

## EMERGENCY PHONE NUMBERS

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Unified Emergency Service: **112**

Fire Department: **01, 101**

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Pribaikalsky National Park

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(To get access permissions Pribaikalsky National Park)

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**8-800-775-00-00**

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Tourist information service of the city of Irkutsk

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## INFORMATION PORTAL

travel-baikal.info myirkutsk.info

## You are on Lake Baikal now

Baikal is a UNESCO World Heritage Site. It is important to remember that almost all of the Lake's southwest coast is part of Pribaikalsky National Park. The Park's Visitor Rules and Regulations include the following:

Visiting Pribaikalsky National Park is permitted only with an official permit, which can be obtained at the Park's office located at 291B Baikalskaya Street, Irkutsk. Office hours: Monday through Thursday – 9:00 am to 6:00 pm, Friday – 9:00 am to 5:00 pm. Tel.: +7-395-235-0662, +7-395-235-0615. Permits are also available at the forest ranger stations of Pribaikalsky National Park. The park permit costs 100 rubles.

Please do not use synthetic detergents and washing substances in natural water bodies. There is life in them, let it grow and thrive in a clean environment.

Do not cut trees and shrubs, even if they are dry or fallen. Their trunks and roots are an important link for all the components of the landscape.



Do not make fires or stay for an overnight at unorganized campsites. Even a tiny spark can lead to a disaster.

Take all your trash with you when you leave your campsite. Nature will say thank you to you.



If you want to take away something to remember the places you visited, take plenty of photos! Please be advised that a special permission from the Park's authorities is required to make professional photo or video shoots.

Do not leave any marks or carvings on rocks and trees. These autographs leave a bad memory for a long time!

Treat wild animals with respect. Do not scare them with loud shouts and never try to catch them. It is their home and sanctuary, not yours. Let them live here in peace and safety.

Do not make excessive noise, when you are out in the wilderness. Listen and let others hear the music of the forest:

– the songs of birds, the rustling of leaves, and the murmur of a riverlet;

– be sure to follow the agreed route indicated in your park permit. Never diverge from your route. The only exception is an emergency situation;



– do not gather medicinal herbs or pick flowers, even the most unsightly ones.

Let them grow and please not only you, but all those people who will follow your trail in the future, as well as local animals whose life may be intricately connected with that particular plant or flower.



## Now, you are on Olkhon Island

The whole island is part of Pribaikalsky National Park. One of the nine sacred places of Asia – Burkhan Cape with Shamanka Rock is located on this island. It is a sacred center for all Buryat and Mongolian peoples, an ancient shrine of the mighty and awesome spirit lords of Baikal.

To honor the 13 spirits of the Lake, people erected 13 Serges – traditional horse tethering posts. Ribbons and Khadags – traditional Mongolian ceremonial scarves – tied around the Serges by pilgrims are a humble offering to the spiritual lords of the place. Please respect the traditions and culture of the local people, do not dishonor the purity of the sacred place, avoid loud talk, do not smoke or drink alcohol, and do not leave trash and your autographs on the rocks and stones.

Please be advised that there are no banks or ATMs on Olkhon. Make sure you have cash before visiting the island.



## Recommendations for tourists on the rules behaviors in Irkutsk region



## Dear Guests!

We are happy to welcome you here, on the Irkutsk land, and wish you the best experience from your journey. Please remember these tips for visiting our region to avoid any unexpected situations and problems.

If you are an independent traveler, we advise you to visit the Irkutsk Tourist Information Service located at

**77A, Dekabrskih Sobytii Street**  
**Tel.: +7-392-220-5018**

The staff will tell you about local attractions and entertainment, recommend you a place where you can try some delicious food, and provide you with maps and guidebooks.



## Certain rules of conduct that you adhere to at home are quite applicable to your travels as well

### So, you are in Irkutsk:

It is important to always have your passport and your hotel's business card with you. As for cash, it is better not to take all your money with you. Just take as much as you need for a particular tourist route. Be sure you have some small change too to pay for public transportation.

If you are visiting with kids, do not leave them unattended.



There are always many international visitors in Irkutsk. Please treat unfamiliar behavior with understanding. Do not quarrel. If possible, turn a misunderstanding into a joke. Be friendly.



Not only is the Baikal water tasty, but it is also healthful, as it is almost distilled. We recommend to always carry a bottle of the Baikal water bought from a shop with you.

There is the Green Line walking route in the center of the city specifically designed for tourists. It is marked with green arrows and lines on the pavement. If you take the Green Line route, it will be much easier for you to learn about our city, as it passes the most interesting and significant tourist sights: museums, temples, historical buildings, architectural landmarks, and monuments.



Irkutsk is a diverse city, where people of different beliefs live together in harmony. Besides the Russian Orthodox churches, there is a Catholic church, a synagogue, a mosque, and a Buddhist temple. When you visit places of worship, please avoid talking loudly and using your mobile phone. Treat religious traditions and customs of other faiths with respect.

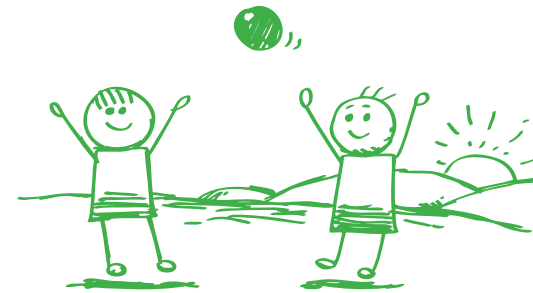


Residents of Irkutsk love their city and do their best to keep it clean and orderly. We are confident that you will also treat our city with care. Please dispose of candy wraps, bottles, and other trash as considerately as possible in the nearest litter bin. Smoking and alcohol consumption in public gardens and parks are prohibited.



It's like Paulo Coelho once said, «Get to know the lives of others and look for what you can learn from them». This way, it's only possible to say: «I was there».

**Just smile, be easy going, don't be afraid to raise questions and ask for help, be open to everything new, and your journey will become truly unforgettable.**



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