

## Excursion to the Ushkan Islands — Detailed description

Trip Length: 1    Group: 2-6    Departure: Fixed    Period: July - August

### Trip overview

Nerpa is the unique freshwater seal of Lake Baikal. It occupies the whole lake basin, but especially its northern and central parts. The best place for observing these mammals is the Ushkan Islands – their native habitat.

By a speed boat we will navigate to the archipelago where we will have some hours of the wildlife viewing, near nerpas breeding-ground. For sure, this unique and cute seal don't allow you to stay indifferent!

Please, be attentive with the behavioral rules! The archipelago is a part of the Nature reserve, it's specially protected area.

### Highlights

- Opportunity to sail on Lake Baikal enjoying the landscapes around
- Observation of endemic freshwater seal of Lake Baikal
- Excursion by speed boat for a little group

### Tour type

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### Difficulty

Physical rating not assigned

### Comfort

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

### Begining / end of the tour

Tour starts: Khuzhir, End of the tour: Khuzhir

## Program

### Day 1 — Excursion to the Ushkan Islands

07:00 — Transfer to the port of the village

07:30 — Transfer by boat to the archipelago

10:30 — Seals viewing

13:00 — Picnic (lunch box with hot tea)

17:00 — Return to the Olkhon island by boat

20:00 — Transfer from the port to Khuzhir

## Departures

Start	End	Basic price per person
24.07.2020	24.07.2020	19800.00 RUB

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## Note

The price of the excursion is indicated for a group of 6 participants. If there are less persons, the supplement is to be applied: - for a group of 5 participants - the supplement 2 900 roubles / per person; - for a group of 4 participants - the supplement 7 200 roubles / per person; - for a group of 3 participants - the supplement 14 500 roubles / per person; - for a group of 2 participants - the supplement 28 900 roubles / per person. Please, pay attention that the excursion depend on the weather conditions. The excursion has an open departure and can be organised the suited day you choose.

## What's included

### Price includes

- Lunches
- Reserves and national parks entrance permissions
- Russian-speaking guide services
- Boat trip
- Meals according to the program

### Price does not include

- English-speaking guide
- Optional activities

## Checklist & Equipment

It is hot in summer at Lake Baikal area. Nevertheless, you should always have something to put on, as weather in Siberia is very changeable.

If you plan your trip in May or September, please feel free to bring your hat, gloves and windjacket in case of snow or rain.

June is also pretty cool.

July and August are the hottest months, which offer you temperatures of 25 ° - 35 ° at daytime and 15 ° - 18 ° at night. On the shores of Lake Baikal, like in the Alps, you should wear T-shirts and shorts in the sunny afternoons, sweaters and jackets in the cool evenings.

## Recommended checklist

Sunglasses

POLARTEC or similar pullover

Cap or hat to protect against sun

Comfortable walking shoes (like Vibram or similar)

## Meals

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

Lunch on shipboard.

## 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 more information please contact your nearest Russian Embassy or Visa Application Center.

## Money

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The Russian currency is ruble. In all cities and many large villages of Russia, you can easily withdraw rubles, using a Visa or MasterCard, from ATMs, located in banks, department stores or hotel lobbies, some of them are open 24 hours a day. If you have euros or dollars with you, exchange offices will allow you to change them easily in the cities, seldom in the countryside. However, it can be difficult to exchange traveler's checks, even in cities.

### Medical Form

No particular physical condition is required.

### Emergency Contact

You can contact BaikalNature by phone: +73952 26 56 94.

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 9302/19-49 from September 30, 2019. Amount of coverage: 500 000 RUB. Legal and actual address: BaikalNature LLC 119A Dekabrskikh Sobyti Str., office 13 664007 Irkutsk Russia

### Cancellation Options

The cancellation options are:

- more than 60 days before departure - 10% of the tour price,
- 60 to 30 days before departure - 50% of the tour price,
- less than 30 days before departure - 100% of the tour price.

### Security

The travelers' security is our primary aim and also the long-term reputation of our travel agency. First-aid kit, adapted for this tour, is available at your guide.

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