

Karelia Multi-Active — Detailed description

Trip Length: 3 Group: 6-16 Departure: Fixed Period: December - January

Trip overview

Tired from noisy city and traffic jams? This week end, it's time to take a train from Saint-Petersburg or Moscow to Petrozavodsk to enjoy Karelian nature and to get new emotions!

During these three days you will mix cultural part of the tour with active stay. You will visit the open air museum Kizhi included in the UNESCO World Heritage list, where you will go by hovercraft and then you will ride a dog sled and drive a snowmobile on the Lake and in the snow covered forest. This day you have an unusual lunch of Karelian's specialties accompanied with the folklore show. You will stay in the cosy tourist complex.

Feel like a real adventurer and may be who knows one day you will decide to experience more?

Highlights

- Get in touch with Karelian nature in winter
- Dog sledding, snowmobiling and hovercrafting in two days
- Discovery of the beautiful site of Kizhi, included in the UNESCO World Heritage list
- Try the Karelian cuisine and listen to traditional songs of folklore ensemble

Tour type

ACTIVENATURE

Difficulty

Easy - nothing more than normal walking while sight-seeing

Comfort

Upgraded — all nights in comfortable rooms.

Begining / end of the tour

Tour starts: Petrozavodsk, End of the tour: Petrozavodsk

Program

Day 1 — Dog-sledding and cultural visit

07:50 — Arrival to Petrozavodsk Railway Station
08:10 — Breakfast in the cafe
09:00 — Transfer to the kennel
11:00 — Dog-sledding
13:00 — Lunch
14:30 — Kivach national reserve
16:10 — Visit to the Russian Spa - Marcial Waters
16:40 — Transfer to the base
19:00 — Dinner in the resort

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Overnight in the resort

Hotels: Hébergement à la base de repos Morochka

Day 2 — Kizhi by Hovercraft

08:00 — Breakfast at the resort

09:00 — Transfer to the quay of the Onega lake in Petrozavodsk

12:00 — Excursion to Kiji island

13:00 — Picnic during the excursion

16:00 — Return to the tourist base

18:30 — Dinner at the tourist base

Overnight in the resort

Hotels: Hébergement à la base de repos Morochka,

Comfort: Comfortable accommodation, WC and bath / shower in room

Day 3 — Snowmobiling and cultural visit

09:00 — Breakfast

10:00 — Equipment and briefing

11:00 — Snowmobile safari to the zoo "Three Bears"

13:00 — Visit of zoo

14:00 — Lunch

15:00 — Return to the base

17:00 — Transfer to Petrozavodsk

18:30 — Dinner at the restaurant

19:30 — Transfer to the train station. End of the program

Departures

Start	End	Basic price per person
13.01.2023	15.01.2023	64000.00 RUB
20.01.2023	22.01.2023	64000.00 RUB
27.01.2023	29.01.2023	64000.00 RUB
03.02.2023	05.02.2023	64000.00 RUB
10.02.2023	12.02.2023	64000.00 RUB
17.02.2023	19.02.2023	64000.00 RUB
23.02.2023	25.02.2023	64000.00 RUB

Note

Supplement for single snowmobile - 12 000 rubles Discount for children under 16 years old (inclusive) - 10% The tour is feasible according to the weather and ice conditions. If you want to extend your journey in Karelia, please, let us know of your suggestions. According to your request, we will be glad to book your train tickets.

What's included

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Price includes

- Dog sled rental
- Russian-speaking guide
- Accommodation as per itinerary
- Excursions and visits as per itinerary
- Letter of invitation
- Snowmobile and equipment rental
- English-speaking guide
- Bathing in springs
- Airplane/ train tickets
- Meals according to the program

Price does not include

- Meals as per itinerary
- Personal expenses and tips
- Visa fees and travel insurance
- Optional activities
- Accident insurance
- Railway tickets

Checklist & Equipment

You will need in Russia in winter:

- to protect yourself from the cold weather;
- to protect yourself from the wind;
- to protect your feet from moisture;
- to protect yourself from the sun's reflection from ice and snow.

Allow the system of "three layers":

- The first layer, called "second skin", determines the performance of the other two layers. It will transport sweat to the next layer and dry quickly to avoid cooling after exercise. Therefore forget the cotton retains moisture in the skin and choose underwear in synthetic fabrics.
- The second layer must keep the heat of the body as long as possible. Warm synthetic or mixed (wool or fleece turtleneck sweater) fabrics, that dry quickly, are preferable.
- The third layer should protect you against wind and moisture. Choose a jacket, long enough, 100% waterproof, preferably with hood.

If you are traveling in the spring or autumn, please check with your manager for a list of recommended equipment and an approximate weather forecast.

Recommended checklist

underwear, socks (several pairs)
comfortable shoes for trekking
raincoat / windproof and waterproof jacket with HOOD!
sunglasses
towel
water bottle/flask
spray against mosquitoes and ticks (for summer outdoor tours)
thermal underwear
fleece balaclava
4
6
10
12
Thermal socks

Meals

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If you are a vegetarian or have any particular preferences, please let us know, so we could adapt the menu.

Visa

You need a tourist visa to travel to Russia. It can be issued for a maximum period of 30 days. Your passport has to be valid for at least six months after the expiry date of your visa and to have at least two blank pages.

BaikalNature offers visa support and has created "BaikalNature letter of invitation" package. If you buy a BaikalNature tour, this package is absolutely free; when you buy any other BaikalNature service, you will have to pay for this package.

For questions regarding obtaining an electronic visa, please contact your tour manager.

Money

The Russian currency is ruble. The cost of travel and other services is always fixed in rubles. Please note that cards from foreign banks do not work in Russia at the moment. Tourists can obtain a bank card from a Russian bank in advance or travel with cash. If you have euros or dollars with you, exchange offices will allow you to change them easily in the cities. It is also worth noting that the exchange rate at airports is usually not the most favorable. It is better to exchange in big cities (you can check the current exchange rate online). Important! Only new banknotes without defects or any traces are accepted for exchange.

Tipping

All persons who compose the BaikalNature travel team (guides, drivers, cooks, etc.) are paid a decent wage for their services and do not expect any tips from you. So you have no obligation to leave anything. If you really want to express your satisfaction by leaving a gratuity, and if it is in foreign currency, be aware that torn or glued coins and banknotes cannot be exchanged. Anyway, thank you for your tips, left at your discretion in envelopes.

Health

You need to get a health examination before a great trip. Consult your doctor. Get a dental checkup. If you have health problems that could worsen during the trip, make sure you have taken all your medications with you.

Provide a first aid kit that includes among other items:

- aspirin or paracetamol,
- anti-diarrheal pills,
- antiseptic,
- adhesive plaster,
- sterile pads.

If you have individual diseases, make sure you have taken your medications.

Medical Form

You should be physically fit enough for this tour.

Emergency Contact

You can contact BaikalNature by phone: +7 924 531 87 01 (What's App, Telegram, Viber)

In addition, your call will be forwarded to your manager, reachable 7/7.

Legal Mentions

Professional Guarantees: BaikalNature LLC (ООО "БайкалНейче"), United Federal Register of Tour Operators number: RTO 009402.

Financial Guarantee: "Gaide insurance company" JSC (АО "Страховая компания Гайде"). Insurance contract N 4875/2422-49 from August 6, 2024. Amount of coverage: 500 000 RUB. Legal and actual address: BaikalNature LLC, 55 Dekabrskikh Sobyti Str., office 204.1 664007 Irkutsk Russia

Cancellation Options

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The cancellation options are:

- more than 40 days before departure - 30 % of the tour price,
- 39 - 10 days before departure - 60 % of the tour price,
- less than 10 days before departure - 100 % of the tour price.

Security

Your safety is very important to us! During the trip we ask you to follow the guide's advice, read the instructions carefully and follow the group. If you have any questions or experience any discomfort, please notify your guide or tour-manager immediately.

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