair, or playing chess on the heard part of the ship. There is cinema on the Sunny Deck.

## Meals

Three meals a day on shipboard, cuisine, based on fresh products and caught fish.  
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 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

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.

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.

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### 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 10058/21-49 from October 08, 2021. Amount of coverage: 500 000 RUB. Legal and actual address: BaikalNature LLC 119A Dekabrskikh Sobyti Str., office 13 664007 Irkutsk Russia

### Cancellation Options

Cancellation policy:

If cancelled more than 69 days before embarkation – 10% of cruise price (non-refundable deposit)

69-60 days before embarkation – 25% of cruise price

59-50 days before embarkation – 50% of cruise price

49-31 days before embarkation – 75% of cruise price

Less than 31 days before embarkation -100% of cruise 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

The travelers' security is our primary aim and also the long-term reputation of our travel agency. First-aid kit, adapted for this tour, is available at your guide.

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