

## Rafting on Uksa river — Detailed description

Trip Length: 3 Group: 12-17 Departure: Fixed Period: December - January

### Trip overview

The river Ouksa (full name: Ouksounioki) is one of the most "sporting" Karelian rivers. Located in southern Karelia it is powered by lakes and swamps and its level depends on climatic conditions. The passage is practicable in spring - early summer during the period of high water when Ouksa is amazing! Over a length of 40 km it cuts rocks by several rapids renowned among rafting fans.

The nature is wild and landscapes are beautiful. The whirling water and powerful rapids will offer you strong emotions and the energy that the Russian nature can offer! the nights will be spent in tents (2 in tents designed for 3). Meals will be prepared on the fire.

An opportunity to really reboot at the very beginning of summer!

### Highlights

- Sports route with passage of challenging rapids
- For those who are ready to test themselves
- Immersion in nature away from civilization
- Route designed to take advantage of the spring high water

### Tour type

ACTIVENATURE

### Difficulty

Challenging - 5-7 hours of challenging physical activity daily

### Comfort

Basic — most of nights in tents or rooms with shared WC, some nights in comfortable rooms.

### Beginning / end of the tour

Tour starts: Petrozavodsk, End of the tour: Petrozavodsk

### Program

#### Day 1 — Preparation and rafting start

09:00 — Arrival to Petrozavodsk Railway Station

10:00 — Transfer to the starting point of the route

13:00 — Lunch (picnic)

14:00 — Starting of the navigation

17:00 — Establishment of the camp

19:00 — Dinner

Overnight in the tent

#### Day 2 — Continuation of the rafting

09:00 — Breakfast

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10:00 — Continuation of the descent of Shuya

13:00 — Lunch (picnic)

17:00 — Establishment of the camp

19:00 — Dinner near the fire

Overnight in tent

### Day 3 — Return and end of the programme

09:00 — Breakfast

10:00 — Last kilometres of rafting

13:00 — Outdoor lunch

16:00 — Arrival to the Uksa village

17:00 — Transfer to Petrozavodsk

19:00 — Arrival to the railway station. End of the programme.

### Departures

Start	End	Basic price per person
29.04.2023	01.05.2023	20300.00 RUB
06.05.2023	08.05.2023	20300.00 RUB
12.05.2023	14.05.2023	20300.00 RUB
26.05.2023	28.05.2023	20300.00 RUB
02.06.2023	04.06.2023	20300.00 RUB
10.06.2023	12.06.2023	20300.00 RUB

### Note

Rafting is carried out on a 6-seater catamaran. For a group of 2-3 people, it is possible to conduct a tour on a 2-4 seater catamaran (2 people on their own, 2 people + 1 instructor, 3 people + 1 instructor). Neoprene wetsuit rental for those who wish - 3 000 roubles / per pers. / for the tour duration. Sleeping bag rental - 1 200 roubles / per pers. / for the tour duration. Train tickets are available as an option, please, ask us.

### What's included

#### Price includes

- Russian-speaking guide services
- Transport as per itinerary
- Banya
- Letter of invitation
- Camping outfit rental
- Raft and equipment rental
- Reserves and national parks entrance permissions
- Meals according to the program

#### Price does not include

- Railway tickets
- Sleeping bag rental
- Medical insurance
- Personal expenses and tips
- Visa fees and travel insurance

### Checklist & Equipment

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During your kayak tour, your luggage will be carried in a dry-bag (70 L.), on the kayak itself. Please think about it while packing !

### Recommended checklist

Sunglasses  
Raincoat or wind and waterproof shell jacket (with hood !)  
POLARTEC or similar pullover  
Long sleeve shirts or sweatshirts  
Shorts  
T-shirts  
Socks  
Comfortable walking shoes (like Vibram or similar)  
Headlamp  
Toilet roll  
Towel  
Swimsuit  
Tick and mosquitoes repellent spray  
Flip-flop or kayak shoes

### Meals

Cold lunch and hot dinner, cooked on an open fire in the evening.

### 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.

Provide a first aid kit that includes among other items:

- aspirin or paracetamol,
- anti-diarrheal pills,
- antiseptic,
- adhesive plaster,

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- sterile pads.

If you have individual diseases, make sure you have taken your medications.

### Medical Form

A very good physical condition is required.

### 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 405.2 664007 Irkutsk Russia

### 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.

### 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

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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