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Baikal ice tour



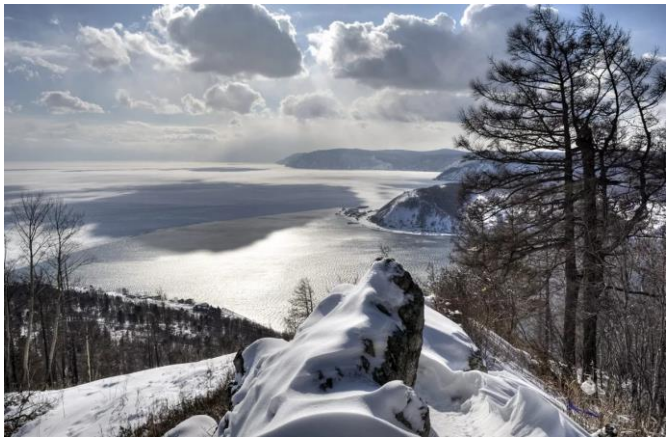
Arrival date: February-Mart 2021

Duration: 7 days/6 nights

Route: Irkutsk - Listvyanka – Circum-Baikal railway – Peschanaya Bay – the Small sea – island Olkhon – p. Ust-Orda – Irkutsk

Day 1. Listvyanka. Welcome to Irkutsk. Irkutsk is called "Gate to Baikal". Meeting with English speaking guide on the platform. Transfer to Listvyanka. On the way we visit the Baikal Museum. **Baikal Limnological Museum** – one of the three existing lake museums in the world and the only one in Russia. There is also a Limnological aquarium, which gives the opportunity for visitors to discover the underwater world of lake Baikal. We can see lobsters, grayling, bream, and crustaceans, sponges and shellfish, seals in conditions close to natural.





Then we climb to the top of the **Chersky stone** (in the village Listvyanka, height of 755m), to get fascinating panoramic view to the lake.
Then we visit the Architectural and ethnographic **Museum "Taltsy"**. Architectural-ethnographic Museum "Taltsy" is a unique collection of monuments of history, architecture and Ethnography of the XVII-XX centuries. It is located on the right Bank of the Angara river on the 47th kilometer of the Baikal tract on the road from Irkutsk to lake Baikal.
Transfer to hotel. **Night in Listvyanka.**

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Day 2. Circum-Baikal railway. Breakfast. On the hovercraft-Hivus we go to **Circum-Baikal railway**. The guide will tell you about the history of building a unique railway, secrets and legends, of course, about today's life. During this tour we see galleries, tunnels, and bridges.
On the way we have **lunch** at one of the recreation centers.
Then we meet Siberian dogs – husky. You can have plenty of cuddling with these furry friends and take great pictures.
Transfer to hotel.
Night in Listvyanka.





Day 3. Sandy Bay, Small sea. Breakfast. We visit the **Small sea.** The road will take about 5 hours. On the way to sea – we see the **Sandy Bay.** Here you can find the famous "stilted trees" - their mighty roots are exposed because of the constant winds and waters. We see picturesque rocks and banks. Also, we can see the transparent Baikal ice.
We have **picnic** on the beach.
Transfer to Small sea. **Dinner.**
Night on Baikal.

Day 4. Small sea Islands. Breakfast. After breakfast we will conquer the Baikal ice expanses of the Small sea. We find pure ice, fabulous ice grottoes and frosty Baikal wind. The tour will take place on Hivus. Right on the ice, we will arrange a real bar with tasting of local drinks.
We have **Picnic** during the tour.

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We visit Ogoy island - the largest island of the Small Sea. We see a sacred Buddhist Stupa that was built on the island in 2005. It is believed that Buddhist stupas are intended for dissolution of all negative obstacles in the world, favorably contribute to prosperity of the area where built and benefit people, especially those who visit these stupas consciously.
Return to hotel. **Dinner. Night on Baikal.**





Day 5. Olkhon Island. Breakfast. We visit heart of lake Baikal – **Olkhon island.** We visit the village of Khuzhir, see the famous Shamanka rock (Cape Burhan) and get acquainted with the life of the village. We will also taste the national Buryat dish – buzy. After **lunch** we go to the northernmost point – **Cape Hoboy.**
In the evening, return to the recreation center. **Dinner.**
Night on Baikal.

Day 6. Irkutsk. Breakfast. Transfer to Irkutsk (240 km). On the way to Irkutsk we have **lunch** in the ethno-Park "Golden Horde". **Master class on modeling buuz**. We taste national Buryat dishes and drinks. Arrival to Irkutsk. **City tour.**
Night in Irkutsk.

Day 7. Irkutsk. Breakfast. Transfer to airport.

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INCLUDED SERVICES

- All transfers indicated in the itinerary by car with the guide
- Expected Hotels or similar category
- Meals according itinerary
- The Museum Entrances as per itinerary
- English speaking guide throughout the tour
- Photo shoot with the Husky dogs
- Hivus rent

NOT INCLUDED SERVICES

- International Flights
- Domestic flights
- Health Insurance
- Drinks, gratuities
- Tips to guide and driver
- Visa
- Tipping in hotels and restaurants
- Additional excursions not included in the program (visit to the village Malomorskaya, horse riding, diving, etc.)
- Bath;