

## Trekking on Olkhon Island — Detailed description

Trip Length: 2 Group: 1-10 Departure: Fixed Period: December - January

### Trip overview

Go trekking in the steppes of Olkhon and admire the 360° horizon, as far as the eye can see, - here is the essence of this tour. We offer you to discover amazing sceneries, to enjoy unforgettable acquaintances, to sense time and space, to spend night out in the open, to discover sites far away from the touristic crowds off the beaten tracks. While trekking we will only carry our flasks and cameras, all our other things will be transported by our 4x4.

The island represents a geographical, historic and sacred heart of the lake, the land of legends and traditions. Olkhon is the largest island on Lake Baikal. Situated in the centre of the lake, not far from its deepest point (1637m/5370 ft), Olkhon combines all the diversity of the Baikal landscapes. It is a special area with its microclimate, its unique fauna and flora. The island is 72 km/45 mi long and 15 km/9 mi wide with total area of 730 sq km/282 sq mi. Steep cliffs along with sandy bays form the island shoreline, scenery of forests cut with steppes on which work the Baikal winds, such skilful artists. Taiga covers the east shore of the island.

### Highlights

- Trekking along wild and picturesque places of Olkhon island
- Itinerary off the beaten tracks
- Visit of all main sites of the island
- Possibility to hike light while trekking
- All types of the Baikal landscapes
- Overnight in the tent

### Tour type

ACTIVENATURE

### Difficulty

Moderate - 3-5 hours of 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: Khujir, End of the tour: Khujir

### Program

#### Day 1 — First day of the trekking

10:00 — Meeting with the group and transfer to Peschanoye place

11:00 — Trekking to the village Uzury

13:00 — Picnic on the trip

16:00 — Arrival to Uzury

19:00 — Dinner cooked by gaz

20:00 — Banya (Russian sauna) (Not included)

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Overnight in tent

Hotels: Camping,

## Day 2 — North of the lake and return to Khujir

09:00 — Breakfast

10:00 — Trekking to Khoboy cape

13:00 — Picnic on the way

16:00 — Return to Khujir

## Departures

Start	End	Basic price per person
29.05.2020	30.05.2020	30200.00 RUB
05.06.2020	06.06.2020	30200.00 RUB
18.06.2020	19.06.2020	30200.00 RUB
27.06.2020	28.06.2020	30200.00 RUB
10.07.2020	11.07.2020	30200.00 RUB
16.07.2020	17.07.2020	30200.00 RUB
24.07.2020	25.07.2020	30200.00 RUB
31.07.2020	01.08.2020	30200.00 RUB
06.08.2020	07.08.2020	30200.00 RUB
14.08.2020	15.08.2020	30200.00 RUB
22.08.2020	23.08.2020	30200.00 RUB
26.08.2020	27.08.2020	30200.00 RUB
01.09.2020	02.09.2020	30200.00 RUB
05.09.2020	06.09.2020	30200.00 RUB

## Note

The indicated price is for the group of 3 participants minimum. If there are less persons in the group, the small group supplement is applied: - for a group of 3 participants, a supplement is 8 200 roubles / per person - for a group of 2 participants, a supplement is 12 600 roubles / per person - for an individual tourist, a supplement is 28 000 roubles. The trekking can be organised any dates from mid-May to mid-September. Optionally, we can book for you private or scheduled transfer from Irkutsk to Olkhon island, accommodation and meals.

## What's included

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**Price includes**

- English-speaking guide
- Russian-speaking guide
- Accommodation as per itinerary
- Nature reserves and parks entrance permissions
- Tent rental
- Meals according to the program

**Price does not include**

- Personal expenses and tips
- Accident insurance
- Letter of invitation
- 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.

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**

T-shirts, shorts

pants, long sleeve jacket/tracksuit

raincoat / windproof and waterproof jacket with HOOD!

wet wipes and antibacterial hand gel

water bottle/flask

spray against mosquitoes and ticks (for summer outdoor tours)

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

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

comfortable warm hat and scarf (snood)

winter expedition boots (like Sorel or Baffin)

fleece balaclava

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**Meals**

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

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

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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

A good 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:

- 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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## 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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