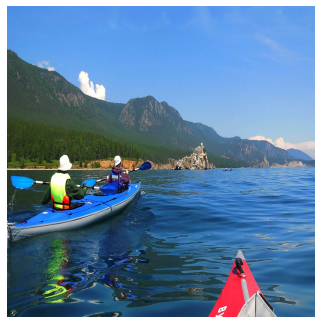
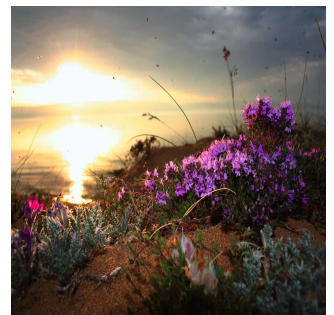
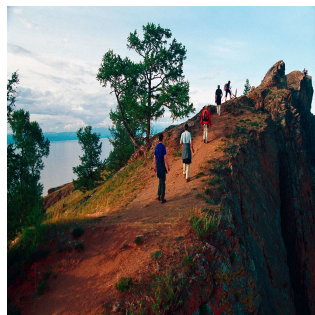


# Baikal Active

Kayaking and hiking at Lake Baikal



If you are looking for adventure travel, join our trip to Lake Baikal this summer. For 11 days you will immerse with a unique Baikal nature. Walk along the picturesque shores and secluded bays, go kayaking on the Baikal waves to encounter seals, and climb the cliffs to discover the breathtaking views.

# Experiences you'll have

## Active tour to Lake Baikal

During the summer there are so few places on Lake Baikal where you can escape tourists’ crowds, cars and buses. However, we have tried to find such places in order you could feel a full immersion with the wild Baikal nature.

This tour is suitable for tourists in a good physical shape, because you will have daily kayaking and hiking routes up to 15-20 km a day. You will visit the main sites of Lake Baikal, as well as reach the most secluded and picturesque places, accessible only by water or on foot.

The journey consists of two parts:

kayaking along the most beautiful part of the west Baikal coast accessible only by water. Along this itinerary there are no roads or settlements – you will be out of civilization surrounded by the picturesque taiga-covered hills and sandy beaches  
hiking in the heart of the lake – the Olkhon island. You will visit the wildest north part of the island, as well as the most popular sites, such as the Shamanka (Burkhan) cape, Urochische Peschanoye, Tri Brata (Three brothers) cape and Khoboy cape.

We accept bookings for groups of 6 or more

## Itinerary

The journey begins in Irkutsk, where you shoul travel to on your own. We are ready to help you with the purchase of tickets. If necessary, leave a comment in your application.

### Day 1

You will be met at the Irkutsk airport and taken to the

hotel, where you can rest and have lunch in the restaurant. If you want, after lunch the walking city-tour with the guide can be organized (about 3h, extra paid).

In the evening you will have dinner in the hotel restaurant

(extra paid).

### Day 2

After breakfast, transfer to Bolshoye Goloustnoye village

will be organized.

Having arrived in the village, you will have lunch in the

cafe (extra paid). Then you will be instructed on how to operate kayaks and have a short passage to the Ushkany cape (about 5 km). Here you will set up a campsite and in the evening you have a camping dinner and rest in the tents.

Stage length: 120 km by car and 5 km by kayaks (1 hour).

### Day 3

After breakfast, you will continue kayaking to the south

along the western coast of the lake. If the weather is fine, you will have a chance to watch the nerpa, the endemic seal of lake Baikal. You will pass by the cape Baklaniy Kamen (rus. for Cormorant rock) which formerly was the habitat of cormorants.

You will have lunch outdoors and then continue the

navigation. In the evening you will choose the place for the camp,

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Accomodation at the trip



5 nights 3 nights 2 nights

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guide

from 1 070 EUR



have dinner and rest in the tents.

#### **Stage length: 15 km by kayaks (5 hours)**

##### **Day 4**

#### **During this day you will make a stop in one of the most**

amazing places of lake Baikal — Peschanaya Bay (rus. for Sandy Bay). This place is famous for its large white sand beach and "stilt" trees. Wind and water constantly blow and wash away the sand from the trees' roots, that is why they remind of stilts.

#### **Peschanaya Bay is made up of taiga slopes from Primorskiy**

mountain range with picturesque rocks gently coming down into Baikal water. The sandy beach of the bay is surrounded by the pyramidal rocks of Bolshaya Kolokolnya. The height of the cliffs reaches about 80 meters above sea level. This place is called "Siberian Riviera" and it was declared as natural site

#### **You will have lunch on the bank of the lake and then**

continue kayaking toward Sennaya Bay. In the evening you will set up od the camp, have dinner and rest.

#### **Stage length: 15 km by kayaks (5 hours).**

##### **Day 5**

#### **After breakfast, you will continue the navigation toward**

the north part of the lake and will reach the Beliy Cape (Rus. for White Cape). The route will pass along the mountains and the taiga. It will be the longest part of the whole journey.

#### **You will make a stop on the picturesque beach of the lake**

for the rest and the open-air lunch. Then you will continue kayaking and choose the place for camping. In the evening you will have dinner and rest in the tents.

#### **Stage length: 20 km by kayaks (6 hours).**

##### **Day 6**

#### **After breakfast, you will have a short passage to the**

Buguldeyka village, where you will have a snack and rest a little bit. Then you will move to Olkhon island.

#### **En route, you will have a possibility to make a stop at the**

cafe for tasting the Buryat cuisine. Then you will arrive to Olkhon island and accommodate at the resort of the Khujir village.

#### **In the evening we will offer you to go for a walk for visiting**

the famous Burkhan Rock. It is considered to be a residence of the Baikal God and one of the nine sanctuaries of Asia.

#### **Initially, the cape was called Shamanka or Shaman Rock.**

This name is not accidental: already in ancient times followers of shamanism considered the place holy. The cave of Shamanka saw

many religious rites and sacrifices. Later on, when Buddhism spread among Buryat people, the cape came to be known as "Burkhan", which means "God", "Buddha".

**After walking you will return to the base, have dinner and**  
rest in comfortable rooms.

**Stage length: 122 km by car, 5 km by kayaks (1 hour).**

#### Day 7

**After breakfast, you will travel by 4x4 (Russian UAZ) along**

the western coast of the island to the north. You will get out of the car in the place called Urochishe Peschanoye, which is famous for its picturesque sand dunes. From this point, you will start hiking to the eastern coast of the island (your luggage will be carried by car).

**Firstly, the trail will pass by the western coast. Then, you**

will take the steppe road along the taiga-covered evergreen mountains. You will go to the village Uzury on the eastern side of the island. It's the northernmost village of the island, the place of our first meeting with the great open Baikal. The village is situated in a picturesque valley. There are only a few houses and a weather station.

**You will be accommodated in tents on the bank of the lake.**

In the evening you can visit the Russian bathhouse (extra charge).

**Stage length: 12 km on foot (5 hours).**

#### Day 8

**Today, there will be the most picturesque part of the**

itinerary. It passes by the wildest part of the island – cliffy and abrupt coast. You will visit the cape Shunte-Leviy and then you will continue hiking the northernmost point of the whole Olkhon island. It is Cape Khoboy that is considered to be the legendary natural site and a shaman sacred place. This cape offers a breathtaking view of 360° on the Baikal lake.

**After the picnic, you will meet our driver and return to**

Khujir village. You will have dinner and rest at the resort.

**Stage length: 12 km on foot (5 hours), 40 km by car.**

#### Day 9

**Today you will have the opportunity to rest after active**

hiking days. We propose to you to sleep enough, to go for a walk along the village and to take lunch at one of the village cafes or at the resort's canteen (extra paid). Also, you can go for one of the excursions on the Island: a boat trip to the south and Ogoy Island or to Buriat village.

In the evening you will have dinner and rest in comfortable rooms.

#### Day 10

**You will have breakfast, after that, a return transfer to**

Irkutsk will be organized. En route, you will make a stop to have lunch (extra paid).

**Upon arrival in Irkutsk, you will check into a hotel.**

Then you will have free time: you can walk around this old and beautiful Siberian city, buy souvenirs or rest in the hotel. Dinner is paid extra.

**Stage length: 326 km by car.**

**Day 11**

**After breakfast, you will be taken to the airport for your**

return flights.

## Accommodation at the trip

The first and the last night of the journey you will spend in the " **Angara**" **Hotel 3\***, located in Irkutsk. It offers a comfortable standard twin room with air conditioning, mini-fridge, flat-screen TV and free Wi-Fi. The room has two comfortable single beds (90/200 cm), a spacious wardrobe, a work area, and a bathroom with a shower. There are also a spa salon, restaurants of international cuisine, indoor pool, sauna, gym and billiard club in the hotel.

4 days during kayaking (days 2-6) you will spend the nights in double tents in picturesque and secluded places of Baikal. For one night during hiking along the Olkhon Island (days 7-8) you will be accommodated in double tents at the bank of the lake.

For three nights of the tour (days 6-7, 8-10) you will stay at **the guest house "U Lukomorya"**, located in Khuzhir village on Olkhon island. You will be accommodated in standard twin rooms. Each room has two single beds, a desk, a sofa, free Wi-Fi, and a bathroom with a shower.

## FAQ

### Who will be my guide

You will be accompanied by experienced guides during the whole journey.

### Meals

The tour price includes breakfast on days 2-11, lunch on day 1, 3-8, and dinner on days 2-9. You have to pay extra for lunches on days 2, 9 and 10, as well as for dinners on days 1 and 10.

If you are a vegetarian or have any particular preferences, please let us know in advance so we can 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 months after the expiry date of your visa and to have at least two blank pages.

### What should I bring with me

**Important travel documents:**

- passport and visa, original or electronic airplane tickets (with a sets of photocopies kept separately), bank card



**Clothes:**

- raincoat or wind and waterproof shell jacket (with hood)
- large 60 liters backpack
- sleeping bag rated from 0° C to +15° C
- trekking socks
- shorts
- T-shirts
- socks
- cap or hat to protect against sun
- headlamp
- sunscreen for skin and lips
- sunglasses with filter
- swimsuit
- camping mat
- flip-flop or kayak shoes

We recommend you pack all your stuff in two bags: a small backpack and a large traveling bag. A small backpack will be useful for carrying your personal belongings during the day (camera, film, personal medication, bottled water, etc). The big backpack must contain the rest of your stuff. It will be transported by vehicles.

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**What kind of kayaks are used**

This trip is carried out in kayaks type "Taymen" or "Salut" for 2 to 3 people

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**Can I take part**

Tourists should be in very good physical shape and ready for hiking conditions throughout the tour. The permissible weight of the participant is not more than 100 kg (220 lb).

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**What will be the weather like**

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. July and August are the hottest months, which offer you temperatures of 77-95 °F at daytime and 59-65 °F at night.

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**Money**

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.

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**Tick-borne encephalitis vaccination**

We recommend to get a tick-borne encephalitis vaccination, especially for May-June arrivals. In Russia vaccination is done in 2 parts. The first vaccine is made 45 days before arrival to Russia. The second vaccine — 7-14 days before arrival to the Baikal region.

The vaccination process might differ in your country. For details, please contact your doctor. If you are not willing to go through vaccination process, please, be assured that your medical insurance covers tick-borne encephalitists.


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# Booking

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**What's included in the price:**


- accommodation as per itinerary
- meals as per itinerary
- transport as per itinerary
- transfers from/to airport
- rental of all necessary equipment and gear
- excursions and visits as per itinerary
- english-speaking guide services
- invitation letter
- reserves and national parks entrance permissions


**Extra charge:**

- [air tickets](#) to Irkutsk (starting at 172 EURO for a round-trip)
- visa fees and travel insurance
- personal expenses and tips
- sleeping bag rental (+6 EURO per person)
- 2 dinners and 3 lunches
- guided tour of Irkutsk (+50 EURO per group)

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