

## Kizhi + Valaam + Solovki — Detailed description

Trip Length: 5    Group: 4-8    Departure: Fixed    Period: June - August

### Trip overview

Here is a rich program, involving visits of three great names Karelia: the islands of Kizhi and Valaam and the Solovki archipelago. On the way to the north, to the White Sea, we will visit the natural reserve of Kivach and its famous waterfall, one of the largest in Europe!

The advantages of the travel are : the comfortable accommodations in the center of Petrozavodsk and along the White Sea in Rabotcheostrovsk, the practical schedules of arrival and departure of trains (to St. Petersburg or Moscow). The other advantage is the fact that, despite the large number of discoveries , excursions and trips you only change two times of hotel, so you do not have to tidy up your luggages thousand times ...

This trip has a good balance between the exclusive services on the one hand, as private transfers (allowing you to make stops where you want, to enjoy the payages), the English-speaking guides, specialists of their monasteries (in Kizhi, Valaam and Solovki), and shared services on the other hand. It allows you to be closer to the people and to optimize expenditure: two cruises on fast boats on both lakes and a cruise on the White Sea.

### Highlights

- Discovery of the two largest lakes of Karelia by Soviet hydrofoil boat
- Discovery of the three main tourist attractions of Karelia
- Half freedom formula: support of an English speaking guide only where it is needed
- Cruise on the White Sea
- Discovery of the Kivach waterfall

### Tour type

DISCOVERYNATURE

### Difficulty

Easy - nothing more than normal walking while sight-seeing

### Comfort

Upgraded — all nights in comfortable rooms.

### Beginning / end of the tour

Tour starts: Petrozavodsk, End of the tour: Petrozavodsk

### Program

#### Day 1 — Open-air museum Kizhi

09:30 — Arrival to Petrozavodsk Railway Station

09:45 — Transfer to the quay of Onega lake

10:30 — Departure to Kizhi

12:00 — Excursion in Kizhi museum

13:00 — Lunch (picnic)

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14:00 — Back to Pétrozavodst by hydrofoil boat

18:00 — Dinner in the cafe (Not included)

19:00 — Transfer to Sortavala

21:00 — Arrival and check-in

Overnight in the hotel

Hotels: Accommodation in the hotel Kaunis, Sortavala, Twin room

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

## Day 2 — Monastery of Valaam

09:00 — Breakfast in the hotel

10:00 — Departure to the island of Valaam

10:50 — Visit of the architectural ensemble of the monastery

13:00 — Lunch

14:00 — Back to Sortavala by boat

16:00 — Transfer to Petrozavodsk

20:00 — Arrival and accommodation in the hotel

Overnight in the hotel

Hotels: Accommodation in the hotel of Petrozavodsk, Twin room prestige

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

## Day 3 — Kivach natural reserve

09:00 — Breakfast in the hotel

10:00 — Departure to the north of Karelia

12:00 — Visit of the Kivach nature reserve

13:00 — Lunch (Not included)

14:00 — Transfer to Rabocheostrovsk

15:00 — Arrival in Rabotcheostrovsk and check-in in the resort

19:00 — Dinner in the hotel

Overnight in the resort

Hotels: Accommodation in the hotel Prichal, Twin comfort room

## Day 4 — Solovki archipelago

09:00 — Breakfast in the resort

10:00 — Departure to the Solovki archipelago by boat

12:00 — Excursion through the Solovki Kremlin

13:00 — Lunch

14:00 — Free time

16:00 — Cruise to Rabotcheostrovsk and rest

19:00 — Dinner (Not included)

Overnight in the resort

Hotels: Accommodation in the hotel Prichal, Twin comfort room

## Day 5 — End of the programme

09:00 — Breakfast in the resort

11:00 — Transfer to the Kem train station

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## Departures

Start	End	Basic price per person
12.06.2021	16.06.2021	54400.00 RUB
26.06.2021	30.06.2021	54400.00 RUB
03.07.2021	07.07.2021	54400.00 RUB
10.07.2021	14.07.2021	54400.00 RUB
24.07.2021	28.07.2021	54400.00 RUB
07.08.2021	11.08.2021	54400.00 RUB
21.08.2021	25.08.2021	54400.00 RUB

## Note

The price is given for the group of 4 persons minimum. we can organise this tour for an individual traveller any convenient dates in summer season. Please, contact us for more information. Optional services: - single accommodation in the hotels - 6 800 roubles; - train tickets Moscow (Saint-Petersburg) - Petrozavodsk and Kem - Moscow (Saint-Petersburg) - on request.

## What's included

### Price includes

- English-speaking guide
- Transport as per itinerary
- Excursions and visits as per itinerary
- Accommodation as per itinerary
- Transfer from airport / railway station on first day
- Transfer to airport / railway station on last day
- Meals according to the program
- Boat trip

### Price does not include

- Personal expenses and tips
- Railway tickets

## Recommended checklist

Sunglasses

Long sleeve shirts or sweatshirts

Shorts

T-shirts

Foulard or tagelmust

Comfortable walking shoes (like Vibram or similar)

Comfortable shoes for city

Important travel documents: Passport and visa, original or electronic airplane tickets (with a sets of photocopies kept separately), bank card

Photo / video camera

## Meals

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

## Visa

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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 more information please contact your nearest Russian Embassy or Visa Application Center.

## Money

The Russian currency is ruble. In all cities and many large villages of Russia, you can easily withdraw rubles, using a Visa or MasterCard, from ATMs, located in banks, department stores or hotel lobbies, some of them are open 24 hours a day. If you have euros or dollars with you, exchange offices will allow you to change them easily in the cities, seldom in the countryside. However, it can be difficult to exchange traveler's checks, even in cities.

## 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

No compulsory vaccination.

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

No particular physical condition is required.

## Emergency Contact

You can contact BaikalNature by phone: +73952 26 56 94.

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 7890/22-49 from September 19, 2022. Amount of coverage: 500 000 RUB. Legal and actual address: BaikalNature LLC, 55 Dekabrskikh Sobyti Str., office 405.2 664007 Irkutsk Russia

## Cancellation Options

The cancellation options are:

- more than 30 days before departure - 15% of the tour price,
- 29 - 7 days before departure - 30% of the tour price,

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- less than 7 days before departure - 50% of the tour price.


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