

## Classic Baikal — Detailed description

Trip Length: 4    Group: 6-12    Departure: Fixed    Period: July - August

### Trip overview

This time we decided to change the concept of the « classic » itinerary and create for you a short, but very outstanding tour with visiting of the greatest Lake Baikal sites!

We start our tour in Listvyanka village where you might to stay before the group travel. First day, we will navigate along the most beautiful part of the western coast of Lake Baikal. Crossing Olkhonskiye Vorota strait, we will reach Olkhon Island – the biggest island of Lake Baikal. We will be accommodated in the cozy resort with the hot dinner in the evening. We will walk to the Chamanka (Bourkhan) rock – the main landmark of Lake Baikal. The second day, we will cross the entire island till its northernmost point – Khoboy cape. Along the way, we will visit the Peschanoye area, the cape Sagan-Hushun (Three brothers) and the cape Shunte-Leviy. On the way back, we will pass the village Uzury and the local weather station. In the third day, we will cruise to the most marvelous Baikal site – Ushkan Islands where you can see the Baikal nerpa – the endemic seals in their natural habitat. For comfortable cruise, we use a little private speed boat.

We promise you 4 days full of impressions after which you can bravely say that you've seen Lake Baikal!

### Highlights

- Short but very eventful program
- Visit of Ushkan islands and Baikal seals watching
- Cruise along the most beautiful part of the west coast
- Visit of Olkhon, the largest island of lake Baikal

### Tour type

DISCOVERYNATURE

### Difficulty

Easy - nothing more than normal walking while sight-seeing

### Comfort

Upgraded — all nights in comfortable rooms.

### Begining / end of the tour

Tour starts: Listvyanka, End of the tour: Olkhon island

## Program

### Day 1 — Along the west coast of lake Baikal

07:30 — Meeting with the group

08:15 — Departure to the Olkhon island

17:00 — Arrival to the Zagli bay

19:00 — Dinner at the resort

Overnight at the resort

Hotels: Accommodation at the resort Nabaymar, Chambre twin comfortable

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Comfort: Comfortable accommodation, WC and bath / shower in room

### Day 2 — North part of the Olkhon island

09:00 — Breakfast at the resort

10:00 — Olkhon island excursion

13:00 — Outdoor lunch

14:00 — Walking around and come back

18:00 — Dinner at the resort

Overnight on the resort

Hotels: Accommodation at the resort Nabaymar, Chambre twin comfortable

Comfort: Comfortable accommodation, WC and bath / shower in room

### Day 3 — Excursion to the Ushkan Islands

06:00 — Breakfast

07:00 — Transfer to the port of the village

07:30 — Transfer by boat to the archipelago

10:30 — Seals viewing

13:00 — Picnic (lunch box with hot tea)

17:00 — Return to the Olkhon island by boat

20:00 — Transfer from the port to Khuzhir

21:00 — Dinner at the resort

Overnight at the resort

Hotels: Accommodation at the resort Nabaymar, Chambre twin comfortable

Comfort: Comfortable accommodation, WC and bath / shower in room

### Day 4 — End of the programme

09:00 — Breakfast in the resort

12:00 — Check-out and end of the programme

## Departures

Start	End	Basic price per person
22.07.2022	25.07.2022	64500.00 RUB
29.07.2022	01.08.2022	64500.00 RUB
05.08.2022	08.08.2022	64500.00 RUB
12.08.2022	15.08.2022	64500.00 RUB
19.08.2022	22.08.2022	64500.00 RUB
26.08.2022	29.08.2022	64500.00 RUB

## Note

The indicated price is guaranteed for a group of 6 participants. If there less persons in the group, the price of the tour can be recalculated. Single supplement – 9 300 RUB / pers. The programme can be extended by supplement services: - transfer from Irkutsk and accommodation in the village Listvyanka; - accommodation on Olkhon island after the tour; - individual transfer or a ticket for scheduled bus

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from Khujir to Irkutsk city.

## What's included

### Price includes

- English-speaking guide
- Accommodation as per itinerary
- Transport as per itinerary
- Excursions and visits as per itinerary
- Letter of invitation
- Meals according to the program
- Reserves and national parks entrance permissions
- Meals during excursions

### Price does not include

- Personal expenses and tips
- Visa fees and travel insurance
- Optional activities
- Airline tickets

## 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 !)

Long sleeve shirts or sweatshirts

Shorts

T-shirts

Socks

Cap or hat to protect against sun

Comfortable walking shoes (like Vibram or similar)

Sunscreen for skin and lips

Sunglasses with filter

Slippers

## Meals

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 months after the expiry date of your visa and to have at least two blank pages.

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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

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

No particular 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 7890/22-49 from September 19, 2022. Amount of coverage: 500 000 RUB. Legal and actual address: BaikalNature LLC, 55 Dekabrskikh Sobyti Str., office 405.2 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.

## 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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