

## 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
- Russian-speaking guide
- Accommodation as per itinerary
- Transport as per itinerary
- Excursions and visits as per itinerary
- Nature reserves and parks entrance permissions
- Accident insurance
- Letter of invitation

### Price does not include

- Transfers in Irkutsk
- Visa invitation and registration of passports (for foreign citizens, if necessary)
- Personal expenses and tips
- Visa fees and travel insurance
- Optional activities

## 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.

If you are traveling in the spring or autumn, please check with your manager for a list of recommended equipment and an approximate weather forecast.

## Recommended checklist

pants, long sleeve jacket/tracksuit  
rubber slippers  
raincoat / windproof and waterproof jacket with HOOD!  
sunglasses  
towel  
wet wipes and antibacterial hand gel  
water bottle/flask  
spray against mosquitoes and ticks (for summer outdoor tours)  
sleeping bag  
trekking telescopic poles  
winter (down) jacket and warm pants (windproof and waterproof) / winter suit  
thermal underwear  
comfortable winter boots (suitable for walking on ice and snow)  
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)  
ski mask  
winter expedition boots (like Sorel or Baffin)  
winter expeditionary down jacket (up to -50°)  
moisturizing cream

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## 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

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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

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: +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

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August 6, 2024. Amount of coverage: 500 000 RUB. Legal and actual address: BaikalNature LLC, 55 Dekabrskikh Sobyti Str., office 204.1 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**

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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