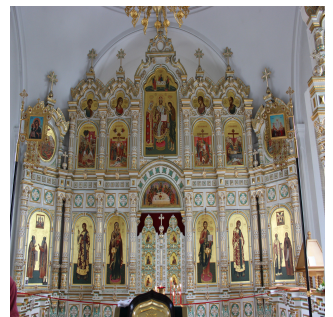
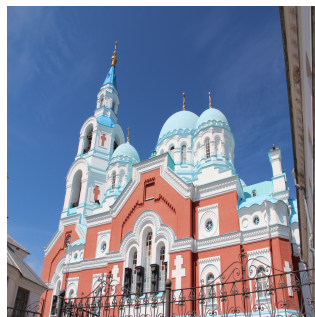


# Two days, two islands

Summer weekend tour to Karelia



Not sure how to spend a weekend? Just one night by train from Moscow or St. Petersburg, and you will find yourself in the lake region of the Russian north – Karelia. There you will get acquainted with two islands – Kizhi and Valaam, each of which is unique in its own way. Famous artists and writers came here in search of inspiration. We invite you to visit these places too!

# Experiences you'll have

## Two-day trip to the must-see places of Karelia

You will visit two unique islands, Kizhi and Valaam, known far beyond Russia. An experienced guide will tell the history of these places, you will take a hydrofoil ride on lakes that look more like seas, and at the end of the day just relax from the bustle of the city in a hotel on the shores of Onega lake.

We can arrange this program in an individual format on dates convenient for you. See more in "Common questions".

Just for 2 days of the tour you will:

- admire the architectural ensemble on Kizhi island, which is a UNESCO World Heritage site
- see the beautiful and majestic monastery, built on the Valaam island
- make a ride on two of Europe's largest freshwater lakes
- visit the cozy town of Sortavala near the Finnish border
- have a guided tour around Petrozavodsk and learn the history of the capital of Karelia
- relax in a spa hotel with a view of Onega lake

**We accept bookings for groups of 6 or more**

**Note:** for your group of two or more people, we can organize an individual program at any days suitable for you. See details in the "Common questions".

Most popular

Karelia

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Difficulty

Group size

Duration

from 2 to 16

2 days

Accomodation at the trip

1 nights

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guide

from 32 410 EUR

## Itinerary

The journey starts at 7:50 am in Petrozavodsk, where you should get to on your own (see more details in "Common questions"). We are ready to help with ticket purchasing. If necessary, leave a comment in the application.

### Day 1

#### After meeting at the train station in Petrozavodsk, you will

have breakfast in a restaurant. Then you will be transferred to the embankment of Onega lake, from where you will go to Kizhi Island by hydrofoil (1,5-hour trip).

#### On the island you will have an excursion to the Kizhi Open-

air museum of wooden architecture. You will see the 19th-century village and the world-famous wooden church ensemble which is a UNESCO World Heritage site. As the legend says, the church was built with one axe (according to another version – without nails) by Nestor the carpenter. The carpenter threw the axe into the lake so that no one could repeat the same magnificent structure.

#### After that you will have lunch and free time on the island.

Then you will return to Petrozavodsk, where the city tour is waiting for you. You will get acquainted with the history of the capital of Karelia, visit its major places of interest and take pictures with the monument to Peter the Great.

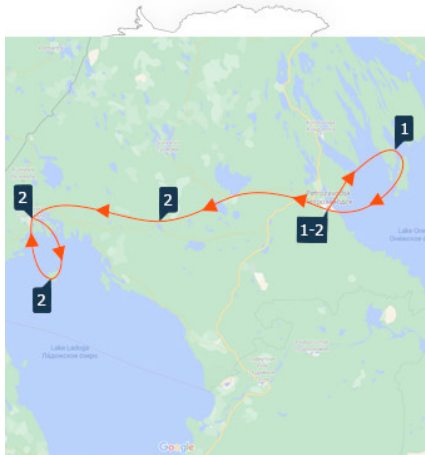
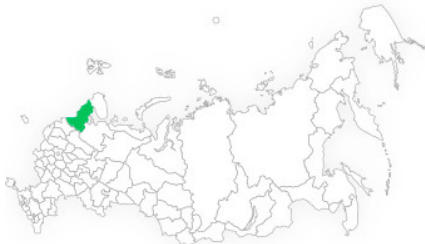
#### In the evening you will be taken to a spa hotel, where you

will have dinner and rest.

### Day 2

#### Today you will have an early rise: at 6 am you will be

driven to the Sortavala town (250 km). There you will have breakfast, and then take a hydrofoil to Valaam Island.



### On the island, you will have an excursion to the famous

Central monastery complex. You will get acquainted with the Orthodox Center of the Russian North and visit the main cathedral of the monastery. Afterward, the hydrofoil will take you to Nikon's Bay to see the hermitages of Valaam and its amazing nature. Here you will try simple monastic food in the refectory.

### After the island tour, you will go back to Sortavala, where

you will have a short excursion around this cozy town, which is situated near the Finnish border. After dinner in a cafe, you will be taken to the station, from where you will go home.

## Accommodation at the trip

You will spend the night in a modern **spa hotel Karelia 4\***, which is located in the center of Petrozavodsk. The hotel has a restaurant, where you can have a buffet dinner, and a spa center with a sauna.

You will be accommodated in bright double rooms of 16 m<sup>2</sup>. Each room will have a private bathroom with shower, balcony with lake view, TV, and wooden furniture: one double or two single beds, bedside tables, closet, desk and chair.

## FAQ

### Meals

The cost of the program includes three meals a day: on day 1 you will have breakfast and lunch at the cafe or restaurant, and dinner at the hotel. On day 2 breakfast and dinner will be at Sortavala's cafe, and as lunch, you will try simple monastic food in the refectory.

### How to get to Petrozavodsk

From Moscow we recommend you to get to Petrozavodsk by train № 018A "Karelia" (departure on the day before the first day of the program at 9:05 pm, arrival time to Petrozavodsk is at 7:50 am).

### What to bring with me

- documents (the passport and the medical insurance)
- comfortable clothes and shoes
- raincoat
- small backpack (it will be convenient to carry a raincoat, camera, water and other personal belongings)
- individual first aid kit

In addition: women will need a headdress and skirts to visit the temples.

### The cost of the program for groups of 2 people or more

We can arrange this program on any other dates. The cost will depend on the size of the group:

- 16 pax — 28 200 rub/person
- 14 pax — 28 675 rub/person
- 12 pax — 29 520 rub/person
- 10 pax — 30 600 rub/person
- 8 pax — 32 410 rub/person
- 6 pax — 34 100 rub/person
- 4 pax — 36 700 rub/person
- 2 pax — 52 170 rub/person



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What's included in the price:

— double accommodation in twin or double rooms at Karelia SPA Hotel 4\* (1 night)

— meals as per program

— all transfers as per program

— all excursions as per program

— hydrofoil Petrozavodsk – Kizhi – Petrozavodsk and Sortavala – Valaam – Sortavala entrance tickets

— English-speaking guide services

Extra charge:

— railway tickets to/from Petrozavodsk

— sauna in the hotel

Best price guarantee

Personal tours

Discounts for regular clients

Gift cards