



Introduction:

Ulan Ude is an important commercial and industrial center of Eastern Siberia, located on the 5640th kilometer of the Trans-Siberian railway. It is the capital of Buryatia republic that is a home for Buryat, Evenk, and Russian people. The city itself has a distinct Asian-like feel, perhaps because of the cultural mix and proximity to Mongolia. There are about 400 000 inhabitants, but it seems to be very calm and local people are friendly to visitors. The main attractions are considered to be the Buddhist Datsan, Ethnographic Museum, a History and Nature Museums in the city, and, of course, lake Baikal, which is 250 kilometers away.

Itinerary

Sightseeing city tour, Ivolginsk memorial (6 h) (Tour code ULU - 1)

Ulan Ude, the capital of the Buryat Republic. The unique cultural identity, language and religious beliefs of the Buryats – the indigenous people of the region – make visiting Ulan Ude an enriching experience. We will tour the most interesting sites around Ulan Ude including the Ivolginsk Datsan (the center of Russian Buddhism), the Ethnographic Museum, and a village of Old Believers. The Old Believers are a religious sect who fled to Siberia from the persecution of Russia's 17th century czars.

Tour includes: English speaking guide, entrances and transfer from/to the accommodation in Ulan Ude.
Best period: whole year

