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Siberia: Lake Baikal Winter Trip

[8 days 7 nights]



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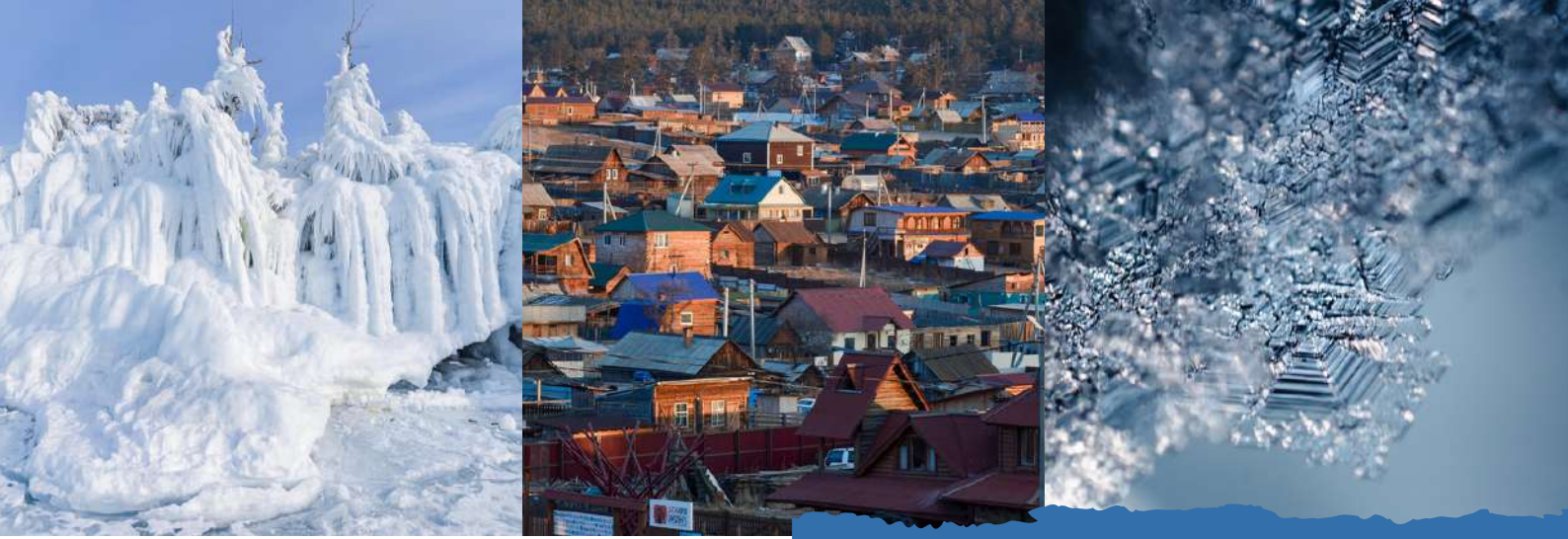
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Lake Baikal

Winter Wonderland in Siberia

Lake Baikal, situated in the southern part of East Siberia, Russia, is renowned for being one of the world's deepest and oldest freshwater lakes, as well as the largest in terms of volume. Its distinctive crescent shape has earned it the nickname "Moon Lake." In winter, Lake Baikal transforms into a breathtaking winter wonderland, drawing visitors to marvel at its unique beauty and partake in various ice and snow activities.

The winter landscape of Lake Baikal is truly awe-inspiring. The frigid climate causes almost complete freezing of the lake's surface, resulting in an expansive ice sheet. You can witness stunning phenomena such as blue ice, intricate ice patterns, sparkling ice crystals, and frozen ice waves. The ice layer can be impressively thick, providing a stable platform for enjoyable walks and various ice-related sports.

A winter visit to Lake Baikal offers an opportunity to be one with nature, immersing yourself in the serenity and enchantment of the snowy and icy surroundings.

This journey promises a series of captivating visual delights!



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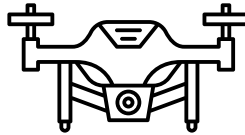
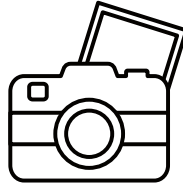
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OUR UNIQUENESS

Why choose us?

02 AERIAL DRONE PHOTOGRAPHY

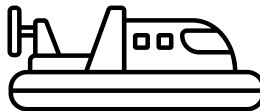
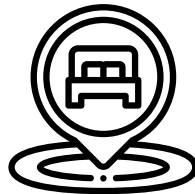
Our leader will use a drone to capture stunning photos of you on the frozen surface of Lake Baikal.



04 TRANSPORT BY HOVERCRAFT

Traveling half day by hovercraft presents a wonderful opportunity to venture deep into the vast wilderness of frozen Lake Baikal, leading to a more immersive adventure.

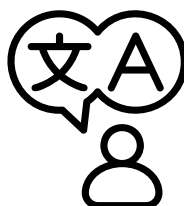
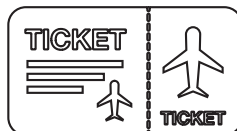
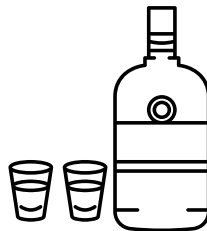
Additionally, it provides an exceptionally comfortable means to enhance this enriched experience.



06 VODKA ON ICE: "KISS OF BAIKAL"

You'll have the opportunity to drill a hole and enjoy vodka on the ice, giving you a unique experience.

Alternatively, if you don't prefer alcohol, you'll still be treated to a delightful hot meal during your ice picnic.



01 PHOTO MEMORIES BY TOUR LEADER

Our leader will do photography throughout the journey (with no additional charges), capturing the precious moments of your journey through the lens.

03 DIVERSE LODGING EXPERIENCES

Apart from hotel stays, we'll also experience cosy guest house accommodations on Olkhon Island

05 SUPPORT ON E-VISA APPLICATION AND FLIGHT PURCHASE

We offer a complimentary service to assist you with your visa application and flight reservation between Bangkok and Irkutsk.

07 BILINGUAL LOCAL TOUR GUIDE

Our local tour guide can explain and communicate in either Mandarin or English.

8 DAYS 7 NIGHTS ITINERARY

*THE ITINERARY MAY BE SUBJECT TO CHANGE DUE TO VARIOUS UNFORESEEN CIRCUMSTANCES OR UNCONTROLLABLE / FORCE MAJEURE

DAY 1

Bangkok to Irkutsk

- Upon arrival at Irkutsk airport in the late evening, greeted by a local guide and then treated to a welcome dinner.
- Following this, transfer to hotel for check-in then rest.

Accommodation:
Hotel in Irkutsk

*Dinner included

DAY 2

Irkutsk - Listvyanka

- After breakfast, you can purchase a SIM card and exchange local currency in the town.
- Drive to Listvyanka, a small town located on the shores of Lake Baikal.
- Upon arrival, experience dog sledding (approximately 5-7 minutes per person) in a small loop.
- After lunch, we will visit the Baikal Museum to get to know more about this biggest fresh water reserves in the world.
- In the evening, take a ski lift to Chersky Peak's observation deck to admire the sunset over Lake Baikal. [if weather condition permits]
- Return to the hotel for dinner.

Accommodation:
Hotel in Listvyanka

*Breakfast, Lunch &
Dinner included

Journey: 70 km, 1.5 hours

DAY 3

Listvyanka - Olkhon Island (by Hovercraft)

- After breakfast, take a hovercraft to cross Lake Baikal and head to Olkhon Island.
- Today, there will be a great opportunity to admire many beautiful sculptures made of transparent ice crystals.
- We will also make stops at some attractions such as Arch Cape and Sandy Bay along the way.
- We will have a packed lunch prepared for us to enjoy on the ice.
- Continuing the journey, we will arrive village of Khuzhir in the evening, transfer to a guesthouse for dinner and overnight stay.

Accommodation:
Guesthouse on
Olkhon Island

*Breakfast, Lunch &
Dinner included

Journey: 240 km, 7
hours

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DAY 4

Northern Olkhon Island Excursion

- After breakfast, we will embark on a journey to explore the northern part of Olkhon Island by riding a Russian 4x4 UAZ jeep on the frozen Lake Baikal.
- We will visit the ice caves located on some small islands and the famous Three Brothers rock formation.
- Everyone can walk on the ice of Lake Baikal and take clear photos of the ice blocks and glacial rocks.
- The driver will find a scenic spot for us to enjoy a picnic lunch.
- In the afternoon, we will return to Shamanic Rock to witness the sunset. [if weather condition permits]
- Afterward, we will head back to the guesthouse and enjoy dinner.

Accommodation:
Guesthouse on
Olkhon Island

*Breakfast, Lunch &
Dinner included

Journey: -

DAY 5

Southern Olkhon Island Excursion

- After breakfast, get ready for an adventurous day exploring the southern part of Olkhon Island. We will stop at a vantage point on the mountain overlook the Lake Baikal.
- During lunchtime, we will stop at a shallow shores of Lake Baikal, where everyone can try ice fishing.
- Afterward, we will continue to explore the unique charm of the southern part of Olkhon Island.
- In the late noon, we will return to Khuzhir Village.

Accommodation:
Guesthouse on
Olkhon Island

*Breakfast, Lunch &
Dinner included

Journey: -

DAY 6

LONG
DRIVE

Olkhon Island - Irkutsk

- After breakfast at the hotel, we will bid farewell to the stunning Olkhon Island and embark on our journey back to Irkutsk.
- Upon reaching the mainland, we will continue our transfer to Irkutsk by bus, with a stop at the renowned Ethno Park Zolotaya Orda.
- Here, we will enjoy and experience the rich traditional music, dance, and culture of the local Buryat people.
- We will also have a local Buryat meal for lunch.
- In the evening, after arriving in Irkutsk and checking into the hotel, we can stroll along the city's pedestrian street.

Accommodation:
4* Hotel in Irkutsk

*Breakfast & Lunch
included

Journey: 300 km, 8 hours

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Irkutsk Day Tour

- After breakfast, we will head to the charming Taltsy Village. This open-air museum showcases traditional Siberian architecture and provides an opportunity to glimpse the rich history and culture of the region.
- After lunch, we will return to Irkutsk and begin a city sightseeing tour, visiting the Znamensky Cathedral and the Kazan Mother of God Church.
- We will also take a leisurely stroll along the Angara Riverbank, experiencing the daily life of the locals.
- Free and easy, then meet up for a farewell dinner.

Accommodation:
4* Hotel in Irkutsk

*Breakfast, Lunch &
Dinner included

Journey: 100km, 1 hour

Irkutsk - Home

- After breakfast at the hotel, it's time to bid farewell to Irkutsk as we head to the airport and embark on our journey back home.

Accommodation: -

*Breakfast included

DAY 7

DAY 8

FLIGHT
DAY

TOUR FEES INCLUDE

- Accommodation throughout the trip at hotels/ lodges (double occupancy, two persons per room), with comfortable and tidy rooms
- Breakfast (*7 days*), Lunch (*6 days*) and Dinner (*6 days*)
 - 2 picnic experiences on ice (with Lake Baikal fish soup) for lunch
- Russian invitation letter
- One-way hovercraft (air cushion vehicle) ride (about 7 hours)
- Ground transportation throughout the trip, including airport transfers
- Daily road transportation for the whole journey
- Two full days of sightseeing excursions using UAZ
- Site entrance & national park fees
- Dog sledding (approximately 5-10 minutes)
- Ice fishing during lunch
- Baikal Museum Entrance Ticket
- Chairlift ticket up Chersky Peak
- Professional local guide + driver



**Photograph by Tour
Leader throughout the
whole journey**



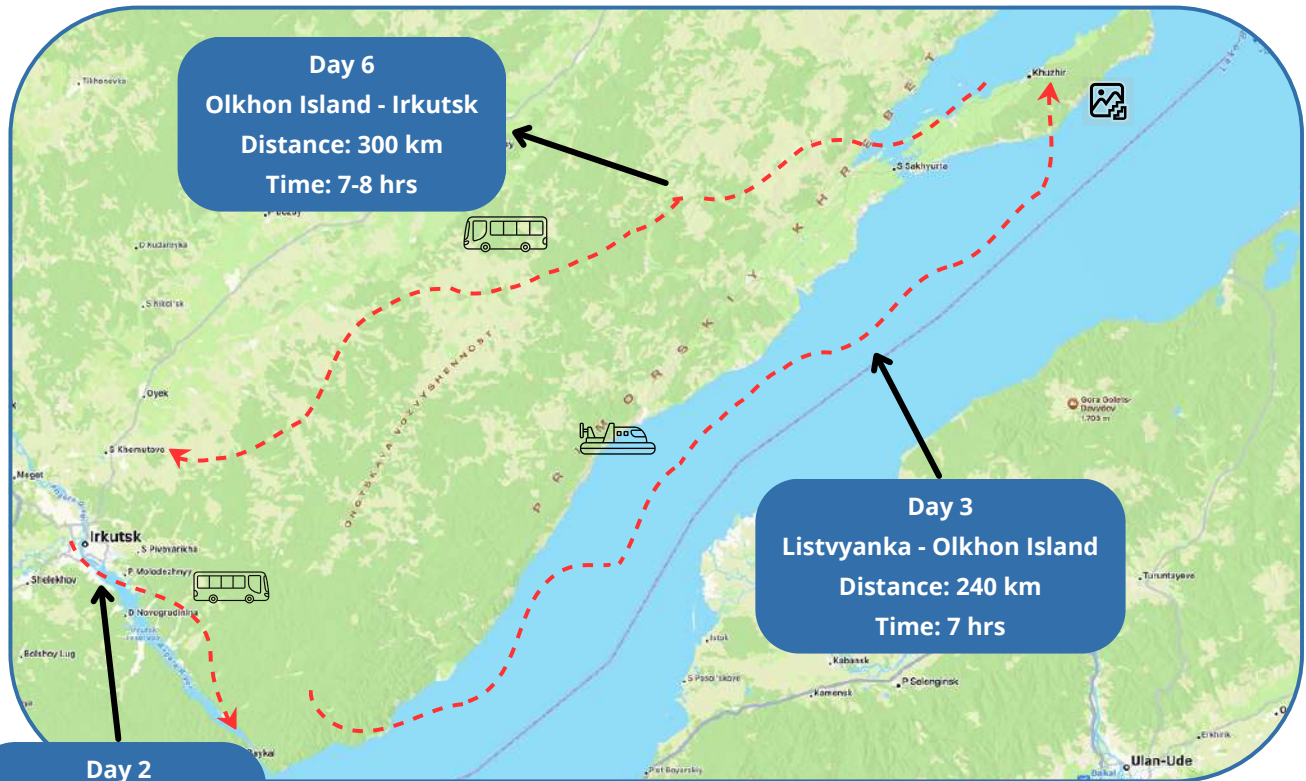
TOUR FEES DO NOT INCLUDE

- All international flight tickets [around RM4200 - RM4800]
 - Return flight to Bangkok
 - Return flight from Bangkok to Irkutsk
- Tips for guide, driver [around RM250-RM280], and tour leader (group members can decide according to the performance of the tour leader)
- Russia eVisa fee [about RM 420]
- 1 dinner in Irkutsk
- Travel insurance
- Snack and personal shopping expenses
- All optional activities not mentioned in the itinerary

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Tour members are responsible for any economic losses and additional expenses caused by weather, natural disasters, visa issues, flights, transportation, road conditions, politics, and other uncontrollable factors

OVERVIEW OF ROUTES



****All the route listed are for reference only, winter and traffic jam might have some impact on the route. The travelling route is subject to change based on the weather condition, road condition, and some unforeseen circumstances****

STAYS & TRANSPORT



Cozy 3* guest house on Olkhon Island with private bathroom



4* Hotel in Irkutsk city center with private bathroom



**UAZ jeep (maximum 7 persons)
Hovercraft (maximum 10 persons)**

WHAT TO KNOW BEFORE COMING TO SIBERIA

- Lake Baikal experiences extremely cold temperatures during winter. Please be prepared for sub-zero temperatures. Bring appropriate winter clothing, including layered clothing, warm outerwear, hats, gloves, and sturdy boots.
 - In February, temperatures can range from -15°C to -20°C , but some days may be windy, leading to wind chill temperatures dropping to -20°C to -25°C , or even reaching -30°C at times.
- To visit certain attractions, you may need to take short walks in the extreme cold climate condition.
- Most of the tour's attractions are natural landscapes, and the itinerary may be subject to changes due to weather conditions and other factors, ensuring the best experience for our travelers.
- During the sightseeing tour at Olkhon Island, toilet facilities may be limited due to its remote and natural setting.
- Given the constrained capacity of the transportation, each group member is required to adhere to luggage restrictions, which include a medium suitcase (26inch), a hand luggage bag and a small daypack.
- Tour members are encouraged to approach unpredictable situations with a positive attitude and bring positive energy, ensuring that we all enjoy the breathtaking scenery and create unforgettable moments together.



BOOKING INFO

- Suitable month: January, February & March
- Number of tour members in a group: Minimum 14 pax to form a group (20 pax maximum)
- Private Tour: Contact us for arrangement and special discounts
- Tour leader: Organizer will make arrangements and adjustments according to the schedule of all tour leaders under Bucket List Ticked and the entry and exit policies of various countries
- Tour fee: refer to the website

Remark:

- For solo travellers, we will do our best to find a roommate for you. Otherwise,
- a single-room supplement will apply.
- Once the group is formed, the tour leader will provide details regarding flight tickets. Participants are responsible for purchasing their own flight tickets and following up on the status of their tickets.
- Registration is confirmed upon receipt of the deposit payment. Limited spots are available on a first-come, first-served basis.

Term & Condition

1. A deposit is required for reservation. The full balance must be paid within the specified time frame, no later than 45 days before departure. Failure to comply may lead to reservation cancellation and deposit forfeiture.

2a). Cancellation of reservation must be made in writing to avoid any misunderstanding.

2b). If no replacement is found, cancellation charges apply based on when we receive notice:

- 45 days or more before the date of departure - Forfeiture of tour deposit
- 22 - 44 days before the date of departure - 70% of tour fare non-refundable
- Within 21 days before the date of departure - 100% of tour fare non-refundable

(No refund for fees already incurred and non-refundable from other relevant authorities, e.g., flight or train tickets)

3. If there are any unforeseen circumstances or uncontrollable/force majeure (weather, tide, nature factor, traffic delays/cancellations, illness, pandemic, strikes, war or other causes), the company reserve the right to make changes to/cancel itinerary or postpone the tour at any time, no refunds are available.

4a). A tour member must have: An international passport or other recognized travel documents which should be valid for at least 6 months from the date of return to the country of origin; The necessary visa and vaccination and health certificates as required by the various authorities of the countries to be visited.

4b). The company is not responsible for expenses, reimbursement, or tour price refund if a member is denied entry or deported due to improper documents or other reasons.

5. No refund or reduction will be made to any member in respect of airfare, accommodation, meals, sightseeing tours, transport or any other services which are included in the tour fare out not utilized by the tour member due to personal reasons.

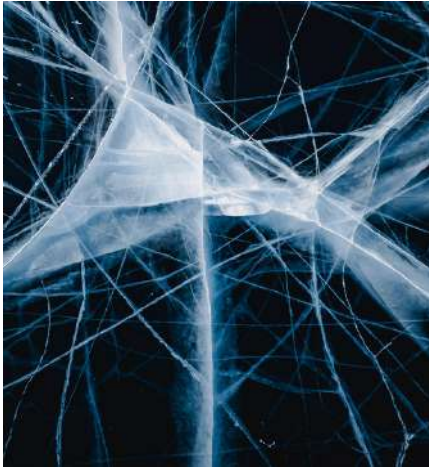
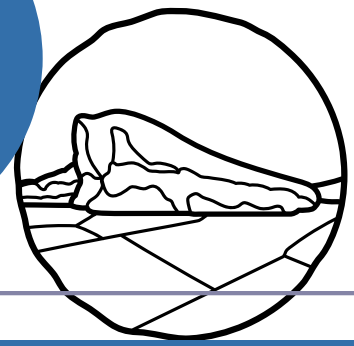
6. The company reserves the right to cancel or withdraw any itinerary, or any reservation made for a client or decline to accept or retain any person from being a tour member if he is likely to endanger the health or safety, or impair the comfort or enjoyment of others on the tour.

7. All members are advised to purchase travel insurance for added protection against various unforeseen events.

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TOUR'S BUCKET LIST



Step into the frozen Lake Baikal and experience the cold Siberian winter

Explore the world-class natural landscapes under the severe cold of Lake Baikal: ice waves, ice patterns, ice crystals, ice caves, ice columns, and more



Ride a hovercraft on the thick ice layer and venture deep into Lake Baikal



TOUR'S BUCKET LIST



Experience drifting on the ice with a Russian 4x4 UAZ jeep



Have a lunch picnic on the ice: taste delicious and steaming hot fish soup



Take plenty of photos on the frozen ice "spiderweb"

Drone shot too



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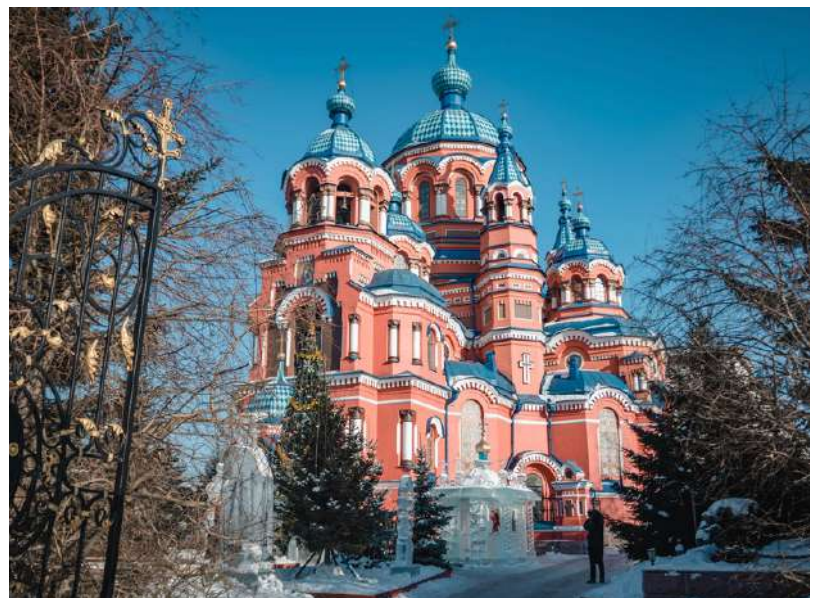


Take a ski lift to reach Chersky Peak and enjoy a panoramic view of Lake Baikal (subject to weather conditions)



Learn about the rich traditional music, dance, and culture of the local Buryat people

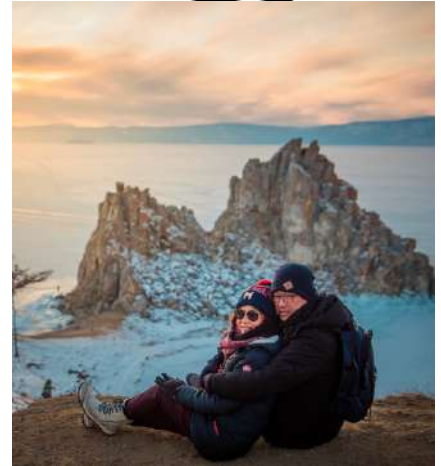
Explore the southern Russian city of Irkutsk and witness how people of different ethnicities live together in the same city



TOUR'S BUCKET LIST



Visit famous sunset spot on Lake Baikal: Shaman Rock for a world-class sunset (subject to weather conditions)



Drill a hole on the ice of Lake Baikal and taste Russia's VODKA

Experience the joy of ice fishing like a local, start with drilling a hole on the frozen lake surface.



FAQ

Is it currently unsafe to travel to Russia?

Russia is an expansive nation, and Irkutsk (Lake Baikal) is situated thousands of kilometers distant from Moscow and the Russia-Ukraine border. In general the attitude of Russian people didn't change towards foreigners. They are still very interested in where you are from, why you visit their country and what places you want to see.

Is a Visa required for traveling to Russia?

A visa is generally necessary for the entry of most foreign citizens into Russia. Notably, the **eVisa application** has been reintroduced, as of August 2023. For more info, check out <https://evisa.kdmid.ru/>.

What is the weather like around Lake Baikal during winter?

The winter climate around Lake Baikal is extremely cold, characterized by temperatures frequently plummeting significantly below freezing. It's quite typical for the temperatures to plummet to around -25°C or even lower during this season. This cold weather is attributed to the region's geographical location and its large surface area, which contribute to the intensity of the winter chill.

What health precautions should I take?

Dress in layers to prevent frostbite and hypothermia. Stay hydrated and eat warm meals to maintain energy levels.

What is the currency used? How much cash do I need to prepare?

The currency is Ruble. It's essential to be aware that foreign bank or credit cards is now not usable, necessitating the need to carry US dollar (2009 onwards) to convert into Rubles.

What kind of clothing should I pack for a winter visit to Lake Baikal?

Pack warm clothing including insulated jackets, thermal layers, gloves, hats, scarves, waterproof pants, warm socks, and sturdy boots. Layering is key for staying comfortable in the extreme cold.

What's the significance of Lake Baikal in winter photography?

Lake Baikal's frozen landscapes, unique ice formations, and the contrast of frozen lake against snow-covered surroundings make it a captivating subject for winter photography.

Can I walk on the frozen Lake Baikal during winter?

Yes, during the colder months, the surface of Lake Baikal freezes over and becomes a vast expanse of ice. However, it's crucial to ensure that the ice is thick enough and safe for walking. Local guides or authorities can provide information on safe ice conditions.

Is infrastructure consistent across the Irkutsk region?

Major cities have good infrastructure, but remote areas such as in Olkhon island might lack amenities. Harsh weather conditions can result in power outages and restricted access to hot water services.

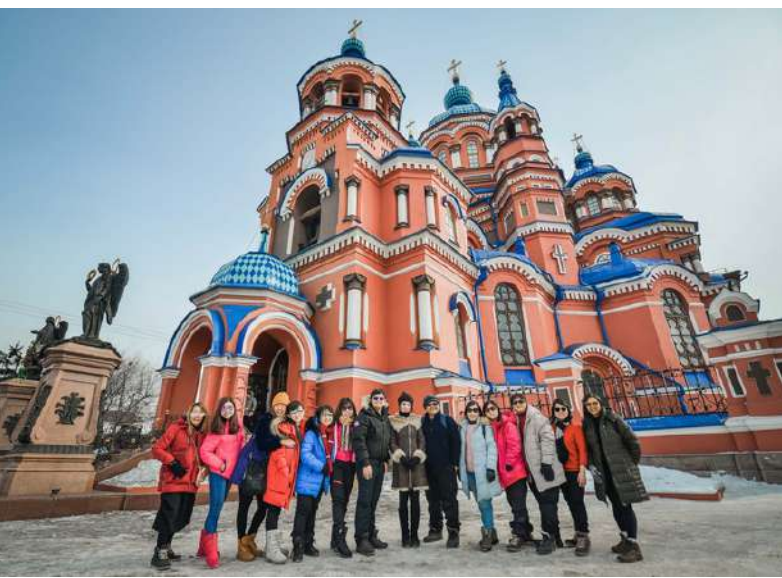


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