

## Classic Yakutia — Detailed description

Trip Length: 8 Group: 4-10 Departure: Fixed Period: December - January

### Trip overview

Are you dreaming of exploring one of the most mysterious regions of Russia, Yakutia? We propose you our tour "Yakutia classic". During this trip you will visit the most attractive places of Yakutia!

You will start your journey with a visit of Yakutia's capital – Yakutsk. You will get to see one of the most stunning phenomenons on the Lena River: the Lena Pillars that was inscribed on the World Heritage list. Also you will visit the Buluus glacier that doesn't melt entirely even if it's +35C! In the ethno complex Chochur Muran you will learn about Cossaks' culture and lifestyle in Yakutia and also you will take a taste of some national dishes. Moreover you will have a unique opportunity to take part in a national holiday Ysyakh (celebration rejoicing the end of winter and the subsequent "return" of the sun). It's a celebration of the Yakutia's culture with all its aspects – costumes, traditions, dances, songs, and, of course, cuisine!

For only 8 intense days, you will understand the mysterious Yakuts' soul and their warm hearts. For your comfort, we propose a good buses and the accommodation in the hotel in the city centre.

### Highlights

- Participation in national holiday Ysyakh
- Visit of the Buluus glacier
- Discovery of the Lena Pillars
- Boat trip along the Lena River
- Excursio nto the unique zoo Orto Doydu
- Accommodation in the hotel in centre of Yakutsk

### Tour type

DISCOVERYNATURE

### Difficulty

Moderately Easy - 1-3 hours of physical activity daily

### Comfort

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### Begining / end of the tour

Tour starts: Yakutsk, End of the tour: Yakutsk

### Program

#### Day 1 — Acquaintance with Yakutsk

10:00 — Transfer airport - hotel

12:00 — Lunch (Not included)

13:00 — Walking city-tour

19:00 — Dinner (Not included)

Overnight in the hotel

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Hotels: Accommodation in the hotel Tygyn Darkhan, Twin room  
Comfort: Comfortable accommodation, WC and bath / shower in room

### Day 2 — Buluus glacier

08:15 — Breakfast in the hotel  
08:45 — Departure for the Buluus glacier  
13:00 — Lunch  
13:00 — Discovery of the glacier  
19:00 — Dinner (Not included)  
Overnight in the hotel

Hotels: Accommodation in the hotel Tygyn Darkhan

### Day 3 — Kingdom of Permafrost

08:10 — Breakfast in the hotel  
08:45 — Transfer to Orto Doydu  
11:00 — Excursion to the complex of Chochur Muran  
13:00 — Transfer to the ethno complex of Chochur Muran  
14:00 — Lunch (Not included)  
16:30 — Excursion to the zoo Orto Doidu  
18:00 — Return to Yakutsk  
19:00 — Dinner  
Overnight on board

Hotels: Accommodation in the cabin, Mikhail Svetlov, Twin cabin  
Comfort: Comfortable accommodation, WC and shower on the floor

### Day 4 — Great rocks - Lena Pillars

07:00 — Breakfast  
11:30 — Excursion in the Lena Pillars Nature Park  
15:00 — Lunch in the camping zone  
19:00 — Dinner  
19:00 — Return to Yakutsk  
Overnight on board

Hotels: Accommodation in the cabin, Mikhail Svetlov, Twin cabin  
Comfort: Comfortable accommodation, WC and shower on the floor

### Day 5 — Free day in Yakutsk

07:00 — Breakfast  
08:00 — Arrival and transfer to the hotel  
10:00 — Free time  
19:00 — Dinner (Not included)  
Overnight in the hotel

Hotels: Accommodation in the hotel Tygyn Darkhan, Twin room  
Comfort: Comfortable accommodation, WC and bath / shower in room

### Day 6 — National holiday Ysyakh

08:00 — Breakfast in the hotel  
09:00 — Transfer to Us-Khatyn

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12:00 — Celebration of Ysyakh holiday  
13:00 — Lunch (Not included)  
14:00 — Continuation of the celebration  
19:00 — Dinner (Not included)  
Overnight in the hotel

Hotels: Accommodation in the hotel Tygyn Darkhan, Twin room  
Comfort: Comfortable accommodation, WC and bath / shower in room

### Day 7 — Continuation of the ceremony

08:30 — Breakfast in the hotel  
11:00 — Second day of national holiday Ysyakh  
13:00 — Lunch (Not included)  
15:00 — Return to Yakutsk  
19:00 — Dinner (Not included)  
Overnight in the hotel

Hotels: Accommodation in the hotel Tygyn Darkhan, Twin room  
Comfort: Comfortable accommodation, WC and bath / shower in room

### Day 8 — End of the program

08:00 — Breakfast in the hotel  
09:00 — Check-out of the hotel before 12:00.  
10:00 — Transfer to the hotel. End of the program.

## Departures

Start	End	Basic price per person
20.06.2022	27.06.2022	155500.00 RUB

## Note

Guaranteed departure for a group of 4 persons. If there are less persons in the group, the price can be changed. Single supplement 12 000 rubles / pers.

## What's included

### Price includes

- 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
- Boat trip
- Airplane/ train tickets
- English-speaking guide services
- Meals according to the program

### Price does not include

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

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## Checklist & Equipment

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.

### Recommended checklist

underwear, socks (several pairs)  
pants, long sleeve jacket/tracksuit  
wet wipes and antibacterial hand gel  
water bottle/flask  
spray against mosquitoes and ticks (for summer outdoor tours)  
sleeping bag  
thermal underwear  
fleece jacket/sweater with collar  
comfortable warm hat and scarf (snood)  
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## About the boat

### Mikhail Svetlov Cruise Ship

Cruise liner "Mikhail Svetlov" was built at Austrian shipyard in Korneuburg. The liner took its name after talented Russian poet Mikhail Svetlov.

Mrs. Kristine Wranitzky, the wife of ex-chancellor of Austria, is the godmother of the liner.

The ship was put into operation in April 1986.

Specifications :

- length : 90,3 m,
- breadth : 15 m,
- draft : 1,6 m,
- cruising speed : 21,5 km/h,
- engine capacity : 1380 h/p.

Cabins :

- 22 four berth cabins,
- 33 standard two berth cabins,
- 8 first class two berth cabins,
- 6 one berth cabins
- 2 cabins Deluxe.

All cabins equipped with comfortable furniture, air-conditioner, shower-box, lavatory. The first-aid post, reception, sauna, ironing room, kiosk and restaurant up to 82 seats with the fountain in the center of the dinner hall are located on the Main deck of the ship. Then visiting our restaurant you will enjoy our chef's art of cooking testing European and Northern nations cuisines. Entertaining programs and disco take place at the Concert hall on the Boat Deck. There is a panoramic salon where you can enjoy reading, admire picturesque surroundings of Lena river banks sitting in the comfortable arm-chair, or playing chess on the heard part of the ship. There is cinema on the Sunny Deck.

## Meals

If you are a vegetarian or have any particular preferences, please let us know, so we could adapt the menu.

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## 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

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 204.1 664007 Irkutsk Russia

## Cancellation Options

The cancellation options are:

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- 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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