

Baikal Active — Detailed description

Trip Length: 9 Group: 4-8 Departure: Fixed Period: July - August

Trip overview

If you are looking for an adventure travel, we propose to you the unique trip with full immersion in nature. During the summer there are so few places on Lake Baikal where you can escape tourists' crowds, cars and buses. We have tried to make for you the tour which includes only two components: you and grand Baikal!

The tour consists of two parts. The first one is kayaking along the most beautiful part of the west Baikal coast accessible only by water. You will see the picturesque Peschanaya bay, Dirovatiy cape and Baklaniy Kamen Island, every overnight will be in a different place. Along this itinerary there are no roads or settlements – you will be out of civilization surrounded by the picturesque taiga-covered hills and sandy beaches!

The second part of the itinerary is the trekking in the heart of the lake – the Olkhon island. Despite the fact that the island is considered as the most visited part of the lake, we propose to you an itinerary along the shore far away from dusty roads. During your 2-days trekking, you will visit the wildest North part of the island. You will see the Shamanka (Burkhan) cape, Urochische Peschanoye, Tri Brata (Three brothers) cape and, of course, Khoboy cape. After this long and intense journey you will have a rest in the cozy wooden homestay with Russian banya (sauna) – really good end for this active tour!

All necessary equipment is included. All you need is to dare !

Highlights

- Discovery of inaccessible place of Baikal
- Full immersion in the wild Baikal nature
- Trekking in the heart of lake Baikal - Olkhon island
- Possibility to stay in the most beautiful places of the lake
- Kayaking and trekking during the same tour

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.

Beginning / end of the tour

Tour starts: Irkutsk, End of the tour: Irkutsk

Program

Day 1 — First meeting with the Baikal

10:00 — Meeting at "BaikalNature" office

10:05 — Transfer to the Bolshoye Goloustnoye village

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12:00 — Arrival to the Bolshoye Goloustnoye village

13:00 — Dinner

18:00 — Camping dinner

Overnight in the tent

Hotels: Camping,

Day 2 — Along the western coast of lake Baikal

09:00 — Breakfast

10:00 — Departure on kayak

13:00 — Lunch (picnic)

17:00 — Continuation of the navigation

17:00 — Setting up of the camp and rest

19:00 — Dinner

Overnight in the tent

Hotels: Camping,

Day 3 — The most beautiful bay of lake Baikal

09:00 — Breakfast

10:00 — Navigation on kayak

13:00 — Lunch on the Baikal shore

14:00 — Continuation of the navigation

17:00 — Arrival and setting up of the camp

19:00 — Dinner

Overnight in the tent

Hotels: Camping,

Day 4 — Continuation of the navigation

09:00 — Breakfast

10:00 — Kayaking to the Belyi cape

13:00 — Outdoor lunch

16:00 — Continuation of the navigation

19:00 — Dinner

Overnight in the tent

Hotels: Camping,

Day 5 — Olkhon island - heart of lake Baikal

09:00 — Breakfast

11:00 — Departure to the Buguldeyka village

13:30 — Transfer to the Olkhon island

17:00 — Discovery of Khuzhir

19:00 — Dinner

Overnight in the resort

Hotels: Accommodation at the resort Lada, Chambre comfortable

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

Day 6 — First day of the trekking

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10:00 — Meeting with the group and transfer to Peschanoye place
11:00 — Trekking to the village Uzury
13:00 — Picnic on the road
16:00 — Arrival to Uzury
19:00 — Dinner cooked by gaz
20:00 — Banya (Russian sauna) (Not included)
Overnight in tent
Hotels: Camping,

Day 7 — 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 Khuzhir
19:00 — Dinner at the resort
Overnight at the resort
Hotels: Accommodation at the resort Lada, Chambre comfortable
Comfort: Comfortable accommodation, WC and bath / shower in room

Day 8 — Free day on Olkhon island

09:00 — Breakfast at the resort
10:00 — Free time
13:00 — Lunch (Not included)
17:00 — Return to the resort
18:00 — Dinner
Overnight in the resort
Hotels: Accommodation at the resort Lada, Chambre comfortable
Comfort: Comfortable accommodation, WC and bath / shower in room

Day 9 — Return to Irkutsk

09:00 — Breakfast
10:00 — Transfer to Irkutsk by scheduled bus
13:00 — Lunch in the cafe (Not included)
17:00 — Arrival to Irkutsk

Departures

Start	End	Basic price per person
16.07.2022	24.07.2022	74000.00 RUB
23.07.2022	31.07.2022	74000.00 RUB
30.07.2022	07.08.2022	74000.00 RUB
06.08.2022	14.08.2022	74000.00 RUB
13.08.2022	21.08.2022	74000.00 RUB

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Note

The camping equipment is included in the price (except the sleeping bag). The sleeping bag rental is 500 roubles. To note: maximum weight to take part in this trip is 100 kg.

What's included

Price includes

- English-speaking guide services
- Russian-speaking guide
- Accommodation as per itinerary
- Excursions and visits as per itinerary
- Nature reserves and parks entrance permissions
- Tent rental
- Letter of invitation
- Kayak and equipment rental
- Dry bag rental
- Meals according to the program

Price does not include

- Personal expenses and tips
- Visa fees and travel insurance
- Sleeping bag rental

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.

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Recommended checklist

underwear, socks (several pairs)

T-shirts, shorts

pants, long sleeve jacket/tracksuit

comfortable shoes for the city

sunscreen and lip balm

wet wipes and antibacterial hand gel

water bottle/flask

spray against mosquitoes and ticks (for summer outdoor tours)

sleeping bag

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

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Meals

Homestay cuisine based on fresh products.

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

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

A very good physical condition is required.

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.

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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 Dekabrskikh Sobyti Str., office 204.1 664007 Irkutsk Russia

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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