

## Rafting on Shuya River — Detailed description

Trip Length: 3    Group: 8-16    Departure: Fixed    Period: December - January

### Trip overview

Here is a route that is full of emotions and at the same time easy and safe, on one of the most beautiful Karelian rivers, the Shuya. The program's flexibility allows tourists of all ages and physical conditions to participate. The rapids encountered are sometimes quite serious, but there is always the possibility to switch dangerous places by foot. You will still be able to assess your strengths with our guides and make the adequate decision.

During three days, we will be in complete autonomy and "spared" from the civilization. Nights in tents, meals will be prepared on fire!

### Highlights

- Easy and accessible itinerary for families with children
- Immersion in nature away from civilization
- Discovery of the most popular river in Karelia

### Tour type

ACTIVENATURE

### Difficulty

Moderate - 3-5 hours of 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

07:50 — Arrival to Petrozavodsk Railway Station

08:30 — Breakfast

10:00 — Transfer at Khautavaara (Хайтаваара)

13:00 — Lunch en route (picnic)

14:00 — Starting of the navigation

17:00 — Setting up of the camp

19:00 — Dinner

Night under tents

Hotels: Camping,

### Day 2 — Continuation of the rafting

09:00 — Breakfast

10:00 — Continuation of the descent of Shuya

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13:00 — Outdoor lunch  
16:00 — setting up of the camp  
19:00 — Dinner near the fire  
Night under tents  
Hotels: Camping,

### Day 3 — Return to Petrozavodsk

09:00 — Breakfast  
10:00 — Rafting  
13:00 — Lunch  
14:00 — Russian banya  
15:00 — Transfer to Petrozavodsk  
19:30 — Arrival to Petrozavodsk

### Departures

| Start      | End        | Basic price per person |
|------------|------------|------------------------|
| 06.05.2023 | 08.05.2023 | 17500.00 RUB           |
| 02.06.2023 | 04.06.2023 | 17500.00 RUB           |
| 10.06.2023 | 12.06.2023 | 17500.00 RUB           |
| 16.06.2023 | 18.06.2023 | 17500.00 RUB           |
| 23.06.2023 | 25.06.2023 | 17500.00 RUB           |
| 30.06.2023 | 02.07.2023 | 17500.00 RUB           |
| 07.07.2023 | 09.07.2023 | 17500.00 RUB           |
| 14.07.2023 | 16.07.2023 | 17500.00 RUB           |
| 21.07.2023 | 23.07.2023 | 17500.00 RUB           |
| 28.07.2023 | 30.07.2023 | 17500.00 RUB           |
| 04.08.2023 | 06.08.2023 | 17500.00 RUB           |
| 11.08.2023 | 13.08.2023 | 17500.00 RUB           |
| 18.08.2023 | 20.08.2023 | 17500.00 RUB           |
| 25.08.2023 | 27.08.2023 | 17500.00 RUB           |
| 01.09.2023 | 03.09.2023 | 17500.00 RUB           |

### Note

If you need some extra equipment, please, contact us about the rent. Train tickets are available as an option, please, ask us. If you are traveling with children, please indicate their age when booking - discounts apply. Neoprene wetsuit rental for those who wish - 3 000 roubles / per pers. / for the tour duration.

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## What's included

### Price includes

- Russian-speaking guide services
- Accommodation as per itinerary
- Camping outfit rental
- Dry bag rental
- Raft and equipment rental
- Meals according to the program

### Price does not include

- English-speaking guide services
- Meals as per itinerary
- Railway tickets
- Sleeping bag rental

## Recommended checklist

underwear, socks (several pairs)  
pants, long sleeve jacket/tracksuit  
comfortable shoes for the city  
raincoat / windproof and waterproof jacket with HOOD!  
wet wipes and antibacterial hand gel  
water bottle/flask  
spray against mosquitoes and ticks (for summer outdoor tours)  
sleeping bag  
fleece jacket/sweater with collar  
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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.

Lunch cooked on an open fire.

Breakfast and dinner prepared on fire, bivouac. Lunch at the picnic, hot water in thermos.

## 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.

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## 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.

## Emergency Contact

In Western Russia, you can contact BaikalNature by phone: +7 499 705 65 58

## 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

## Security

Your safety is very important to us! During the trip we ask you to follow the guide's advice, read the instructions carefully and follow the group. If you have any questions or experience any discomfort, please notify your guide or tour-manager immediately.

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