



Above: Exploring coastal caves during the freezing winter months makes for an otherworldly (and more than a little bracing) experience. Left: The frozen waters around Cape Khoboy. For almost five months a year, Lake Baikal is covered with ice.

Winter temperatures on Olkhon Island can drop below -25°C (-13°F).

**As deep as an ocean
and as large as
a sea, this 30-million-
year-old body of water
is guaranteed
to take even the most
seasoned wayfarer's
breath away.**

