

## Karelia Multi-Active — Detailed description

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

### 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 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 — Dog-sledding and cultural visit

07:50 — Arrival to Petrozavodsk Railway Station  
08:10 — Breakfast in the cafe  
09:00 — Transfer to the kennel  
11:00 — Dog-sledding  
13:00 — Lunch  
14:30 — Kivach national reserve  
16:10 — Visit to the Russian Spa - Marcial Waters  
16:40 — Transfer to the base  
19:00 — Dinner in the resort

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Overnight in the resort

Hotels: Hébergement à la base de repos Morochka

## Day 2 — Kizhi by Hovercraft

08:00 — Breakfast at the resort

09:00 — 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 the tourist base

18:30 — Dinner at the tourist base

Overnight in the resort

Hotels: Hébergement à la base de repos Morochka,

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

## Day 3 — Snowmobiling and cultural visit

09:00 — Breakfast

10:00 — Equipment and briefing

11:00 — Snowmobile safari to the zoo "Three Bears"

13:00 — Visit of zoo

14:00 — Lunch

15:00 — Return to the base

17:00 — Transfer to Petrozavodsk

18:30 — Dinner at the restaurant

19:30 — Transfer to the train station. End of the program

## Departures

Start	End	Basic price per person
13.01.2023	15.01.2023	64000.00 RUB
20.01.2023	22.01.2023	64000.00 RUB
27.01.2023	29.01.2023	64000.00 RUB
03.02.2023	05.02.2023	64000.00 RUB
10.02.2023	12.02.2023	64000.00 RUB
17.02.2023	19.02.2023	64000.00 RUB
23.02.2023	25.02.2023	64000.00 RUB

## Note

Supplement for single snowmobile - 12 000 rubles Discount for children under 16 years old (inclusive) - 10% The tour is feasible according to the weather and ice conditions. 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**

- 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  
Mountain boots for walking on ice and snow  
Wool gloves and winter cap  
Bath towel

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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

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 7890/22-49 from September 19, 2022. Amount of coverage: 500 000 RUB. Legal and actual address: BaikalNature LLC, 55 Dekabrskikh Sobyti Str., office

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### **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.

### **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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