

## Baikal Multi-Active — Detailed description

Trip Length: 8    Group: 4-14    Departure: Fixed    Period: February - March

### Trip overview

The tour "Baikal Multiactive" fits perfectly for those who appreciate active stay. You will enjoy different winter activities: dog sledding and snowmobiling through the snow-covered taiga, Baikal crossing on hovercraft, trekking with individual pulka on the ice of the lake, Chersky rock lift, toboggan on cow skins, skiing at the best Baikal resort, trekking at the foot of the Khamar-Daban mountain. Also there will be a real Russian banya on the board of the lake.

You will discover the south shore of the lake when Lake Baikal is already frozen and you can drive and walk on it. Shining ice hummocks, pure and crystal Baikal ice, frozen waves on the rocks - that what attracts amateurs of Winter Baikal. At this time days are usually sunny that produces particular colours of Baikal landscapes. Do not miss this opportunity to admire this beauty!

An ideal stay to meet with family or friends!

### Highlights

- Circular itinerary
- Dog sledding and snowmobiles through Siberian taiga
- Trekking on ice with your pulka
- Hovercraft crossing of the frozen lake Baikal
- Visit of the best Baikal skiing resort
- Walking in the snow-covered taiga near Kamar-Daban
- Train itinerary along the most beautiful part of the Trans-Siberian

### Tour type

ACTIVENATURE

### Difficulty

Moderate - 3-5 hours of physical activity daily

### Comfort

Standard — most of nights in comfortable rooms, some nights in tents or rooms with shared WC.

### Begining / end of the tour

Tour starts: Irkutsk, End of the tour: Irkutsk

### Program

#### Day 1 — First meeting with the Baikal

10:30 — Pick up at the airport and meeting with your guide

10:50 — Transfer Irkutsk - Listvyanka

11:50 — Excursion to Taltsy

13:00 — Arrival to Listvyanka

14:00 — Lunch (Not included)

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15:00 — Time at leisure

19:00 — Dinner (Not included)

Overnight in the hotel

Hotels: Accommodation in the hotel "BaikalCedar", Standard twin room

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

## Day 2 — Dog-sledding through the taiga

09:00 — Breakfast in the hotel

10:00 — Meeting with your guide and transfer to the dog-sledding center

11:00 — Dog sled

13:00 — Lunch in the restaurant

14:00 — Excursion on snowmobile

15:40 — Return to the hotel

19:00 — Dinner in the hotel (Not included)

Overnight in the hotel

Hotels: Accommodation in the hotel "BaikalCedar", Standard twin room

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

## Day 3 — Trekking Listvyanka - Bolshiye Koty

09:00 — Breakfast in the hotel

10:00 — Meeting with your guide

13:00 — Outdoor picnic

16:00 — Arrival to the Bolshiye Koty village

18:00 — Russian banya

19:00 — Dinner in the homestay

Overnight in the homestay

Hotels: Accommodation the guest house Solnechniy, Bed in the twin room

Comfort: Simple comfort accommodation, dry closet indoors, banya

## Day 4 — Day in the Baikal village

09:00 — Breakfast in the homestay

10:30 — Trekking to the Skreepier cape

13:00 — Lunch in the guest house

15:00 — Walking in the village

18:00 — Russian banya

19:00 — Dinner in the homestay

Overnight in the homestay

Hotels: Accommodation the guest house Solnechniy

## Day 5 — Baikal crossing and Warm lakes

09:00 — Breakfast in the guest house

10:00 — Departure on hovercraft to the Vydrino village

11:30 — Arrival to Vydrino

12:30 — Lunch in the hotel

13:30 — Excursion to the Warm lakes

19:00 — Dinner

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#### Overnight in the hotel

Hotels: Accommodation in the guest house "Na snezhnoy", House for 4 persons  
Comfort: Comfortable accommodation, WC and shower on the floor

#### Day 6 — One of the best Russian skiing resort

09:00 — Breakfast in the hotel  
10:00 — Transfer to the Baykalsk town  
11:00 — Arrival and accommodation in the hotel  
13:00 — Lunch (Not included)  
15:00 — Time at leisure  
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 7 — Return to Irkutsk

09:00 — Breakfast in the hotel  
12:00 — Transfer to the railway station  
17:00 — Arrival to Irkutsk and check-in  
19:00 — Dinner in the hotel (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 — End of the program

09:00 — Breakfast in the hotel  
11:00 — Transfer to the airport

#### Departures

Start	End	Basic price per person
13.02.2022	20.02.2022	75600.00 RUB
04.03.2022	11.03.2022	75600.00 RUB

#### Note

Guaranteed departure from 5 participants. The price includes breakfast on Day 2-8, lunch on Day 2-5 and dinner on Day 3-5. Banya is included on Day 3-4. Rent of outer clothing (jacket, pants, valenki (felt boots), balaclava and mittens) 6 000 roubles (subject to availability). Single supplement for overnights Day 1-2, 6-7: 7 800 RUB. The price of the tour includes travel health insurance for persons under 65 years.

#### What's included

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**Price includes**

- Dog sled rental
- English-speaking guide
- Russian-speaking guide
- Accommodation as per itinerary
- Excursions and visits as per itinerary
- Nature reserves and parks entrance permissions
- Bathing in springs
- Letter of invitation
- Snowmobile and equipment rental
- Airplane/ train tickets
- Ice crampons
- Meals according to the program
- Accident insurance

**Price does not include**

- Personal expenses and tips
- Visa fees and travel insurance
- Airline tickets
- Ski rental

**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.

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**Recommended checklist**

comfortable shoes for trekking

raincoat / windproof and waterproof jacket with HOOD!

towel

warm mittens (for convenience, thin gloves and a second layer of mittens with fur) / ski gloves

fleece balaclava

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**Laundry**

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Some hotels and inns offer laundry services for a variable sum of money. It is sometimes possible to use laundry services at homestay (when there is running water) for a fee.

## 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

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

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 Dekabrskikh Sobyti Str., office 204.1 664007 Irkutsk Russia

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## 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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