

KIZHI VACATION – BREATH OF TRANQUILITY

Travel itinerary: Petrozavodsk + Kizhi Island + Kizhi chapels + Kizhi Restoration Centre+ Panorama View

Duration: 2 days/ 1 night

Group size: min 2 persons

Dates: **May – September**



Day 1:

07:00 Arrival in Petrozavodsk from St. Petersburg. Meeting with the guide at the railway station. Transfer to the restaurant.

07:20 Breakfast.

08:20 **City tour** of Petrozavodsk. You will get acquainted with the history of the capital of Karelia and visit its major places of interest. Photo stop near the monument to **Peter the Great**.

11:30 Departure for Kizhi Island by hydrofoil.

12:45 Upon arrival transfer to the guesthouse Kizhskaya Blagodat by boat (10 minutes). Kizhskaya Blagodat is a cozy family run guesthouse situated on the mainland right opposite Kizhi Island. The owner of the guesthouse is the son of the head carpenter, who restored the church of the Transfiguration in the Soviet time. You will be pleasantly surprised with the tranquility of the place as well as with the hospitality of its hosts. Accommodation in twin rooms (WC and shower in every room).

14:00 Welcome lunch.

15:00 Excursion by boat to the ancient wooden chapels around Kizhi Island, which form the famous **Kizhi Necklace**.

19:00 Dinner. * Sauna for additional pay.

Day 2:

08:00 Breakfast.

09:00 Transfer to **Kizhi Island** by boat (10 minutes).

09:15 Excursion in the Kizhi Open-Air Museum of Wooden Architecture. Kizhi is one of the first open-air museums and one of the most popular tourist attractions in Russia. The pearl of the museum is its world-known wooden church ensemble which is also a UNESCO World Heritage Site since 1990. After the excursion, the bus will take you to the other side of Kizhi Island, where you will get acquainted with the **restoration centre** of the main church of the Kizhi Ensemble. You will see where and how the church is being restored and learn some secrets of traditional Russian wooden architecture. On the way, back we will make a stop near the highest point of Kizhi to enjoy the panorama view.

12:30 Lunch.

14:45 Transfer to Petrozavodsk by hydrofoil (1 hour 15 minutes).

16:00 Arrival in Petrozavodsk. Transfer to the railway station.

Price includes: city tour of Petrozavodsk, transfers and meals according to the program, hydrofoil Petrozavodsk – Kizhi – Petrozavodsk, accommodation in twin rooms at the guesthouse Kizhskaya Blagodat (1 night), boat excursion “Kizhi Necklace”, entrance tickets, guide services.

Price does not include: train tickets