



NATIONAL RESEARCH IRKUTSK STATE TECHNICAL UNIVERSITY

International Summer School “EXPLORING SIBERIA '12”

August 05 – 25, 2012
Irkutsk city and Lake Baikal, Russia



About the program

Irkutsk State Technical University (ISTU) offers a high quality academic program in Russian language and Siberian regional studies combined with diverse cultural program. The first “Exploring Siberia” took place in summer 2007 and had 17 participants; in 2010 the winter edition of ES was launched. Since that time we had more than 250 participants from 20 countries of Europe, Asia, North and South America. The School is designed for international individuals with different educational background wishing to study / advance Russian language knowledge in interesting and comfortable environment. The program furthermore provides the participants with understanding of a local life style, opens up opportunities for destroying misconceptions about Siberia. After the program completion students are awarded with certificates of participation issued by ISTU.

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Curriculum*

ES'12 offers intensive Russian language course (40 academic hours) at up to four different proficiency levels (beginner, elementary, intermediate, upper intermediate). Classes are carried out in groups up to 8 persons by instructors of ISTU department of Russian language and intercultural communication. Along with practical course of Russian, the School offers subject classes (10 academic hours) held by distinguished faculty. Lectures are held in English or Russian with interpretation into English. Total number of contact hours is 50, classes are held on weekday mornings, 4-5 academic hours per day. Working language of the School is English.

Extracurricular activities*

Academic classes are accompanied by the diverse extracurricular activities. School participants are invited to take part in guided tours, to visit museums, Irkutsk hydroelectric power station etc. The highlight of the cultural program is a 4-day trip to the heart of Lake Baikal, Olkhon island.

* for the up-to-date program of the school please visit
http://www.istu.edu/en/international_summer_schools/upcoming_events.html

Registration

Registration for ES is simple; just send the following documents via e-mail oms@istu.edu before **May 15, 2012**: motivation letter, CV, completed application form*, international passport copy for visa support letter.

* application form could be found at
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Course fee

33 000 RUB (academic and cultural program, pick-up service, visa support, 4-day trip to Olkhon island on Lake Baikal with full board)

Accommodation options*

- ISTU student hostel (single and double rooms within shared two-room flats with a bathroom; kitchen on the floor; residents are provided with bed-linen and basic utensils) – 250 RUB/day/person;
- Student hostel of Irkutsk State University of Railway Engineering (double rooms within two-room shared flats with a bathroom and equipped kitchen; residents are provided with bed-linen and utensils) - 550 RUB/day/person;
- Homestay (incl. breakfast) – 600 RUB/day/person;
- Other (Irkutsk hotels, hostels etc)

*Subject to availability

Facts & Figures IRKUTSK REGION

Area	768 000 sq.km.
Population	2,5 mln.
Urban	80%
Nationalities	~100
Natural resources	water, timber, fish, fur
Mineral resources	coal, oil, gas, iron, gold
Climate	sharp continental
Time zone	GMT + 8

Facts & Figures IRKUTSK CITY

Founded/city status	1661
Area	432 sq.km.
Admin. districts	4
Population /rank in Russia	600 000 /24 th
Monuments of history & culture	1215
Universities	23

Facts & Figures LAKE BAIKAL UNESCO World Heritage Site

Type	continental rift, fresh
Max. length	636 km.
Max. width	80 km.
Surface area	31 722 sq. km.
Max. depth	1 642 m.
Water volume	23 615 cubic km.
Major inflows	Selenga, Barguzin, Upper Angara, Uda etc
Outflow	Angara
Islands (biggest)	27 (Olkhon)

Facts & Figures ISTU

Founded	1930
Students	30 000
Foreign students	1000
Alumni	> 120 000
Teaching staff	1000
Institutes & Faculties	11
Departments	71
Degree programs	230
Library (items)	1,5 mln.

