





Wild Taiga Finland is a unique travel destination located in Arctic Lakeland, a remote and wild corner of Finland. The region is a hidden gem offering an authentic, uncrowded and off the beaten track experience. Hear the crunch of snow under your feet, feel the coarse coat of a reindeer when you pat them, listen to soft melody of the Finnish zither, taste the delicious flavour of wild berries, hear wolves howling and bask in the Midnight sun.

Wild Taiga Finland invites you to discover and explore:

The Finnish Big Five & Arctic species of Wild Taiga

Wild Taiga is Europe's leading wildlife watching destination where you can encounter not only iconic and often elusive Finnish Big Five (bear, elk, wolverine, lynx and wolf), but also other Arctic species such as white-tailed eagle and rare wild forest reindeer. Wildlife watching products vary from a few hours in a photo hide to weeklong photography tours, offering something for everyone. Many activities include a wildlife element as well such as wolverine tracking during snowshoeing excursion.



Northern Lights hunting in Wild Taiga

Wild Taiga is located under the aurora oval, at the same latitude as Reykjavik, offering excellent chances for seeing the aurora borealis. Wild Taiga's remote location and dark skies provide an excellent backdrop for this celestial spectacle. The lack of artificial lights in many of our destinations, offers better visibility and photography opportunities of the Arctic sky and the Northern Lights, if you're lucky. The aurora in Wild Taiga can be seen as early as August and as late as April. Autumn time offers great chances of seeing the aurora with twists: reflecting on unfrozen lakes and viewing wildlife like bears under the Northern Lights.



Festivals & cultural experiences in Wild Taiga

Wild Taiga is not only a haven for nature enthusiasts but also a region rich in cultural heritage and traditional festivals. Home to one of world's best chamber music festival in Kuhmo and ethno music festival, Sommelo; Wild Taiga is possibly the only place in the world where you can combine pristine wilderness with world class concerts. These festivals may take place in unique venues, such as wilderness stages, providing a distinctive cultural experience. Music performances are not limited to festivals either and thanks to a large network of musicians, performances can be arranged to groups all year round.



UNESCO City of Literature: Kuhmo

Kuhmo in Wild Taiga joined the prestigious list of UNESCO's cities of literature in 2019 – the only city in Finland to be awarded such distinguished status. It is no surprise that Kuhmo has been acknowledged as a City of Literature – after all, it is here where Finland's national epic Kalevala was defined and Karelianism, the Finnish Romanticism, found its inspiration from Kuhmo. Visitors can immerse themselves in literature at Juminkeko in Kuhmo, a cultural centre dedicated to Kalevala and Karelian culture.

Overland journeys in Wild Taiga

Overland journeys in Wild Taiga promise a unique blend of adventure, cultural exploration, and natural beauty. Overland journeys in Wild Taiga consist of self-drive or tours with one's own muscle power, such as cross-country skiing or snowshoeing. There are themed tours available such as a 4-county foodie tour, guesthouse to guesthouse cross-country skiing tour and snowshoe trekking in Hossa – any tour can be tailored to your needs and requirements. Why not consider Wild Taiga, the cradle of Finnish culture and heritage, as a part of a wider tour of Finland to truly immerse oneself to the destination?



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Everyone is welcome to Wild Taiga

Travelling to Wild Taiga promises not only immersion in the breathtaking wilderness but also a welcoming atmosphere that embraces diversity and inclusion. Wild Taiga is a part of WeSpeak-Gay community and offers a safe and supportive space for travelers to relax and enjoy the stunning natural surroundings. Wild Taiga is also one of the frontrunners offering LGTBQIA+ friendly winter and snowy holidays; in fact a package called 'Rainbow winter week' by Hotel Kalevala has been awarded a prize for promoting LGTBQIA+ friendly tourism.

Individuals with different abilities are also welcome to Wild Taiga. While its remote location might represent challenges, there are accessible accommodation options, accessible trails and transportation and activities with adaptive equipment available.





Sustainability in Wild Taiga

Sustainability in Wild Taiga is crucial for ensuring that the pristine wilderness remains a viable and resilient environment for generations to come. It is a key value to many of our operators and means that environmentally and socially responsible practices are incorporated into everyday operations, such as using recycled dinnerware, repurposing materials, emphasizing locally sourced products and services, engaging with the community to preserve area's rich cultural history and keeping traditions alive. Many of our suppliers have already achieved, or are on their way to achieving, Sustainable Travel Finland label: an acknowledgment which provides an easy way to identify a sustainable and responsible supplier.

Find the secrets of Finnish happiness in Wild Taiga

Finland has topped the world happiness index for the 6th time in a row and many of the reasons centre around simple pleasures of life: clean air, pure water, reconnecting with nature, enjoying sauna and wild foraging. In Wild Taiga, you can find joy and contentment in the little moments and appreciating the beauty of nature by:

- Roaming in the vast wilderness by foot, bike or canoe
- Reconnecting with nature without the crowds
- Experiencing Finnish sauna culture, followed by a swim in a lake or a dip in a hole in the ice
- Foraging and eating wild food such as berries and mushrooms
- Witnessing the aurora and marveling the night sky

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