

Survival in the Siberian taiga (trekking) — Detailed description

Trip Length: 7 Group: 6-9 Departure: Fixed Period: July - August

Trip overview

If you're looking for something truly special, if you're tired of the city routine and want to test your limits, if you're craving a unique experience, we offer you a unique tour: "Survival in the Siberian Taiga."

This season, we'll head to the northernmost point of Lake Baikal—to the town of Severobaikalsk. Hundreds of kilometers of wild taiga await you, as well as a completely secluded coastline far removed from tourist crowds. A trekking tour along the northern edge of Lake Baikal: solitude, complete freedom, and nights in tents under thousands of stars.

We'll hike to Yarki, the northernmost island. Then, we'll take a catamaran to the eastern shore: the protected areas of national parks, the glacial Lake Frolikha, and Ayaya Bay. A relaxing break at the natural hot springs of Khakusy will be a fitting conclusion.

A great opportunity to test yourself and get to know your own nature!

IMPORTANT: Before booking, objectively assess your physical and mental strength.

Highlights

- An active adventure away from civilization
- Picturesque landscapes of the majestic Lake Baikal
- 5 days surrounded by rich and diverse wildlife
- Hard-to-reach attractions of Northern Baikal
- Unusual route with all types of Siberian landscape

Tour type

PURENATURE

Difficulty

Extreme - 7+ hours of challenging/extreme 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: Severobaikalsk, End of the tour: Severobaikalsk

Program

Day 1 — Arrival in Severobaikalsk and preparation for the tour

11:00 — Meeting at Nizhneangarsk airport/Severobaikalsk train station

13:00 — Lunch (Not included)

15:00 — Check-in and rest

19:00 — Dinner (Not included)

Overnight at the hotel

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Hotels: Accommodation in the hotel "Golden fish", Twin room
Comfort: Comfortable accommodation, WC and bath / shower in room

Day 2 — to the foot of the mountain range of Khamar-Daban

08:00 — Breakfast in the hotel
09:00 — Transfer to Yarki Island
14:00 — Trekking around the island
16:00 — Setting up camp
19:00 — Dinner
Overnight in the camp

Hotels: Camping,

Day 3 — Crossing Lake Baikal and trekking along the east coast

08:00 — Breakfast
09:00 —
13:00 — Lunch
14:00 — Coastline trekking
17:00 — Catamaran crossing to the campsite
19:00 — Dinner
Overnight in the camp

Hotels: Camping,

Day 4 — Glacial Lake Frolikha

09:00 — Breakfast
10:00 — Trekking to Lake Frolikha
12:00 — Lunch
15:00 — A boat ride on the lake
16:00 — Trekking to the Pravaya Frolikha waterfall
18:00 — Returning to the tent camp
19:00 — Dinner
Overnight in the camp

Hotels: Camping,

Day 5 — Khakusy Hot Springs

09:00 — Breakfast
10:00 — Trekking to the Khakusy area
13:00 — Lunch
15:00 — Camping and relaxing in hot springs
19:00 — Dinner
Overnight in the camp

Hotels: Camping,

Day 6 — Return to Irkutsk

08:00 — Breakfast
10:00 — Return by boat to Severobaikalsk
11:00 — Arrival and accommodation in the hotel

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12:00 — Lunch (Not included)

19:00 — Dinner

Overnight in the hotel

Hotels: Accommodation in the hotel "Golden fish", Twin room

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

Day 7 — End of the programme

09:00 — Breakfast in the hotel

10:00 — Transfer to the airport

Departures

Start	End	Basic price per person
18.07.2026	24.07.2026	138400.00 RUB
08.08.2026	14.08.2026	138400.00 RUB

Note

Guaranteed departure for groups of 6 or more. Maximum group size: 9. The trip price includes accident and tick insurance. Children under 18 are not permitted to participate in the tour.

What's included

Price includes

- Accommodation as per itinerary
- Nature reserves and parks entrance permissions
- Bathing in springs
- Camping outfit rental
- English-speaking guide
- Transport a per itinerary
- Meals as per itinerary
- Excursions and visits as per itinerary
- Visa invitation and registration of passports (for foreign citizens, if necessary)
- Accident insurance

Price does not include

- Personal expenses and tips
- Visa fees and travel insurance
- Airplane/ train tickets
- Renting a sleeping bag for overnight stays in a tent

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.


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We recommend you to pack all your stuff in two bags: a small backpack and a large travelling bag/suitcase.

SMALL BACKPACK: will be useful for carrying your personal belongings during the day (camera, phone, 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/SUITCASE: 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

underwear, socks (several pairs)
T-shirts, shorts
pants, long sleeve jacket/tracksuit
warm jacket (for example, fleece) or light jacket
rubber slippers
comfortable shoes for trekking
comfortable shoes for the city
raincoat / windproof and waterproof jacket with HOOD!
cap/comfortable hat on head (for sun protection)
sunglasses
swimsuit / swim trunks
towel
wet wipes and antibacterial hand gel
water bottle/flask
spray against mosquitoes and ticks (for summer outdoor tours)
sleeping bag
trekking telescopic poles

Meals

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,

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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 and mentally excellently prepared 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 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.

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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