

Kizhi by Snowmobile — Detailed description

Trip Length: 2 Group: 6-16 Departure: Fixed Period: February - March

Trip overview

Take a snowmobile safari through the picturesque villages of Karelia! This is a wonderful tour that will take you to the island of Kizhi by snowmobile with its architectural ensemble. During the trip you will enjoy driving powerful machines among splendid Karelian landscapes. You will see a unique architectural ensemble on the island of Kizhi and ancient buildings of Zaonezhie, "asleep" Karelian villages in winter landscapes and the second largest lake in Europe. After a day of snowmobiling, you can relax in a hot banya. The pleasure of physical activity will be complemented by a cultural discovery of the unique wooden architecture.

Taste dishes of the national Karelian cuisine: traditional pastries, cranberries in sugar, liqueurs and jams from delicious northern berries.

The itinerary passes through woods, marshes, and frozen lakes. The total duration is 5-7 hours a day.

During this tour we use Yamaha VK-540 III snowmobiles.

Highlights

- Discovery of Kizhi island and its architectural ensemble
- Safari by snowmobile through the villages of Karelia
- Comfortable accommodation and Russian banya

Tour type

ACTIVENATURE

Difficulty

Moderate - 3-5 hours of physical activity daily

Comfort

Upgraded — all nights in comfortable rooms.

Beginning / end of the tour

Tour starts: Petrozavodsk, End of the tour: Petrozavodsk

Program

Day 1 — Ancient village of Karelia

09:00 — Arrival to Petrozavodsk Railway Station

09:30 — Breakfast in the cafe

10:10 — Transfer to the Gorka village by bus

11:00 — Instruction

12:00 — Snowmobile safari starts

13:00 — Lunch-picnic

14:00 — Continuation of the road

16:00 — Arrival to the island and check-in in the homestead

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18:00 — Dinner

19:00 — Russian banya

Overnight in the homestead

Hotels: Accommodation in the guest house "Kijskaya blagodat" in Karelia, Twin room

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

Day 2 — Open-air museum of Kizhi

09:00 — Breakfast in the resort

10:00 — Excursion in Kizhi museum

13:00 — Outdoor lunch

14:00 — Visit of the village Yuzhny Dvor

15:00 — Continuation of the way by snowmobile

17:00 — Transfer to Petrozavodsk

18:30 — Dinner in the cafe

19:30 — Transfer to the railway station. End of the programme.

Departures

Start	End	Basic price per person
05.02.2022	06.02.2022	56000.00 RUB
10.02.2022	11.02.2022	56000.00 RUB
12.02.2022	13.02.2022	56000.00 RUB
16.02.2022	17.02.2022	56000.00 RUB
24.02.2022	25.02.2022	56000.00 RUB
26.02.2022	27.02.2022	56000.00 RUB
04.03.2022	05.03.2022	56000.00 RUB
10.03.2022	11.03.2022	56000.00 RUB
12.03.2022	13.03.2022	56000.00 RUB

Note

The price is indicated for two persons per snowmobile. Single supplement - 2 500 roubles. Supplement for 1 person on snowmobile -35 000 roubles. The snowmobile driving is allowed for tourists above 18 years old. According to the weather conditions the itinerary can be changed on the similar one (in km). 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

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

Price does not include

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

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
sunscreen and lip balm
swimsuit / swim trunks
towel
water bottle/flask
spray against mosquitoes and ticks (for summer outdoor tours)
fleece balaclava

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Meals

In the canteen at the inns, fresh local products.

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.

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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

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.

Travel Insurance

In addition to your personal insurance, you have an opportunity to purchase local insurance. Please, do not hesitate to ask us about our services.

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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