

Kizhi by Snowmobile — Detailed description

Trip Length: 2 Group: 6-16 Departure: Fixed Period: February - March

Trip overview

Take a snowmobile safari through the picturesque villages of Karelia! This is a wonderful tour that will take you to the island of Kizhi by snowmobile with its architectural ensemble. During the trip you will enjoy driving powerful machines among splendid Karelian landscapes. After a day of snowmobiling, you can relax in a hot banya. The pleasure of physical activity will be complemented by a cultural discovery of the unique wooden architecture.

The itinerary passes through woods, marshes, and frozen lakes. The total duration is 5-7 hours a day.

During this tour we use Yamaha VK-540 III snowmobiles.

Highlights

- Discovery of Kizhi island and its architectural ensemble
- Safari by snowmobile through the villages of Karelia
- Comfortable accommodation and Russian banya

Tour type

ACTIVENATURE

Difficulty

Moderate - 3-5 hours of physical activity daily

Comfort

Upgraded — all nights in comfortable rooms.

Begining / end of the tour

Tour starts: Petrozavodsk, End of the tour: Petrozavodsk

Program

Day 1 — Ancient villages of Karelia

09:00 — Arrival to Petrozavodsk Railway Station

09:30 — Breakfast in the cafe

10:10 — Transfer to the Kedrozero village

11:00 — Instruction

12:00 — Snowmobile safari starts

13:00 — Lunch

14:00 — Continuation of the road

16:00 — Arrival to the island and check-in in the homestead

18:00 — Dinner

19:00 — Russian banya

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Overnight in the homestead

Hotels: Accommodation in the guest house "Kijskaya blagodat" in Karelia, Twin room
Comfort: Comfortable accommodation, WC and bath / shower in room

Day 2 — Open-air museum of Kizhi

09:00 — Breakfast in the resort
10:00 — Excursion in Kizhi museum
13:00 — Outdoor lunch
15:00 — Continuation of the way by snowmobile
17:00 — Transfer to Petrozavodsk
18:30 — Dinner in the cafe
19:30 — Transfer to the railway station. End of the programme.

Departures

Start	End	Basic price per person
06.02.2021	07.02.2021	51000.00 RUB
11.02.2021	12.02.2021	51000.00 RUB
13.02.2021	14.02.2021	51000.00 RUB
19.02.2021	20.02.2021	51000.00 RUB
25.02.2021	26.02.2021	51000.00 RUB
27.02.2021	28.02.2021	51000.00 RUB
04.03.2021	05.03.2021	51000.00 RUB
11.03.2021	12.03.2021	51000.00 RUB
13.03.2021	14.03.2021	51000.00 RUB

Note

The price is indicated for two persons per snowmobile. Single supplement - 2 500 roubles. Supplement for 1 person on snowmobile - 16 000 roubles. The snowmobile driving is allowed for tourists above 18 years old. According to the weather conditions the itinerary can be changed on the similar one (in km). If you want to extend your journey in Karelia, please, let us know of your suggestions. According to your request, we will be glad to book your train tickets.

What's included

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Price includes

- English-speaking guide
- Accommodation as per itinerary
- Transport as per itinerary
- Excursions and visits as per itinerary
- Banya
- Letter of invitation
- Snowmobile and equipment rental
- Meals according to the program
- Transfer from airport / railway station on first day
- Transfer to airport / railway station on last day

Price does not include

- Personal expenses and tips
- Visa fees and travel insurance
- Optional activities
- Railway tickets
- Medical insurance

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.

We recommend you to pack all your stuff in two bags: a small backpack and a large travelling bag.

SMALL BACKPACK: will be useful for carrying your personal belongings during the day (camera, film, personal medication, bottled water, etc.) You will also use it as hand luggage during air travel for all your heavy (to lighten the travel bag in the luggage compartment), fragile (camera, etc.) and necessary (toilet bag, etc.) things.

BIG TRAVEL BAG or BIG BACKPACK: must contain the rest of your stuff. It will be in the luggage compartment during the flight. It will be transported by vehicles.

Recommended checklist

Sunglasses
Thermal underwear
POLARTEC or similar pullover
Windproof waterproof pants and jacket (GORE-TEX, EVENT, SIMPA-TEX)
Trekking socks
Trekking pants
Long sleeve shirts or sweatshirts
T-shirts
Socks
Flip-flops for banya
Down jacket
Fleece jacket or warm sweater

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Mountain boots for walking on ice and snow

Thick socks

Wool gloves and winter cap

Warm gloves or mittens

Lipstick

Bath towel

Swimsuit

Tour vouchers and programme

Meals

In the canteen at the inns, fresh local products.

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

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

You should be physically fit enough for this tour.

Emergency Contact

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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 7902/20-49 from October 08, 2020. 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 - 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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