



**Dear Rotaract Friends!**

**In this newsletter we will inform you on some important issues that may be very helpful. The newsletter has an intention to answer your questions and make your trip to Russia easier. However, if you have more questions, please e-mail us.**

In this newsletter:

- places of living
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### ***Places of Living***

According to the program you will spend a couple of nights in Moscow, then in Irkutsk and several nights near the lake Baikal. In Moscow and Irkutsk you will live at hostels. At Lake Baikal you will visit two villages: Listvyanka and Bolshie Koty, where you will live in Russian wooden houses. There you will feel the rural life of people in Siberia.

### ***Train Moscow-Irkutsk***

We will assist you in purchasing train tickets on "TransSiberian" train. The price will be about 180 EURO per 1 person, 2 class (4 persons in a cabin). You'll spend 4 nights/3 days in a train and it will be a great experience! You will cross almost whole Russia! We'll acquaint you with

Russian trains, help you to buy food for this train trip, etc.

### ***Climate***

The climate in Moscow is like European one. The part of Siberia is a place of extremes: it could be +30 C during the day and +10 C night time in July. The sunshine also could quickly change to clouds. This could be in the city.

That's the extremes. On average, it's +15-20 during the day, and +10-15 in the morning and evening. Rain is random. Last year there was not a single drop of rain during all days of International Week. We hope that the weather will be the same this year.

Near the lake (due to the huge amounts of water) the climate is softer, but colder. On average, it's 5 C colder than in Irkutsk. Moreover, you can feel colder because of the fresh wind from the lake. Lower temperatures are offset by the lesser amounts of rain. Baikal is surrounded by mountains so that clouds cannot overcome them. As a result we get 75 percent of sunny days on the lake.

### ***Recommendations***

As you can see, you will need two sets of clothes: for hot daytime and for colder evenings and nights. For daytime take shorts, T-shirts, and caps. For evenings and nights take jeans and warm pullover.



As we said it could be colder near the lake because of fresh wind. So a wind- and waterproof jacket would be the best thing to feel good. Since we plan a trip on a boat the jacket will be very helpful.

According to the program we will walk a lot. So take comfortable walking shoes.

... and a small backpack: you will need to put there a jacket, pullover or some of your personal things.

### ***Emergency contacts***

If you get lost or something happens with you, you can always reach us:

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### ***Need some info***

We need to know when you arrive to Moscow and the flight number. Without this information we will not be able to meet you in the airport. Please, e-mail us this information when you will learn it.

See you soon.