

## Kizhi and Valaam Week-end — Detailed description

Trip Length: 2 Group: 2-8 Departure: Fixed Period: June - September

### Trip overview

This short 2 days getaway is the best way to discover Karelia in one weekend, from a cultural point of view. The focus is on visiting the island of Kizhi (UNESCO heritage) and Valaam (candidate for the UNESCO world heritage list). And you will also discover the landscapes of the two largest Karelian lakes: Onega and Ladoga.

The accompaniment by an English speaking guide is provided only where it is really useful: during the monasteries' visits on both islands. Apart from that you will be greeted by our Russian-speaking drivers with a BaikalNature placard. This formula permits you to manage cleverly your expenses and gives you more freedom.

### Highlights

- Discovery of the two largest lakes of Karelia by Soviet hydrofoil boat
- Discovery of the two most famous attractions of Karelia: Kizhi and Valaam
- Half freedom formula: support of an English speaking guide only where it is needed

### 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 — 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)

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

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**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  
18:30 — Dinner in the cafe (Not included)  
20:00 — Departure by train and end of the programme

**Departures**

Start	End	Basic price per person
12.06.2021	13.06.2021	26300.00 RUB
19.06.2021	20.06.2021	26300.00 RUB
26.06.2021	27.06.2021	26300.00 RUB
03.07.2021	04.07.2021	26300.00 RUB
10.07.2021	11.07.2021	26300.00 RUB
17.07.2021	18.07.2021	26300.00 RUB
24.07.2021	25.07.2021	26300.00 RUB
31.07.2021	01.08.2021	26300.00 RUB
07.08.2021	08.08.2021	26300.00 RUB
14.08.2021	15.08.2021	26300.00 RUB
21.08.2021	22.08.2021	26300.00 RUB
28.08.2021	29.08.2021	26300.00 RUB
04.09.2021	05.09.2021	26300.00 RUB
11.09.2021	12.09.2021	26300.00 RUB

**Note**

The price is given for the group of 2 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 hotel of Sortavala town - 1 300 roubles; - train tickets Moscow (Saint-Petersburg) - Petrozavodsk - Moscow (Saint-Petersburg) - on request.

**What's included**

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**Price includes**

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

**Price does not include**

- Personal expenses and tips
- Railway tickets

**Recommended checklist**

underwear, socks (several pairs)  
towel  
wet wipes and antibacterial hand gel  
water bottle/flask  
thermal underwear  
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**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 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**

No compulsory vaccination.

**Medical Form**

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No particular physical condition is required.

### 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

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.

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