

Circum-Baikal Retro Train — Detailed description

Trip Length: Group: 1-10 Departure: Fixed

Trip overview

The train follows the route Irkutsk - Port Baikal - Irkutsk weekly from May till October. It departs on Friday evening and arrives on Sunday evening. In July-August additional departures on Tuesday are possible with return to Irkutsk on Thursday. Please get more specific information while booking.

The train consists of cars of the following categories: compartment cars, lounge cars and a dining-car. The interior of cars as well as train staff uniform is done in retro style. Every compartment of thematic lounge car is decorated in different themes: railway, literature, revolution, peasants, painting, cinema/music, sea and technics. The second lounge car is designed in style of "The Circum-Baikal Railway history". One of compartments cars is decorated in the style of the time of Nicholas II.

Sightseeing and entertainment programme will be offered to you during the train stops. The dining-car staff will cook tasty breakfast, lunch and dinner for you.

Highlights

- Travel aboard retro train in the atmosphere of the 19th century
- Opportunity to enjoy enchanting Baikal sceneries all along the route
- Discovery of the unique constructions of the Circum-Baikal Railway

Tour type

NATURE

Difficulty

Physical rating not assigned

Comfort

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

Program

Day 1 — -

Day 2 — -

Day 3 — -

Departures

New departures available soon

Note

The price is given for compartment car accommodation (4-berth cabins). Lounge car accommodation (2-berth cabins) costs 7500 RUB / pers. (please contact us to book)

What's included

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Price includes

- Russian-speaking guide services
- Transport as per itinerary
- Excursions and visits as per itinerary

Price does not include

- English-speaking guide
- Meals
- Administrative registration
- Personal expenses and tips
- Visa fees and travel insurance

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.

We recommend you to pack all your stuff in two bags: a small backpack and a large travelling bag.

SMALL BACKPACK: will be useful for carrying your personal belongings during the day (camera, film, personal medication, bottled water, etc.) You will also use it as hand luggage during air travel for all your heavy (to lighten the travel bag in the luggage compartment), fragile (camera, etc.) and necessary (toilet bag, etc.) things.

BIG TRAVEL BAG or BIG BACKPACK: must contain the rest of your stuff. It will be in the luggage compartment during the flight. It will be transported by vehicles.

Recommended checklist

Sunglasses

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

POLARTEC or similar pullover

Windproof waterproof pants and jacket (GORE-TEX, EVENT, SIMPA-TEX)

Long sleeve shirts or sweatshirts

Shorts

T-shirts

Socks

Cap or hat to protect against sun

Foulard or tagelmust

Comfortable walking shoes (like Vibram or similar)

Headlamp

Sunscreen for skin and lips

Sunglasses with filter

Toilet roll

Pocket knife (to put in checked baggage)

Flask

Slippers

Flip-flops for banya

Sewing kit

Fleece jacket or warm sweater

Moisturizer

Lipstick

Swimsuit

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

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Tick and mosquitoes repellent spray
Forceps for extracting ticks
Wipes
Wristwatch or pocket alarm clock
Charger and spare battery for camera/phone
Photo / video camera
Tour vouchers and programme

Meals

Meals are not included in the programme.

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.

It is advisable to keep the following vaccines valid:

- diphtheria,
- tetanus,
- Polio.

Tick-borne encephalitis is present in areas of forest, taiga where ticks are the carriers of encephalitis between May and July. As of August, they are no longer carrying the virus. If you do not get vaccinated, you should follow the basic precautions, including:

- protective clothes
- use of repellents
- daily check of the skin.

It is also possible to take out special insurance covering the analysis of the insect and vaccines.

Provide a first aid kit that includes among other items:

- aspirin or paracetamol,
- anti-diarrheal pills,
- antiseptic,
- adhesive plaster,

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- sterile pads.

If you have individual diseases, make sure you have taken your medications.

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 9302/19-49 from September 30, 2019. Amount of coverage: 500 000 RUB. Legal and actual address: BaikalNature LLC 119A Dekabrskikh Sobyti Str., office 13 664007 Irkutsk Russia

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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