

# 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.

## 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

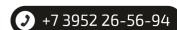
10:30 — Departure to Kizhi

12:00 — Excursion in Kizhi museum

13:00 — Lunch (picnic)

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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
- · Accommodation as per itinerary
- Excursions and visits as per itinerary
- Russian-spaking guide
- · Bathing in springs
- · Airplane/ train tickets
- · Meals according to the program
- Boat trip

# **Recommended checklist**

underwear, socks (several pairs)

towel

wet wipes and antibacterial hand gel

water bottle/flask

trekking telescopic poles

winter (down) jacket and warm pants (windproof and waterproof) / winter suit

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

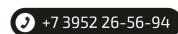
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Price does not include

- Personal expenses and tips
- · Railway tickets

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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 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.

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: +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 405.2 664007 Irkutsk Russia

### **Cancellation Options**

The cancellation options are:

• more than 40 days before departure - 30 % of the tour price,

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- 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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