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BAIKAL - MAGADAN

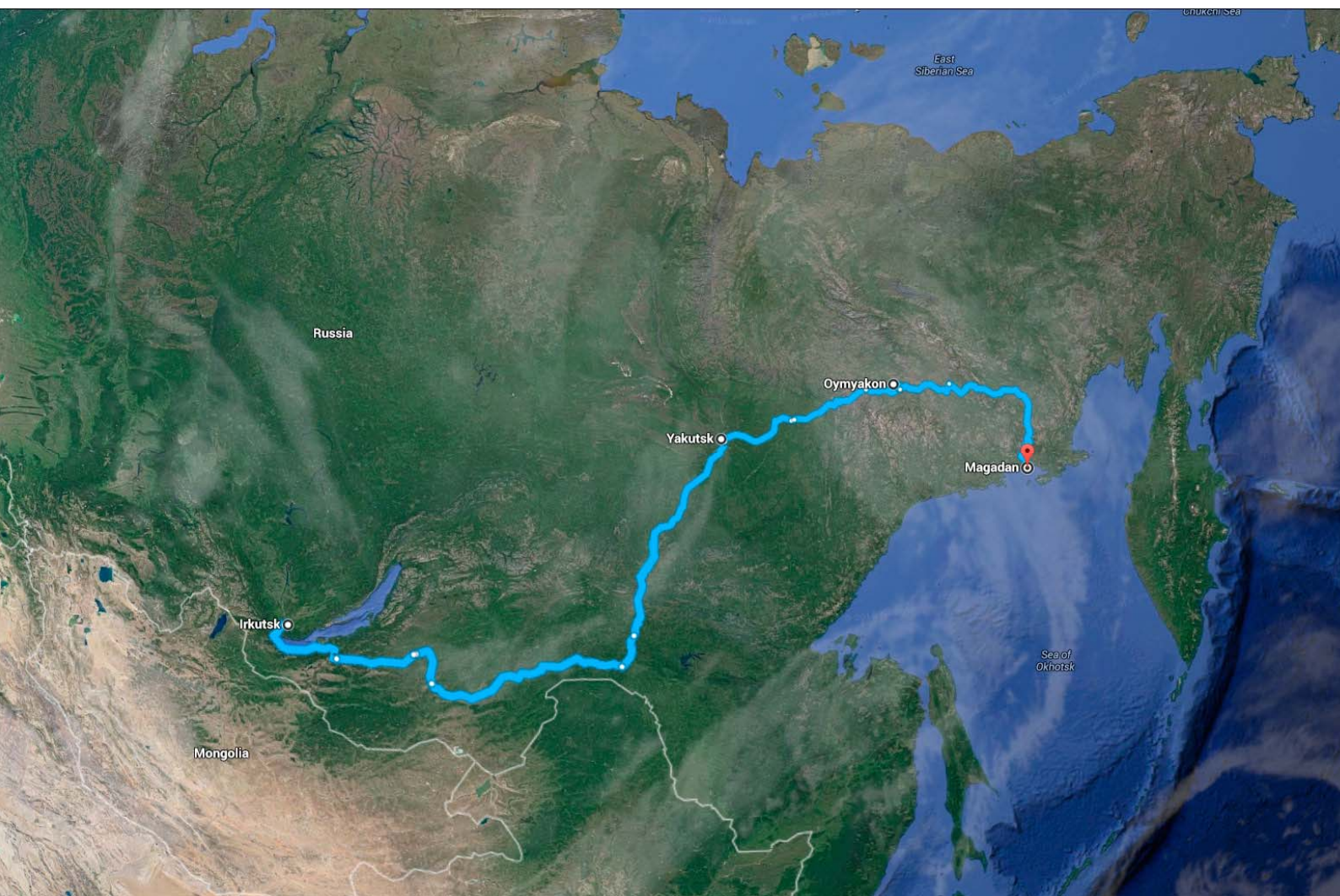
EXPEDITION



A 6000 KM JOURNEY

Baikal - Magadan Scouting Trip

To the East of Baikal lake, in the Far Eastern Region of Siberia, lays one of the richest regions of World and Russia. Quite inhospitable, this region bares an incredible history, amazing natural resources and resilient people...



Between August and September 2016, BaikalNature organises a true 4x4 expedition to the far end of Russia, to discover the truly unknown regions of Yakutia and Kolyma. It is a 6000km adventure through authentic Russia, far away from the luxurious cities of the Ural region, deep into strong indigenous traditions and 50 years of communism.

This journey will take us first through Siberia's varied indigenous groups and their culture: we will meet old believers, still leaving today as they did in the 18th century, when the great divide tore the Orthodox Church.

We will also meet Evensk nomadic hunters, fishermen and reindeer herders, whose culture and traditions mix shamanism and nature spirits worshipping.

We will continue on unsealed roads to the 'pole of cold', in Yakutia where we will enjoy world famous and unique Mammoth bones collection. And under Yakutsk, the capital, we will explore incredible snaking tunnels, dug in Permifrost and subsequently called "Kingdom of Ice".



Finally, we will reach the most demanding part of our trip: the Kolyma region. We will have to drive through the infamous 2032km of the "Road of Bones", built on the bodies of thousands of prisoners who died in appalling conditions while serving hard labour camp sentences in Stalin's GULAG camps. This particular road

built at the time for mining gold is now known to be one of the most dangerous in Russia, turning creeks into mud rivers in a flash. We will drive unsealed roads and tracks constructed on permafrost (ice) and defeat rivers, mountains and forests in unforgiving off road driving to reach ghost towns like Kadyktchan (a dead witness of the glorious mining past of that region) and some unwelcoming Gulag ruins (witnesses of a recent time where labour camps and death by exhaustion was common). Our ultimate goal will be the end of the road in Magadan, the town of "white hell". Beyond this town there is nothing but the harbor's jetty where the prisoners landed 70year ago. This is the only way in and out by land, literally the road to "the end of the world".

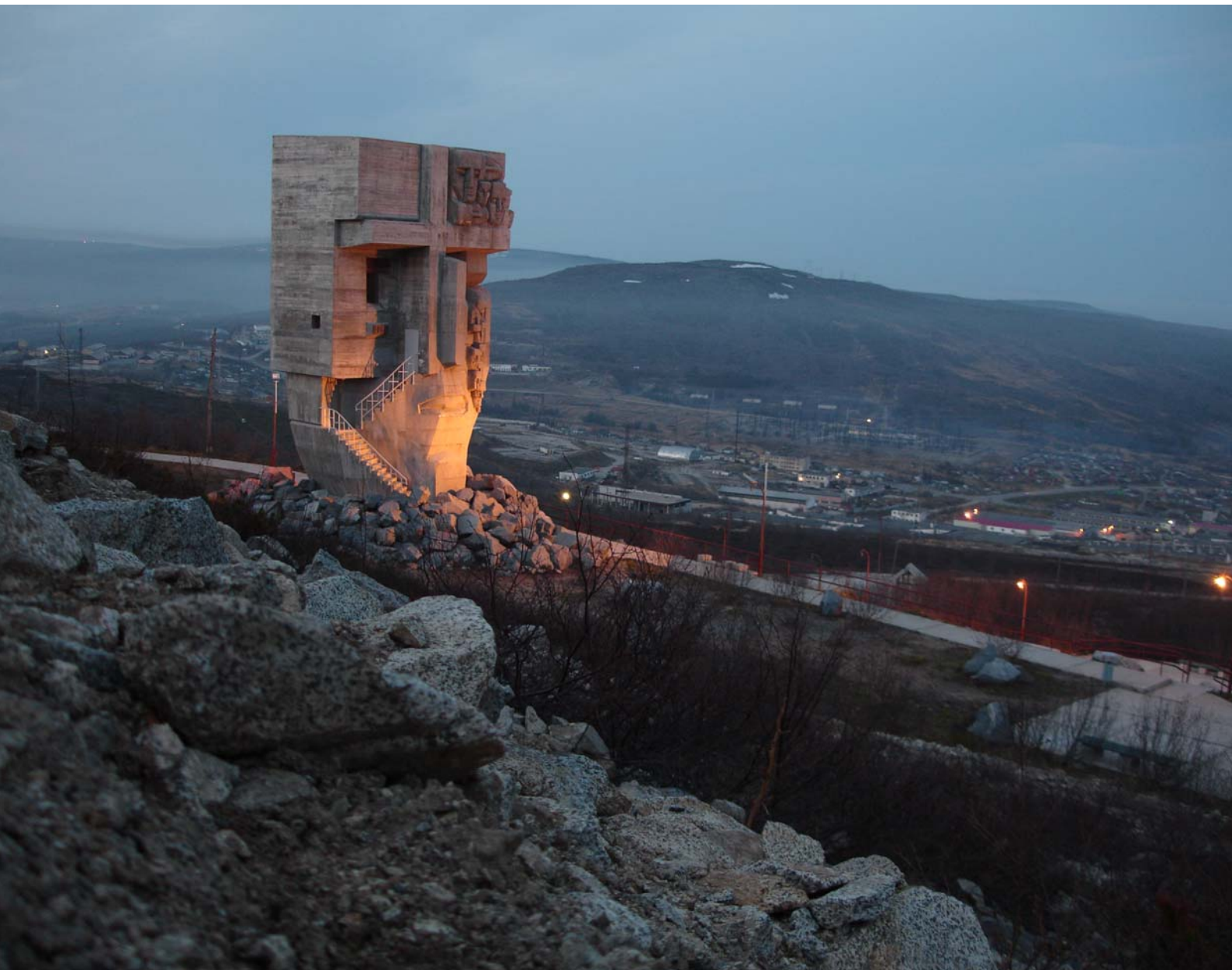


But on the road before reaching Magadan we will visit the Kolyma Dam power station, technological achievement built on melting grounds that cannot seem to overtake the somber reputation of that city: it

could have been known for its underground wealth and made Russia proud but it is today only remembered for its violent Stalinist past and the broken lives it left behind.

Yet it is also in this remote region, marked by death and despair, that you can admire the extraordinary resilience of the human spirit and generosity of the people who still live today as they did a century ago.

Baikal Nature offers journey never seen before (in any other agency). A journey through the unknown and incredible Far East Siberia, where majestic landscapes will compete with serious adventure. In other words this is a journey for serious adventurers!



The expedition's itinerary is set but can change due to weather, roads and tracks conditions, unforeseen events or force majeure. The program's flexibility is what makes this journey a real expedition: we know where

we go and when we go but we don't know how it's going to develop = this is what makes an expedition an expedition!

Check out our commercial journey for 2017 too <http://www.baikalnature.com/tours/658339>

Dates and Cost

This 2016 journey is a non profit scouting trip to establish the itinerary for the commercial expedition to start in 2017. Therefore, we do not make a profit but share all expenses between participants! It is a great opportunity to undertake an amazing trip at an unrivaled 'cost price'.

We are looking for 6 participants to join us in our 2 x Toyota Land Cruiser (3 per 4x4) for both legs of the journey.

Please note that the itinerary will be the same for both legs.

Dates are as follow:

1. Irkutsk - Magadan : 26 August to 09 September 2016 / 15 days

2. Magadan - Irkutsk : 11 September to 28 September 2016 / 15 days

Price: 90,166 RUB / pers.

This Price Includes:

- all expenses related to the 4x4 (usage, maintenace, petrol)
- all gear for outdoors camping (tents, cooking utensils, etc) and 3 hotel nights with breakfast (2 in Yakutsk + 1 in Magadan)
- arrival and departure airport transfers

This price does not include:

- any flights to join or leave the expedition
- any meals during the expedition (but breakfasts mentioned above),

- local visits (museums, cultural shows, etc) during the expedition,
- additional nights in hotels (should the guest want to sleep in a bed)

Daily expenses estimate during the expedition

- a Russian lunch in roadside café: 300-400 RUB
- one night in a roadside GuestHouse: 350-900 RUB
- a museum visit; 200-350 RUB
- a daily ration: 1000-1500 RUB

Safety

Safety is our priority. We don't want to break you, nor the cars! Each vehicle is equipped with a First Aid Kit, a VHF, 2 sat phones, Hand Held Radios, flares and anti-bear capsicum spray.

Vehicles

We use our own Toyota Land Cruisers 80 series 1HDFT Diesel 1997. We have chosen this particular model for its robustness and 4x4 capabilities. Our vehicles are in excellent mechanical condition with regular maintenance and services done. Both have been significantly modified for extreme off-road: higher and reinforced shocks, snorkel, front and rear bumpers in reinforced metal, winches, roof racks, high power working lights and long range headlights, 33" all terrain tires (2 spare wheels for each vehicle). Each vehicle is equipped with a VHF radio and an onboard camera.



Browse

Through those links you will find a selection of pictures from adventurers who roamed these regions. Click through them with your keyboard arrows.

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See below pictures from Stephen Codrington (<http://www.stephencodrington.com>):

















See below pictures from Cyril Guiramand, Kolyma expert and Baikal Nature expedition co-host:











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