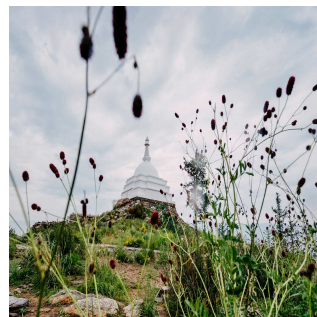
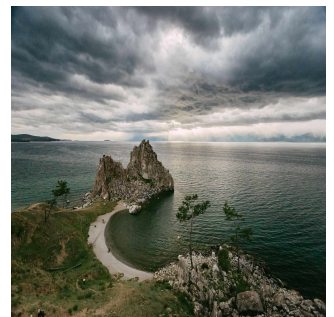


# Baikal Odyssey

Sightseeing tour to Lake Baikal



The locals dub Lake Baikal a sea, as its ultramarine surface stretches far beyond the horizon! From ancient times, legends have been sung about the lake. Stand on the coast to feel its tremendous power. Learn the secrets of shamans, discover Siberia's most beautiful and breathtaking sceneries, and taste the Buryat cuisine in this Baikal Odyssey!

# Experiences you'll have

## General tour to Baikal

During this journey you will visit the most beautiful and interesting places of the legendary lake:

- cross Baikal by a high-speed boat and walk on foot across the reserved taiga
- travel around the Olkhon island and visit its northernmost point — Cape Khoboy, watching the amazing change of natural landscapes, sometimes similar to Mongolia or the Mediterranean
- get acquainted with the indigenous Baikal people's history and culture by visiting the ethnographic Museum "Taltsy" and the ethnopark "Golden Horde"
- taste the Buryat cuisine and try to cook one of the main traditional dishes — "buuzy" by your own
- discover the spiritual Baikal by visiting sacred places for Buddhists and touching the secrets of shamanism.

**We accept bookings for groups of 6 or more**

This tour is for those who is going to Baikal for the first time and who wants to see its best sights while travelling light with comfort. Your luggage will be transferred with accompanying transport. You can even order delivery of souvenirs to the airport

## Itinerary

Your journey begins in Irkutsk where you have to get to on your own by 09:30 a.m. You will be met by our guide at the airport. We are ready to help you with the purchase of tickets. If necessary, leave a comment in your application.

Note: you can buy any plane ticket convenient for you for the return flight — a personal transfer will be organized.

### Day 1

#### You will go along the famous Baikal highway to the village

of Listvyanka (68 km) — a gracious place where a lot of ships of Baikal fleet, including icebreaker "Angara", were built.

#### On the way you will visit the Taltsy Wooden Architecture

Museum. It exhibits rare old buildings and artifacts of the indigenous peoples that inhabited the Baikal region from the 17th to the 19th century. Here you will find four reconstructed historico-cultural zones representing four native nationalities: Buryat, Evenk, Russian and Tofalar

#### After walking and taking pictures, you will move on.

Having reached the lake, you will enjoy a panoramic view from the restaurant where you will have lunch. You can visit the Baikal Museum where you will watch the lake creatures in big aquariums as well as a real-time show enabled by cameras located at the bottom of the lake. You will also meet some charming seals.

#### If you wish, you can go up with a cable railway and enjoy

your first Baikal sunset. At the end of the day, you will arrive at the guest house in Listvyanka village and have rest.

### Day 2

#### After delicious home-made breakfast, you will start today's

journey. The destination is the village of Tankhoi on the opposite shore of Baikal.

#### You will cross the lake with a high-speed boat (40 km) and

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Group size	to 8
Duration	6 days

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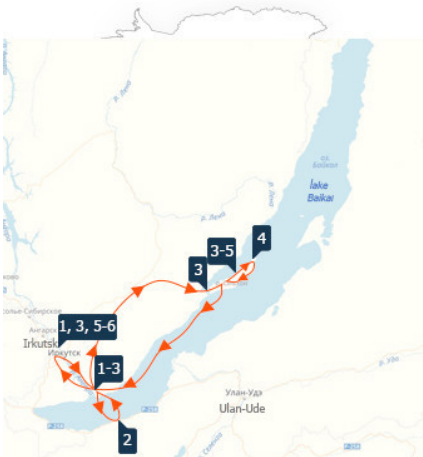
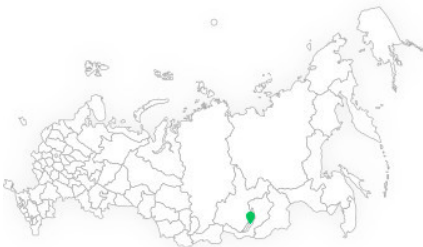
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guide

from 87 300 EUR



will reach the nature reserve. Here an alpine tundra is neighbouring with firry and pine taiga. There are bears, roe deer, red deer and sable in Chamar-Daban environs.

### **First you will go to the visit centre and then you will take a**

short walk along the eco trail accompanied by a ranger. You will admire the unique nature and enjoy the fresh forest air. Then you will have lunch in the real winter cabin with taiga herbal tea, and funny stories.

### **In the evening you will go back to the village of Listvyanka**

and have dinner in the restaurant.

## **Day 3**

### **Today you will go to the "heart of lake Baikal" — to Olkhon**

island. On the way you will stop in Irkutsk, where you will have a tour of the city. Angara embankment, monuments and churches, old houses with carved shutters and sparkling skyscrapers – Irkutsk looks like a city of contrast, but it could save its own harmony.

### **After one hour on the way from Irkutsk you will stop at the**

Golden Horde ethnic park, where you will get acquainted with the culture of the indigenous people of the Baikal region. You will listen to the fascinating throat singing performed by the local ensemble, have lunch in a huge Buryat Yurt and take part in a master class of making traditional Buryat dishes – meat dumplings, named "buuzy".

After lunch you will continue the journey, making stops in the most interesting places. Then, in order not to wait in a queue to a ferry, you will take a boat trip to the Ogoy island, where you will visit the buddhist Stupa of Enlightenment. This Island has never been inhabited by people and it is considered to be "a pure land" — free from negative energy.

After arriving on the Olkhon island you will be accommodated in the hotel in Khuzhir, rest and have dinner. In the evening you can walk along the shore of lake Baikal and watch the sunset at the legendary Shamanka rock.

## **Day 4**

### **The touring days are intense and exhausting, so you will**

be able to take your time and do whatever you want in the morning. Sunbath on the beach, ride a quad around, or take a walk and enjoy the nature.

### **Afternoon you will ride a car to the northernmost end of**

the island, Cape Khoboy (translated from the Buryat language as a "fang"). It is considered to be a sacred place.

### **Taiga and steppe landscapes, sand dunes and rocky shores**

— all of these are found on the island, which is exactly what makes this place so unique. Some of the landscapes here resemble Mongolia, others look a lot like the Mediterranean.

### **After picnic you will go back to the village of Khuzhir.**

## **Day 5**

### **In the morning you will have free time. You can take a walk**

around the Khuzhir village or just relax on the shore.



**Towards the evening the group will get together and will**

depart to the southern part of the island by a speed boat with underwater wings. You will walk along the picturesque western bank of lake Baikal, admiring the rocky coasts and green forests, colorful beaches and beautiful Khamar-Daban peaks.

**Late in the evening you will arrive in Listvyanka, where you**

will be transferred straight away to Irkutsk by bus. You will check in the hotel and rest.

**Day 6**

**After breakfast you will be taken to Irkutsk airport.**

## Accommodation at the trip

In Listvyanka village you will stay for 2 nights in the "Demidov's estate" guest house, in comfortable double rooms with amenities (toilet and shower in the room).

In Khuzhir village you will spend 2 nights at the "Baikal Ostrog" hotel complex (comfortable double rooms).

In Irkutsk you will stay in "Ibis" hotel for one night (double rooms with facilities).

## FAQ

Who will be my guide

You will be accompanied by an experienced guide.

Are there discounts for children

For children younger than 12 years there is 10% discount.

Meals

The tour price includes three meals a day, except breakfast and dinner on the first day, dinners on the 2nd and 5th days, as well as lunch and dinner on the day of departure.

What should I bring with me

- waterproof and windproof wear (for ex. Red Fox, Sivera, Bask, Marmot, Salewa)
- warm blouse
- polartec jacket and pants
- comfortable boots (light trekking boots/sport shoes/sandals)
- cap or bandana
- light hat
- gloves
- sunscreen (with SPF not less than 20)
- sunglasses (with UV protection not less than 2)
- swimming gear
- personal first-aid kit (if you have some specific diseases) and OMI Policy
- personal hygiene facilities

- photo- and video camera and also extra memory cards and batteries/accumulators
- rain poncho or umbrella (advisable)

### 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.

# Booking

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

- accommodation as per program (comfortable double rooms)
- meals according to the program
- meeting at the airport and transfers provided by the program (by Fiat Ducato/Mercedes Benz Sprinter/Toyota Hiace)
- visiting the Chersky Rock observation site, with a rope lift
- tours to: Baikal Museum and Teltsy museum, Baikal Nature Reserve (water crossing 40 km+trekking), an Olkhon Island tour (a car and walking tour to Cape Khoboy by Mitsubishi Delica car) and a two-hour Irkutsk tour
- a water excursion to Ogoy Island with debarkation in Khuzir
- program in the Golden Horde ethnic park (throat singing, master class of Buuzy dumpling making)
- tickets for the “Comet” speed boat Olkhon – Irkutsk
- guide's services throughout the journey
- visa invitation

**Extra charge:**

- [flight to Irkutsk](#)
- meals not provided by the program
- single accommodation, as an option (+13 400 rubles per person)
- travel insurance
- pottery workshop (from 500 rubles per person) and blacksmithing workshop (from 1500 per person)
- diving in Listvyanka (from 5500 rubles per person)
- meeting with shaman on Olkhon Island (from 12 000 rubles per group)

Best price guarantee

Personal tours

Discounts for regular clients

Gift cards