

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
06.06.2020	07.06.2020	25200.00 RUB
13.06.2020	14.06.2020	25200.00 RUB
20.06.2020	21.06.2020	25200.00 RUB
27.06.2020	28.06.2020	25200.00 RUB
04.07.2020	05.07.2020	25200.00 RUB
11.07.2020	12.07.2020	25200.00 RUB
18.07.2020	19.07.2020	25200.00 RUB
25.07.2020	26.07.2020	25200.00 RUB
01.08.2020	02.08.2020	25200.00 RUB
08.08.2020	09.08.2020	25200.00 RUB
15.08.2020	16.08.2020	25200.00 RUB
22.08.2020	23.08.2020	25200.00 RUB
29.08.2020	30.08.2020	25200.00 RUB
05.09.2020	06.09.2020	25200.00 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
- Transport as per itinerary
- Excursions and visits as per itinerary
- Accommodation as per itinerary
- Transfer from airport / railway station on first day
- Transfer to airport / railway station on last day
- Letter of invitation
- Meals according to the program

Price does not include

- Personal expenses and tips
- Railway tickets

Recommended checklist

Sunglasses

Long sleeve shirts or sweatshirts

Shorts

T-shirts

Comfortable shoes for city

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

Photo / video camera

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

No compulsory vaccination.

Medical Form

No particular physical condition is required.

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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 9302/19-49 from September 30, 2019. 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 - 30% of the tour price,
- 30 - 7 days before departure - 50% of the tour price,
- less than 7 days before departure - 100% of the tour price.

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