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Baikal Bike Trophy



EURASIA's Only Cross-Country Bike Race on an Island

4-th edition, "For preservation of clean water" series

Dates: August, 18 - August, 24, 2013



Baikal Bike Trophy event takes place every year in August on Olkhon Island - the largest island of the world's deepest, largest and oldest freshwater Lake Baikal. The race is held over 6 days and includes a time-trial prologue of nearly 30 km and XCM races from 60 to 90,5 km, with nutrition and drink points, technical assistance provided. With some 7000 m of climbing, its massive and, probably, Russia's most scenic cycling route, the Baikal Bike Trophy race around the Olkhon Island traverses through the land sections of various landscapes – from sand dunes and steppe with taiga-woods to rocks and gorges – in the premises of Baikal National Park accessible to the public for mountain biking. The climbs are not that high, although still reaching more than 1,000 meters, and are in some places a bit steep, often making for more spectacular racing.

Every year the organizers do their best to deliver an unforgettable mountain bike and Siberian travel-experience in the Baikal stunning environment. It has become a tradition that the riders and supporters in the Baikal Bike Trophy Race plant fir and cedar tree seedlings to help the island's unique environment, every evening during the race events they hold briefings and lectures on nutrition, training and bike technology to provide insider 'Baikal-specific' knowledge, the video shot during each day of the race is shown, local folk lore entertainment is arranged, as well as camp fire that bringing together people of different nationalities provides for great opportunities of intercultural exchanges.

Male and female riders 19 years old and over, physically fit, able of pedaling for 7 hours through cross-country terrain are eligible to ride individually or in teams of two in the Baikal Bike Trophy. If you're a first timer, seasoned pro or just out to have some fun we would love to see you experience bike racing on Olkhon Island of the Glorious Baikal! Recreational and family tracks of 15 and 10 km to local nature landmarks (such as the Holy Mountain of Zhima) and archeological sites are available for those who may be new to mountain biking and who just want to enjoy the ride without the pressure of racing. Also offered are special pre-race and post-event tour packages as well as the supporter package allowing riders to bring along their supporters to share in their Baikal Bike Trophy one-of-a-kind experience.

The Baikal Bike Trophy will most likely to become one of cycling's most important pilgrimages in Russia, at least, and we invite you to join us for many more years of racing. Race or ride on the sacred island of the local Buryat people, amidst tremendous energy grid of water that Lake Baikal holds...





Brief schedule of Baikal Bike Trophy-2013

August, 18, 2013

Upon arrival in Irkutsk we meet you at the airport for a further 250 km transfer from Irkutsk to Olkhon via the mainland by bus and then across the Small Olkhon Gates strait by a ferry. Upon arrival - accommodation at the base camp, orientation lecture on the Baikal Bike Trophy race followed by video and slides presentations, introduction to the cross-country course of the race, pre-start registration, distribution of start numbers, camp-fire with new friends and overnight.

August, 19

This will be the day of the Prologue and start of the Baikal Bike Trophy 6-days race, its 4-th edition, to be blessed by the Olkhon Shaman. Those bike racers who fail to complete the bike race course by 06 p.m. will be taken off the course and delivered to the base camp by support team van. This evening – see the bike race video of the day, exchange your experience, and learn the local expertise.

August, 20 - August, 24 – 5 more interesting and competitive bike race stages will be taking place in the unique environment of Lake Baikal, en route varied landscape courses of a single Olkhon Island, and according to the rules, on the marked courses of the Race (see the 3 pages with diagrams and schemes of the Baikal Bike Trophy). Every evening - see the video shot; hear the expert recommendation or ethnographic stories of local people. On the evening of August, 24, after the draw of results take part in the award ceremony, Gala Party with songs and some fancy folk lore.

August, 25

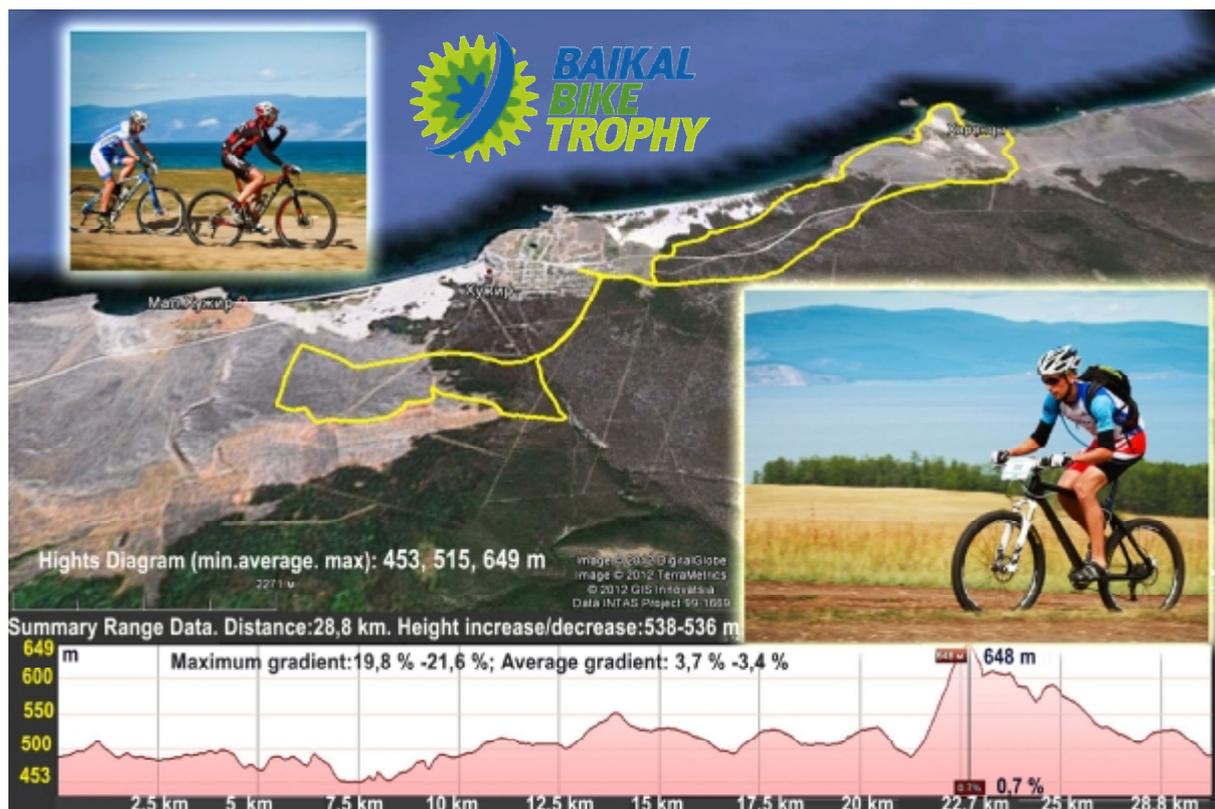
Transfer back to Irkutsk for your flight back home, or take a post-event extension trip of your possible choice from a variety of offers.



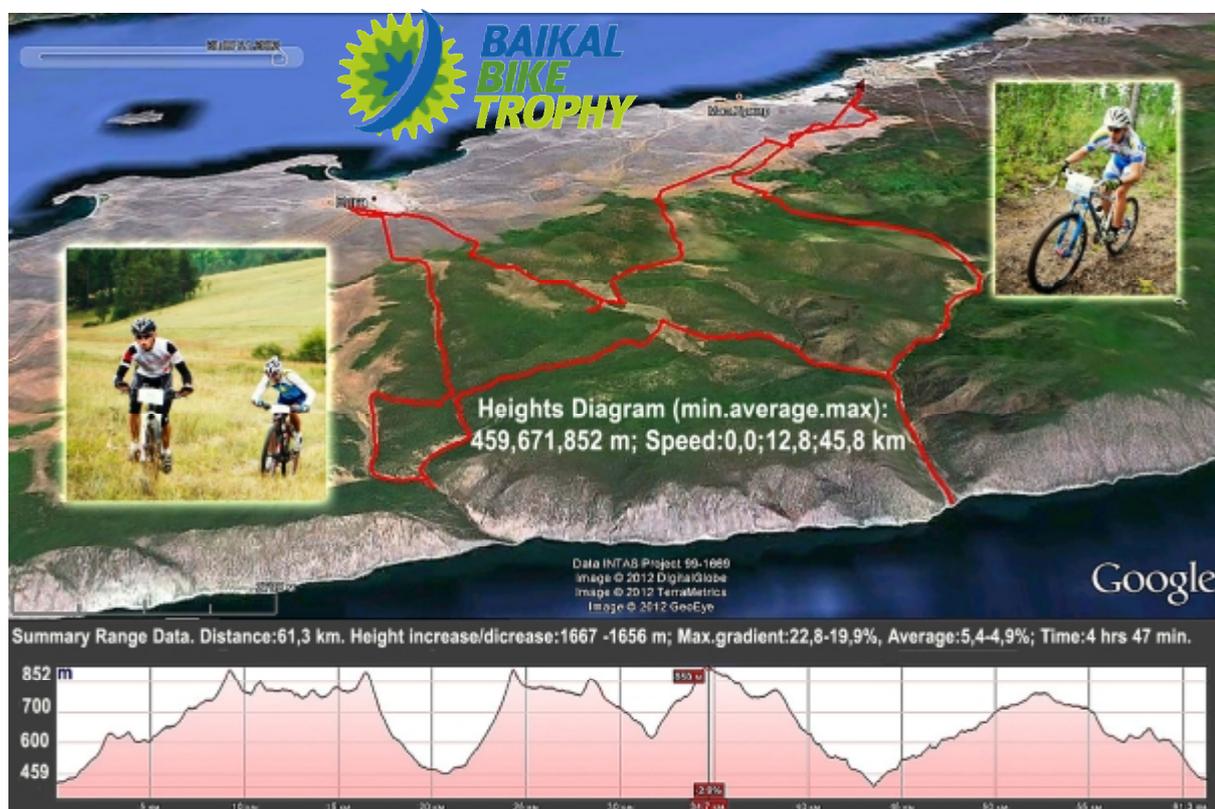
Cost of the Baikal Bike Trophy 7-days package is from USD 900 if staying in a tent base camp to USD 1650 if staying at the Baikal View Hotel p/p (incl. registration and start fee, all transfers, accommodation in the base camp with daily meals, visa support/invitations, and services of the guide).



Stage 1 (yellow trail): Time-trial prologue of 28.8 km



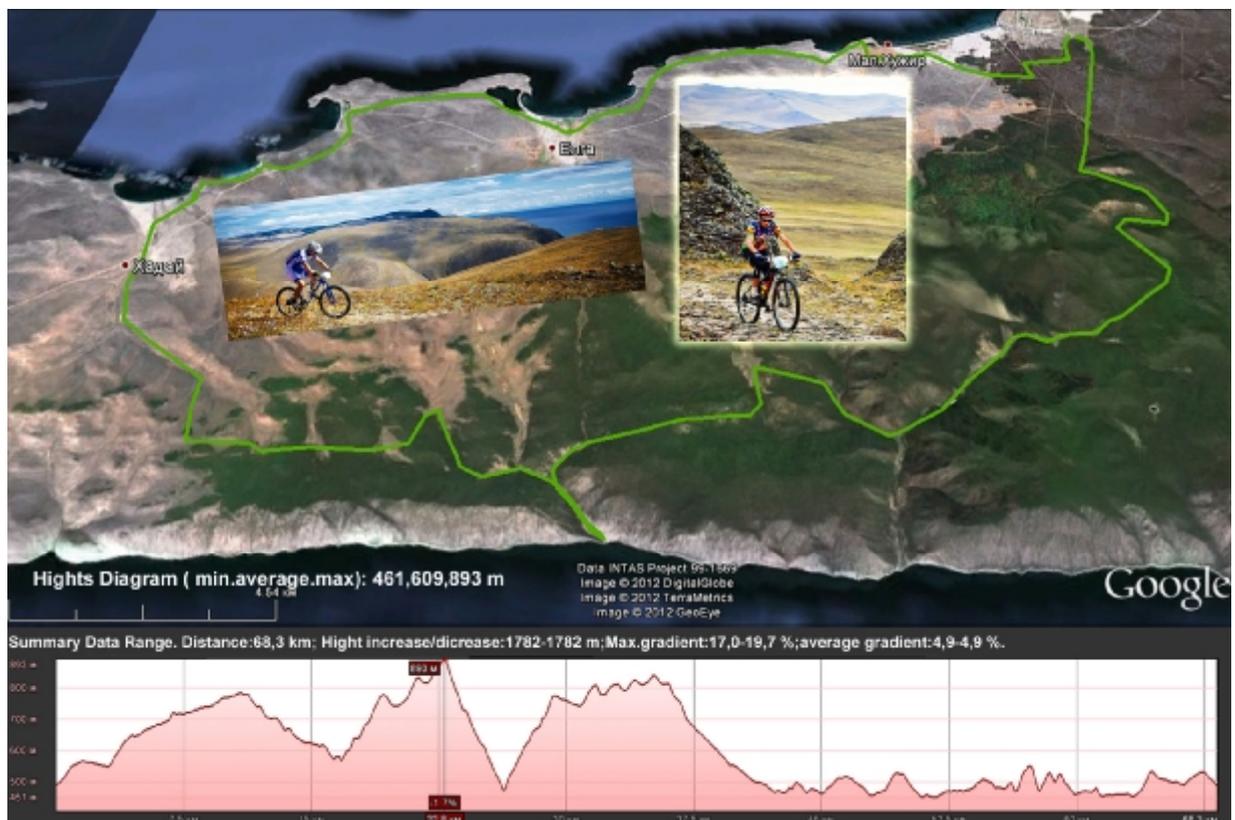
Stage 2 (red trail): XCM course of 61.3 km



Stage 3 (blue trail): XCM course of 90,5 km



Stage 4 (green trail): XCM course of 68,3 km



Stage 5 (white trail): XCM course of 60,6 km



Stage 6 (violet trail): XCM course of 72, 2 km

