

Golden Baikal — Detailed description

Trip Length: 8 Group: 6-10 Departure: Fixed Period: December - January

Trip overview

If you are looking for an autumn tour to Baikal, are not indifferent to the contrasts of the warm palette of the autumn taiga, the blue expanse of water and snow-capped mountain peaks, if you want to visit Baikal, avoiding the crowds of tourists in the high season, and also feel the tranquility of the warm Indian summer, then this tour is for you!

Being photography lovers and the play of light, we have specially developed this route and selected the optimal arrival dates to show you the most beautiful places of autumn Baikal - at your own pace, choosing the best accommodations and only individual transport.

Upon arrival in Irkutsk, we immediately go to Baikal, to its southernmost point - the village of Kultuk, where there is an observation deck with a stunning panoramic view of Baikal. Then we move along the east coast to the city of Baikalsk - we will rest at the picturesque foothills of the Khamar-Daban ridges. Then we will drive to Tankhoy, where we will visit the excursion center and take a walk along the eco-paths of the Baikal Reserve.

One of the main features of this tour is the crossing of Lake Baikal in its southern part on a private ship. It is the crossing of Baikal that will allow you to appreciate the grandeur of this great lake, which is also called the "Siberian Sea".

The second half of the trip will be devoted to getting to know the most picturesque places: middle Baikal, the Small Sea and Olkhon Island. The cultural and geographical heart of Lake Baikal, Olkhon Island, is especially beautiful in autumn: with the yellowness of its steppes and larches, the bright ochre of its rocks! Here we will make an excursion to the northern tip of the island, Cape Khoboy - a sacred shamanic place and simply a beautiful panoramic point.

N.B. The tour is available for booking for individual groups and families with children.

Highlights

- The route including the most beautiful places of autumn Baikal
- Baikal crossing by boat in its south part
- Visiting Baikalsk and its environs
- Excursion around the Baikal Zapovedny visit-center in Tankhoy
- Walk in the siberian forest and picking of seasonal mushrooms and berries
- Discovery of Olkhon Island, one of the Baikal sacred place
- Comfortable accommodation and only private transport

Tour type

DISCOVERYNATURE

Difficulty

Easy - nothing more than normal walking while sight-seeing

Comfort

Upgraded — all nights in comfortable rooms.

Beginning / end of the tour

Tour starts: Irkutsk, End of the tour: Irkutsk

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Program

Day 1 — The southernmost point of lake Baikal

11:00 — Meeting with group in the Irkutsk airport
11:15 — Departure to the Kultuk village
13:00 — Lunch in the cafe (Not included)
14:00 — Continuation of the journey to Baikalsk town
16:00 — Arrival and accommodation in the hotel
19:00 — Dinner (Not included)
Overnight in the hotel

Hotels: Accommodation in the hotel Bely Sobol, Twin standard room
Comfort: Comfortable accommodation, WC and bath / shower in room

Day 2 — Baikal Reserve

09:00 — Breakfast in the hotel
12:00 — Departure to Tankhoy village
13:00 — Lunch in the roadside cafe (Not included)
14:00 — Arrival and accommodation
15:00 — Excursion around the visitor center Baikal Reserve
19:00 — Dinner
Overnight in the hotel

Hotels: Accommodation in the hotel "Oknam na Baikal", Twin room
Comfort: Comfortable accommodation, WC and bath / shower in room

Day 3 — Baikal crossing from east to west coast

09:00 — Breakfast
10:30 — Baikal crossing
12:30 — Arrival and transfer to the hotel
13:00 — Lunch in the village (Not included)
14:00 — Discovery of Listvyanka village
19:00 — Dinner in the hotel
Overnight in the hotel

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

Day 4 — The biggest island of Baikal lake

08:00 — Breakfast in the hotel
08:40 — Departure to the Olkhon island
10:40 — En route excursion to the ethnographic centre
13:00 — Lunch in a Buryat cafe
14:00 — Continuation of the way to Olkhon island
19:00 — Dinner in 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 5 — Sacred site for shamans

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09:00 — Breakfast at the resort
10:00 — Olkhon island excursion
13:00 — Outdoor lunch
14:00 — Walking around and come back
19:00 — 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 6 — Day in the Baikal village

09:00 — Breakfast at the resort
10:00 — Free time inwith your guide
13:00 — Lunch at the resort (Not included)
14:00 — Free time
19:00 — 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 7 — Return to Irkutsk

09:00 — Breakfast at the resort
10:00 — Transfer to Irkutsk
13:00 — Lunch in the cafe (Not included)
16:30 — Arrival to Irkutsk and check-in
17:00 — Free time
19:00 — Dinner (Not included)
Overnight in the hotel
Hotels: Accommodation in the hotel Angara, Twin standard room
Comfort: Comfortable accommodation, WC and bath / shower in room

Day 8 — Departure

09:00 — Breakfast in the hotel
10:00 — Transfer to the airport

Departures

Start	End	Basic price per person
16.09.2023	23.09.2023	98000.00 RUB
31.08.2024	07.09.2024	113600.00 RUB
07.09.2024	14.09.2024	113600.00 RUB
14.09.2024	21.09.2024	113600.00 RUB

Note

Extra charge for single room : 14 700 roubles. The price of the tour is indicated for a group of 6-10 people. For fewer people, a supplement

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to be applied: - 10 500 rubles / per pers. - for a group of 5 participants - 21 600 rubles / per pers. - for a group of 4 participants - 51 200 rubles / per pers. - for a group of 3 participants - 90 800 rubles / per pers. - for a group of 2 participants.

What's included

Price includes

- Russian-speaking guide
- Accommodation as per itinerary
- Excursions and visits as per itinerary
- Nature reserves and parks entrance permissions
- Boat trip
- Letter of invitation
- Airplane/ train tickets
- Meals according to the program
- Bathing in springs
- English-speaking guide services

Price does not include

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

Recommended checklist

pants, long sleeve jacket/tracksuit

raincoat / windproof and waterproof jacket with HOOD!

towel

water bottle/flask

spray against mosquitoes and ticks (for summer outdoor tours)

winter (down) jacket and warm pants (windproof and waterproof) / winter suit

thermal underwear

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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.

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

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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

No compulsory vaccination.

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

No particular 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.

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 405.2 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.

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