



## NATIONAL RESEARCH IRKUTSK STATE TECHNICAL UNIVERSITY

### International School “EXPLORING SIBERIA '12. Winter edition”

February 11 – 27, 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 200 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. In winter 2012 it will be a series of lectures "Siberia in Russia: past, present and future" by Dr. Mikhail Rozhanskiy, scientific director of Irkutsk Center of independent social researches and education. Lectures are held in 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, theater, 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](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](mailto:oms@istu.edu) before **December 15, 2011**: motivation letter, CV, completed application form, international passport copy for visa support letter.

## Course fee

33 000 RUB (academic and cultural program, pick-up service, visa support)

## 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;
- 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 <sup>th</sup> |
| 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,<br>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.  |

