

WHV – In Harmony with the Nature

Lake Baikal, Russian Federation

Natural property inscribed on the List of World
Heritage since 1996

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Situated in south-east Siberia, the 3.15-million-ha Lake Baikal is the oldest (25 million years) and deepest (1,700 m) lake in the world. It contains 20% of the world's total unfrozen freshwater reserve. Known as the 'Galapagos of Russia', its age and isolation have produced one of the world's richest and most unusual freshwater faunas, which is of exceptional value to evolutionary science.

Project objectives:

The general objective of the project consists in promoting the development of sustainable and socially-responsible eco-tourism on a regional level. As a side effect, the project will directly affect the protection of the bird population as well as improve existing conditions of the Baikal Nature Reserve.

Project activities:

During the project the volunteers will work primarily at the bird ringing station, that is a home to a unique Baikal fauna, namely to more than 100 bird species. Being mostly occupied with the designing, drawing, building with own hands, painting, repairing and fixing bird feeders the participants would also be able to check out the Reserve's activities. The staff members will give a class on nature interpretation, trail-building, and routing. Furthermore, the participants would be able to take the Russian banya (Sauna) and experience the local traditional food, swim in the lake Baikal and visit the Museum of Nature.

Partners:

The Baikal Nature Reserve

Great Baikal Trail

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