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# **Magic Ice of Baikal Lake**

**7 days / 6 nights**



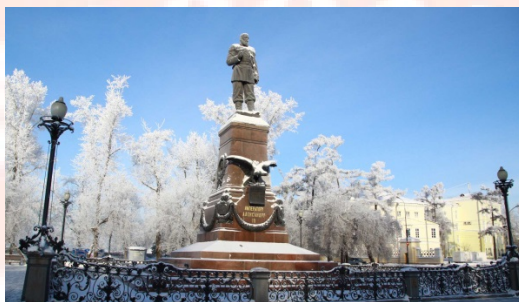


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## DAY 1: Transfer to the hotel. Check in

- Arrival to Irkutsk
- Welcome to Siberia. The city of Irkutsk was originally founded in 1661 as a fort to colonize Siberia. It was the main Russian fort behind the Ural mountains, so all the expeditions to colonize Kamchatka and Alaska have begun there. For centuries Russian emperors and communists exiled political prisoners to Irkutsk, thus many brainy Russians spent years in the city influencing the average IQ level of inhabitants.
- Your guide will meet you at the airport, please kindly stay at the lobby of arrivals.
- Transfer to the hotel, check in and rest
- Free time



## DAY 2: City tour around Irkutsk by car. Znametsky monastery. Taltsy museum visit

- Breakfast
- The guide will meet you at the lobby of the hotel and take you to the driving city tour around Irkutsk. You will see Moscow gates which used to be the historical point of city entrance for all travelers and merchants of the past. It is also place where ancient town of Irkutsk was founded more than 350 years ago. We will pass the Main square of the city, built on the place of swamp, it is surrounded by buildings of different times of the Old and New Histories, Karl Marx street, Polish Church-a masterpiece of architecture of the XIX century, pointed structure-almost the only example of the late period of Gothic style, the pearl of urban architecture.
- Then we will visit Znamensky monastery, one of the oldest monasteries in Siberia. It appeared in 1693. Peter I demanded the acceleration of the Christianization of the non-Russian population of Siberia.
- Lunch (optional)
- Visit open-air wooden architecture museum Taltsy museum is alive Siberian village of the end of 19th century. It has a school, watermill, real ostrog (wooden fortress), several yurts and other buildings of the past centuries.
- Transfer back to the hotel
- Free time





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## DAY 3: Listvyanka village. Fish market. The Museum of the Lake Baikal. Chersky stone and cable cab

- Breakfast
- This day is devoted to the Lake Baikal and Listvyanka village. The guide will meet you at the lobby of the hotel and you will have a transfer to Listvyanka village. Listvyanka — first acquaintance with the lake Baikal
- The village has long gained the glory of a tourist Mecca — On a tour we will talk about how the old village became the main pier of the lake.
- We will visit a popular fish market, where you can buy Baikal fish in a variety of cooking variations: hot and cold smoked, salted and dried.
- Lunch at a local Café (optional), real Uzbek pilaf and shashlik are perfectly cooked at this Café.
- You will visit The Museum Of the Lake Baikal. In 1928, the Baikal Limnological station was opened in the village of Listvyanka, on the basis of which the Limnological Institute of SB RAS was established in 1961. In the Museum you will see Baikal fish, stuffed birds and animals, samples of bottom sediments and Baikal minerals, exhibits found in scientific field works. Aquarium with Baikal seal and various fish. Water is supplied to the aquarium from a depth of 400 meters. As close as possible to the natural biocenosis of the lake.
- Final point of this tour will be The Chersky Stone. It is a mountain peak named after the famous Baikal Explorer Dmitry Ivanovich Chersky, the Creator of the first geological map of Baikal. You will have a delightful view of the shore and have a chance to contemplate Angara river and Shaman Stone, and on the opposite side of the lake out to port Baikal. We will have a ride on a cable cab to see the nature of Baikal region from the bird eye view.
- Overnight at Listvyanka.



## DAY 4: Olkhon island. Transfer and an introductory tour in the afternoon. Cape Burhan Transfer to the hotel

- Breakfast
- This day we will show you a real treasure of Baikal region- Olkhon island. During the transfer, the landscape outside the window will change from urban to endless steppes, green forests, and finally, the rocky shores of lake Baikal.
- Upon the arrival to the guest house in Kuzhir where you will be met by friendly staff of a guest house, have a lunch (optional) and rest.
- After the rest, a Walking tour to the Cape Burhan. Burhan is an unusual rock that has been revered by the indigenous population of the island since ancient times. At present, it is considered to be a state natural and historical monument. Cult sacrifices were made here to the owner of the island in ancient times. In accordance to the legend he lived in the cave of the Cape.



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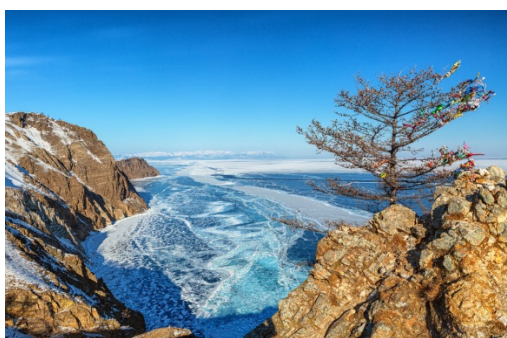
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- North of Cape Burhan is a magnificent snowy beach of the Sarai Bay, which stretches for 3 km between Cape Burhan and the village of Kharantsi.
- Back to the hotel and rest



## DAY 5: Khoboi Cape. Sagan-Khushun rocks, Cape Shunte



- Breakfast
- Today we will show you the northern part of Olkhon, the Khoboy Cape. Khoboy is a sacred point of strength and powerful energy. It looks like a sharp Fang. Cape Khoboy is located near the widest point of the lake Baikal (79.5 km), and only in good weather you can see the opposite shore, the mountainous contour of the Holy Nose Peninsula.
- On the way we will see the sands, which are called "Moving Sands", Sagan-Khushun - "white Cape" - an extremely picturesque rocky Cape with a length of about 1 km. Sagan-Khushun Rocks are included in the list of natural monuments of Baikal.
- Lunch on the open air (picnic)
- After the lunch, will visit the Cape Shunte. Shunte in translation from the Buryat language means a larch. A great view of the lake Baikal comes off from the observation deck of the Cape-a high red rock. The local population believes that Shunte helps couples solve the problem of infertility. In ancient times, if the couple could not give birth to a child for a long time, they put a Yurt on the Cape, then usually the problems disappeared.
- After the full day at Olkhon, you will be transferred to the hotel.





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DAY 6: Transfer to Ogoy island. Full day at the sacred place. Transfer back to Kuzhir

- Breakfast.
- A trip to the Ogoy island by boat. It is famous for Statue of Enlightenment and the Conquest, the place contains many Buddhist relics, including a statue of a Female Form, the Mother of all Buddhas, the mother of Troma Nagmo, water from all seas and oceans, land from all continents, weapons, sacred manuscripts, and many other Buddhism symbols. Combination of a special clean energy of the Ogoy island, no human beings living here- create a magical power. Buddhists believe that after visiting this place, people will get a self-Knowledge and achieve complete Enlightenment through it.
- Lunch on the open air (picnic).
- Way back to Khuzhir.



DAY 7: Transfer to the airport

- After the breakfast, you check out from the hotel. The driver will meet you at the lobby to transfer you to the airport. We are looking forward to seeing you again, always welcome back.



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