

## Kizhi + Valaam + Solovki — Detailed description

Trip Length: 5   Group: 4-8   Departure: Fixed   Period: July - 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

- 2 largest and most picturesque lakes in Karelia
- Discovery of the 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

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### 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) (Not included)

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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
21.06.2025	25.06.2025	124700.00 RUB
19.07.2025	23.07.2025	124700.00 RUB
09.08.2025	13.08.2025	124700.00 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: - train tickets - single supplement - special tariffs for families with children - individual programs on convenient dates

## What's included

### Price includes

- Accommodation as per itinerary
- Excursions and visits as per itinerary
- English-speaking guide
- Transport a per itinerary
- Meals as per itinerary
- Visa invitation and registration of passports (for foreign citizens, if necessary)
- Nature reserves and parks entrance permissions

### Price does not include

- Personal expenses and tips
- Visa fees and travel insurance
- Airplane/ train tickets

## Checklist & Equipment

For summer travel, we recommend preparing:

- comfortable clothes for hot and sunny weather - we advise you to give preference to natural fabrics, be sure to have sun protection (comfortable hat, SPF protection cream, sunglasses);
- protection from rain and wind - a long raincoat with a hood, for active tours - a waterproof cover on a backpack, the second pair of shoes (the ability to dry a second pair if they get wet);
- clothing in case of bad weather - when the temperature drops (in mountainous regions, on the coasts, in the evening), we recommend taking a light jacket, a warm sweater and pants

In different regions of Russia there can be significant temperature fluctuations in the summer. If you do not have experience traveling in similar regions, please contact your manager to pick up the necessary things and find out about the weather forecast in the place where you are planning your trip.

## Recommended checklist

underwear, socks (several pairs)  
T-shirts, shorts  
pants, long sleeve jacket/tracksuit  
rubber slippers  
comfortable shoes for the city  
cap/comfortable hat on head (for sun protection)  
sunglasses  
wet wipes and antibacterial hand gel

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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

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 Sobytiy Str., office 204.1

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### **Cancellation Options**

The cancellation options are:

- more than 40 days before departure - 30 % of the tour price,
- 39 - 10 days before departure - 60 % of the tour price,
- less than 10 days before departure - 100 % 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**

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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