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info@discoveryrussia.com www.discoveryrussia.com Winter Ice of Lake Baikal – 2021

**TrustPilot** 

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The packages are available as Small Group Tour 27 February - 3 March Irkutsk- Olkhon - Irkutsk

With optional pre/post tour to Listvyanka available





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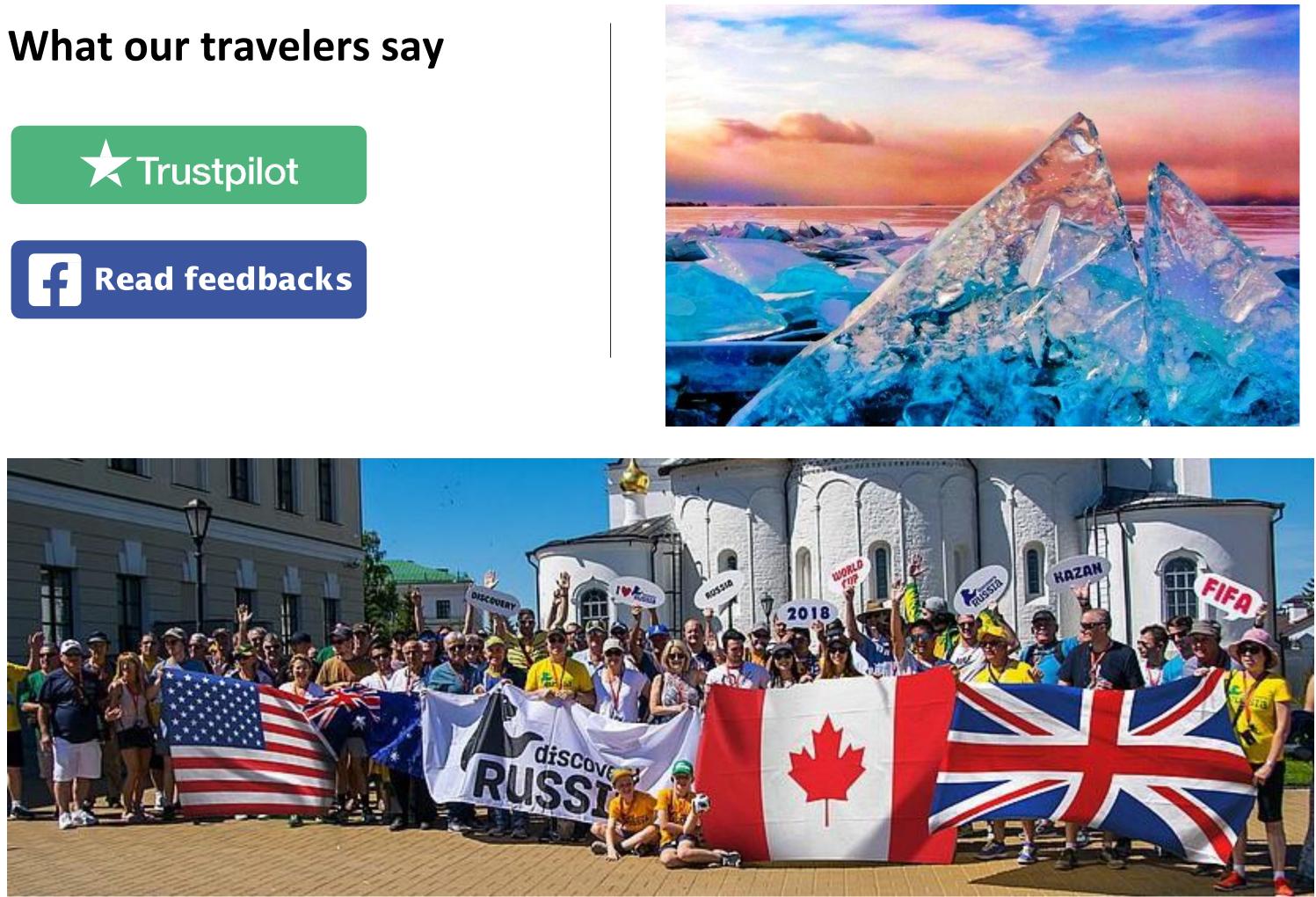
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### Day 1: Buryat people & Maloe Sea

Arrive Irkutsk in the morning. Take a transfer to Buryat Ust-Orda village (1 hour). Come into the real Buryat yurt, be greeted by ancient traditions. Buryats will introduce you to national folklore songs and dances, throat singing.

Meet the Buryat shaman. The landlady will teach you to cook the Buryat national dish - buuza. Have Buryat breakfast.

Transfer to our cozy eco lodge (3 hours), accommodation in comfortable wooden houses with en-suite facilities just a few meters away from the lake shores.

Drive up to the mountains for a sunset photo session at the observation point with the best views over Maloe Sea and Baikal. The location itself is famous for being the old shamanism center and we will even see a few artefacts.



Buryat breakfast, Lunch & Dinner.





Baikal shore lodge













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### Day 2: Olkhon Island

Take off for a 2-hour ATV ride across wide and wile Tazheran steppe, reminiscent of the Tibetan foothills. Here you can see relict spruce, and loose rocks, and giant cave.

Transfer to Olkhon Island by UAZ van with panoramic photo stops en route at the iconic caves and grottoes. Hot lunch will be served in one of the grottoes. Olkhon is a place of power in Buryats beliefs, on out way we will visit Ogoy Island to see Enlightment Stupa with Buddist relicts and 185 meters ancient Kurykan protective wall.

Ttransfer to Lake Nuurskoye where you can see amazing bubbles in the ice. Along the way, brief stops for photographs at the southern tip of the island on Cape Kobyl Head. We will try traditional ice fishing and meet sunset at Shamanka Rock, Cape Burkhan, where the Baikal ruler lives according to local beliefs.

Optional Banya in the evening.



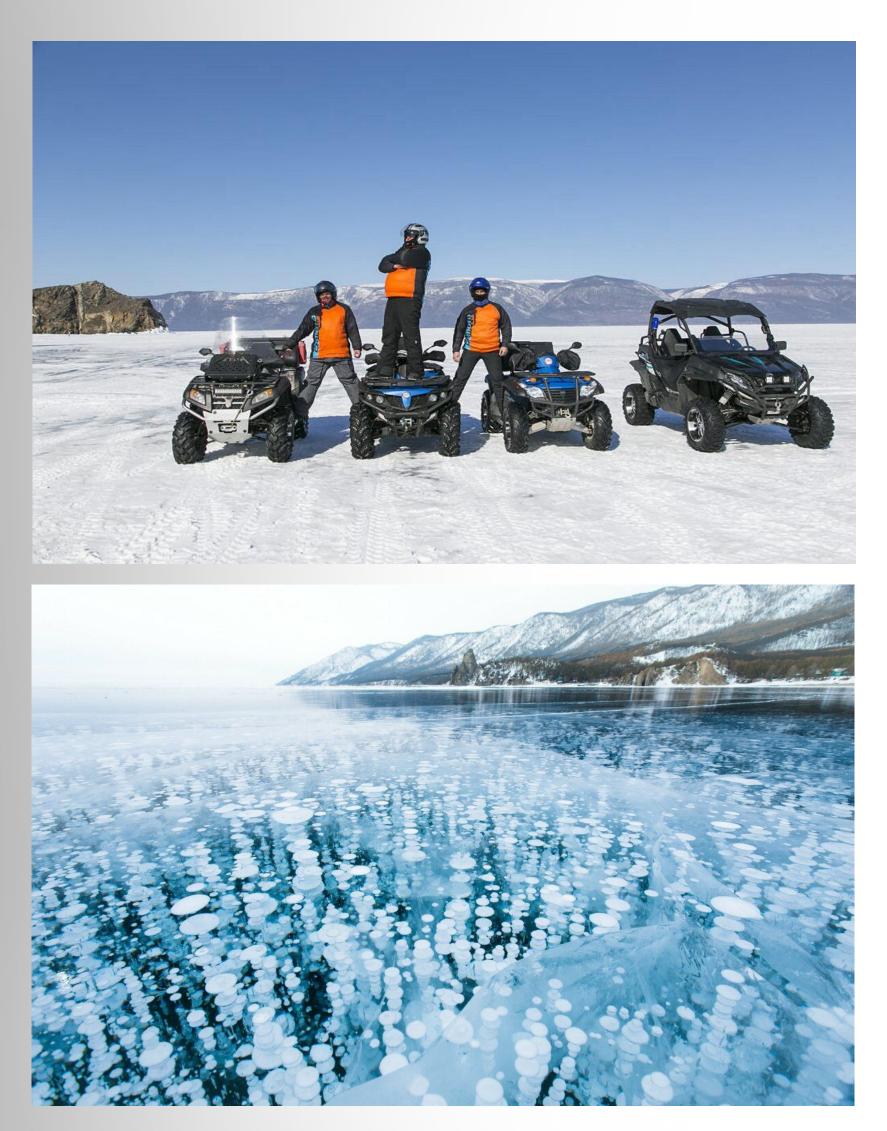
Breakfast, packed lunch, dinner





Oklhon lodge











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### Day 3 : More whites

Morning departure by a special hoverboat to the northern extremity of the island, Cape Khoboy.

Hovercraft boat is the best way to experience Winter Ice of Lake Baikal, safe and secure.

'We will make several stops to visit the beaches, explore ice caves and grottoes, abrupt cliffs and enjoy a breathtaking 360° view from the top

Khoboy is most famous for its cliffs, rocks, largest ice formations and blue ice.

Ice picnic. Continue to explore the unique ice and snow kingdom.

Return to the hotel late afternoon. Free time to walk and explore the Khuzir settlement area, there are quite a few decent photo spots nearby.



Breakfast, lunch, dinner





Olkhon lodge



Hovercraft boat









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## Day 4. Mysteries of Olkhon & Irkutsk

Departure to Irkutsk by ice crossing road will take about 5 hours.

Accommodation in a city hotel and time for lunch.

Take of for a guided city tour.

Irkutsk was founded in the middle of the XVII century and is famous for its wooden houses and wooden lace perfectly preserved. In fact, the Irkutsk historic center is one huge open air museum.

Visit Angara icebreaker museum, which is the 3<sup>rd</sup> oldest in the world, old quarter with wooden houses, monuments and city highlights.



Breakfast, lunch, dinner





**Olkhon island** guest house



Special winter vans









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### Day 5: Farewell

Transfer to airport for your departure flight.

Optional pre/post tours:

- Snowmobiles (from half day to multi day tours)
- Mountain trekking & hot springs bathing (full day)
- Husky dog sleigh riding (half day tour)
- Buryatia



#### Breakfast,



Transfer









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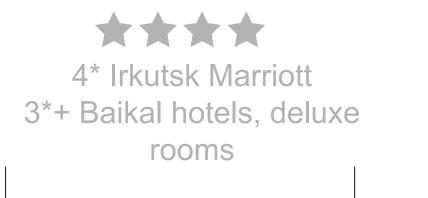
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Dates & Rates RUB per person in twin/double room

## Group package 27 Feb – 3 Mar 2021

Single supplement

Private tour (2 ppl to go)



125 375

34 900

106 000

21 000

On request







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### **Tour Inclusions**

### ACCOMMODATION

Hand-picked centrally located hotels:

- 1 night Baikal shore eco lodge
- 2 nights Olkhon, Fregat hotel or similar
- 1 night Irkutsk Marriott

### **ENTRANCE TICKETS, VISAS & MISC.**

- Entrance tickets to all listed attractions (except optional)
- 24/7 English-speaking support line in Russia

### **TRANSPORTATION**

- All land transfers as per program
- Hivus transfer to/or from Olkhon (6 pax per boat)
- Return airport transfers

### **MEALS**

- 5 breakfasts
- 4 lunches or packed lunches
- 3 dinners

### **SIGHTSEEING & ACTIVITIES**

# Please take note that due to logistic issues we might occasionally amend the sequence of the tours.

- Ust-Orda Buryat village with tour, cultural performance, cooking class and late breakfast
- ATV ride
- Ice fishing
- 2 full day touring around Olkhon Island
- Irkutsk city tour

#### **NOT INCLUDED**

- Flights
- Porters
- Extras of personal nature
- Lunches and dinners not mentioned
- Travel insurance





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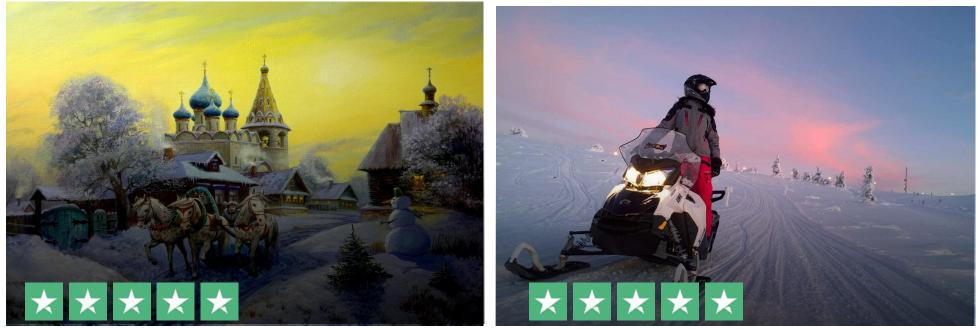
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