



Exclusive tours to Lake Baikal on a modern hovercraft

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UNFORGETTABLE EXPERIENCE FULL OF ONCE-IN-A-LIFETIME MOMENTS

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RUSSIAN RIVER CRUISES

## 10-day tours:

- Irkutsk – Taltsy – Peschanaya Bay
- the Ogoy Island – the Olkhon Island
- the Khoboi Cape – Maksimikha
- the Chivyrkuisky bay – the Barguzin Bay
- Ivolginsky datsan – Tarbagatai – Ulan-Ude

## Highlights of the winter Baikal tours:

- 9-night expedition tour on a modern hovercraft
- Almost thirty picturesque locations that cannot be reached by bus or ship
- Natural attractions of the Western and Eastern coasts of Lake Baikal
- The diversity in cultures of the local peoples including Buddhism in Russia
- Locally inspired dining including lunch in a yurt on ice

## 5 Must-Do Lake Baikal Activities & Experiences

- Marvel at amazing ice grottos
- Skate on the clearest ice of the World's deepest lake
- Take incredible photos with frozen methane bubbles in the ice
- Experience traditional "Baikal kiss"
- Participate in the local shamanic ceremonies and visit Buddhist sacred places



## Departure dates and prices

Irkutsk – Ulan-Ude	Ulan-Ude – Irkutsk*	per person for Double/twin accomodation	Single accomodation
09 Feb - 18 Feb	14 Feb - 23 Feb	4 499 €	5 819 €
20 Feb - 01 Mar	25 Feb - 06 Mar		
03 Mar - 12 Mar	08 Mar - 17 Mar		
14 Mar - 23 Mar	19 Mar - 28 Mar		

\*Route in the reverse direction

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**Irkutsk** will pleasantly surprise guests with its greatness and wealth of the merchant Siberian city. In the open-air museum complex Taltsy, guests will get acquainted with the culture of the local peoples: Russians, Buryats, Evenks and Tofalars.

**Peschanaya Bay** is one of the most picturesque places on Lake Baikal. These places are so-called the "Siberian Riviera". The bay is located on the west coast of Lake Baikal. One of the attractions here are the stilted or "walking" trees, which grow in the northern part of the bay. Peschanaya Bay is the only place on the Baikal coast where guests can see the biggest exposed tree roots – huge pines and larches have risen above the ground on their walking roots higher than a human height.

**The Ogoy and Olkhon Islands.** There is the largest uninhabited island in Baikal in the Maloye More (the Small Sea) Strait, and it is called Ogoy. About a hundred herring gulls nest there. The Buddhist stupa or Stupa of Enlightenment was erected on the highest point of this island. The Olkhon Island is considered to be the geographical, historical and sacred center of Lake Baikal. Local nature is no less impressive and fascinating – a photo hunt will be really successful! One of the most mysterious and popular places on Lake Baikal is the Shaman Rock. Here guests will also see the Cape Burhan, which is made of crystalline limestone with veins of quartz, and the adjacent shore is made of granite rock. The rock is covered with bright red lichens.

**Maksimikha.** The recreation centre is located in the picturesque area on the shore of Lake Baikal. The complex has all the necessary infrastructure for comfortable and active rest.

**The Khoboi Cape** is located near the widest place of Baikal. If the weather is good, you can see the eastern shore from the cape – the mountainous contour of the Svyatoy Nos Peninsula. In Buryat language "Khoboi" means "fang" – cliffs abruptly dropping into the water resemble fangs. Here guests will be able to experience the traditional Baikal kiss.

**The Chivyrkuisky bay.** In winter, the Chivyrkuisky bay is one of the first to freeze over. It is just in winter that guests have a unique opportunity to see the incredibly beautiful icy rocks and caves of Baikal and to breathe in the freshest frosty air. In one of the wind-protected cosy places, guests will be welcomed to have a picnic on the ice in a traditional yurt in the best Siberian traditions with freshly caught omul, lingonberries and hot herbal tea. Right on the shore of the bay there are famous thermal springs in Baikal. Their temperature is about +40°C to +45°C. The water is hydrogen sulphide, has healing properties and is used for diseases of the musculoskeletal system.

**The Barguzin Valley** is located in Buryatia. Mountains and forests, rivers and lakes, wild animals and fish, thermal and cold mineral springs, therapeutic mud – that's what people come here for. There are many sacred sites belonging to different tribes. The main attraction of Yarikta village is the face of goddess Yanzhima. The goddess is considered the patroness of arts, sciences, crafts, wisdom and prosperity.

**Ulan-Ude.** The capital of Buryatia – Ulan-Ude, is located on a scenic plateau surrounded by wooded hills. Here guests will visit the Steppe Nomad ethno-complex, the residence of the head of Buddhists of Russia – Ivolginsky datsan, and one of the largest Old Believers' settlements – Tarbagatai.

