

## NEW YEAR'S EVE 2022 IN KARELIA — Detailed description

Trip Length: 4 Group: 1-9 Departure: Fixed Period: December - January

### Trip overview

Make it a New Year to remember with an adventure in Karelia. This break offers unique cultural insights, fun-filled group activities in nature and celebrate New Year in cozy atmosphere. Feel the thrill of a dog sled ride, learn about local traditions at a reindeer farm, participate in various winter fun activities and visit Karelian Santa Claus named Talvi ukko.

This tour is organized to make you feel the magic of Christmas holidays in the Karelian region into the heart of Russian winter.

Far away from civilization where time goes on in its rhythm, you will be warmly welcomed and surrounded with attention. You will get a good dose of sensations far removed from the daily routine: you will taste typical Karelian dishes and beverages, learn about local traditions. You will definitely make new friends with locals during this the most long-awaited event in Russia!

### Highlights

- New Year's Eve à la russe with Russians and in a traditional way
- Acquaintance with the Karelian culture through master classes
- Stay in Russian Karelia on the shore of the frozen lake
- Variety of winter activities
- Get acquaintance with Karelian Santa Claus - Talvi Ukko
- Festive New Year's programme with fireworks

### Tour type

DISCOVERYNATURE

### 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 — NEW YEAR CELEBRATION

- 11:00 — Transfer from Petrozavodsk to the tourist base (Not included)
- 12:30 — Accommodation at the tourist base
- 13:30 — Lunch at the restaurant of the base
- 14:30 — Master-class on making a Karelian doll
- 16:00 — Preparations for New Year's celebration
- 19:00 — FESTIVE DINNER
- 23:55 — SPEECH OF THE PRESIDENT AND KREMLIN STRIKING CLOCKS

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Overnighth at the base

Hotels: Accommodation at the tourist base Denisov Mys,  
Comfort: Comfortable accommodation, WC and bath / shower in room

### Day 2 — MEETING WITH TALVI UKKO AND VISIT OF SAMI VILLAGE

11:00 — Late Breakfast  
13:00 — Lunch  
13:00 — Sami village, animal farm and the Residence of the Karelian Father Frost  
16:00 — Time at leisure  
19:00 — Dinner in the restaurant  
20:00 — Karelian National Ensemble performance  
Overnighth at the base  
Hotels: Accommodation at the tourist base Denisov Mys

### Day 3 — WINTER FUN

09:00 — Breakfast  
10:00 — Visit of the forest zoo  
12:00 — Return to the base  
13:00 — Lunch at the base  
15:00 — Free time  
19:00 — Dinner at the base  
Overnighth at the base  
Hotels: Accommodation at the tourist base Denisov Mys

### Day 4 — FAREWALL AND END OF THE PROGRAMME

09:00 — Breakfast  
11:00 — Check-out  
12:00 — Excursion to the Kivach waterfall (Not included)  
13:00 — Transfer to Petrozavodsk railway station (Not included)

### Departures

Start	End	Basic price per person
31.12.2021	03.01.2022	38900.00 RUB

### Note

For children from 3-12 years old, tour costs 32 100 RUB per person. English-speaking guide is NOT included. Extra charge Transfer to the base on the first and last day - 2500-4000 RUB per car Ice fishing = 2400 rubles up to 3 people (time 2 hours) Russian sauna = 1200 rubles per hour (minimum order time 2 hours) Skates / skis = 150 rubles per hour

### What's included

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**Price includes**

- Accommodation as per itinerary
- Transport as per itinerary
- Excursions and visits as per itinerary
- Russian-speaking guide services
- Meals according to the program

**Price does not include**

- Visa
- English-speaking guide
- Personal expenses and tips
- Transfer from airport / railway station on first day
- Transfer to airport / railway station on last day
- Banya
- Ski rental
- Ice skate rental

**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**

Thermal underwear  
POLARTEC or similar pullover  
Long sleeve shirts or sweatshirts  
T-shirts  
Socks  
Flip-flops for banya  
Sewing kit  
Down jacket  
Comfortable pants  
Mountain boots for walking on ice and snow  
Thick socks  
Wool gloves and winter cap  
Warm gloves or mittens  
Moisturizer

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Lipstick

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

Photo / video camera

Evening dress/suit

## Meals

At restaurants and homestays in cities, traditional cuisine consists of local specialties.

## 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.

## 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 10058/21-49 from October 08, 2021. 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 30 days before departure - 15% of the tour price,
- 29 - 7 days before departure - 30% of the tour price,
- less than 7 days before departure - 50% of the tour price.

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