

WONDERFUL BAIKAL

Prepared by
LTD Colors of Baikal
Irkutsk 2020

DETAILED PROGRAMME 2020

DAY 1

Arrival to the airport/
railway station of Irkutsk, meeting with your English- speaking tour guide.
Transfer to the hotel. Lunch. City tour: historic districts of the
city, the place where Irkutsk was founded by the cossack Yakov Pokhabov,
ancient churches, cultural sites and monuments. Visit to the local market.
Dinner.

DAY 2

Morning transfer to Listvyanka village which is
situated on the Baikal shore 66 km away from Irkutsk city. On the way we are going to
visit the Talsty
Museum of Wooden Architecture and Ethnography. Talsty museum opens its doors to
all visitors wishing to enjoy the beauty of different types of old wooden
constructions - civil, religions and
defensive - from the 17th to the 20th centuries. You will also learn a lot about the
cultural heritage of Russian, Buryat, Tofalar
and Evenks people. If you feel like it, you also can try a typical Russian
entertainment - a cowhide toboggan. Heading to Listvyanka we'll make the stop
near the source of Angara - the only river running out of Baikal - and the
sacred Shaman Rock. Lunch. Afterwards we'll visit the Baikal limnological museum
where you will learn a lot about the unique flora and fauna of the lake. Explore the
village with its fish market and the souvenir shops. Accommodation in a hotel.
Russian sauna (banya)..

DAY 3

Transfer to the railway
station where we will board the Circumbaikal train and travel on the old
Trans-Siberian line which goes along the lake shore. Until the middle of the
20th century the Circumbaikal railway was part of the main line of Trans-Siberian
Railway; later on, however, a duplicate section of the railway was
built. Sometimes called a unique achievement in engineering, the Circumbaikal
is one of the picturesque sights of the area around lake Baikal. The
Circumbaikal contains thirty-eight tunnels with a total length of 9063 m (the
longest of them, a tunnel through cape Polovinnyj, is 777.5 m long). There are
also 15 stone galleries and 3 ferro-concrete galleries with apertures, 248
bridges and viaducts, and 268 retaining walls. We are going to enjoy a day trip
on board of the train making several stop to admire tunnels, bridges and to wonder
around the coast of the Baikal lake with lots of wild flowers. Arrival to
Irkutsk in the evening. Overnight in a
hotel.

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DAY 4

Early morning departure to Olkhon island, the largest island on the lake and one of the sacred shamanist centres, land full of legends and holy places. Lunch on the way with the local Buryat dishes. Crossing the picturesque Maloe more strait. Arriving to Khuzhir, the «capital» of Olkhon. Accommodation in a mini hotel. Walking to the main symbol of the island - the famous Shamanka Rock, one of the 9 sacred places of Asia. Accommodation in a guest-house. Dinner.

DAY 5

Morning excursion to the northern end of Olkhon island. On the way we are going to make several stops in the most picturesque places: the cliff Three Brothers, the Love cape and many others. The final point of the tour - the cape Khoboy. This is a place where the smaller and bigger seas meet and form the widest place of the lake of 79.5 km. From the top of the cape open a breathtaking panoramic view. Return to the village in the afternoon. Free time before dinner. Enjoying the last sunset on the island.

DAY 6

Ferry trip crossing the strait on the way to Olkhon island, the largest island of Baikal and one of the sacred shamanist centres, land full of legends and holy places. Exploring the southern part of the island with its steppes, small lake Khankhoy and beautiful landscapes..

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DAY 7

Transfer to the
airport/railway station.

Conditions of the journey:

**Comfortable single accommodation (except for one night in Buguldeika where you will have single room with shared WC).
All meals included.
Private transport.
English speaking guide.**

**Price includes the following services:
excursions mentioned
the entrance fee to all mentioned museums and the national park
the rent of the hovercraft**

**Price doesn't include:
Visa fees
Insurance
Extra drinks off menu
Luggage service
Personal expenses
Tips**

