

# BAIKAL ICE PHOTO HUNTING

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## DETAILED PROGRAMME 2020

### DAY 1

Welcome to the capital of Eastern Siberia!  
Irkutsk is one of the oldest cities in Siberia, situated on the crossroad of trade routes between East and West. You visit the old town called once “Paris of Siberia” with its large quarters of wooden houses, the highlights and peculiar features of architecture and history. The romantic appearance, home for people of different nationalities, religions and cultures, this city will leave you unforgettable impressions. Visit to open air architecture museum Taltsy where you will learn the history of natives’ peoples of Siberia. Then you will make the acquaintance with Baikal Lake, the deepest lake of the world with its 1637 meters of depth. This “Sacred sea” is the biggest fresh water reserve in the world, one of the UNESCO’s World Natural Heritages  
In the evening taking pictures of sunset from observation platform of Chersky peak with picturesque panorama of Baikal lake, famous Angara river and legendary Shaman stone . Accommodation in a hotel in Listvyanka.r.

### DAY 2

Early morning we’ll start the day taking photos of sun rising at old part of Trans Siberian Road – Circumbaikal railway with its final station Port Baikal. For our unforgettable adventure we will use hovercraft “Khivus” going on transparent ice of Baikal lake to visit Bolshie Koty village and its surroundings - Sennay Bay, Rock Skriper .It’s also possible to have fun with dog sledging on Baikal ice.After taking photos of Baikal sunset return to Listvyanka for overnight..

### DAY 3

Today you will have an excellent opportunity to see many beautiful sculptures made of transparently clear ice, crossing Lake Baikal on hovercraft “Khivus” from Listvyanka village to Buguldeika village with stops at the picturesque spots – Bolshoe Goloustnoe, Arch Cape, Peschannaya (Sandy) Bay famous for its caves, covered with splendid icicles.Stops for catching unique pictures of Baikal lake ice treasures.Lunch on the ice – you will try traditional Siberian tea with local herbs. Overnight in Buguldeika village at the picturesque valley of the western shore of Baikal lake..

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Morning hunting for your singular images of Baikal day spring and exploring several ice grottos and rocks covered with amazing ice structures and visiting a famous ancient rock drawing on high gorgeous rocky cliff of Sagan Zaba bay known for its petroglyphs on crystalline limestone made in different periods and relate to the Bronze - late Iron Ages. You will enjoy a breathtaking panoramic view to endless spaces of the frozen Lake Baikal – it's is a great opportunity to take unforgettable photos. After lunch we will continue our exiting tour to the Olkhon Gate strait for reaching the Male more (Small Sea) strait to explore some caves. In the evening we will arrive to one of tourist camp of Maloe More for overnight..

### DAY 5

The cape Uyuga with big grotto and marvellous icicles is a perfect point for shooting sunrise. You will be conquered by huge icicles on the coastal rocks called «sokui» by local people – you will not return home without plenty of fantastic photos! Then we will make stop on Ogoy island with a symbol of Buddhist faith – Stupa of Enlightenment. This island with its grottos and extraordinary shaped rocks will inspire you to catch more and more outstanding pictures. In the evening you will admire the rays of sunset on the ice caves of Olkhon island, the biggest island of Baikal and one of the sacred shamanist centres, land full of legends and holy places. Coming to Khuzhir village for overnight..

### DAY 6

Excursion around the northern end of Olkhon Island with Russian 4 WD jeeps UAZ, driving on the ice of Baikal lake and sightseeing ice caves and grottos located at some of the small Island in the Maloe more strait, visiting picturesque rocks “Three Brothers” and Cape Khoboy. After picnic lunch on the campfire at a scenic spot you will continue exploring Baikal ice kingdom  
Walking on the transparent Baikal lake ice, you will take the pictures of crystal clear blocks of Baikal's hummocked ice ridge and icy rocks.

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### DAY 7

In the morning we will meet the sunrise at Shamanka Rock, called also Burkhan Cape, one of the nine most sacred places in Asia. Free time before return back to Irkutsk by main road. Overnight in Irkutsk..

### DAY 8

You will be accompanied to the airport or railway station. We don't tell you good bye, but see you soon again on the hospitable earth of Baikal region!.

#### 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