

Survival in the Siberian taiga — Detailed description

Trip Length: 8 Group: 1-4 Departure: Fixed Period: December - January

Trip overview

If you are looking for something truly special, if you are tired of the routine of the city and want to test yourself for strength, if you lack vivid impressions, we offer you a unique «Survival in the Siberian Taiga» tour.

For the most daring, we suggest going in search of adventure to the very heart of the Siberian taiga, to the foot of the majestic Khamar-Daban mountain range. The route starts from Baikal itself, passes through gentle plains, impenetrable taiga, through passes, streams and rivers, along calm lakes and numerous waterfalls. You will find yourself in a place cut off from civilization, where everything lives according to the rules of nature itself, where there are much more chances to meet a wild animal than a person. Together with a group of daredevils and our experienced guide, you will learn how to survive in the Siberian taiga - without the Internet, communications, electricity.

During the tour, you are provided with only the minimum set of necessary tools: axes, knives, campfire equipment, fishing tackle, backpacks and tents. It is no coincidence that we organize a tour at the end of August, when the taiga is rich in all gifts: mushrooms, berries, fish, cones. You will learn how to fish, distinguish between edible and inedible berries, mushrooms and herbs, and also try all the gifts of the taiga forest.

We can guarantee that after such an extreme tour you will never be the same again. Being cut off from all the good things, you will understand the value and importance of the moment. What you are doing here and now. No matter how unfriendly the deaf Siberian taiga may seem to you, you will discover a completely different nature for yourself: one that helps everyone who is able to hear and understand it.

We trust the safety on the route to our most experienced guide. He has emergency communication equipment and a first aid kit at his disposal. All tour participants are insured.

IMPORTANT: before you go on a tour, objectively evaluate your physical and moral strength.

Highlights

- Real isolation from civilization
- Picturesque landscapes of the majestic Khamar-Daban Mounts
- 5 days surrounded by rich and diverse wildlife
- Teaching the bushcraft skills
- 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: Irkutsk, End of the tour: Irkutsk

Program

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Day 1 — Arrival to Irkutsk and preparation for the tour

11:40 — Meeting in the airport of Irkutsk
13:00 — Lunch in the hotel (Not included)
14:00 — Meeting with your guide at the hotel's reception
19:00 — Dinner (Not included)

Overnight at the hotel

Hotels: Accommodation in the hotel Angara, Twin standard room

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

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

09:00 — Breakfast in the hotel
10:00 — Transfer to the Baikalsk city
13:00 — Lunch in the cafe of the town (Not included)
14:00 — The beginning of the road
19:00 — Landing on the bank
19:00 — Dinner

Overnight in the camp

Hotels: Taiga shelter, Taiga camp

Comfort:

Day 3 — First day of the survival

09:00 — Breakfast
10:00 — Trekking to the ridge
13:00 — Lunch en route
18:00 — Setting up of the camp and rest
19:00 — Dinner

Overnight in the camp

Hotels: Taiga shelter, Taiga camp

Comfort:

Day 4 — Fishing on the Khara-Murin

09:00 — Breakfast
10:00 — Along the Khara-Murin river
13:00 — Lunch
16:00 — Fishing
19:00 — Dinner

Overnight in the camp

Hotels: Taiga shelter, Taiga camp

Comfort:

Day 5 — In the valley of the waterfalls

09:00 — Breakfast
10:00 — Road to the Charming Waterfall
13:00 — Lunch
19:00 — Dinner

Overnight in the camp

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Hotels: Taiga shelter, Taiga camp
Comfort:

Day 6 — Descent and return to Baikalsk

09:00 — Breakfast

10:00 — Way back

13:00 — Lunch

19:00 — Dinner

Overnight in the camp

Hotels: Taiga shelter, Taiga camp
Comfort:

Day 7 — Return to Irkutsk

09:00 — Breakfast

12:00 — Lunch in the road cafe (Not included)

14:00 — Transfer to Irkutsk

16:00 — Arrival and accommodation in the hotel

19:00 — Dinner

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 programme

09:00 — Breakfast in the hotel

10:00 — Transfer to the airport

Departures

New departures available soon

Note

The indicated price is for the groupe of 4 persons minimum. If there are less participants, the supplement is to be applied: - 15 300 roubles per person - supplement for a groupe of 3 persons - 42 000 roubles per person - supplement for a goupe of 2 persons This tour can be organised for an individual traveller - 163 100 roubles (total price, without changing the program published on the site). The price of the tour includes Accident insurance and Tick bite insurance. Sleeping bag rent is 1 000 roubles / per person.

What's included


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Price includes

- Accommodation as per itinerary
- Nature reserves and parks entrance permissions
- Letter of invitation
- Accident insurance
- Bathing in springs
- Airplane/ train tickets
- English-speaking guide services
- Meals according to the program
- Russian-speaking guide
- Tent rental
- Camping outfit rental

Price does not include

- English-speaking guide
- Personal expenses and tips
- Airline tickets
- Visa fees and travel insurance
- Sleeping bag rental

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.

Recommended checklist

underwear, socks (several pairs)
pants, long sleeve jacket/tracksuit
comfortable shoes for the city
raincoat / windproof and waterproof jacket with HOOD!
cap/comfortable hat on head (for sun protection)
towel
water bottle/flask
spray against mosquitoes and ticks (for summer outdoor tours)
sleeping bag
winter (down) jacket and warm pants (windproof and waterproof) / winter suit
comfortable winter boots (suitable for walking on ice and snow)
fleece jacket/sweater with collar
thermal socks
comfortable warm hat and scarf (snood)
ski mask
winter expedition boots (like Sorel or Baffin)

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Meals

Cold lunch and hot dinner, cooked on an open fire in the evening.

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

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

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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.

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