

Trekking on Olkhon Island — Detailed description

Trip Length: 2 Group: 1-10 Departure: Fixed Period: December - January

Trip overview

Go trekking in the steppes of Olkhon and admire the 360° horizon, as far as the eye can see, - here is the essence of this tour. We offer you to discover amazing sceneries, to enjoy unforgettable acquaintances, to sense time and space, to spend night out in the open, to discover sites far away from the touristic crowds off the beaten tracks. While trekking we will only carry our flasks and cameras, all our other things will be transported by our 4x4.

The island represents a geographical, historic and sacred heart of the lake, the land of legends and traditions. Olkhon is the largest island on Lake Baikal. Situated in the centre of the lake, not far from its deepest point (1637m/5370 ft), Olkhon combines all the diversity of the Baikal landscapes. It is a special area with its microclimate, its unique fauna and flora. The island is 72 km/45 mi long and 15 km/9 mi wide with total area of 730 sq km/282 sq mi. Steep cliffs along with sandy bays form the island shoreline, scenery of forests cut with steppes on which work the Baikal winds, such skilful artists. Taiga covers the east shore of the island.

Highlights

- Trekking along wild and picturesque places of Olkhon island
- Itinerary off the beaten tracks
- Visit of all main sites of the island
- Possibility to hike light while trekking
- All types of the Baikal landscapes
- Overnight in the tent

Tour type

ACTIVENATURE

Difficulty

Moderate - 3-5 hours of physical activity daily

Comfort

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

Begining / end of the tour

Tour starts: Khujir, End of the tour: Khujir

Program

Day 1 — First day of the trekking

10:00 — Meeting with the group and transfer to Peschanoye place

11:00 — Trekking to the village Uzury

13:00 — Picnic on the trip

16:00 — Arrival to Uzury

19:00 — Dinner cooked by gaz

20:00 — Banya (Russian sauna) (Not included)

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Overnight in tent

Hotels: Camping,

Day 2 — North of the lake and return to Khujir

09:00 — Breakfast

10:00 — Trekking to Khoboy cape

13:00 — Picnic on the way

16:00 — Return to Khujir

Departures

Start	End	Basic price per person
29.05.2020	30.05.2020	30200.00 RUB
05.06.2020	06.06.2020	30200.00 RUB
18.06.2020	19.06.2020	30200.00 RUB
27.06.2020	28.06.2020	30200.00 RUB
10.07.2020	11.07.2020	30200.00 RUB
16.07.2020	17.07.2020	30200.00 RUB
24.07.2020	25.07.2020	30200.00 RUB
31.07.2020	01.08.2020	30200.00 RUB
06.08.2020	07.08.2020	30200.00 RUB
14.08.2020	15.08.2020	30200.00 RUB
22.08.2020	23.08.2020	30200.00 RUB
26.08.2020	27.08.2020	30200.00 RUB
01.09.2020	02.09.2020	30200.00 RUB
05.09.2020	06.09.2020	30200.00 RUB

Note

The indicated price is for the group of 3 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 8 200 roubles / per person - for a group of 2 participants, a supplement is 12 600 roubles / per person - for an individual tourist, a supplement is 28 000 roubles. The trekking can be organised any dates from mid-May to mid-September. Optionally, we can book for you private or scheduled transfer from Irkutsk to Olkhon island, accommodation and meals.

What's included

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Price includes

- English-speaking guide
- Accommodation as per itinerary
- Transport as per itinerary
- Reserves and national parks entrance permissions
- Tent rental
- Meals according to the program

Price does not include

- Personal expenses and tips
- Banya
- Letter of invitation
- Sleeping bag rental

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

Sleeping bag rated from 0° C to +15° C

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

POLARTEC or similar pullover

Shorts

T-shirts

Socks

Comfortable walking shoes (like Vibram or similar)

Headlamp

Sunscreen for skin and lips

Sunglasses with filter

Toilet roll

Flask

Flip-flops for banya

Comfortable pants

Towel

Swimsuit

Wipes

Meals

Cold lunch and hot dinner, cooked on an open fire in the evening.

If you are a vegetarian or have any particular preferences, please let us know, so we could adapt the menu.

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 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

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

A good 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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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.

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