

Karelia Multi-Active — Detailed description

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

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 Siamozero 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 — Snowmobiling and cultural visit

09:30 — Arrival to Petrozavodsk Railway Station
09:40 — Breakfast in the cafe
10:00 — Transfer to the snowmobile starting point
11:00 — Circular snowmobile itinerary
12:30 — Arrival to Veshkelitsa village
13:00 — Lunch
16:00 — Arrival in the resort
19:00 — Dinner in the resort
20:00 — Russian banya (Not included)

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Overnight in the resort

Hotels: Accommodation at the resort "Alekkа", Karelia, Twin room

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

Day 2 — Dog sledding

09:00 — Breakfast in the resort

10:00 — Transfer to the kennel

11:00 — Dog-sledding

13:00 — Lunch

15:00 — Return to the resort

19:00 — Dinner at the resort

20:00 — Russian banya (Not included)

Overnight at the resort

Hotels: Accommodation at the resort "Alekkа", Karelia, Twin room

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

Day 3 — Kizhi by Hovercraft

09:00 — Breakfast at the resort

10:00 — 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 Petrozavodsk

18:30 — Dinner in the cafe

Departures

Start	End	Basic price per person
10.01.2020	12.01.2020	44800.00 RUB
17.01.2020	19.01.2020	44800.00 RUB
24.01.2020	26.01.2020	44800.00 RUB
31.01.2020	02.02.2020	44800.00 RUB
07.02.2020	09.02.2020	44800.00 RUB
14.02.2020	16.02.2020	44800.00 RUB
21.02.2020	23.02.2020	44800.00 RUB
28.02.2020	01.03.2020	44800.00 RUB
06.03.2020	08.03.2020	44800.00 RUB
13.03.2020	15.03.2020	44800.00 RUB

Note

Single supplement - 4 500 roubles. Supplement for 1 person on snowmobile - 5 000 roubles. There are special tariffs for children under 12 years old. The tour is feasible according to the weather and ice conditions. If you want to extend your journey in Karelia, please, let us know

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of your suggestions. According to your request, we will be glad to book your train tickets.

What's included

Price includes

- Dog sled rental
- Accommodation as per itinerary
- Transport as per itinerary
- Excursions and visits as per itinerary
- Letter of invitation
- Snowmobile and equipment rental
- English-speaking guide
- Transfer from airport / railway station on first day
- Transfer to airport / railway station on last day
- Meals according to the program

Price does not include

- Medical insurance
- Personal expenses and tips
- Visa fees and travel insurance
- Optional activities
- Banya
- 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.

We recommend you to pack all your stuff in two bags: a small backpack and a large travelling bag.

SMALL BACKPACK: will be useful for carrying your personal belongings during the day (camera, film, personal medication, bottled water, etc.) You will also use it as hand luggage during air travel for all your heavy (to lighten the travel bag in the luggage compartment), fragile (camera, etc.) and necessary (toilet bag, etc.) things.

BIG TRAVEL BAG or BIG BACKPACK: must contain the rest of your stuff. It will be in the luggage compartment during the flight. It will be transported by vehicles.

Recommended checklist

Sunglasses
Thermal underwear
POLARTEC or similar pullover
Windproof waterproof pants and jacket (GORE-TEX, EVENT, SIMPA-TEX)
Long sleeve shirts or sweatshirts
T-shirts
Socks
Comfortable shoes for city
Flip-flops for banya

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Mountain boots for walking on ice and snow

Wool gloves and winter cap

Bath towel

Swimsuit

Thermal socks

Meals

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 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

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: +73952 26 56 94.

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

Legal Mentions

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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 9302/19-49 from September 30, 2019. Amount of coverage: 500 000 RUB. Legal and actual address: BaikalNature LLC 119A Dekabrskikh Sobyti Str., office 13 664007 Irkutsk Russia

Cancellation Options

The cancellation options are:

- more than 60 days before departure - 10% of the tour price,
- 60 to 30 days before departure - 50% of the tour price,
- less than 30 days before departure - 100% of the tour price.

Security

The travelers' security is our primary aim and also the long-term reputation of our travel agency. First-aid kit, adapted for this tour, is available at your guide.

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