

## Dog Sledding Through Taiga — Detailed description

Trip Length: 2    Group: 1-4    Departure: Fixed    Period: January - March

### Trip overview

This tour is operated between the village of Listvyanka and Chernaya valley. Driving your dog sled pulled by Baikal huskies you will travel through snow-covered taiga to reach "Dark" valley called so because of dense forest around. That's where is located your wooden hostel. The itinerary goes either on the frozen lake or in the forest - depends on season.

This ride is the unique opportunity to do dog sledding in the whole Baikal and Irkutsk regions. You will love the contrast between Listvyanka, a nice civilized and easily accessible village, and a warm lodge lost deep in true taiga called "Dark"...

This tour is a real miracle of the Siberian winter!

### Highlights

- Exciting amusement as for children and adults
- Discovery of snow-covered taiga and the Baikal ice field
- Visit of the husky farm
- Opportunity to feel like a true musher

### Tour type

ACTIVENATURE

### Difficulty

Challenging - 5-7 hours of challenging 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: Listvyanka, End of the tour: Listvyanka

### Program

#### Day 1 — Start of the ride

15:00 — Meeting in the dog-sledding centre

16:00 — Departure

19:00 — Arrival and check-in

20:00 — Dinner

Overnight in the lodge

#### Day 2 — Return to Listvyanka

09:00 — Breakfast

10:00 — Return to Listvyanka

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## Departures

Start	End	Basic price per person
20.01.2022	21.01.2022	27000.00 RUB
20.02.2022	21.02.2022	27000.00 RUB
06.03.2022	07.03.2022	27000.00 RUB

## Note

This tour has an open date. Please contact us for more information. If your group is more than 4 participants it is possible to add a snowmobile. Meals included: dinner on Day 1; breakfast on day 2.

## What's included

### Price includes

- Dog sled rental
- Russian-speaking guide services
- Russian-speaking guide
- Nature reserves and parks entrance permissions
- Meals according to the program

### Price does not include

- Meals as per itinerary
- Personal expenses and tips
- Visa fees and travel insurance
- Letter of invitation
- English-speaking guide services

## Checklist & Equipment

You will need in Russia in winter:

- to protect yourself from the cold weather;
- to protect yourself from the wind;
- to protect your feet from moisture;
- to protect yourself from the sun's reflection from ice and snow.

Allow the system of "three layers":

- The first layer, called "second skin", determines the performance of the other two layers. It will transport sweat to the next layer and dry quickly to avoid cooling after exercise. Therefore forget the cotton retains moisture in the skin and choose underwear in synthetic fabrics.
- The second layer must keep the heat of the body as long as possible. Warm synthetic or mixed (wool or fleece turtleneck sweater) fabrics, that dry quickly, are preferable.
- The third layer should protect you against wind and moisture. Choose a jacket, long enough, 100% waterproof, preferably with hood.

## Recommended checklist

comfortable shoes for trekking

raincoat / windproof and waterproof jacket with HOOD!

comfortable winter boots (suitable for walking on ice and snow)

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Ski goggles

Fleece Balaclava

## 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.

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.

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

You should be physically fit enough for this tour.

## 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 Dekabrskih Sobyti Str., office 204.1 664007 Irkutsk Russia

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### **Cancellation Options**

The cancellation options are:

- more than 40 days before departure - 30 % of the tour price,
- 39 - 10 days before departure - 60 % of the tour price,
- less than 10 days before departure - 100 % 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.

### **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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