

Cruise on Alexander Veliky Ship — Detailed description

Trip Length: Group: 25-31 Departure: Fixed Period: December - January

Trip overview

This cruise invites you to discover main places of interest on Lake Baikal aboard comfortable double-deck cruise vessel *Alexander Veliky* that can accommodate 32 guests. The lower deck has 5 double cabins, 6 twin cabins and 3 triple cabins at its disposal, each of which is appointed with WC and shower inside. There is a restaurant, a bar and reception on the upper deck. The cruise vessel is staffed by 15 members of crew.

Leaving Irkutsk, you will head towards Olkhon Island, holy land of shamans, following the west shore of Lake Baikal. You will discover famous Burkhan Rock, the residence of the Baikal god, and will meet a Buryat shaman. We will follow the same itinerary to go down the lake, but this time we will sail by night. The day will be spent on the discovery of the Baikal sceneries, the old Circum-Baikal Railway and its tunnels, and traditional fishing villages.

Highlights

- Nice stopover for discovering Lake Baikal aboard a comfortable ship
- Alternation of activities: cruise, trekkings, cultural discovery
- Meeting a Buryat shaman

Tour type

NATURE

Difficulty

Physical rating not assigned

Comfort

Upgraded — all nights in comfortable rooms.

Program

Day 1 — -

Day 2 — -

Day 3 — -

Day 4 — -

Departures

New departures available soon

Note

The price is given per person for accommodation in a double cabin. A single cabin costs 31,000 rubles. A berth in a triple cabin costs 20,000 rubles. The price does not include the entrance fee to the museum of Khuzhir.

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What's included

Price includes

- English-speaking guide services
- Accommodation as per itinerary
- Transport as per itinerary
- Meals
- Excursions and visits as per itinerary
- Reserves and national parks entrance permissions
- Banya
- Letter of invitation

Price does not include

- Transfers in Irkutsk
- Administrative registration
- Personal expenses and tips
- Visa fees and travel insurance
- 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.

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

- Raincoat or wind and waterproof shell jacket (with hood !)
- Universal AC power outlet
- 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)
- Comfortable shoes for city
- Headlamp
- Sunscreen for skin and lips
- Sunglasses with filter
- Toilet roll
- Pocket knife (to put in checked baggage)
- Flask
- Slippers
- Sewing kit

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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

Tick and mosquitoes repellent spray

Forceps for extracting ticks

Wipes

Wristwatch or pocket alarm clock

Binoculars

Charger and spare battery for camera/phone

Photo / video camera

Tour vouchers and programme

Ice cleats

Laundry detergent to wash your clothes

About the boat

Alexander Veliky

Equipped with absolutely everything, which is needed to make your journey enjoyable at the maximum, motor ship «Alexander Veliky» naturally combines comfort and safety, modern design and homely coziness of the interior.

Thy cruise ship "Alexander Veliky" is a modern, comfortable two-decked ship, renovated in 2000. Now it can meet all the needs of the most sophisticated clients. It can accommodate 32 passengers in twin cabins with a private bathroom and a shower. A large window in each cabin offers a good chance to admire the beauty of Lake Baikal. The amenities of this ship include a restaurant, a bar and a sunny deck.

The highly skilled crew is always happy to greet you onboard and make your journey unforgettable. And there is no doubt that you will appreciate the first-rate service on the ship, enjoy the marvelous beauty of Baikal Lake and admire the scenery of sunset while having exquisite dinner at the restaurant of the motor-ship. At the request of the tourists «Alexander Veliky» can make stops at any spot of any wild sandy beach along the shore line of Baikal.

Cabins

- Family room - 5 cabins (double bed, 2 beds, shower cabin, toilet, voltage 220 V),
- 1st class double rooms - 5 cabins (2 beds, shower cabin, toilet, voltage 220 V),
- 2nd class double rooms - 2 cabins (2 beds, shower cabin, toilet, voltage 220 V),
- Terneplate - 3 cabins (2 beds, the upper shelf, shower cabin, toilet, voltage 220 V).

Ship

- 2 decks (lower deck - 1 SGL cabins, 7 DBL cabins, 3 TRNL cabins; upper deck - restaurant, bar, area for sunbathing, open-air cafe),
- Restaurant (33 pax capacity),
- Bar,
- Open-air café,
- Karaoke,
- Reception,
- Satellite telephone.

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

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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.

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: +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

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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

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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