

# New Year's Eve 2015 in Listvyanka on Lake Baikal — Detailed description

Trip Length: 5 Group: 1-20 Departure: Fixed Period: December - January

## Trip overview

Would you like to celebrate New Year's Eve far away from a noisy city in the countryside? BaikalNature is please to organize unforgettable holidays on the 31st of December on the shore of sacred Baikal.

According to the Russian tradition you need to take banya (Russian sauna) in the evening before entering the New Year. Ded Moroz (Russian Santa Claus) with his granddaughter Snegurochka will entertain you and give a festive atmosphere during a delicious dinner this

Do not forget to make your wish during peal of bells. It will definitely come true! We promiss you.

Next day you will get a gift: you will ride a dog sled in the snow covered taiga where in the very forest you will be served with a hot Baikal herbal tea.

In this season the nature is amazing on Lake Baikal: the lake is not still frozen, trees and forest are covered with frost and snow. Give a fairy tale to you and to your close people!

# **Highlights**

- Celbrate New Year's Eve on Lake Baikal
- Discover the warm and generous Siberian soul
- · Cross the snow-covered taiga on dog-sledding
- Watch a rare phenomenon when water is steaming

#### Tour type

**DISCOVERYNATURE** 

#### **Difficulty**

Easy - nothing more than normal walking while sight-seeing

#### Comfort

Upgraded — all nights in comfortable rooms.

# **Program**

Day 1 — -

Day 2 — -

Day 3 — -

Day 4 — -

Day 5 — -

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#### **Departures**

New departures available soon

The price is given for the group of 6 persons. If the number of participants is less than 6, the following supplement is applied: + 2 600 RUB / pers. for the group of 5 participants + 3 200 RUB / pers. for the group of 4 participants + 8 700 RUB / pers. for the grup of 3 participants + 13 100 RUB / pers. for the grup of 2 participant The price includes banya on Day 2 The price does not include breakfast on Day 1, dinner on Day 4 Single supplement 4 900 roubles

Price does not include

Airline tickets

Meals as per itinerary

• Personal expenses and tips

Visa fees and travel insurance

#### What's included

#### Price includes

- Dog sled rental
- Transfers in Irkutsk
- English-speaking guide
- Russian-spaking guide
- Transport a per itinerary
- · Excursions and visits as per itinerary
- Bathing in springs
- Airplane/ train tickets
- Celebratory dinner with alcoholic beverages
- Ropeway to Chersky Rock
- Accident insurance
- · Letter of invitation

## **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.

#### Recommended checklist

comfortable shoes for trekking fleece balaclava

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#### Meals

At restaurants and homestays in cities, traditional cuisine consists of local specialties.

#### Laundry

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.

# **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.

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