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## Horseback Ride In Bolshiye Koty — Detailed description

Trip Length: Group: 3-10 Departure: Fixed Period: December - January

### Trip overview

You make a short stopover in Irkutsk and wish to discover famous Lake Baikal and its typical villages to make your stay as close as possible to nature, but do not have much time for long tours. If so, go to traditional Siberian village of Bolshiye Koty, located 1,5 hour by hydrofoil from Irkutsk, and explore its pretty surroundings on horseback.

Two itineraries will be offered to you to choose from - one itinerary heads south of Bolshiye Koty, follows first the western shore of Lake Baikal and then leads to Chernaya (Dark) valley, called so because of dense forest; the other ride is in the valley of a small river in the west of the village. Our lunch will be prepared on bonfire by our guide.

Unforgettable impressions of indescribable sceneries, horseback ride and cordial atmosphere on a tour are guaranteed!

### Highlights

- Magnificent opportunity to learn to ride and to discover the Baikal landscapes
- Easy and accessible route for everyone with a good level of fitness

### Tour type

NATURE

### Difficulty

Moderately Easy - 1-3 hours of physical activity daily

### Comfort

This tour doesn't have overnights.

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### Program

Day 1 — -

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### Departures

New departures available soon

### Note

It is possible to be accompanied by English-speaking guide on this tour. Please contact us for the price.

### What's included

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**Price includes**

- Lunches
- Russian-speaking guide services
- Meals as per itinerary
- Horse and equipment rental

**Price does not include**

- English-speaking guide
- Personal expenses and tips
- Visa fees and travel insurance
- Accommodation
- Transport
- Letter of invitation

**Checklist & Equipment**

For summer travel, we recommend preparing:

- comfortable clothes for hot and sunny weather - we advise you to give preference to natural fabrics, be sure to have sun protection (comfortable hat, SPF protection cream, sunglasses);
- protection from rain and wind - a long raincoat with a hood, for active tours - a waterproof cover on a backpack, the second pair of shoes (the ability to dry a second pair if they get wet);
- clothing in case of bad weather - when the temperature drops (in mountainous regions, on the coasts, in the evening), we recommend taking a light jacket, a warm sweater and pants

In different regions of Russia there can be significant temperature fluctuations in the summer. If you do not have experience traveling in similar regions, please contact your manager to pick up the necessary things and find out about the weather forecast in the place where you are planning your trip.

**Recommended checklist**

swimsuit / swim trunks

water bottle/flask

spray against mosquitoes and ticks (for summer outdoor tours)

sleeping bag

winter (down) jacket and warm pants (windproof and waterproof) / winter suit

fleece jacket/sweater with collar

warm mittens (for convenience, thin gloves and a second layer of mittens with fur) / ski gloves

comfortable warm hat and scarf (snood)

winter expedition boots (like Sorel or Baffin)

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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.

**Visa**

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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

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,
- sterile pads.

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

## 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

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### **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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