

Wild taiga

KUHMO-SUOMUSSALMI, FINLAND

EXPLORE THE WILD TAIGA

Escape to the Nature



Camp schools

WILDLIFE WEEK

Experience the pure nature of Eastern Finland and its unique animals! The Eastern Taiga forest's fauna and species, which are not really found anywhere else in Europe, are presented during the nature experience week. The ultimate peak of the trip is the last night, which is spent in a wilderness hide while observing the activities of bears and wolverines. Wolves can also sometimes be seen from the hide. During the week, local cuisine is eaten and travel takes place in a nature-friendly manner.

- 🕒 6 days and 5 nights
- 👥 10-21 people
- 📅 10/5-20/6 and 5/8-15/9/2017
- € 759 €/person, incl. accommodation for 3, breakfast and dinner every day, picnic lunch, evening sauna, guide services during the treks, special equipment required on the treks, admission fees, transport to the bear hide and back, as well as the use of bicycles for the entire week.

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Kuhmo

NATURE AND ACTIVITIES CAMP SCHOOL IN HOSSA

Experience and see the new Finland100 anniversary national park Hossa! During the week-long camp school, we get to wonder about the Highway 5 paradox – The Silent People, familiarise in the reindeer herding culture at Hossa's Reindeer Park, admire the prehistoric stone paintings at Värrikallio, see the king of our forests and his friends at the Predator Centre and go boating at Finland's largest canyon lake, Julma-Ölkky! Alongside all of this, the young people are taught, for example, how to make a proper campfire.

- 🕒 1 week
- 👥 20-30 people
- 📅 May-September 2017 excluding public holidays
- € 550 €/person, incl. accommodation, meals (breakfast, lunch, dinner, evening snack), guide services.

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Hossa

Half week tours

HUSKY TOUR FOR ONLY THE TWO OF YOU

Enjoy the Finnish Taiga Winter together – just the two of you, your guides and the lovely huskies. This tour takes you through the beautiful Taiga wilderness. The first and last night are spent at Hotel Kalevala, where you can treat yourselves to massage and other wellness treatments. In between you spend time at a small husky farm. You are the only guests, and you have a room with a fireplace and a view to the lake. The hosts will cook your dinners using lots of local ingredients and share their home and lifestyle with you for the night.

- 🕒 4 days (longer tours also possible)
- 👥 2 persons
- 📅 7 January-31 March 2017
- € 1120 €/person in a double room. Incl. full board (2 nights in a hotel, 1 night at the husky farm), sauna each night. Winter clothing. Guided 2-day husky safari. Airport transfers from/to Kajaani

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TAKE A BREATH IN HOSSA

Located far away from any traffic or noise, its silence, clean air, beautiful pine forests and crystal-clear lakes offer the perfect setting for relaxing and finding harmony. Mindfulness yoga consists of exercises that develop a conscious and accepting presence. The body and senses are awakened through breathing and movements, and when the exercises are done in a natural environment, the calming and relaxing effects of nature come into play, creating eco-mindfulness. Accommodation takes place in Loma Hossa's Rajakartano building, in twin rooms within four-person apartments.

- 🕒 3 days
- 👥 2-6 persons
- 📅 June-September 2017
- € from 545 €/person, incl. transportation Kuusamo-Hossa-Kuusamo, full board accommodation, sauna one night, yoga mats and other equipment, guided programme.

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Hossa

One week tours

FAT BIKING IN THE BEAR KINGDOM

The first guided winter biking package trip in the Finnish Taiga Forest! Fat biking in Martinselkonen's untouched wilderness areas is an unforgettable experience. Tons of pure snow offers a great opportunity for biking and for enjoying the beautiful winter landscape. We shall bicycle right next to the Eastern border of Europe, while seeing the signs telling us, how near we are to Russia. In the evening, we can relax in the heat of a sauna and don't forget to look outside, there might be northern lights dancing in the sky.



7 days/6 nights



max 9 persons



February–March 2017, guaranteed departures:
20th–26th February and 6th–12th March



1170 €/person, incl. airport transfers, accommodation in twin rooms, meals (breakfast, lunch, dinner and evening snack), 5 days biking with the fat bikes (bike and helmet), one evening snow shoe trip, daily evening sauna, guide services in English



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Suomussalmi

SELF-DRIVE WILDLIFE WATCHING ADVENTURE

See and feel the pure nature and wildlife! The Wild Taiga area is situated in Eastern Finland on the Russian border. Its geography is dominated by hills, forests, lakes, rivers and mires, which are home to many wild animals, like bears, wolves and wolverines, including large carnivores, which are either very rare, or even extinct, elsewhere in Europe. This tour includes five overnight excursions which offer the opportunity to observe and photograph bears, wolves and wolverines safely in their natural habitat.



6 days/5 nights



min. 2 persons



1/5–5/8/2017



1200 €/person, incl. 5 overnight wildlife watching and photographing nights in wilderness hides, dinner/late lunch daily (days 1–5), breakfast daily (days 2–6), accommodation on days 2–5



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Russian border

SELF-DRIVE TO FINNISH NATIONAL PARKS

This self-drive itinerary takes you through the sparsely populated taiga forests of North-Eastern Finland. There are even five national parks with their hiking, canoeing and fishing possibilities easily accessible from the route. Close to the Russian border you can participate in bear or wolverine observation excursions, which give you a unique chance to safely watch and photograph these animals. Accommodation varies from hotel rooms to apartments and cosy cabins. Each night you will get to enjoy local delicacies.



8 days/7 nights



min. 2 persons



1 May–30 September 2017



750 €/person, incl. accommodation on days 1, 2 and 4 in an apartment, on day 3 in a hotel room and on days 5, 6 and 7 in cabins for 2–4 persons, breakfast and dinner daily (except dinner on day 7, which is not included), sauna daily, exclusive travel documentation package incl. personalised maps, itinerary and driving directions



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North-Eastern Finland

Overnight tours

OLD TIME'S GLAMPING – OVERNIGHT IN A HAY BARN

Feel the old times again – overnight in a hay barn takes you back to times when Finland got its independency, one hundred years ago. The most important work during the summer was to collect and dry hay for horses and livestock in preparation for winter. Families spent weeks in the fields. Some would spend the night tucked in comfortable fluffy piles of hay with blankets, and with meals and coffee cooked over an open campfire – just like old time's glamping! Now travellers can experience the same at The Silent People in Suomussalmi. In the morning, proper coffee and pancakes cooked over an open campfire are served for breakfast.



Overnight



max 10 persons



June–September 2017



0 €/person,
breakfast 6.90 €/person, dinner
14.90 €/person, morning sauna
at the Mobile Sauna 250 €/group



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Suomussalmi

Short excursions

HUSKY FARM VISIT

At the farm of about 25 sled dogs, you can get to know the sled dogs and learn about their life as told by the sled dog guide. The dogs are friendly and are very welcoming to guests. The guide will tell about the sled dogs' history, care, feeding, training and husky tourism.

- ⌚ 2.5 hours incl. transportation from Kuhmo
- 👥 10-40 people
- 📅 15/5-15/10/2017
- 💶 25 €/person

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STORIES OF THE WIND, ICE AND WATER

We take a trip to the fossil dunes and the shore of a sandy lake to which a small river runs to. The guide will tell the story of the Ice Age and present the dunes, the plants and lichen of the sandy environment, the river's eroded river bank and the nests of the sand martins.

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MARSHLAND BIRD WONDER

Spend a fun day in the marshlands while bird-watching! The scenery of the forest and marshland, its smells, seeing and experiencing, as well as experiencing the diversity and abundance of bird species supplement the theory learnt at school.

- ⌚ Excursion day 6 hours, 1 accommodation day
- 👥 max 25 people
- 📅 15/5-15/6/2017
- 💶 90 €/person, incl. half-board accomm. for 2, use of the spa, campfire picnic, guidance.

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NATURE 'S CHARM AND WILD FOOD

On this excursion, you get to familiarise in the nature conservation forest of Vanha Kurimo. Amidst all the rush, we stop to hug some wooshing pine trees and get new energy from them. The guide tells about the history and utilisation of the forest. After this we move on to enjoy Finnish wild food from a grand buffet table.

- ⌚ 3 hours
- 👥 20-60 people
- 📅 year-round 2017
- 💶 45 €/person

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THE MAGIC OF SAUNAS IN HOSSA

The gentle steams call to relax in sauna. You will enjoy the smells and atmosphere of an old time smoke sauna. Aches and pains will be forgotten in the steams and the warm hot tub. For beverages there are Hossa fresh water and Hossa cocktails available to try, without forgetting Hossa Taeknapsi -magic shots.

- ⌚ 3 hours
- 👥 6-12 people
- 📅 10/1-20/12/2017 excluding public holidays
- 💶 from 50 €/person

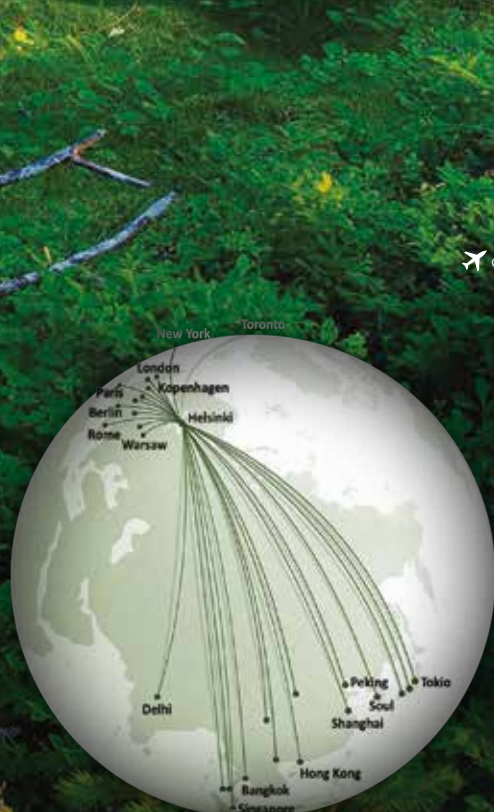
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THE WHISPERS OF THE SILENT PEOPLE

The Silent People, forming almost 1,000 figures, has intrigued motorists travelling along Highway 5 for over 20 years. We will hear the story of the creation of the Silent People and the journey to this day. We shall brew a magic potion at the campfire, prepare coffee and pancakes and listen to the whispers of the Silent People.

- ⌚ 1.5 hours
- 👥 15-30 people
- 📅 year-round 2017
- 💶 14.90 €/person

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