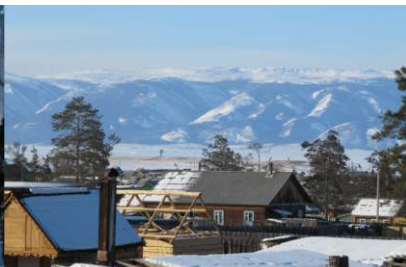




International School “EXPLORING SIBERIA '18. Winter edition”

February 10 – March 01, 2018
Irkutsk city and Lake Baikal, Russia



About the program

Irkutsk National Research Technical University (INRTU) offers a high quality academic program in Siberian regional studies and Russian language 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 300 participants from 20 countries of Europe, Asia, North and South America. The School is designed for international individuals with different educational background wishing to get / deepen knowledge about Siberia, understand local life style, open up opportunities for destroying misconceptions about Siberia. The program furthermore provides the participants with supporting course of Russian language. After the program completion students are awarded with certificates of participation issued by INRTU.

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Curriculum*

ES'18 will cover some general topics related to the history of Siberian region exploration and development, local ethnic groups, regional economy, political situation, arts etc so that school participants get a clear idea what Siberia is. There will be furthermore given more details about Lake Baikal, the unique and well-known water reservoir located only 70 km away from Irkutsk. The school curriculum also includes visits to INRTU laboratories which contribute to the investigation of Lake Baikal and surrounding territories. Lectures will be delivered by the faculty of Irkutsk National Research Technical University, Irkutsk State University and other educational and scientific organizations of Irkutsk. Supporting course of Russian language is held by instructors of INRTU Department of Russian language. Total number of contact hours is 50, classes are held on weekdays, 4-5 academic hours per day. Working languages of the School are English and German.

Extracurricular activities*

Academic classes are accompanied by diverse extracurricular activities. School participants are invited to take part in guided tours, to visit museums, theater and other places of interest. 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/structure/53/30104/7618/>

Application

Application for ES is simple; just send the following documents via e-mail oms@istu.edu before **November 19, 2017**: motivation letter, CV, completed application form (<http://www.istu.edu/structure/53/30104/7618/>), transcript of academic records, international passport copy for visa support letter.

Funding opportunities

Limited number of DAAD scholarships is available for German students (for more information refer to goeast.daad.de).

Course fee

850 EUR (academic and cultural program, pick-up service, visa support, 4-day tour to Island Olkhon with full board). Course fee doesn't cover travel costs to/from Irkutsk.

Accommodation options

- INRTU 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) – 300 RUB/day/person (as of September 2017);
- Other (Irkutsk hotels, hostels etc)

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 + 9

Facts & Figures IRKUTSK CITY

Founded/city status	1661
Area	27 998 ha
Admin. districts	4
Population / rank in Russia	620 000 / 23rd
Historical monuments	1215
Universities	19

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 INRTU

Founded	1930
Students	> 16 000
Foreign students	> 1 000
Alumni	> 120 000
Teaching staff	> 1 000
Institutes	10
Departments	70
Degree programs	> 200
Library (items)	1,5 mln.

