

## Kizhi by Hovercraft — Detailed description

Trip Length: 2 Group: 5-6 Departure: Fixed Period: December - January

### Trip overview

We offer a trip by hovercraft that will allow you to discover Kizhi museum, one of the largest open air architectural museums. Located on the island of Kizhi on picturesque Lake Onega in Karelia, the museum represents two churches and a bell tower, which are known as Kizhi Pogost, wooden buildings and chapels. In 1990 the pogost was included in the UNESCO World Heritage list.

This trip is suitable by everyone regardless of the form and age, because you will have access to the museum by hovercraft. Among other things, you can experience ice fishing and real Karelian banya. You can extend your stay in Karelia by choosing one or several optional activities (snowmobiles, dog-sledding, visits and excursions). Please, contact us for further information.

You can book this tour on the dates suitable for you for groups of not less than 4 people. As for the fixed departures, the group is multinational.

### Highlights

- Discovery of the beautiful site of Kizhi, included in the UNESCO World Heritage list
- Tour, accessible to people of any age and physical condition
- Possibility to extend your stay in Karelia visiting Siberian and Alaskan Huskies

### Tour type

DISCOVERYNATURE

### Difficulty

Easy - nothing more than normal walking while sight-seeing

### Comfort

Upgraded — all nights in comfortable rooms.

### Beginning / end of the tour

Tour starts: Petrozavodsk, End of the tour: Petrozavodsk

## Program

### Day 1 — Welcome to Karelia!

09:30 — Arrival to Petrozavodsk Railway Station

09:40 — Breakfast in the cafe (Not included)

10:30 — Departure to the resort

10:30 — Arrival and check-in in the resort

13:00 — Lunch in the resort

14:00 — Free time

19:00 — Dinner

Overnight in the tourist base

Hotels: Accommodation in the guest house "Kijskaya blagodat" in Karelia, Twin room

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

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## Day 2 — Open air museum Kizhi

09:00 — Breakfast in the resort  
10:00 — Excursion to Kiji island  
12:00 — Return to the resort  
13:00 — Lunch in the resort  
14:00 — Return to Petrozavodsk by hovercraft  
16:30 — Transfer to the railway station  
17:00 — Free time till the train

## Departures

New departures available soon

## Note

Guaranteed departure from 4 participants. If there is less participants, the cost of the tour will be recalculated. The excursion can be organized at any convenient date. The tour is feasible according to the weather and ice conditions. Russian bath -3500 rubles for 2 hours (up to 6 people) If you want to extend your journey in Karelia, please, let us know your suggestions. English speaking guide only during visits on Kizhi. According to your request, we will be glad to book your train tickets.

## What's included

### Price includes

- English-speaking guide
- Russian-speaking guide
- Accommodation as per itinerary
- Excursions and visits as per itinerary
- Bathing in springs
- Airplane/ train tickets
- Letter of invitation
- Meals according to the program

### Price does not include

- Meals as per itinerary
- Personal expenses and tips
- Visa fees and travel insurance
- Optional activities
- 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.

If you are traveling in the spring or autumn, please check with your manager for a list of recommended equipment and an approximate weather forecast.

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## Recommended checklist

underwear, socks (several pairs)  
comfortable shoes for trekking  
raincoat / windproof and waterproof jacket with HOOD!  
sunglasses  
swimsuit / swim trunks  
towel  
water bottle/flask  
spray against mosquitoes and ticks (for summer outdoor tours)  
fleece balaclava  
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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 more information please contact your nearest Russian Embassy or Visa Application Center.

## 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).

## 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,

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- 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: +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.

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