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OU卢 - KALAJOKI - ROKUA GEOPARK - SYÖTE

PRODUCT MANUAL FOR TOUR OPERATORS
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**Recommened by locals**

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Paddling in the beautiful Oulujärvi lake, which is the fifth biggest lake in Finland. Light summer nights are perfect time for paddling in the calm water.

Päivi: Lemmenpolku nature track, Terva trail
Past: The forests of Rokua
Our forests are very interesting to walk and discover. They are very safe too.

Hannene: Small lakes at Rokua National Park
Rokua National Park has several small lakes, for example Pihlapaju, Katajavuori and Lountakivi, which have crystal clear waters and sandy beaches. If you feel like swimming you should definitely dip yourself into the water.

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VISIT OULU REGION

AIRPLANE

Flight connections

Departure: Oulu, Kuusamo, Rovaniemi

To: National and international destinations

For further information about flight connections, please visit the respective airport websites:
- Oulu Airport: www.finavia.fi/oulu
- Kuusamo Airport: www.finavia.fi/kuusamo
- Rovaniemi Airport: www.finavia.fi/rovaniemi

AIRTRAIN

Train stations

- Oulu train station
- Kokkola and Ylivieska stations for Kalajoki
- Muhos, Utajärvi, and Vaala for Rokua
- Rovaniemi train station

Transfer from train stations

- Oulu: Bus, the pedestrian zone is in walking distance (approx. 900 m)
- Kalajoki: Taxi, car rental, bus from Kokkola railway station to Kalajoki
- Rokua: Taxi
- Syöte: Bus to Syöte, taxi

ROAD

Oulu Region

Oulu – Hailuoto: 1.5 h
Oulu – Kalajoki: 2 h
Oulu – Kempele: 15 min
Oulu – Liminka: 30 min
Oulu – Raahé: 1 h
Oulu – Rokua Geopark: 1 h
Oulu – Syöte: 2 h

Oulu – Helsinki: 7 h
Oulu – Rovaniemi: 3 h
Oulu – Kemi: 1.5 h
Oulu – Kuusamo: 3 h
Oulu – Ranua: 2 h

ACCESS OULU REGION

ARRIVAL BY PLANE

Airports

- Oulu Airport (second largest airport in Finland, 15 km from Oulu city centre, 130 km from Kalajoki, 50 km from Rokua, 150 km from Syöte) www.finavia.fi/oulu
- Kuusamo Airport (90 km from Syöte) www.finavia.fi/kuusamo
- Rovaniemi Airport (150 km from Syöte) www.finavia.fi/rovaniemi

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VERSETRILE TRAVEL DESTINATION
In Oulu, you can enjoy a versatile vacation by combining urban pleasures with nature activities. The arctic nature offers its magic: the Northern Lights and the frozen sea in the winter and the midnight sun that never sets in summer. Our historically and culturally significant sites, as well as our comprehensive selection of events, are perfect for visitors of all ages. The centre of Oulu is full of nice shops, restaurants and activities combined with great accommodation services.

DAY TRIP OPTIONS IN THE OULU REGION
In the Oulu region you can admire Rokua UNESCO Global Geopark, moulded by the ice age, or visit Syote – the southernmost fell area in Finland. The Liminka Bay Visitor Centre is an excellent place for observing birds. Kalajoki Sand Dunes is a compact holiday resort offering a wide range of services and activities for the whole family throughout the year. The seaside town of Kastre offers a great archipelago experiences and an idyllic district of wooden houses. You can also visit the largest island in the Bothnian Bay archipelago, Hailuoto island, or do some shopping and see Finnish traditions in nearby town Kempele. The resorts in the Oulu region offer plenty to experience for several days.

OULU’S USPs
- Largest city in Northern Scandinavia with a bustling city centre close to nature
- Vivid cultural offer with more than 700 events every year
- All year round arctic experiences, activities and programs for individuals and groups
- An arctic marine environment with rightless nights in the summer and frozen sea in wintertime
- Many comfortable and well known hotels and accommodation options with character and style
- Great accessibility from Helsinki

OULU
Number of beds (total): 3,400
Number of hotels: 14
Number of cottages: Approx. 100
Hiking trails in km: Approx. 100 km
Skiing tracks: Approx. 350 km
Skiing slopes: 6
Winter activities: Downhill skiing, reindeer farm visits, dog sledding, kite skiing, fat biking, snowmobiling, skiing, winter swimming, ice fishing, aurora hunting trips etc.
Summer activities: Cycling & fat bike tours, water activities (e.g. SUP, wakeboarding, canoeing/kayaking), floating sauna, boat cruises, fishing trips, amusement park for children, guided walking tours, sight-seeing (double-decker & mini train), golf & disc golf, nature experience tours etc.
Year-round activities & services: Climbing/ bouldering, indoor karting & motor sports, indoor adventure parks & science centre, escape rooms, museums, art galleries, exhibitions, concerts etc.

ACCESSIBILITY
Airports: Oulu Airport (approx. 15 km to the city centre)
Train stations: The railway station Oulu is centrally located (the pedestrian zone is in walking distance, approx. 900 m)
Sustainability: Creating and implementing a multi-year destination strategy that focuses on sustainability and making a strategy to develop off season events and programs and attracting year-round visitors. Increasing the knowledge of sustainable practices among tourism suppliers. Encouraging local enterprises in sustainable development practices.

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Tourist information: Oulu City Tourist Office, Torikatu 18, 90100 Oulu
CULTURE & HISTORY

EXPERIENCE OULU

The island of Turkansaari, situated on the Oulujoki river about 14 km east of Oulu, is an old trading centre and place of salmon fishing. The Turkansaari Open Air Museum has a fine collection of traditional wooden houses from 17th century to early 20th century. The museum area includes a traditional farmyard complex, complete with all relevant buildings and equipment characteristic of the Northern Ostrobothnia region. Also on display are old forms of livelihood such as tar-making, salmon fishing, lumbering and log floating. The history of Turkansaari as an Open Air Museum commences in 1922 when the old church, from the year 1694, was restored to its original site. Turkansaari church is oldest wooden house at Oulu region.

Guided tours

We warmly recommend a guided tour based on wooden architecture and history of Turkansaari. The guided tour can be prebooked also in German language. Turkansaari cafe offers traditional food and coffee bread. Tasty salmon soup is very popular. Check weekly program. There is a lot of craft demonstrations and also Finnish folk music.

Season: The museum is generally opened from the first Sunday in June until the end of August. In summer 2021: open between 10:00-20:00 in September open on request.

Opening hours: 2021: 30.5.-24.6. daily 10 am-5 pm. 26.6.-15.8. daily 10 am-6 pm. 16.8.-29.8. daily 10 am-6 pm. In August: 10 am-6 pm. In September: 10 am-4 pm.

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OULU CLIMBING CENTRE

Recreational climbing indoors for everyone no matter the level of your experience. We also have a conference room for meetings and get togethers including sauna and heated bath tub on the roof terrace with a view to the sea.

Climbing walls

Bouldering hall with 300 m² of climbing wall, warm up room, campus board, finger boards, gymnastic rings and a smaller separate training wall. New Bouldering hall next door with additional 500 m² of space for walls and training. Autobelay wall with five lines for climbers that go all the way to 12 m. Rope hall is 16 m high and you can climb both top rope and lead. Belay card required.

Courses

For beginners we offer a climbing tryout (not for groups larger than 6) which includes the necessary equipment. We will give you the basic instructions to climbing in our bouldering hall and on autobelay wall. You don’t need to reserve a time for a tryout, just show up when we’re open.

For those who want to try climbing on top rope before going on a course, we have a guide from Oulu climbing club on most spring and autumn Wednesdays between 18-20 h. A guide from Oulu climbing club can belay you on top rope.

Catering

Catering is available for conference room reservations. Pre-orders to be placed 1 week prior to the venue.

Season: Year round

Languages: English, Swedish

Other services: Café, climbing equipment shop, meeting and sauna room for meetings, parties or other events (incl. access to a kitchen equipped for ~30 people and a roof terrace with hot tub, catering available), courses for beginners (no reservation needed), guide from Oulu climbing club available.

Contact

Oulu Climbing Centre Ltd., Sakari Tiuraniemi, Tel. +358 40 513 5012, info@oulunkiipeilykeskus.com, www.oulunkiipeilykeskus.com/infoinenglish, facebook.com/Oulunkiipeilykeskus, Instagram.com/oulunkiipeilykeskus.

CLIMBING

KIERIKKI STONE AGE CENTRE

Welcome to the Stone Age

Kierikki Stone Age Centre is an archaeological exhibition and activity centre in Northern Finland. It is situated north-east from the city of Oulu (driving time ca. 45 minutes). Kierikki is an archaeological site, a former Stone Age settlement, which was inhabited as way back as 7000 years ago. Now Kierikki is a modern archaeological centre with a beautiful wooden man building, a reconstructed Stone Age Village and a hotel. There is an archaeological exhibition and a restaurant. The centre is surrounded with clean Finnish nature. The reconstructions in the Stone Age Village are based on 40 years of research. In the village you will find lots of hands-on activities. You can also order a night in Stone Age dwellings and team building programs in Stone Age village.

Program

The program starts from the archaeological exhibition, where a film about the research history will be shown. On the way to the Stone Age Village the guide will tell you about the life 6000 years ago. The Stone Age village is only 400 meters away from the main building. You get to explore the dwellings of the Stone Age and have a chance to practice ancient bow shooting. You can try grinding stone objects at the stone smith’s lean-to. For example, test out if you can form an arrowhead from stone by using just sand and water! Your group will be guided back to the main building.

Season: Mid-May until Mid-October

Opening hours: Open by appointment year round. Please check opening times for 2021 on the website www.kierikki.fi

Note: Program is suitable for the whole family, handicapped accessible.

Kierikki Stone Age Centre

Kierikki Stone Age Centre is located along the Ijoki River on a Stone Age dwelling sites that has been studied since the 1960s. Public international excavations have been in Kierikki in July since 2006.

Season: All year round

Languages: English, Swedish

Contact

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FILIU STELLA - A CITY OUTDOORS ADVENTURE

Filius Stella is an outdoor’s game, where players solve problems and tasks around Oulu city centre. A great way to see Oulu while playing an exciting adventure game!

DETAILS
Season: Year-round
Duration: 2 h
Languages: English
Participants: Teams of 2-6 pax
Starting point & time: In Oulu city centre. Players get instructions where to arrive by email message before their game: between 9-21 h
Additional information: Players try to solve the mystery of ancient secret society called Filius Stella. They move independently in Oulu city centre solving riddles, problems and tasks. At least one of the team members should have a phone or tablet computer with internet connection as the instructions and hints are given online. Game takes place outdoors, so players should choose suitable clothing for current weather. Walking distance is about 4 km, so comfortable shoes are essential.

OUTDOORS OULU

GUIDED FATBIKE TOURS

Experience the typical Finnish forest or beautiful sea sceneries during a guided fatbike tour.

DETAILS
Season: Year-round
Duration: 2-3 h
Languages: English
Participants: 4-10 pax, min. age 8 years
Starting point & time: Can be individually agreed
Services included: Guide, bike, helmet
Optional: Campfire, sausages and coffee

FATBIKE RENTAL

Rent a fatbike to discover the city of Oulu behind the handlebars. Pick up a bike from us and go where ever you like!

OUTDOORS OULU

HOT AIR BALLOON GROUP FLIGHT

Flying in a hot air balloon flight is a lifetime experience, when you can gently sail across the sky and enjoy the beautiful Finnish landscapes from a bird’s eye view.

Moments organizes hot air balloon flights for individuals and groups.

DETAILS
Season: 15.04.-31.10.
Duration: 3-4 h
Languages: English
Participants: 4-12 pax, min. age 6 years
Starting point & time: Varies depending on the wind direction. About 2-3 hours before sunset
Services included: Pick up from any place in Oulu region, hot air balloon flight

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DETAILS
Season: Best season for flying: Mid April-October. Winter flights for small groups (max 4 pax). February-Mid April. No flights: November-January
Activities offered: Hot air balloon flights
KOIVURANNA SANAILAUTTA

FLOATING GLASS IGLOOS

Unique experience on the Oulujoki River

A thrill is awaiting you on the Oulujoki River. The choice is yours: steer your igloo boat towards new adventures or enjoy a luxurious night in dock by the Koivuranta Sauna Roff. Either way, you will be headed for memorable experiences provided by the spectacular river landscape. The Koivuranta Igloos (by AuroraHut) are safe and equipped to a high standard. They move quietly, powered by ecological solar energy. Setting comfortably on the terrace of the floating igloo, you get a whole new perspective of the beautiful scenery of the Oulujoki River. You can spend the night close to nature while still lying on a luxurious double bed. Viewing the midnight sun from a floating igloo is an experience that can only be found in the northern regions. All this, combined with the breathtakingly beautiful river view and sweet silence, will stir your soul. What about those starry August nights on the Oulujoki River, under the breathtakingly beautiful river view and sweet silence, will stir your soul. What about those starry August nights on the Oulujoki River, under the glass roof of your own river igloo? These unforgettable experiences are not to be missed!

River igloo in dock

Experience the Oulujoki River in a breathtakingly magnificent way. In a high-quality river igloo, you spend the night on water. The panoramic glass walls and ceiling offer a view in all directions. Spend an unforgettable stay and a wonderful night in a river igloo at the Koivuranta dock.

River hopping

Head off on an adventure onboard a river igloo and explore the best spots of the Oulujoki River safely, and on your own schedule. Steer the igloo to one of our splendid mooring points and spend the night under a starry sky or marvel at the midnight sun. Complement your river hopping experience with accommodations at one of our splendid mooring points and spend the night close to nature while still lying on a luxurious double bed. Viewing the midnight sun from a floating igloo is an experience that can only be found in the northern regions. All this, combined with the breathtakingly beautiful river view and sweet silence, will stir your soul. What about those starry August nights on the Oulujoki River, under the glass roof of your own river igloo? These unforgettable experiences are not to be missed!

SAUNA BOAT CRUISE AND PUBLIC SAUNA

Experience the warmth of a traditional Finnish wood-heated sauna all year-round in the stunning scenery of Oulu River. In Koivuranta Saunalautta, the floating sauna, you can experience the traditional Finnish sauna during summer both at the pier and while cruising down the river and during winter at the pier. You can book the premises for private events or come to our public sauna shifts. Koivuranta Saunalautta also operates as a café serving hot and cold beverages and waffles.

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SALAMAPAJA

AURORA PHOTO TOUR

From September through March auroras can be seen around Oulu. In autumn they produce stunning reflections, in winter wonderful snow landscapes and the frozen sea create a unique experience! We usually meet at 20.30 h and drive into the darkness. If it’s bad weather we drive further if it looks promising. Guests will learn about the aurora and receive invaluable tips on how to use their cameras. There is no guarantee to see auroras. In totally unsuitable weather we might have to cancel.

DETAILS

Season: 01.09.-10.04., no firm dates available, to be agreed
Duration: 4 h
Languages: English, German
Participants: 2-7 pax
Starting point & time: Guests’ accommodation in Oulu, 20.30 h
Services included: Transfer from hotel and back, well experienced guide, who is an aurora expert and professional photographer, warm drinks and snacks
Optional: Tripod rental, camera rental
Note: If guests plan to take photos of the aurora, a camera with manual mode and a tripod needed

SALAMAPAJA

OFFERS NATURE EXPERIENCES FOR SMALL GROUPS, FOCUSING ON PHOTOGRAPHY EXCURSIONS AND WORKSHOPS IN THE OULU AREA AND LAPLAND. OUR TOURS RANGE FROM A 1-EVENING PHOTO TOUR TO A 7-DAY WORKSHOP IN SEVERAL LOCATIONS WHERE PROGRAM IS PROVIDED DAILY AND NIGHTLY. WE ALWAYS AIM TO FIND THE BEST LOCATIONS FOR BEAUTIFUL LANDSCAPES AND AT NIGHT, FIND CLEAR SKIES TO HAVE THE BEST CHANCES TO SEE THE NORTHERN LIGHTS.

NATURE PHOTO TOUR

Oulu region offers many beautiful nature locations: the Baltic Sea, rivers with rapids, lakes, forests, swamps and more. The seasons are very different. In summer the nights provide a very special light, while in winter snow and ice turns everything into magical winter landscapes. During spring, it is the melting ice and fast-rushing water, and in autumn foliage dresses up nature colorful. Starting time will depend on the season. During the activity, guests will receive valuable tips and tricks how to get the best out of their cameras.

DETAILS

Season: 01.01.-31.12., no firm dates available, to be agreed
Duration: 4 h
Languages: English, German
Participants: 2-6 pax
Starting point & time: Guests’ accommodation in Oulu, time to be agreed as light conditions change throughout the year
Services included: Transfer from hotel and back, well experienced guide, who is a professional photographer, beverages and snacks
Optional: Tripod rental, camera rental
Note: Camera with manual mode and tripod recommended

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FATBIKE RENTAL OR WINTER FATBIKE TRIPS

- Have you ever been cycling on snow? Or have you ever been cycling on frozen ocean? That is possible in Oulu. Just hop on to our bikes with very wide tyres and you are able to ride on snow and ice. With the right conditions you can head to the frozen ocean for a bike trip.

**DETAILS**
- Season: Year-round
- Duration: Flexible according to guests’ wishes
- Languages: English
- Participants: max. 20 pax, min. age 9 years
- Starting point & time: At the location you desire (within 100 km from Oulu, Raahe or Kalajoki)
- Services included: Fatbike and helmet
- Optional: Guide
- Note: Customer needs to have winter clothing

BOTNIA OUTDOOR

SUP SAFARI

Experience the beautiful river mouth of Oulu standing on a massive paddle board. With our experienced guides you can learn the sport quickly and enjoy the silence and scenery when we slowly paddle around the small islands and rivers. In this safari we will start from the basics and progress to improve technique as students develop their skills. This makes it perfect for first timers but we can also give advanced tips for customers who have previous experience. As a standard we can offer 2 sit on top kayaks if some participants in the group don’t want to use SUP. In bigger groups we can offer kayaks to more people in our safaris we use very high quality equipments. All in all we use the same equipment in rental use as we use ourself and sell to experienced riders. This tour is also possible by kayak.

**DETAILS**
- Season: 01.06-30.09
- Duration: 2 h
- Languages: English
- Participants: max. 30 pax, kayak max. 10 pax
- Minimum age: 10 years (younger should be accompanied by parents)
- Starting point & time: Close to the market place, time by agreement
- Services included: Guide, equipment (boards, buoyancy vests, wetsuits and neoprene boots), wetsuits and boots when water or weather is chilly
- Note: Customer needs to have outdoor clothing

LAPPIS AQUAPARK

The new aquapark invites all young and old water beasts to enjoy an eventful day in the Oulu River delta. This ninja track type of waterpark offers nice challenges filled with laughter, smiles and a lot of splashing water! If you are concerned about cold water fear not we can offer you wetsuits so you will be nice and warm throughout your stay at the waterpark.

**NOTICE**
- Customer needs to have outdoor clothing
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OULU BY KAYAK

The delta of the river Oulu offers outstanding waterways for you to explore. Several islands and straits offer perfect shelter from the open sea but at the same time makes the safari very interesting with constantly changing views from urban city view to quiet country like views. Most of the times you would not believe you are paddling close to the fourth biggest city of Finland. Oulu by kayak is a perfect match to groups from all origins. Let it be company retreat or something special with your friends and family. This safari does not require any previous experience from paddling. We start the safari with a technique and safety briefing at the beach before heading to the waters. All of our equipments are very safe and stable.

- Looking to paddle somewhere else than Oulu? We offer these and many other kayaking. Stand Up Paddle boarding and fatbiking safaris at the location you desire (within 100 km from Oulu, Raahe or Kalajoki).
- During the summer months (June – August) we organize open kayak-safaris every Monday 18-20 h from the Oulu Paddling Centre. Here you can join alone or with friends. On top of this we offer various safaris during the summer months.

**DETAILS**
- Season: Year-round
- Duration: 1 h
- Languages: English
- Participants: 1-50 pax
- Starting point & time: At the location you desire (within 100 km from Oulu, Raahe or Kalajoki)
- Services included: Guide, all kayaking equipment
- Optional: Guide
- Note: Customer needs to have outdoor clothing

Botnia Outdoor is a young company offering activities to remember for individuals and groups. Strength of the company Botnia and its surrounding areas has unbeatable potential in new and fresh outdoor activities. The variety of landscape suits perfectly for stand up paddle boarding, kayaking, kite surfing, wakeboarding and fatbiking. For the past years we have been building activities that everyone would have the change to experience this area to the fullest and see it the way do. All of our staff are enthusiastic outdoor people and we want to share what we love to do! When attending to our activities we don’t want to treat customers just as customers. We treat them as people who want to come along and enjoy the activities and share the stoke with us.

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PORO-PANUMA

REINDEER FARM VISIT

During your visit in our farm you can feed and pet reindeer and you will get to know a lot about the traditional knowledge and skills of reindeer husbandry. In the winter you will have also a sleigh ride and during the snowless season you will enjoy the unique atmosphere of the Finnish nature by many other ways. After that you can relax in the mill cabin at the bank of Panuma river and enjoy homemade pastry with coffee or have a warm meal.

**DETAILS**
- Season: Year-round
- Duration: 2-4 h
- Languages: English
- Participants: Optimal group size 4-16 pax
- Starting time: According to the customer’s wishes
- Services included: Guide, coffee and pastry, soup lunch or dinner - just like customers have ordered in advance
- Optional: Smoke sauna

Poro-Panuma is a reindeer farm and the home of three families in the middle of the peaceful wilderness area. No less than seven generations have already been practicing reindeer husbandry at Poro-Panuma. Our farm is located in the Panuma village, which is one of the oldest villages of the southern reindeer husbandry area. In our farm you will get to know a lot about the traditional knowledge and skills of reindeer husbandry. You will also see how we live here on the conditions of the reindeer and nature all year round.

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**ACTIVITIES**

- Activities offered: Summer: Canoeing, kayaking, biking, fatbiking, SUP, wakeboard, kitesurfing
- Winter: Snow kiting, fatbiking, snowshoeing, ski mountaineering
- Year-round: Fatbiking

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KAYAKING TRIP AT RIVER OULU DELTA
The Finnaction kayaking trip to River Oulu delta begins at Hietasaari, located a ten-minute drive from Oulu city centre. As an additional service we offer transportation to and back.

In the beginning we teach the basics of kayaking and go carefully through the safety features. The trip is lead by a trained and experienced instructor and carried out with single seated kayaks.

During the trip we paddle through the naturally beautiful Mustasalmi channel and circle around the Oulu River delta. The delta area is a diverse paddling location providing both cultural and natural scenery, as well as a unique perspective on the cityscape of Oulu.

DETAILS
Season: 01.06.-31.08.
Duration: 2 h
Languages: English
Participants: 2-6 pax
Minimum age: 12 years
Starting point & time: Hietasaari, located a 10-minute drive from Oulu city centre; any time
Services included: Guidance, single seat kayaks, life jackets and all the necessary equipment for kayaking.
Optional: Transportation from accommodation in Oulu area and back.

BAIT FISHING OF BIG NORTHERN PIKES IN WINTER
The trip is best suited for groups of 2 - 6 experimental and patient fishers who want to catch big pikes in winter. The method used on this trip is bait fishing through ice (lakome fishing).

The method utilizes specially designed short rods that are placed in wait for the fish to strike. There are 5 rods available for each participant. The main goal is to catch pikes with the length of at least one meter.

Because the focus is on big pikes, a catch cannot be guaranteed, but with the guidance of our experienced fishing guide the odds are as great as possible. During the trip an open fire will be lit on ice and it’s possible to roast sausages and prepare pot coffee in the traditional Finnish way.

The trip begins with transportation from your chosen pick-up location in Oulu area to the fishing location situated 10 - 90 minutes drive from the pick-up location. Our professional fishing guide chooses the best fishing location in the area depending on weather and the time of winter, if necessary, we’ll also deliver winter clothing that can be put on before departure.

During a really cold and/or windy weather we’ll also put up a pop-up tent on ice.

All fishes will be released after weighing, measurement and photo shoot.

DETAILS
Season: 15.12.-15.03.
Duration: 8 h
Languages: English
Participants: 1-4 pax
Minimum age: 15 years
Starting point & time: Chosen pick-up location in Oulu area at 7 h
Services included: Professional fishing guide, fishing licenses, transfer from Oulu to fishing location (30-90 min drive), sausages and hot coffee prepared on open fire, rental of all the necessary fishing equipment as well as winter clothing and pop-up tent.

BAIT FISHING AT LAKE OULUJÄRVI
Despite its name Lake Oulujärvi is situated about 1 hour 15 minute drive from Oulu city centre. The lake is also known as The Sea of Kainuu because of its great size (about 70 kilometers lengthwise). Oulujärvi is a great fishing location. The pike population of the lake is very strong and it has a lot of zander and perches as well. After mid-September it’s also possible to catch a lake trout.

The trip either begins in Vaasa or as an additional service a transportation from Oulu can be arranged.

From the mainland we’ll proceed straight to the best fishing spots and spend a nice day fishing with high-quality trolling equipment.

As a fishing method we use Scandinavian trolling and for that our boat is equipped with high-quality gear. Typically we use 10 rods, big side-liners and if necessary, downrigger equipment.

In addition to fishing equipment the boat also has a cabin with an indoor heater, two sonar fish finders, fridge and comfortable seating.

During the trip we will disembark on an island and prepare sausages and pot coffee on open fire.

DETAILS
Season: 01.06.-30.09
Duration: 6 h
Languages: English
Participants: 1-6 pax
Minimum age: 12 years
Starting point 6 time: Marina of Saharanta in Vaala, situated 1 hour 15 minute drive from Oulu city centre at 09.30 h
Services included: Professional fishing guide, life vests, safe cabin boat with high quality equipment, fishing licenses, sausages and pot coffee.

BOAT FISHING AT LAKE OULUJÄRVI
Finnaction is an activity/safari service based in Oulu, Finland offering a variety of outdoor activities. During summer our products include among other things fishing, kayaking and canoeing and relaxing nature experiences. Fishing can be attended on our cabin boat fitted with trolling equipment or on shore with casting gear. During winter we offer ice fishing and snowshoe trekking.

Languages: English
Founded: 2017
Operating season: Year-round
Activities offered: Summer: Animal/bird watching, fishing, hiking/trekking, canoeing/kayaking, cruises, fatbike, nordic walking, photography tours, physical exercise indoors 6 outdoors
Winter: Snowmobile, snow shoe walking, Christmas/ New year packages, ice fishing, physical exercise indoors 6 outdoors

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KIPPONIES - A FAIRYTALE FOREST TOUR
A guided fairytale forest tour on horseback gives the child and his family a unique moment to focus on listening to the story passing through the fairytale forest. The excursion is experienced together as parents guide their riding children. This way, there is enough to share the experience with the family for a long time. Our Shetland ponies are well trained and calm, so no previous experience in pony luring is required. You can also bring a grandparent or grandparents. The tour can accommodate two adults per child.

The fairytale forest tour is guided by the Kippones Master, who also acts as a storyteller.

DETAILS
Season: Year-round
Duration: 1.5 h
Languages: English
Participants: 6 (3 kids + 3 adults) - 18 (6 kids + 12 adults), min. age 2 years
Services included: Guide, riding helmet, visit to the mall Kippones village

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Fairytale forest tour

Activities offered: Fairytail forest tour
Sustainability: Certificate of special professional qualification in product and service development, which also takes the sustainability of service production into account. All the staged of the route is hand-crafted and most of the materials are natural and partly recycled. Cooperation with local small businesses.

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Winter:

Fairytale forest tour

Activities offered: Ice fishing and snowshoe trekking.
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Winter:

Boat fishing

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ADVENTURES & SAFARIS IN OULU REGION ALL YEAR ROUND

Oulu Safaris has a long history providing unforgettable adventures in Oulu area year around. Mostly our activities are for groups but during winter and summer season we also have weekly programs for FITs. Our activities are the most popular adventures in the area in winter we have to offer a visit to authentic reindeer farm Panuma, Aurora Hunting, snowshoeing, snow sculpting and traditional ice fishing in Nallikari on the ice of the frozen sea etc. During summer we offer canoeing trips, tar rowing, bicycle tour called Jopo-safari, city orienteering, Hietasaari orienteering and many team building programs. All our activities are guided tours. Professional guides will lead you safely to winter activities in English and in Finnish. All the equipment needed to programmes are included and we will take a good care of our visitors.

Snowy amusementpark Nallikari Winter Village is available during February – March.

DETAILS
Languages: English
Founded: 1989, owner-run company
Operating season: Year-round

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ACTIVITIES

Summer:
- Tar boat rowing, canoeing, lopasafari, riiking and nature trips, team building, city orienteering.
- Winter: Adventure on frozen sea, Aurora Hunting, reindeerfarm visit, ice fishing, Snowsculpting for beginners, snowshoe trips, Nallikari Winter village with its activities. All year: team activities, reindeerfarm visit, Rental: Canoes, ice fishing equipment, warm winter overalls.

ACTIVITY & DINNER IN A LAPPISH HUT
Welcome to "Kota-Hut Restaurant" in Vihiluoto where you can enjoy a sporting activity day! Our guide will welcome guests, who will be equipped with overalls and other appropriate gear they might need. The participants will then be divided into teams for a fun competition – let the games begin!

Traditional Finnish summer events:
- Finnish dairy, boat throwing, slogging, shooting, horse racing, pitching and a milking competition.
- Winter events: Snowshoe relay, kick sled race and a tri-skiing competition. Whose ski will be fastest? Will the snow hold or not? This outdoor program is suitable for everyone. A perfect end to the day with a delicious dinner by campfire. Our guests can use our karaoke equipment and even dance on benches if they want to!

DETAILS
Season: Summer: May-Oct. Winter: Nov.-April
Duration: 3.5-4 h
Languages: English
Participants: 15-50 pax
Services included: Guiding services, props for the program, prize for winners, dinner and venue rental, after safari menu
After safari menu: Summer: Lamb stew at Kota, Mashed Potatoes, Vegetables. ** French Toast, Campfire Coffee
Winter: Sauteed Reindeer, Mashed Potatoes, Lingonberry Jam and Pickles. ** Pancakes with Jam, Campfire Coffee
Optional services: Transfer Note: The Kota Restaurant has a full license for alcoholic beverages. Drinks will be charged separately.

ADVENTURE ON THE FROZEN SEA
Can the sea really just freeze? I mean all the way? This program is designed for guests for whom the sea freezing is an amazing thing.
Arctic experience on the ice is something you will remember for ever. Infinity, whiteness and atmosphere is unique.
Guests can explore the world of snow and ice in Nallikari. Group makes a trip to the frozen sea, where it is found that there the sea does not freeze all way to the bottom and the fish are not frozen waiting for the summer to come! Ice drilling and ice fishing are arctic exotic at its best. And maybe we catch some fish as well!
Season: 15.01.-20.3.2021
Duration: 3 h
Languages: English
Participants: Min. charging for 10 pax, max. 50 pax
Minimum age: 10 years
Services included: English speaking professional guide, overalls, gloves and a bonnet, if needed.
Optional services: Transfer Oulu-Panuma-Oulu, guided tour, warm overalls, hats, shoes and gloves, hot drink, sausage (grilled by open fire)

SNOW SCULPTING FOR BEGINNERS
Be a snow artist! Get familiar with sculpting with snow with in our guided activity. This activity brings you inner artist alive and you can learn, how to use snow as a material.
Participants will get basic information about techniques and equipment - just bring your creativity with you! Group will be split into teams and snow sculpting can start!
Snow is fascinating element – easy to carve and modify but it also gives a challenge and lots of fun while doing it. We do not take this too seriously and art is something, you cannot define – every work which comes from a heart, is a piece of art.
Winter cubes are waiting future artist of snow!
Season: December-March, according to the snow availability
Duration: 2 h
Languages: English
Participants: 10-50 pax
Minimum age: 10 years
Starting point: Nallikari
Services included: Guide services, overalls, gloves, shoes and a bonnet, if needed, all equipments needed for program.
Optional services: Meals, transportation

AURORA HUNTING BY BUS
Welcome to snowy bus trip and chase the Northern Lights! Trip starts from a hotel, guests are equipped with warm overalls and bus will pack the group and adventure can start. Guided tour includes a trip to wilderness and we are chasing famous Northern Lights in Oulu area where electric light does not disturb the experience. It is also an adventure in snowy Finnish nature at the same time you can enjoy snowy landscapes and winter wonderland in the wilderness. During the trip warm drink and hot sausages grilled by open camp fire will be served. Welcome to adventure of chasing Northern Lights!
Season: 01.11.2020 - 28.2.2021
Duration: 3 h
Languages: English
Participants: Min. charging for 15 pax, max. 75 pax
Minimum age: 10 years
Starting point & time: Oulu city centre (or hotels as agreed), 18-21 h (depending of the group)

ACTIVITY & DINNER IN A LAPPISH HUT

ARCTIC WINTER EXPERIENCES

SOUTHERN LIGHTS

NORTHERN LIGHTS

REINDEER

VISIT TO AN AUTHENTIC REINDEER FARM
Get familiar with reindeer herding only 60 km from Oulu. Authentic farm which have had reindeers for centuries. Visitors can feed the reindeers, hear stories of reindeer herding and get familiar with farms every day life middle of Finnish wilderness. Also a small drive in reindeer sledge and coffee and berry cake in a Lappish hut.
Season: 01.01.-30.3.2021
Duration: 4 h
Languages: English
Participants: 10-25 pax
Starting point & time: Oulu city, exact place and time as agreed in advance
Services included: Transfer Oulu-Panuma-Oulu, guided tour, warm overalls, hats, shoes and gloves in winter, coffee and berry cake
Optional services: Soup lunch or dinner

Note: This activity is also part of the weekly program for FITs.
TAR BOAT TRIP

This night time canoeing trip will give you an opportunity to get to know the city of Oulu and the Oulujoki river delta seen from the water. Along the canoeing route you will see a number of interesting sights and may be surprised how close the wonders of the wilderness actually are to the city. Enjoy the silence and the light night right! We set out on our journey in Indian canoes and will be canoeing at an easy pace. The tour distance will be about two to five kilometers. Our experienced and well-trained guide will be there for your safety throughout the whole trip. This canoeing trip is suitable for people who enjoy being outdoors, can swim to a competent level and who are fairly physically fit.

Season: 01.06.-30.09. Duration: 2-3 h Languages: English Participants: 6-40 pax
Minimum age: 7 years Starting point & time: departure from Vauhtipuisto at 23 h
Services included: English speaking professional guide, guide, props needed for the program, disposable raincoats, open 2-person canoes.
Rental: Note: This activity is also part of the weekly program for FITs. Oulu Safaris has a liability insurance.

INA THE STEPS OF THE TAR ROWERS

These river waves have been carrying a variety of local skilled people, from tar rowers to log floats. These waterways used to serve as the vital veins of the local economic life. Furthermore, this was the route for the merchant ships to get to the markets of the outer world. Salmon fishers throughout Europe used to arrive here in the early days to enjoy the atmosphere at these rapids. Through ages, the Oulujoki river has kept up its role with pride. The noise of the water will be left behind and Nature’s own show will begin, when you step to the large Terrace of the Villa Wuotanka cottage. From early spring to late autumn there is a splendid opportunity to follow wild plants or animal life straight from the Villa. This includes many bird species, fish, big insects (butterflies, mosquitoes),等等. In July the midnight sun is worth experiencing. In winter time the pure white silence makes an effort. From an outdoor hot tub under the open sky you can view Northern Lights and the Northern Starry sky. The terrace has a fully equipped kitchen and also there is a possibility to cook with a wood heated stove oven or open fire. Water from the tap comes from the nearby groundwater spring.

DETAILS

Founded: 1992 Languages: English Operating season: Year-round Number & type of accommodation: Eco-Cottage Villa Wuotanka modern equipped for 4-6 persons. Cottage: Luhtenpirtti for 6-10 person, traditional heritage building by the River Kiminkujoki.
Apartments: Joutenkaru for 1-4 persons, Joutenholu for 4-6 persons. Camping place: 10 electric seats for caravan.
Facilities of Villa Wuotanka: 2 bedrooms, 2 extra beds in living rooms, fully equipped kitchen, 2 toilets, sauna / bathroom and dressing room. TV: Hot tube on the terrace. Towels and linen included.
Restaurant: 1 Summer Cafe / Bar / Restaurant.
Spa & Wellness: 2 electric heated saunas and 3 wood heated saunas are available as well, as a smoke sauna.
Note: Dogs not allowed, supermarket in 25 km, free parking places.
Activities offered: Summer: paddling programs, programs 1-3 hours and 1-6 days guided tours. Fishing programs in the river and on many types of lakes nearby. Sightseeing tours to crystal springs creeks and water fall.
Winter: Ice fishing program, cross-country skiing, snowshoe trips, Northern lights photography Year-round. Fishing, sightseeing day tour to the spring creek, well-beings programs with wild plants and ingredients, traditional Finnish sauna day culture programs.
Rental: Canoe, kayak, and rowing boat with equipment, kick-sleds, snow-shoes, cross-country ski.

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Miekkala, Oulu Sales/guides@oulusafaris.com info@oulusafaris.com 01.06.-30.10.2021/22 Duration: 5 days / 4 nights Languages: English, German on request Participation: 4-12 pax Services included: Pick up from Airport Oulu, local transport in the area, accommodation according to the program (Makkula Mansion, Nokkala beach house or Turkansaari Outdoor museum) Services included: English speaking professional guide, life jacket, disposable raincoats, treated boats. Optional services: Transfer and meals bookable on request.

NIGHTLESS NIGHT CANOEING

Great overview of City of Oulu. Retro bikes are easy to drive. Our relaxed and low-key journey will lead you along a number of interesting sights and may be surprised how close the wonders of the wilderness actually are to the city. Enjoy the silence and the light night right! We set out on our journey in Indian canoes and will be canoeing at an easy pace. The tour distance will be about two to five kilometers. Our experienced and well-trained guide will be there for your safety throughout the whole trip. This canoeing trip is suitable for people who enjoy being outdoors, can swim to a competent level and who are fairly physically fit.

Season: Beginning of May until the end of September
Duration: Approx. 3 h (about 15 km)
Languages: English
Participants: 10-30 pax
Minimum age: 10 years
Starting point: Oulu city centre
Services included: Guide, disposable raincoats, JOPO bicycles, equipment needed.

OUUL SAFARIS JOPO SAFARI

Cycling is an ideal way to move around in the nature or in an urban environment. JOPO retrobikes are easy to drive. Our relaxed and low-key journey will lead you along a number of scenic routes of Oulu. This guided tour is combination of city and nature and gives a great overview of City of Oulu.

Season: May-September, depending on the weather conditions
Duration: 2-3 h (route varies according to the number of pax)
Languages: English
Participants: Min. charging for 15 pax, max. 100 pax.
Minimum age: 15 years
Starting point: Place of departure for the tar boat trips according to the program (Makkula Mansion, Nokkala beach house or Turkansaari Outdoor museum)
Services included: English speaking professional guide, life jacket, disposable raincoats, treated boats. Optional services: Transfer and meals bookable on request.

Note: A warm and waterproof outfit and proper shoes suitable for rowing needed.

PACKING LIST

Equipment for the tar boat trips:
• Life jackets, disposable raincoats, open 2-person canoes.
• English speaking professional guide.
• Props needed for the program.
• Gear in suitable condition.

Optional services:
• engaged in highly ecological activities since its beginning in 1992 member of ECLAC Finland organisation meeting the international ECLAC standards for ecological and cultural sustainability

ACCOMMODATION & ACTIVITIES

OTHER SERVICES

Service:
• Arctic cooking event, school camps, educational programs, fishing permits, Summer cafe-restaurant / -kiosk.
• Packages: Paddling and rowing packages on the river or on the lake from some hours to several days. Half or full board possible, different optional activities can be booked on top.

Accessibility:
• Airport: Oulu (75 km), train station Oulu (62 km) and Utajärvi (35 km).

Sustainability: part of nation-wide sustainability program and sustainable certificate engaged in highly ecological activities since its beginning in 1992 member of ECLAC Finland organisation meeting the international ECLAC standards for ecological and cultural sustainability.

PTTURING ON RIVER KIMINKUOKI

Experience wild nature and its power on the free flowing river Kiminkujoki. The trek canoeing route partly runs through uninhabited areas and gives you splendid possibilities to observe the flora and fauna or to catch a fish. The daily canoeing trip takes between 15 km and 20 km. Rich moments of relaxing lunch breaks by the open fire every day give strengthen you for the next stage.

VUOTON JOUTSEN

Vuoton Joutsen offers accommodation cottages, apartments and on the camping site as well, on different kind of nature-based activities are available which allow the visitor to be in contact with the traditional and modern Finnish way of life. In the neighborhood there is several lakes and highly protected free-flowing River Kiminkujoki. Both owners are teachers, so the company organizes educational programs too.

Accommodation - eco cottage by the lake
Relax in nature and experience silence in an idyllic Finnish countryside village, 50 minutes away from the centre of Oulu. The noise of the world will be left behind and Nature’s own show will begin, when you step to the large Terrace of the Villa Wuotanka cottage. From early spring to late autumn there is a splendid opportunity to follow wild plants or animal life straight from the Villa. This includes many bird species, fish, big insects (butterflies, mosquitoes), etc. From May to late July the midnight sun is worth experiencing. In winter time the pure white silence makes an effort. From an outdoor hot tub under the open sky you can view Northern Lights and the Northern Starry sky.

The villa has a modern fully equipped kitchen and also there is a possibility to cook with a wood heated stove oven or open fire. Water from the tap comes from the nearby groundwater spring.

DETAILS

Founded: 1992 Languages: English Operating season: Year-round
Number & type of accommodation: Eco-Cottage Villa Wuotanka modern equipped for 4-6 pax.
Cottage: Luhtenpirtti for 6-10 person, traditional heritage building by the River Kiminkujoki.
Apartments: Joutenkaru for 1-4 persons, Joutenholu for 4-6 persons.
Camping place: 10 electric seats for caravan.
Facilities of Villa Wuotanka: 2 bedrooms, extra beds in living rooms, fully equipped kitchen, 2 toilets, sauna / bathroom and dressing room. TV: Hot tube on the terrace. Towels and linen included.
Restaurant: 1 Summer Cafe / Bar / Restaurant.
Spa & Wellness: 2 electric heated saunas and 3 wood heated saunas are available as well, as a smoke sauna.
Note: Dogs not allowed, supermarket in 25 km, free parking places.
Activities offered: Summer: paddling programs, programs 1-3 hours and 1-6 days guided tours. Fishing programs in the river and on many types of lakes nearby. Sightseeing tours to crystal springs creeks and water fall.
Winter: Ice fishing program, cross-country skiing, snowshoe trips, Northern lights photography Year-round. Fishing, sightseeing day tour to the spring creek, well-beings programs with wild plants and ingredients, traditional Finnish sauna day culture programs.
Rental: Canoe, kayak, and rowing boat with equipment, kick-sleds, snow-shoes, cross-country ski.

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**DMC OFFERING TRAVEL AND PROGRAM SERVICES IN OULU REGION**

Go Arctic is a strong northern DMC that offers travel and program services in Oulu Region. Leisure groups, meetings, incentives, educational and technical visits. We provide a wide range of activities year-round and we handle the booking of authorized guides in Oulu Region. As an DMC we can arrange your groups everything you need, whether it is an arctic activity, a half day program or a sightseeing tour or the whole travel package covering all the best highlights of Oulu Region and Lapland. Go Arctic provides a wide range of activities year-round consisting sightseeing tours, canoeing, white water rafting, ice-fishing, aurora hunting, arctic floating in frozen sea etc. Go Arctic also handles the booking of Oulu region tourist guides.

Arctic Edu-Tech Travel is a new brand to be launched in 2020 serving the booking of Oulu region tourist guides.

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**DMC & ACTIVITIES**

**OUTDOOR EXPERIENCE**

**KOITELI ECO-CAMPING EXPERIENCE**

Go Arctic offers eco-camping experience by kiminkopiro in Koiteli white water area. Koiteli eco-camping gives you the opportunity to stay overnight in a Tentsile -tent hang between the trees. Overnight to remember in the middle of the nature with small carbon footprint. Guests will have an authentic nature experience under the light summer sky listening to the sounds of Koiteli rapids. Warmly welcome to enjoy Finnish nature in a new way in an eco-camp.

**Season:** 01.06.-31.08. **Duration:** One night **Languages:** English

**Participants:** 1-6 pax **Starting point & time:** Koiteli Koiteli Koirantie 13, Kieminki, time as agreed.

**Services included:** Overnight in Koiteli eco-camp in Tentsile-tent, underlay, Koiteli koivumetsä cottage in use for indoor toilet, fridge and water. Open fire place and wood.

**Optional services:** Sleeping bag rental, wood heated sauna, evening snack package, breakfast package. **Package options:** There are also special packages including bike rent from Oulu city centre and honeymoon packages offered.

**SWIMMING AT THE KOITELI RAPIDS**

Fast flowing currents may feel a little scary at first, but the water carries the swimmer gently down the currents. After having come through swells and waves you won’t wait to have another go! With the help and guidance of professional guides this fence looking swimming is safe and fun.

**Season:** 01.06.-15.10. **Duration:** 1-2 hrs **Languages:** English

**Participants:** 5-15 pax **Minimum age:** 12 years **Starting point & time:** As agreed in advance **Services included:** Guide, equipment (wetsuit, gloves and footwear, life vest and helmet), safety equipment, hot drink **Optional services:** Catering (soup lunch or 3 course dinner), traditional Finnish sauna, transfer. **Note:** All participants must be over 12 years old and be able to swim. Under 18 year old participants must have permission to swim from their parents or a legal guardian. It is prohibited to participate under the influence of alcohol. Participants need an own swimming suit under the wetsuit.

**WHITE WATER RAFTING IN KOITELI**

We will raft “Tulikku”, a short rapids as a practice and then head on to Koitet – 1000 meters of white water, big waves and a jumping ride. After the first ride we enjoy the traditional snack by open fire and go through the experience. The skippers tell you about the other routes and then you can choose the most interesting route, as the first time was just for practice. Then you can have another go - maybe this time taking the more challenging route. The rapids are class 3 by the international classification standard.

**Season:** 01.05.-31.09. **Duration:** 2.5 hrs **Languages:** English **Participants:** 1-6 pax **Minimum age:** 12 years **Starting point:** Koiteli rapids are located in Kiminki, a 25-minute drive from Oulu. **Services included:** Guide, equipment (rainwear, wool socks, gumboots, gloves, helmet, life jacket), coffee, sausage, soft drink and cookies **Optional services:** Catering (soup lunch or 3 course dinner), traditional Finnish sauna, transfer.

**CANOE TRIP ON RIVER OULUJOKI**

See the beautiful nature of Oulu while canoeing! Take the opportunity and join for a relaxing canoeing trip on river Oulujoki. Journey begins from Maikkula estate, where our guide gives you necessary equipment and basic instructions. On our trip we will take a stop on a shore and enjoy a snack in a beautiful scenery.

**Season:** 15.05.-30.09 **Duration:** 2 h **Languages:** English **Participants:** 6 - 30 pax **Minimum age:** 12 years **Services included:** Guide, equipment (cap, coat, gloves, life vest), small snack **Optional services:** Transfers.

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**DMC OFFERING TRAVEL AND PROGRAM SERVICES IN OULU REGION**

Accommodation offered: Koiteli Eco-camping Tentsile accommodation - overnight to remember. A tent hang between trees by the white waters of Koiteli.

Activities offered: Summer: Canoeing/ kayaking, rafting, white water swimming, biking, nordic walking, Winter: Reindeer, husky, snow shoe walking/ Christmas. New year programs, Northern lights tours, arctic floating.

Year-round: Nature workshops, art and handicraft workshops, sight-seeing tours, day trips, pre and post tours.

Other services: Team building, guiding services, event management, DMC, educational and technical visits, company visits.

Accessibility: Pickup service offered.

Note: Go Arctic Oy / Ltd has an organizer’s liability insurance that covers the program activities.

Sustainability: Part of nation-wide sustainability program and sustainability certificate.

- qualified local tour guides, tour guides have a sense of responsibility towards the environment, use of reusable and ecological dishes, excursions / activities does not harm the ecosystem
- taking part in Visit Finland sustainable tourism program and having started the process of getting the certificate in 2020-21.

**GUIDED TOURS IN THE OULU REGION**

Oulu Region tourist guides are at your service when you or your guests want to get to know the City of Oulu. Excursions and site visits become much more rewarding when you have an expert guide telling you the hidden stories from the past and present! The tours of different duration - from 1 hour to full day tours - can be realized in twelve different languages.

Starting time and location of the tour as agreed. The program is available all year round and can be realized by foot / 1-30 pax / guide or by bus (small bus: max 18 pax, large bus: max 50 pax).
ART AND DESIGN IN OULU
Experience Oulu of art and design on this half a day walking tour. We start near the railway station, visiting two charming galleries and handicraft shop TinyShop Maakari. Passing the city hall you will have a short introduction to the history of the city with the statues by sculptor Sanna Kovero. Then we pop into the Northern Photographic Centre and on our way the island of Artists, Piksaan. In Piksaan we visit Gallera Harmaa and shop Tuuma and tikki. As an option we can also arrange a visit to the studio of one of the artists working on the island of Artist, Piksaan. Lunch break in Restaurant Sokeri-Jussin Kievari. From Piksaan we head via Oulu Cathedral to the beautiful park of Hupisaaret stopping to hear stories about the statues on our way. The tour ends in Oulu Museum of Art.
Season: All year round. During the coldest winter weather we recommend transportation by car or by bus. Duration: 5 h |
Languages: English, German Participants: Max. 20 pax / guide Services included: Authorized Oulu City guide (EN/GER), entrance fee to Oulu Museum of Art, soup or salad lunch (1 course) in Restaurant Sokeri-Jussin Kievari.
Optional services: Visit to the Artist studio. Transfers by car / bus.

ARTIC Floating in the Baltic Sea
Do you want to experience something extremely arctic but also greatly relaxing? Come and join us for arctic floating in the sea. This product is produced in co-operation with sea rescue professionals. Our program starts at their base in Kivenlahti harbour, about 20 km north from Oulu city centre. First we get on proper gear at the dressing rooms. From the harbour we take a sledge pulled by a snowmobile and enjoy a ride to the giant ice field that’s covering the Bothnian Bay during the winter time. The white beauty surrounding you is magnificent! When we get close to Island Hattula you see a big hole in the ice waiting for the arctic floaters. You will get all the necessary instructions to enjoy your floating and to enjoy this relaxing yet exiting winter program altogether. Program can be realized also in the evening and if you are lucky, you can admire the Northern lights while floating in the sea.
Season: 15/12 - 30/04 depending on the weather and ice conditions. Duration: About 3 h |
Languages: English, German Participants: 6-30 pax Minimum age: 12 years.
Starting point & time: As agreed in advance. Services included: Guide, equipment needed, warm jacket and small snack services: Transfer, lunch / dinner by open fire.

WINTER Day in Koiteli
Welcome to Koiteli located by river Kemijoki to spend a wonderful winter day in a good company! Word Koiteli comes from Sami language and means “in the middle”. You get to enjoy fun snow activities in an island located in the middle of two rapids. Beautiful surroundings and stories surrounding you will give you the feeling of being also in the centre of yourself.
Snow activities include short try outs of different kinds of snowshoes and traditional kick sledges ‘pokkuri’ and ‘sledge juupukka’. All these activities will give you the taste of traditional ways of moving around in early days. On top of these you will get to know the well-known arctic animal, reindeer and hear the stories of local reindeer herder. And of course, everyone will experience a short ride in a sledge pulled by the reindeer.
After the snow activities group will enjoy coffee/tea and small snack or lunch. Everyone will also have the chance to make their own souvenir out of wood, leather and pine wood tar. So you will get the scent of Koiteli to take home with you.
Season: 01/12 - 30/04 depending on the weather conditions. Can be modified according to the season as Nature day in Koiteli. Duration: About 3 h |
Languages: English, German Participants: Groups with min. 10 pax
Starting point & time: As agreed in advance. Services included: English speaking activity guides included. Coffee / tea / warm juice and snacks. Optional services: Winter gear (overall, boots, winter socks, gloves, catering (soup lunch or 3 course dinner). Transfer Oulu - Koiteli - Oulu (about 25 min one way from Oulu city centre).
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RESTAURANT MAIKKULAN KARTANO

The Maikkula Estate is a company offering conference and celebration services by the Oulu river only 15 minutes away by car from Oulu. We have our own private restaurant, open only by reservation, which provides all the delicious meals and drinks for all our premises. We serve our customers in a gorgeous manor area where you can find both the old buildings restored with traditional methods and respect for the historical values as well as more modern parts matching the style. We have a variety of rooms from historical halls to modern conference room or even saunas.

Excellent food from fresh ingredients

The Maikkula Estate’s private restaurant is known for its excellent food and good service. We always do our best as we know that the taste experience that remains from an event is important to our guests! All our meals are made of pure and fresh ingredients from local suppliers. For example lamb served is locally produced. We prepare all dishes right here in our own kitchen – with love, of course.

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Individual services

Our dedicated staff in restaurant Rauhala offer you personalized solutions to meet you expectations and give you and your party an unforgettable experience. Preparing food together with guests, colleagues, customers or friends is a great way to learn and experience some new tips for home cooking. Our waiting staff will help you finding the best aperitif and matching wines to complete your culinary experience. We wish you a warm welcome to visit restaurant Rauhala and taste some of the local specialties and beverages in a historic atmosphere by the beautiful park view.

Sustainability at the restaurant: Maikkula Estate environment is historic and protected. Therefore sustainability is very important for us. In order to minimize organic waste we for example prepare food only by preorder and for preordered amount of persons only, organic waste is weighed and considered for further catering.

DETAILS

Opened: Restaurant was reopened in 2001, family-run
Season: Year-round
Opening hours: Restaurant was reopened in 2001, family-run

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RESTAURANT RAUHALA

Stop by for a quick lunch or make a reservation for a delicious buffet dinner. The celebration in Rauhala has continued for over a century and the parties still go on.

Historic atmosphere

Restaurant Rauhala is located in a historic, 19th century building next to Aniala Park near the city center.

Ideal for celebrations and events

We can help you arrange business meetings and private or work related parties. Rauhala’s cabinets will fit both for celebrations and for more official meetings.

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DETAILS

Opened: 2002
Season: Year-round, except Christmas & Midsummer
Opening hours: Lunch is served Mon.-Fri. 11-13 h. Private occasions on request
Languages: English, other on request
Services: Lunch, dinner, cafe, bar, live music, catering, private happenings, events
Specialties: Local, handmade food, organisation of private events, lunch
Note: Special service for children, dogs allowed, parking spaces available

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BAR & CULTURAL VENUE VOIMALA 1889

Voirmalais 1889 is a bar and cultural venue located in an old power plant near Aniala park. Voirmalais 1889’s interior design honours its history as an Oulu’s first permanent power plant with a modern twist.

Venue for all kinds of cultural events

We have gigs and all kinds of cultural happenings in Voirmalais 1889. In the summer time, there’s also a huge sunny patio with a stage for gigs. Voirmalais 1889 is also available for private occasions, for example business meetings, weddings and birthday parties.

Luonnokas sauna

Operating in the wellness and sauna industry, Luonnokas offers handmade natural cosmetics and sauna treatments based on traditional folk healing. The founder of Luonnokas, entrepreneur Anu Rosenberg, specializes in sauna therapy and is focused on pausing and being present in the sauna. We welcome you to Oulu, the sauna facilities of Voirmalais 1889 and the most gentle steams of the Finnish sauna!

DETAILS

Opened: 2018
Season: Year-round
Opening hours: Wed.-Thu. 16-21 h, Fri.-Sat. 16-22 h
Languages: English
Capacity: 80 pax
Services: Beer, drinks, snacks, sauna
Note: Dogs allowed

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TUBA FOOD & LOUNGE

Ecological culture cafe

Tuba Food and Lounge is a recycling- and eco-themed, local food and organic products preferring culture cafe for everybody. Tuba Food and Lounge is situated at the ground floor of the international student house Aurora. We serve tasty hand-made food, fresh salads and delicious burgers from the grill. Dishes and furniture are recycled, detergents are ecological and our actions are as far as possible. You can come for a coffee and to eat and enjoy our various evening events.

Culinary offer

On weekdays we serve reasonably priced lunch and Tubis afternoon menu pampers the friends of vegetables and grilled delicious including our famous handmade burgers.

Cultural events

Tuba is also about loose listening jam nights, gigs and cultural happenings.

DETAILS

Opened: 2013
Season: Year-round, except Christmas & Midsummer
Opening hours: Mon.-Tue. 10-18 h, Wed.-Thu. 10-21 h, Fri. 10-22 h, Sat. 13-22 h, Sun. closed
Languages: English, other on request
Capacity: 80 pax
Services: Lunch, dinner, cafe, bar, live music, catering, private happenings, events
Specialties: Choice of drinks, excellent food, lunch on weekdays
Note: Special service for children, dogs allowed, parking spaces available

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RESTAURANT HUGO

Wine bar and restaurant
Hugo is a relaxed, rough-and-ready wine bar and restaurant where the wine has pride of place. In the kitchen, local ingredients fuse with tastes from around the world. Make Hugo your living room, a place to meet friends and the highlight of your weekend. The moment you raise your glasses to celebrate something special or just the great mood around the table.

DETAILS
Opened: 2001, and with a new company name 2010, family-run
Season: Year-round
Languages: English
Opening hours: 18-23 h
Capacity: 60 pax
Services: Dinners, meetings, sauna
Specialties: Chef’s table at the kitchen. (max 8 pax and only advance reservations)
Note: Organic food if possible, no dogs allowed, no parking spaces available

SOKERI-JUSSI TAVERN

The Sokeri-Jussi Tavern cooks unpretentious, delicious meals using local ingredients. Our specialty “Grandma’s Kitchen” - just like Grandma used to make, traditional northern Ostrobothnian food at its best.

The Restaurant
The Sokeri-Jussi Tavern is an experience in itself. It is a place that stands out because of its individuality. Besides the warm feeling after a delicious meal the Tavern also stays in your memory as a cozy, calm place that serves its customers smoothly. Sokeri-Jussi Tavern is located in Pikisaari in Oulu, in a hand-carved log building where shipbuilding used to prosper. Now it is the place for an authentic restaurant environment that gets its strength from respecting the past and being Finnish. The restaurant has pampered its guests since 2001. The restaurant has seating for 160 guests spread over two floors. During the bright Nordic summer the inviting outdoor terrace offers an additional 100 seats. The Sokeri-Jussi Keisari serves local country inn dishes using the best Finnish ingredients. It is known for its traditional Finnish cuisine and its specialties from the Oulu region.

History
The Tavern storehouse has stood in its current place for 150 years at least. The exact date when the building – according to spoken lore – was floated down the Iijoki river all the way to Pikisaari is not known. Maybe it was put up during 1894 after the Englishmen had destroyed the shipbuilding industry in Oulu by burning the Pikisaari island to the ground.

DETAILS
Opened: 2001
Season: Year-round, except Christmas & midsummer
Opening hours: Mon.-Sat. 11-22 h, Sun. 12-21 h
Languages: English, other on request
Capacity: 150 pax, during summer additional 100 pax on the terrace
Services: A-la-carte, special menus for groups and kids
Specialties: Local, traditional dishes
Note: Own menu for children, parking spaces available

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**Food & Accommodation**

**Lasaretti Bistro**

Pleasure for everyday meals and festive occasions

Propper and real – season’s best, locally. Pure local and domestic food meets each other in our menu. Please, come and enjoy our easy going, food, always prepared for you.

Excellent kitchen

Our kitchen is at its best in different kind of events, big or small. The Chaine des Rotisseurs plates achieved by the restaurant are proof of its ambitious work. Please, contact our sales office, when you are planning set dinner, doctoral dinner, cozy evening with friends, or colleagues, wedding or birthday party.

**Hotel Lasaretti**

Nordic Art Hotel Lasaretti offers accommodation, restaurant and meeting facilities in a unique environment in Oulu.

Individual accommodation in a unique environment

Lasaretti’s rooms look out over the Oulujoki River and the parklike yard of the historical building of the former county hospital, built in 1849. The hotel itself was completed in the 1920s. The striking visual image and characteristic atmosphere of the public areas continue in the rooms with their Northern Finnish works of art. All the rooms are renovated in 2019.

Great history of Lasarettinsaari island

Lasarettinsaari has been an important part of Oulu for centuries. For example, two former presidents of Finland have lived here and kings and emperors have stayed overnight. In Lasaretti you can feel the historical atmosphere everywhere.

**Hotel Sokos Hotel Arina**

Original Sokos Hotel Arina is a classy and lively hotel in the heart of the city of Oulu. The hotel is situated between pedestrian street Ruotuaari and the Shopping Centre Valkea.

Accommodation

260 rooms, including 16 superior rooms, 3 suites, 4 theme rooms, 3 new model rooms (Summer night, Tar and wild Salmon).

Restaurants

Southwestern-style Armanito, Frans & Camille Bistro and cafeteria Coffee House are located right next to the hotel. The Scandinavian-style Restaurant Veranta on the 3rd floor in the hotel is a place to enjoy the hotel breakfast. Otherwise Veranta is open on request for groups and events.

Meeting facilities

Stylish and modern meeting facilities suitable for 6-200 people.

**Lapland Hotels Oulu**

Lapland Hotels Oulu offers you a chance to experience Lapland in the heart of a city. The hotel is situated in the centre of Oulu, next to the Cathedral and the historical Anna Park.

Accommodation

Lapland Hotel’s 160 rooms have been decorated with skill and style to suit the taste of even the most quality conscious guests. The design of the rooms was influenced by nature and the stories of Lapland.

Conference facilities

The party and conference facilities of Yrnikulma bring the atmosphere and the story close to you.

**Lasaretti Bistro**

Kaisu Peuralahti, Leena Ojala, Anne Wittwer

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**Dining**

Breakfast buffet: Mon.-Fri. 6.30-9.30 h, Sat.-Sun.

Season:

Year-round

**Rooms & Rates**

Number & type of rooms:

160 rooms in total: Comfort twin and queen rooms, Comfort twin rooms, Deluxe King rooms, Premium King rooms, Premium De Luxe King rooms, Suite

Room facilities:

Hairdryer, hot beverage selection, shower,

Accessibility:

Oulu Airport (12 km), transfer on request

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Hairdryer, hot beverage selection, shower,

Accessibility:

Oulu Airport (12 km), transfer on request
FINLANDIA HOTEL AIRPORT OULU

Finlandia Hotel Airport Oulu offers hotel accommodation, restaurant services and options for leisure activities. The hotel is located in Kempele, a famous birching area in Northern part of Finland. The location by the Bothnic Sea, right next to Oulu airport is good for travellers - you are in the middle of nature only ten minutes from lively city centre.

Accommodation
Finlandia Hotel Airport Oulu is a perfect choice for an overnight stay. The cozy hotel is surrounded by beautiful nature and right next to the Bothnic Sea. Family owned Finlandia Hotel Airport Oulu offers comfortable accommodation for both business and leisure travelers. All our rooms have been renovated between 2014-2015 and the affordable room prices include breakfast, free use of our saunas, apartments and free parking for the duration of your stay. If you are leaving early in the morning, you can also order an early breakfast – free of charge.

Convenient location
Plenty of possibilities for outdoor activities year around. This hotel offers everything traveler needs: comfortable overnight, nature, good food and service. Good location next to Oulu Airport is easy for travelers who travel further away - sleep well and continue trip to further on.

DETAILS
Opened: 1985
Last renovation: 2015
Season: Year-round
Languages: English
Number & type of rooms: 207 rooms: standard and superior rooms
Built: 2007
Languages: English, Swedish

Activities offered: Summer: Bird watching, canoeing, fishing trips, fat bike rental, flying disc golf course nearby Frisbee-golf track nearby. Also activities (winter activities snow shoe trips, ice fishing, etc.) for groups on request. Winter: Fatbike, snow shoe trips, ice fishing trips, northern light spotting, cross country skiing and skating on the frozen sea.

During the winter you can take a walk on the ice of Bothnic sea. Year-round: Location is just perfect to nature activities year around. Bird watching is very popular and right next to hotel is a bird watching tower. Also guided nature track right next to hotel (5 km).

Note: Dogs are allowed, next supermarket in 3 km, parking places available.

Accessibility: Oulu Airport (4 km), transfer on request

LAPPISH HUT VIHILUOTO KOTA

Vihiluoto Kota, a Lappish hut, is situated by the Finlandia Hotel Airport Oulu, only 5 minutes from the Oulu airport. The Kota hut is a traditional Lappish style building with an open fire-place and it seats up to 30 guests. Have an unforgettable get-together, lunch or dinner, and enjoy the genuine atmosphere by an open fire. Vihiluoto Kota is available by prior booking for groups 10-30 persons.

DETAILS
Opened: 2005
Season: for request groups year-round
Group program / menus duration: 2-5 h depending on group size
Languages: English Capacity: 10-50 pax.

Services: Welcoming dinner, farewell dinner at Vihiluoto Kota Hut. One menu is selected for the whole group - special diets available on prior request. Please note that the scent of smoke may cling to clothing.

Note: Parking places available

SCANDIC OULU STATION

Accommodation & Restaurant
A peaceful and cozy hotel near the railway station and the very heart of Oulu: refurbished rooms, friendly service and a comfortable, easy-going and恭敬ial restaurant guarantee a relaxing visit for you. Pop in also for a drink in our welcoming and comfy pub Kummeli.

Recreational time
We have noticed that exercise seems to be most effective just when you haven’t time for any, for this reason we have bicycles and Nordic walking sticks available for our guests. The reception can supply you with a map of the surrounding jogging tracks, in addition you are welcome to use the hotel’s gym, sauna and swimming pool.

Arriving by a car? With us you don’t have to worry about parking because we have a covered paid outdoor parking area.

DETAILS
Built: 1983
Last renovation: 2017
Season: Year-round
Languages: English, Swedish
Number & type of rooms: 207 rooms: standard and superior rooms

Room facilities: Free Wi-Fi connection, TV, water kettle, an affordable minibar, hair dryer and private WC and shower. In some rooms balcony, iron and ironing board.

Restaurants: Spanish Restaurant El Sabor (Mon-Sat. 16-22 h, Sundays on request), exotic Kota restaurant Vihiluoto (open on request)

Spa & Wellness: 2 saunas

Activities offered: Summer: Bird watching, canoeing, fishing trips, fat bike rental, flying disc golf course nearby Frisbee-golf track nearby. Also activities (winter activities snow shoe trips, ice fishing, etc.) for groups on request. Winter: Fatbike, snow shoe trips, ice fishing trips, northern light spotting, cross country skiing and skating on the frozen sea.

Due to the Bothnic sea and the location by the Bothnic Sea, right next to Oulu airport is good for business and leisure travelers - you are in the middle of nature only ten minutes from lively city centre.

Business and Meetings
The hotel is equipped with ten modern meeting rooms with a capacity for 10 to 160 people, for meetings as well as banquets. All meeting rooms have a wireless broadband connection at no extra charge.

DETAILS
Built: 2007
Season: Year-round
Languages: English, Swedish
Number & type of rooms: 214 eco rooms: standard, superior, extra, junior suite

Room facilities: Bath or shower, TV (satellite channels), wireless internet connection, hair dryer and minibar are standard and in some rooms we have ironing board & iron, safety box and water kettle. For our younger guests, extra beds and cots are available.

Restaurants: One à la carte restaurant and one pub

Spa & Wellness: Two saunas for hotel guests and a swimming pool.

Note: Play area, children’s menu in the restaurant, pets allowed, next supermarket in 500 m, parking places available.

Accessibility: Oulu Airport (15 km), Oulu Station (1500 m), no transfer

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**NALLIKARI HOLIDAY VILLAGE**

Nallikari Holiday Village offers high quality accommodation ranging from traditional Finnish style cottages to well-equipped villas, all right next to the beach. The Nallikari area offers amazing outdoor and indoor activities for all seasons.

**Location**

Nallikari is about 4 km by car to the centre of Oulu. A bus to centre drives just nearby. When you need a peaceful retreat, relaxed atmosphere and high-quality accommodation in the middle of the most beautiful nature, the Nallikari Holiday Village is the right choice for you.

**ACCESSIBILITY**

- Spa & Wellness: Bistro & Bakery, Restaurant
- 28 cottages, 24 Poiju Villas, 180 English Season:
  - Natural beauty, the Nallikari Holiday Village is the right choice for you. Drive just nearby. When you need a peaceful retreat, relaxed atmosphere and high-quality accommodation in the middle of the most beautiful nature, the Nallikari Holiday Village is the right choice for you.

**ACCOMMODATION**

- **POOKI COTTAGES**
  - There are 18 yellow Pooki holiday cottages with own bathroom and kitchen. Year-round available. The Pooki holiday cottages provide an excellent alternative also for a longer-term accommodation. The Pooki Holiday Cottages are located closest to the Nallikari Beach.
  - **Details**
    - **Built:** 2000
    - **Last renovation:** 2020
    - **Number & type of cottages:** 28 cottages, 24 Pooji Villas, 180 English Season:
      - There are 18 yellow Pooki holiday cottages with own bathroom and kitchen. Year-round available. The Pooki holiday cottages provide an excellent alternative also for a longer-term accommodation. The Pooki Holiday Cottages are located closest to the Nallikari Beach.

- **POIJU VILLAS**
  - Nallikari’s flagship, the Poju area, was completed in summer 2016. In the area, there are 24 modern villas. In total, 24 modern villas, most of them for 4+2 persons. In each of these villas, there is a large living room and kitchen combo with a lounge, own sauna, 2 bedrooms, fireplace and a large terrace. A part of these villas are semi-detached houses and two of them can be modified even for 12 people.

- **Meriholsti**
  - Meriholsti sauna and conference facilities locate in Nallikari Holiday Village area, by Hodsmalin. Meriholsti has also a large patio to cool off in between steamy sauna baths. Recommended amount of people for the premises is 20 persons.

- **Activities offered:**
  - Summer: SUP-boarding, kayaking, canoeing, fat biking, cycling, swimming, water sports, hiking, animal farm, pony ride, horseback riding and more. Winter: Snowshoe and husky farm visits, Northern Lights hunting, snow shoeing, cross-country skiing, Nallikari Winter Village, ice fishing, wind surfing, fat biking and more.

- **Rental:**
  - Each villa has a parking space of its own with a socker, slippers and bathrobes for adults. Own sauna and balcony. Recommended amount of people for the premises is 20 persons.

- **Note:** Non-smoking cottages, pets welcome.

**BREAK SOKOS HOTEL EDEN**

Versatile spa hotel at the seaside

Break Sokos Hotel Eden is a versatile spa hotel set in the seaside landscape of Nallikari, Oulu, offering fun and excitement to guests of all ages. Enjoy life at Break Sokos Hotel Eden! Always more than just a hotel, Break means a vibrant and refreshing interlude from everyday life. Take a moment and solve a puzzle, or go on a spa holiday. Enjoy the steam sauna, or exercise at the gym. When was the last time you went hydro running or had a spaing facial treatment? You can select all this, and much more. On a work trip or holiday. We want to inspire and surprise you if you need advice, we will be happy to help you.

**Details**

- **Season:** Year-round
- **High season:** Winter holidays weeks 8-10, Summer holidays weeks 4-5. Christmas weeks 50-1 Languanges: English, Swedish
- **Number & type of rooms:**
  - Standard rooms: Flat-screen TV, hair dryer, iron, and ironing board, and bathrobes for two. Superior rooms: Flat-screen TV, hair dryer, iron and ironing board, hardwood floor, minibar, water heater, slippers and bathrobes for adults. Superior rooms have balconies.
  - Suite rooms: Flat-screen TV, hair dryer, iron and ironing board, minibar, water heater, slippers and bathrobes for adults. Own sauna and balcony.
- **Restaurants:**
  - Restaurant Hasma, Lobby Bar, Aria.
  - Spa & Wellness: 3 saunas for men, 3 saunas for women.

**Activities offered:**

- Summer: For groups there is always a possibility to book guided activities beforehand. Golf, tennis, badminton, beach volleyball, and floor ball can be engaged in the hotel’s immediate vicinity. Winter: Downhill skiing and snowboarding pistes are approx. 15 km away.

**VERSATILE SPA HOTEL AT THE SEASIDE**

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**ACCESSIBILITY**

- Oulu Airport (17 km), Oulu Station (5 km), Leiritie 10, 0510 Oulu.

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**DE GAMLAS HEM**

Boutique hotel located in a heritage protected building

De Gamlas Hem Hotel & Restaurant is fully renovated, 17 room boutique hotel in a heritage protected building near the centre of Oulu. As early as in 1906, the building was used to house, care for, and provide food for elderly upper-class women from Oulu.

It was a private retirement home. Swedish fighter pilots were also housed in the building during the World War II. Today, we welcome you to this wooden Art Nouveau villa to enjoy some peace, quiet and delicious food among the beautiful ceramic tiled stoves and log walls.

**Details**

- **Season:** Year-round
- **Languages:** English, Swedish, Russian
- **Number & type of room:** 17 rooms in total: 1 Single Room, 6 Standard double rooms, 7 Standard double Queen rooms, 2 Standard double Queen + rooms, 1 Junior Suite
- **Room facilities:** Shower and toilet, LED-TV, free WiFi, blackout curtains, desk and chair, carpet floor (two rooms with a hardwood floor (please write a request to “Comments and requests” field in your reservation), hair dryer, tablet computers and chromecast screen share available at the reception, baby cribs upon request.

**Activity:**

De Gamlas Hem Boutique hotel located in a heritage protected building

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OTAXI

OTAXI offers local, reliable taxi services 24/7, all year around. OTAXI is the traditional and legit taxi dispatch centre in Oulu region as well as widely in Northern Ostrobothnia, Finland.

With 600 cars and roughly thousand drivers we are able to provide comprehensive services around the area. Additionally we provide OTAXI VIP as well as OTAXI GREEN services. OTAXI VIP offers premium taxi services for business travelers, special events and everyday luxury. VIP drivers work with black suits, black cars and excellent customer care. OTAXI Green provides low-emission, green, environmentally-friendly cars.

DETAILS

Founded: 1990
Languages: English, Swedish
Season: 24/7, year-round
Fleet: more than 600 cars
Services: local, quality taxi services. Additionally VIP taxi services as well as OTAXI Green taxis with low-emission, green, environmental-friendly cars.

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VIP TRANSPORTATION

VIP Transportation with private Mercedes and a chauffeur
Travel with style in Oulu and Northern Finland on our high-end Mercedes and chauffeur. You can choose your destination for free, and our driver will take you, your friends, or family there. The pricing is based on the hours or days required for the journey. You may request additional services, such as meals and hotel bookings for your trip. Our driver can pick you up from the Oulu airport or any other starting point. We are sure that the tour will be memorable.

DETAILS
Languages: English
Season: Year-round
Participants: 1-4 pax
Starting point: Select any place in Oulu region
Starting time: Flexible
Equipment: New Mercedes with 4 seats and a chauffeur

Saaga Travel offers high-quality charter and passenger transport in the Oulu region and Northern Finland
Languages: English
Founded: 2008
Activities offered: Summer: VIP transportation and coach service to summer destinations in Oulu Region: Kalajoki, Syöte, Lapland
Winter: VIP transfer to Finnish winter destinations from Oulu: Syöte.
Year-round: Travel services all over Finland, Sweden and Norway, operated from Oulu
Fleet: Versatile fleet including taxis, minibuses and bigger double-decker coaches up to 79 seats.
Sustainability: We offer modern and environmentally friendly cars, minibuses and coaches. Our fleet is cleaned regularly.

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Kalajoki, with its long beach and sand dune area “Hiekkasärkät” is a compact holiday area in Northern Finland situated at the seaside of the Bothnian Bay, 1.5 h drive south of Oulu airport via Route 8. Kalajoki is ideal for guests who value pure and spectacular nature, are interested in traditions and history and appreciate also high-standard accommodation and services. There is a large variety of holiday villas, cottages and apartments and three hotels, one with a spa.

**YEAR ROUND ACTIVITIES**

Kalajoki offers a variety of year-round possibilities for a wonderful holiday and services directly close to the sea. A lot of activities, sights and guided tours: sailing trip on a wooden sailing boat to the islet Maakalla with a fishermen tradition, Kalajoki Visitor Centre with the history and traditions of the area, Old Town Plassi, seal spotting, sand and snow yoga, Nordic walking, beach life, hiking in the Sipoanjoki river valley, flatbiking, horseback riding, golf, surfing, SUP, winter windsurfing, kiteboarding, canoeing and hiking on a frozen sea in the Raaja archipelago, jet skis, carding, geocaching, disc golf, outdoor water parks, adventure park, snowmobiling, cross country skiing, husky safaris on the frozen sea.

**KALAJOKI’S USPS**

- Arctic seaside holiday resort
- Top-notch tourism and recreation area
- Direct access to the sea and seaside location
- Beautiful shoreline landscape and sand dunes
- Interesting history with Maakalla island, Plassi Old Town, and geological phenomenon (land raising)
- Long-lasting experience in hosting guests in the area, constant new development projects
- Very diverse offer of year-round activities: focus on active holidays and wellbeing
- Large range of cottages and villas
- High-class services
- Facilities for events and MICE activities
- Great amenities for families and children: Adventure Park Pakka, Superpark Kalajoki, SanFinSpa, Waterpark Jukupark, Adventure Golf etc.
- Compact holiday area, all the services are within the walking distance

**KALAJOKI**

**Number of beds (total):** 2500 beds (low season) 13,000 beds high season (including camping options)

**Number of hotels:** 3

**Number of cottages:** 300

**Hiking trails in km:** Tens of kilometres

**Skiiing tracks:** 50 km

**Winter activities:** Snowmobile safaris, husky safaris, cross-country skiing, snowshoe walking, ski trekking, Northern lights, animal, bird watching, ice fishing, spa, bowling, gym, adventure park Pakka, snowkiting, icekarting, winter windsurfing, fatbike safaris, frisbeegolf, Superpark, smoke sauna, escape room

**Summer activities:** Fishing, hiking, canoeing, kayaking, horseback riding, flatbiking, Nordic Walking, golf, cruises, trekking, sea trips to fisherman islet of Maakalla. Watersports: sup, kite, windsurfing

**Activities free of charge:** Kalajoki Visitor Centre, hiking trails in pine forests and duckboards on the sand dunes, bird watching towers and a campfire site.

**Activities for children:** Perfect beach for kids, waterpark, Jukupark, adventure park Pakka, Superpark, Kalajoki Visitor Centre, children’s traffic park, karting for kids, bike rental, mini-golf, adventure golf, spa, indoor playground

**Year-round activities & services:** Hiking, spa, indoor activities such as escape room, indoor park, marine visitor centre.

**Weekly program:** Visit Kalajoki gathers a weekly program every summer and during the winter break covering the whole holiday resort.

**Top attractions in the area:** Fishermen’s island of Maakalla, Raaja archipelago, Old town Plassi, Havula manor, Ceramics studio Iso-Pahkola, Kalajoki Visitor Centre, Petting Zoo HuliVili

**ACCESSIBILITY**

**Airport:** Oulu Airport (130 km, 1.5 h drive)

**Train stations:** Kokkola, Ylivieska

**Sustainability:** The restaurants in our area aim at using as much local and seasonal produce as possible. Tourism in Kalajoki is a family business! Most companies in the area started as a family business and are still run together by family members.
GUIDED TOUR AT KALAJOKI VISITOR CENTRE

Guided tours usually last 1 hour and provide participants with better insight in the geological history of the area. The area has experienced a land rise after the ice age, meaning the land has been rising (and is still rising), that is how our area appeared on the map. The guide will explain how the previous presence of the sea can still be seen inland, for instance. The guided tour is an interesting bonus for those interested in geology and the formation of the area.

Availability: During regular opening times (01.01.-25.10.), for groups also upon request at other times. Duration: 1 hour

Language of the guide: English

Participants: 2-15 pax

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VIHASLAHTI - SELF-GUIDED HIKING TOUR

Vihaslhti is one of the largest coastal meadows in the Northern Ostrobothnia. The nature trail provides easy access to the area and runs across the beautiful land uplift landscape on the beautiful sand dune area by the sea and through to the bird-rich coastal meadow on which sheep are grazing during the summer.

The trail that starts from the Kalajoki Visitor Centre is a bit over 4 km per direction (8,4 km in total). There are info boards about the marine history of Kalajoki. Hikers will find a bed-watching tower, an info hut, and a camp fireplace suitable for even bigger groups at the end of the trail in winter. Vihaslhti can also be reached by skiing along the ice skitracks or by snowmobile. In spring you can see and hear thousands of migrating birds resting on the Vihaslhti Bay.

Note: Good walking shoes, and suitable clothing needed. A map, free of charge, is provided from the Kalajoki Visitor Centre. Total length 8.4 km / 3 h

Season: 25.02.-30.10.

Optional: Meals & drinks, a guide can be included to the tour

PLASSI - KALAJOKI OLD TOWN

Plassi - Kalajoki old town, located at the mouth and on the north bank of the river Kalajoki, is well worth a visit. In Plassi one can explore the oldest part of Kalajoki town and experience the cultural history of the Plassi old town through its museums, historical buildings, and village life. Plassi also has a long tradition in trade, seamanship, craftsmanship, and the saw industry which have all been part of the area. The traditions of Plassi area live on with fairs being held there every autumn and other events throughout the year.

Havula Manor

Within the Plassi area there is the possibility to visit one of the best examples of a century Finnish villa from 1912, complete with decorative furnishings and its enticing history. Havula Manor with its impressive halls and interesting history is one of the most popular tourist attractions in Plassi. Havula is also an ideal starting point for a guided tour through the old town of Plassi.

The Fishing Museum

The fishing museum is situated in the old buildings at the market place. It holds a collection of interesting items and tools which document the local fishing history.

Guided tours
Kalajoki Guides offer guided tours by foot or by bus for groups.

Location: Plassi is located close to the centre of Kalajoki. From route 8 there are many signposts to guide you on your way to Plassi. (Havula Manor: Plassintie 56, 85100 Kalajoki)

Services: Guided tours at the Havula Manor, Fishing Museum, Glass Studio Heikki Ulvi, guided tours by foot or by bus for groups can be booked via tour guides of Kalajoki.

Kalajoki authorized guides offer guided tours on foot or by bus for groups and individuals.

Season: All year round, guided tours on request.

Languages: English, Swedish

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KALAJOKI BOOKING CENTRE

FULL SERVICE DMC
Kalajoki Booking Centre is a DMC office in Kalajoki tourism area with full tour operator rights. Packages for FITs and groups and leisure programs for families.

In addition, Kalajoki Booking Centre has accommodation selection ranging from the luxurious to the relaxed and easy Finnish cottage holiday, almost 300 accommodation destinations.

Programs focus on our local nature, culture and history. Our guides have a good knowledge about our local stories.

We offer different kind of activities on the coast. Activities are mostly focused on the sea during summer time, but also extend to the winter period. We provide outdoor programs such as hiking, fishing and husky safaris during the winter time when the sea freezes over.

Kalajoki Booking Centre is part of the Booking Centre of Finland, which has offices also in Syöte and Rokua. Kalajoki Booking Centre can prepare tour packages covering the whole Oulu area, with accommodation and activities in the other locations.

300 ACCOMMODATION OPTIONS
Kalajoki Booking Centre’s offer gathers close to 300 options, ranging from holiday houses, traditional Finnish cottages, apartments to hotel rooms. Kalajoki Booking Centre can help pick the right location - close to the beach, or in the calm forest area, by the golf course, near the restaurants. Bearing in mind that the resort is fairly compact and all areas are within walking or biking distances.

Kalajoki Booking Centre offers accommodation possibilities all year round from one night stay to longer periods.

Sustainability: Our activities are based on making the most of local activities, employing local companies and staff.

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Kalajoki Booking Centre is a DMC office in Kalajoki tourism area with full tour operator rights.

Operating season: Year-round
Accommodation offered: Hotel, apartments, holiday houses, traditional cottages. 300 different locations in Kalajoki.


Year-round: Riding, fishing, spa, Kalajoki Visitor Centre.

Additional services: Complete your package with meals, local tourism activities, meeting services, tickets for events and rental equipment.

Kalajoki Booking Centre can be the one and only point of contact for when it comes to organizing whatever your guests need for their holiday in Kalajoki.

Possibility to organise round trips in the other destinations of Booking Centre of Finland (Syöte & Rokua).

Accessibility: Transfer offered upon request.

Sustainability: Our activities are based on making the most of local activities, employing local companies and staff.

TYPICAL FINNISH FEAST IN AN ARCHIPELAGO COTTAGE
This package includes an exclusive fine dining experience in a chosen location. Guests will literally "Rent a Finnish Chef" to enjoy a relaxed feast and experience the Finnish Food Culture with all its senses. The food is celebrating local and seasonal products. This experience includes a three-course menu based on local produce spiced up with stories. You can upgrade your food experience with carefully chosen wines and spirits. The location is chosen when planning the experience: it may be a rustic log house or a modern holiday house.

Season: All year round
Duration: 3 hours
Languages: English

Participants: Group size 4 - 10, the product is available for bigger groups upon request

Services included: Three course meal included in the price. Menu to be defined upon reservation

Optional services: You can upgrade your food experience with carefully chosen wines and spirits.

WINTER EXPERIENCE
HUSKY SAFARI ON THE FROZEN SEA OR SNOW DUNES
Guests will get to experience a new type of husky safari! This time by the frozen sea, either on the sea itself (weather permitting) or on the snowy sand dunes. Participants will take place in the dog sleights after greetings the dogs. They will be taken for a safari through the arctic maritime nature, discovering winter wonderland from a new point of view. The safari includes a short stop for warm beverages.

Season: Winter (January-March)
Duration: Around 3 hours
Languages: English

Participants: 2-10 Pax
Starting point: Puojinniemi, Kalajoki Archipelago or Kalajoki Sand Dunes, Hiekkasärkät

Services included: Transfers from accommodation & back, equipment, guiding, warm clothing, hot beverages, guide

Optional services: Ice-fishing excursion +1 hour

HEAD OUT TO THE SEA AND VISIT MAAKALLA ISLAND
This product includes transportation to the island and back, allowing guests to visit the island at their own pace (visit lasting usually 1 hour). Transportation can take place either by taxi boat (smaller and faster boats) or by sailing boat.

The attraction: the fisherman’s island Maakalla.

Maakalla Island is one of the most visited attractions in Kalajoki. It is famous not only for its scenery but also for its unique independent status. The Kalla Island is governed by its own fisherman community. This autonomy is based on the ‘Hamina-ording’ statute, which was made in 1771 by Adolf Fredrik, the King of Sweden, when Finland was a part of Sweden. The island’s particular history, centuries-old wooden buildings and rugged nature will mesmerize visitors, making it a must-see attraction when visiting the area.

Season: From beginning of June until end of August/beginning in September (weather permitting)
Pre-booking of the tickets recommended
Duration: 4-5 hours
Languages: English

Participants: 2-10 Pax (sailing boat, Galeas Anzio), 2-10 Pax (taxi boat)

Services included: Transportation to the island and back, Optional services: The sailing boat option includes also a meal. Fish soup, bread, coffee, tea, water.

HIKING IN THE SIIPONJOKI-STREAM VALLEY
Join us on a guided hiking tour on the varying terrain of a small river Siiponjoki. See the steep sand bluffs and groves of the canyons. Experience the richness of the Colourful Canyons curving in autumn river valley, the coming out of the spring or green nature of the summer. Hear the stories of the history of the river and legendary local people who lived there. The route of the hiking tour follows the Siiponjoki river about two kilometres. On the camp fire in the Pleuraus camp we will enjoy some tasty snacks and hot drinks in the nature.

Season: May-September
Duration: About 4 h, the hiking tour about 5 km
Languages: English

Participants: 2-12 Pax
Services included: Guiding, coffee/ tea/ juice and snacks, sausages/ sandwiches by camp fire

Optional services: Transfers from accommodation and back

Note: Participants should have own warm outdoor leisure clothes and solid shoes.

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Participants: 2-10 Pax
Services included: Transfers from accommodation & back, equipment, guiding, warm clothing, hot beverages, guide

Optional services: Ice-fishing excursion +1 hour
Basic swimming skills required.

Notes:
- The participants will start at the Surf Center, learn how to use their paddle boards and head out to the waters as a group. The waters in the bay are relatively shallow, meaning the activity is safe also for beginners (swimming skills required).

Details:
- Season: 01.05-30.09
- Duration: 5-4 hours
- Languages: English, Swedish
- Participants: 2-6 pax
- Minimum age: 15 years
- Starting point & time: Surf Center, between 10-16 h
- Services included: Basic lesson in stand-up paddling, SUP and fishing equipment, local SUP fishing guide.

Rautio Sports Surf Center Finland’s biggest surf center is located in Kalajoki. It is run by Rautio Sports and has been open since spring 2011. Surf Center serves windsurfers, kite surfers and stand up paddlers offering beginners courses, rental equipment, and equipment testing. We also build tailored programs for groups and arrange demo events on beaches in holiday locations, schools and educational centers.

Languages: English, Swedish

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SUP FISHING IN THE RAHJA ARCHIPELAGO

Experience a fresh way of fishing! Stand-up paddling fishing is easy with our super stable SUP boards and gives you a new perspective in fishing.

Participants will receive a short training on how move around on the stand-up paddle and then how to fish. The tour will take place in the beautiful, untouched Rahja archipelago, right by the Heikkasarkit holiday resort. The activity lasts around 3 to 4 hours.

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ADVENTURE PARK PAKKA

Adventures at Pakka
Several active experiences and adventures: rope adventure course, burger-trampoline, i-foor, zipline, climbing wall, free fall, disc golf, archery tag, bubble soccer etc. There is also an area reserved to the small children. The difficulty level to each track is also defined by the height required to access the track. The staff will provide security instructions to each adventurers before they get started on the training track. Staff members are available throughout the park to support the guests.

Details:
- Founded: 2013
- Family-run business
- Season: Daily between the beginning of June and mid of August
- Languages: English, Swedish
- Restaurants: There is a café on the premises
- Note: Possibility to package meals in collaboration with local partners
- Location: The Pakka Adventure Park is situated at the core of the visitor services of Kalajoki, Heikkasarkit and Dalarna.
- Sustainability: The whole adventure park is built in symbiosis with the surrounding nature and forest. The trees are taken care of each year to ensure their well being and the safety of the users. The trees are one of the park’s key elements, hence their protection is very important.

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RESTAURANT LOHLAAKSO

Restaurant Lohilaakso offers fresh whitefish and salmon dishes, as well as smoked fish salads from Lohilaakso’s smokehouse.

The restaurant is located in an idyllic wooden barn by a pond, with a large terrace for 80 guests, the main building can welcome 30 guests. Lohilaakso’s bar serves refreshments for every taste, various coffees, and cold drinks, such as local beers.

There is an additional 24-seat barn for more private events.

Fish specialties: We are catching local white fish every day. Our fishing nets are located in the sea near our restaurant making whitefish platter our most popular dish.

Terrace with lake view in a rustic milieu: Enjoy your fish for lunch or dinner served at our barn-style restaurant or the lakeside beer garden. Drinks, cocktails, wine, good selection of beers, coffee, and milkshakes are also available to provide to all the thirsty holidaymakers!

Details:
- Founded: 1998
- Family-run restaurant
- Season: June-June
- Opening hours: Daily between 11-21 h
- Languages: English
- Capacity: 80 seats on the terrace, 30 seats inside, 24 seats in a room for private occasions
- Services: Smoked fish dishes (lunch and dinner), various cold and warm drinks, lakeside beer garden/terrace, souvenir shop, non-fish options are also available
- Specialties: smoked white fish platter, smoked salmon platter
- Note: dogs are allowed on the terrace, parking places are available

Sustainability: We focus on local gems! The fish used at the restaurant comes from local fishermen, who fish in the waters close to Kalajoki.

The side dish vegetables are also from local producers.

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SANTA’S RESORT AND SPA HOTEL SANI

Both families and couples looking for some quality time together are guaranteed to enjoy their stay in Santa’s Resort & Spa Hotel San, which is situated in the centre of the Heikkasalat holiday area and has versatile services in the same location. You can enjoy the spa and the swimming pools, go bowling or to the gym. There is also a wide range of beauty services and pampering treatments. The children will enjoy the indoor playground. Restaurant Bistro offers delicious meals from locally produced food.

Hotel rooms
All 72 rooms offer bright, spacious and tastefully decorated surroundings for a break from the everyday routines. The Superior rooms have their own glazed balcony with a dazzling sea view over the sand dunes. The French balconies in the Standard-rooms have a broad, scenic view towards the spa.

Apartments
Each of the new apartments have a beautiful terrace offering a sea view, they have their own cooking facilities and a tasteful Finnish design interior. Some apartments also have their own private sauna.

Nature & leisure activities in the surrounding area
Long sandy beaches, fresh sea air, clean forests and a wide range of leisure activities make sure the guests enjoy their stay in Kalajoki. Through all four seasons, the Nordic nature is at its best here in Kalajoki. Through the four seasons, the Nordic nature is at its best here in Kalajoki. Through the four seasons, the Nordic nature is at its best here in Kalajoki. Through the four seasons, the Nordic nature is at its best here in Kalajoki.

DETAILS

Languages:
Year-round

SAND & SNOW YOGA

Experience the soft touch of nature or the cold embrace of an extreme experience. Sand, snow and ice have dominated the local surroundings for centuries. Local lifestyle and livelihood have based on these elements, and at the hard times people have sought strength and peace from nature. This product combines easy yoga movements, winter and outdoors. When there’s no snow, the product changes into a beautiful forest and people. More information here: santahotels.fi/en/sustainability.

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DESTINATION ROKUA

FINLAND’S FIRST UNESCO GLOBAL GEPARK

Experience Finland’s stunning natural landscape at its best in Finland’s first UNESCO Global Geopark. Shaped by the Ice Age, the spectacular scenery of Rokua Geopark opens up endless opportunities to explore and enjoy.

There are over 145 UNESCO Global Geoparks in over 40 countries around the world, each with its own distinctive theme. The theme of Rokua Geopark is the Ice Age, its story is embedded in the history of the unique bedrock of the Geopark that spans millennia. Geology has influenced the development of the area’s biodiversity, history, archaeology, culture and human settlement in many ways.

Rokua Geopark comprises three different landscape areas: the Oulujoki River Valley, Lake Oulujärvi and the Rokua Eskers and Dune area. Together they form an unbroken area covering over 1,300 m². The Geopark begins in the town of Muhos, about 20 km from the city of Oulu, continuing for over 90 km to the southeast to the northern part of Lake Oulujärvi. The legacy of the Ice Age and the history of the area’s development can be seen in the natural phenomena of Rokua Geopark, with its high dunes and deep kettle holes hidden deep within its boundless forests, spectacular sandy shorelines along its glistening lakes and rivers, and boreal forests carpeted with white lichen, mushrooms and berries. Come and explore!

ROKUA

Number of beds (total): Approx. 400 beds
Number of hotels: 2 hotels
Number of cottages: 40 cottages
Hiking trails in km: Approx. 140 km
Skiing tracks: Approx. 120 km (+ approx. 8 km multifunctional tracks)
Snow season: November-April, depending on conditions
Winter activities: Cross-country skiing, snowshoe hiking, fat biking, ice fishing, snowmobiling, guided nature treks, winter swimming, under ice diving in clear water lakes
Summer activities: Hiking, canoeing, Nordic walking, swimming, fishing, tennis, mini golf, picking berries and mushrooms, volleyball, badminton, basketball, roller skating, mountain biking, biking, fat biking, Geocaching.
Year-round activities & services: Wellbeing services

Top attractions in the area:
Finland’s first UNESCO Global Geopark
Rokua National Park
The lake Oulujärvi recreational area
Geopark exhibitions in village centres

Sustainability:
Rokua Geopark, and its 48 partner companies, are committed to the UNESCO Sustainable Development Goals.

ACCESSIBILITY
Airports: Closest airport Oulu, (approx. 90 km/ 1 h, 15 min.)
Train stations: Train stations in Muhos, Utajärvi and Vaala are located inside the Geopark area. Shortest distance to Rokua area, and the biggest hotel, is 23 kilometers.

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Finland Outdoor Destination 2018
Rokua Esker and Rokua Geopark were selected as the Finnish outdoors destination of the year 2018!

Rokua’s USPS
- Finland’s first UNESCO Global Geopark
- Rokua National Park
- The lake Oulujärvi recreational area
- Excellent skiing and hiking routes
- Good hotels and tourism services
- Wide range of cabins
- Expertise in fishing services
- Recognized Finnish architecture sites
- Educational programs
- Rokua Geopark mobile app for Android and iOS devices
- Situated close by to the city of Oulu and Oulu airport
- Geopark exhibitions in village centres

Humanpolis LTD / Rokua UNESCO Global Geopark
Founded: Humanpolis was founded in 2010
Services for tour operators: FAM trips
Guidance for hiking: Liminka Bay Visitor Centre
Visitor Centre / Tourist Information: Geopark Exhibitions in village centres of Muhos, Utajärvi and Vaala (opening during 2020-2021)
**ROKUA NATIONAL PARK**

Rokua National Park is a unique combination of geology, nature and culture. Area has plenty to offer all year-round: you won’t run out of things to do or places to explore.

In the winter, you can admire the snow-capped pines. Popular winter activities include cross-country skiing and snowshoe walking. During the summer, you can try your hand at trekking, berry and mushroom picking, mountain biking and kayaking.

When you explore the esker ridges, sand hills and kettle hole lakes of Rokua it’s easy to see the clear traces of the Ice Age that explain why this area forms part of Finland’s first UNESCO Geopark. Family-friendly trails lead through the park’s wooded sand hills, where the forest floor is covered with silvery lichens. Scattered through the park are many kettle hole lakes nestling in sandy hollows.

Rokua National Park is located in Northern Ostrobothnia in Muhos, Vaala and Utajärvi municipalities.

**NATURAL FEATURES**

- Traces of the Ice Age
- Ancient dunes
- Sunny southern slopes
- Kettle-hole ponds
- Mires

**Activities**

- Trekking
- MTB
- Skiing
- Snowshoeing
- Berry and mushroom picking
- Admiring the sights and the views

**Accessibility**

- By car

**Sustainability**

- Guidelines for the cooperating nature tourism entrepreneurs are used, visitors are informed for example how to act in the nature-friendly way, the number of visitors is monitored, reusable and natural material is used in buildings etc.

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**Season:** Year-round accessible

**Established:** The National Park was established 1956.

**Sights:** Traces of the Ice Age, such as the ancient dunes, the sunny southern slopes, the kettle-hole ponds and the mires, can clearly be seen in the terrain.

**Activities:** Trekking, MTB, skiing, snowshoeing, berry and mushroom picking, admiring the sights and the views

**Service for visitors:** Campfire sites, Lapp ‘kota’ huts, an open wilderness hut, an observation tower, dry toilets. Services provided by the cooperating partners are also available.

**Note:** The area is managed by Metsähallitus, Parks & Wildlife Finland, Ostrobothnia–Kainuu.

**POOKI TRAIL - SELF GUIDED TOUR**

The Pooki Trail, 4 km, takes visitors to the magnificent scenery of Pookivaara Hill, the heart of the Rokua National Park. The main starting point for the trail is the Pooki parking area. Between trail and parking area is one kilometer long transition route. The Pooki trail, which is marked with blue markings, has information boards along the trail describing the natural features and culture in the area, a Lapp hut by the Lake Pitkäjärvi, and the fire guard hut and tower on top of the Pookivaara Hill where fire guards used to live. By the ponds along the trail you will find benches, where you can have a rest and enjoy the silence. The route is well suited for independent traveling and families.

**Season:** May-end of September

**Duration:** 3 h

**Distance:** 4 km (6 km incl. connection path)

**Starting point:** Pooki parking area (WGS84-coordinates N 64.57084 E 26.48992)

**Recommended to take:** Outdoor outfit, map of Rokua National Park, cellphone needed

**LAMMINAHO FARM**

Lamminaho Farm is a museum or cultural heritage. The National Board of Antiquities has given it into care of Vaala municipality. Lamminaho farm was founded the 1750s and it is an exceptionally well-preserved example of old buildings and Finnish peasant way of life by River Oulujoki.

Today it is a heritage house and a local museum. The view of the river and surrounding fields is really beautiful.

Old storages, barn and main building with various old objects bring back memories from the past.

**Guided tours for groups**

In Lamminaho you can spend a whole day exploring buildings and objects within them, the oldest of which are from the late 1700s. You can have a guided tour and drink coffee by the cozy cabin table. You can also pre-order lunch for your group.

**Events**

On summer weekends there are different events you can take part.

**Lamminaho Talo**

**Founded:** 1996

**Opening hours:** The museum is open in summer, check the opening hours on the website or on the FB site

**Service offered:** Guided tours, coffee and snacks; meals for groups on request

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**WILD BOREALIS**

**WINTER ACTIVITY TOUR**

Discover nature from the sea and meet friendly huskies. Explore Oulu region from the sea. We visit an old fishing village. The snowmobile takes you through the forest to the Ostrobothian sea. The ice is very thick, that's why it is safe to drive there. On the husky farm live tens of friendly dogs. You can join a dog sledge ride or just take photos and pet the dogs. They love to be stroked by people. When you feel cold, you can drink warm juice. Ice fishing is very relaxing. Fish are nipping and you feel it through the fishing line. Sometimes catches are enormous (especially in spring).

**DETAILS**

- **Season:** From late December to late March
- **Duration:** 5-6 hours
- **Languages:** English, Swedish, a bit German and French
- **Participants:** 2-9 pax
- **Starting point & time:** Oulu, 21h
- **Services included:** Transportation from and to Oulu, coffee/tea with biscuits, possibly to borrow some winter clothes and shoes
- **Optional:** Grilling sausages and staying overnight in a tent

**ACCESSIBILITY:**

- **Language:** English, German, French
- **Founded:** 2016, family-owned company
- **Built:** 2016, 2019
- **Season:** Year-round
- **Languages:** English, German, Swedish
- **Number & type of accommodation:** 2 cottages, holiday apartment, double rooms
- **Accommodation facilities:**
  - Cottage Taikaloora: Max. 4 sleeping places; one double bed, one couch which can be changed to bed for two persons and a “gallery/balcany”. Small kitchen is equipped with oven, micro, refrigerator and coffee maker. Modern toilet and shower. Free Wi-Fi.
  - Cottage Villa Salmon: For max. 6 persons including 2 bedrooms, living room with a kitchen and Lakeside sauna. Oven, micro, refrigerator, dish washer, Marshall-stereos, TV, Weber-grill, modern toilet, shower. Free Wi-Fi.
  - Holiday apartment: Max. 4 persons, 50 m². Double bed, one couch which can be changed to bed for 2. Small kitchen with oven, refrigerator, dish washer, micro. Modern toilet, shower. Own sauna in separate building. Free Wi-Fi.
  - Spa & Wellness: 3 lake view saunas
- **Activities offered:**
  - Summer: Fishing, hiking, swimming, berry picking, mushroom picking, outdoor activities
  - Winter: Nordic skiing, ice fishing, snow shoeing, snow scooting
- **Note:** Pets are not allowed, 1km to the next supermarket, free parking places available
- **Accessibility:** Oulu airport (96 km), Vaala railway station (1 km), pickup service on request

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**NORTHERN LIGHTS TRIPS**

Let’s go hunting Northern Lights! In the evening we go to the best location and wait there for the lights. The places are 20-30 minutes away from Oulu centre. We could also ski or do the snowmobile walk while we wait for the auroras. Skis, poles and snowshoes are available from the guide.

**ACCESSIBILITY:**

- **Language:** English, German, Swedish
- **Founded:** 2016, 2019
- **Season:** Year-round
- **Languages:** English, German, Swedish
- **Number & type of accommodation:** 2 cottages, holiday apartment, double rooms
- **Accommodation facilities:**
  - Cottage Taikaloora: Max. 4 sleeping places; one double bed, one couch which can be changed to bed for two persons and a “gallery/balcany”. Small kitchen is equipped with oven, micro, refrigerator and coffee maker. Modern toilet and shower. Free Wi-Fi.
  - Cottage Villa Salmon: For max. 6 persons including 2 bedrooms, living room with a kitchen and Lakeside sauna. Oven, micro, refrigerator, dish washer, Marshall-stereos, TV, Weber-grill, modern toilet, shower. Free Wi-Fi.
  - Holiday apartment: Max. 4 persons, 50 m². Double bed, one couch which can be changed to bed for 2. Small kitchen with oven, refrigerator, dish washer, micro. Modern toilet, shower. Own sauna in separate building. Free Wi-Fi.
  - Spa & Wellness: 3 lake view saunas
- **Activities offered:**
  - Summer: Fishing, hiking, swimming, berry picking, mushroom picking, outdoor activities
  - Winter: Nordic skiing, ice fishing, snow shoeing, snow scooting
- **Note:** Pets are not allowed, 1km to the next supermarket, free parking places available
- **Accessibility:** Oulu airport (96 km), Vaala railway station (1 km), pickup service on request

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**TAIKALOORA**

**IDYLLIC LAKESIDE COTTAGES & APARTMENT**

Taikaloora is a family-owned Finnish company, which offers accommodation in idyllic lakeside cottages and in a holiday apartment. In addition to this as a quest of Taikaloora you can experience different kinds of nature activities typical for Finland like fishing, hiking, Nordic skiing etc.

**Accommodation**

Taikaloora offers accommodation in idyllic lakeside cottages and in a holiday apartment/rooms.

**Cottages**

The first idyllic cottage, Taikaloora was built in 2016. It is situated just beside the lake Oulujärvi, which is Finland’s fifth biggest lake. There is room for max. 4 people to sleep. Both the small kitchen and the bathroom are functionally equipped. The cozy fire place is one of the cottage’s highlights. The use of the wood-heated lake view sauna is included in the rental price and without doubt a must-do.

Another stylish and modern cottage, Villa Salmon, was built in 2019. The lakeview sauna is also included in the price as well as own an pier, beach, rowing boat and well equipped grilling hut.

**Holiday apartment**

The stylish holiday apartment for 4 persons is situated just beside the lake Oulujärvi and close to services of Vaala.

**Spectacular saunas with lake view**

These saunas are something you have to experience! When you are relaxing in the sauna, you have an amazing view over the lake Oulujärvi. You can see 23 kilometers of water in front of you with beautiful islands. These saunas are built in traditional Finnish style and are powered by wood, of course. Just jump into the water for cooling yourself and then back to the warmth of these amazing saunas.

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**Wild Borealis offers nature trips around the year. Hiking, trekking, fishing, all with photography. In addition, day trips to Rovaniemi, Santa Claus, meetings, Arctic Circle, Aurora Borealis, etc.**

**Languages:** English, German, French.

**Founded:** 2014

**Operating season:** Year-round

**Services offered:** Accommodation (details on request)

**Summer:** Fishing, hiking, trekking, photography tours

**Winter:** Reindeer, husky, snowmobile, cross-country skiing, snowshoe, ski trekking, Christmas. New year packages. Northern lights tours

**Year-round:** Nature trips, photography lessons, trips to Lapland

**Rental:** Equipment rental for all activities

**Accessibility:** Transfer also from Oulu airport and train station.
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WILDERNESS HOTEL & LOG CABINS

The flavor of life at Rokuanhovi with scent of smoke sauna, pure and natural scenery in the UNESCO Geopark area and the shimmering lake Jaakonjärvi. Rokuanhovi’s sturdy log house has 24 guest rooms and restaurant Hovin Krouvi serving tasty food. We also have 10 cute cabins, several saunas and meeting rooms. Owner of the hotel is Olympic skier Keijo Kurttila and his wife Mira Kurttila. Rokuanhovi serves nature tourists, active walkers, adventurers, and life enthusiasts. As a part of the holiday, we can arrange various outdoor recreation activities for your group, such as hiking or skiing in Rokua’s beautiful national park or fishing in Jaakonjärvi.

Hotel rooms Rokuanhovi

The hotel has 24 hotel rooms with 20 standard and 4 new standard rooms. Simply furnished rooms with work desk, TV, seating area and free Wi-Fi. Each room has a bathroom with shower. The hotel has a free sauna each evening. Restaurant Hovin Krouvi serves delicious food. Smoking is prohibited in all rooms. Pets are allowed in some of the rooms. We charge an extra fee for pets staying at the hotel.

Cottages Rokuanhovi

Despite simple facilities you won’t miss anything essential in the cottages. The small kitchen with two hotplates, microwave, fridge and coffee machine offers you self-catering possibilities. Alternatively, you can of course enjoy the great cuisine of the hotel’s own Restaurant Hovin Krouvi. The table offers four seating possibilities; on the lower floor are two separate beds. The upper sleeping area offers space for two or three additional beds, respectively mattresses. The built-in wardrobe offers storage space. In the bathroom you find shower and toilet.

VISIT TO FARM KURTITLA

Spend an unforgettable day on the farm. You can experience rural life by admiring, rubbing and feeding farm animals. These includes cows, reindeer, rabbits, dogs, and three-legged Paavo cat. From farm you are transported to the campfire (in winter, by a snowmobile). Finally, you have opportunity to make coffee or hot cocoa and pancakes.

Season: Year-round Duration: 1-3 h Participants: 10-40 Pax Services included: Guide, all fishing equipment, drysuit, floating jackets, glasses, beverages, coffee, snacks (a chance for a break to grill sausages during the day), cleaning the fish to take home.

ACCOMMODATION & ACTIVITIES

MODERN LOG VILLA AND SMOKE SAUNA

Rokuan Lomahuvilat offers accommodation in House Villa Rokua Tähti in a prime location in the Rokua Geopark. The Villa Rokua Tähti is not far from Ruokua Health & Spa, the National Park Ruokua and skiing tracks are easy to reach.

Villa Rokua Tähti

Rokua Tähti is a modern, spacious villa for 20 persons. There are a total of 10 bedrooms, a very well equipped kitchen, a sauna, showers, a balcony and a terrace.

Traditional smoke sauna Tähtisavu

Experience traditional Finnish smoke sauna and relax in the hot bath. It has been selected as the best Finnish smoke sauna in 2014. The smoke sauna is ideal for groups of 10-18 persons and it is located near the holiday cottage Rokua (Tähti) Star. You can find the smoke sauna, showers and toilet facilities, a dressing room and lounge room in the same building. There is a hot tub for 10-12 persons on the terrace. During the sauna bath you can try a local herbs products or enjoy herbal drinks. There is towels, shampoo, seat covers and other things you need to take a sauna. Sauna Guide services available in English. Sauna snacks available on order. Smoke sauna and hot bath experiences on order.

Details

Founded: 2015, family-run company
Built: Cottages were built in 1983, hotel rooms in 1997-98. Hotel rooms were renovated in 2019. The cottages are currently being renovated.
Season: Year-round, except between Christmas and New Year.
Languages: English
Number & type of accommodation: 24 hotel rooms including 20 standard and 4 new standard, 10 simple equipped cottages. The cottages can accommodate 4 people.
Accommodation facilities: Hotel rooms: 2 beds (double bed or twin), private bathroom, shower, toilet, TV, desk and chair, some rooms (fridge), seating area, bed linen, towels, heating, all rooms include Wi-Fi free of charge.
Cottages: The small kitchen with two hotplates, microwave, fridge and coffee machine offers self-catering possibilities. The table offers four seating possibilities; on the lower floor are two separate beds. The upper sleeping area offers space for two or three additional beds, respectively mattresses. The built-in wardrobe offers storage space in the bathroom you find shower and toilet.

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FISHING DAY

Fishing is a great opportunity to relax and enjoy nature, and the catch can be really rewarding. Experience jigging with different techniques at Oulu or Oulu胸口. It is also possible to fish with a jerk or spoon. Learn new techniques and get new experiences. Our target species are northern pike, pike perch and pike, but also rainbow trout or brown trout. During the day we can cook a fish for a small snack. We have a new fishing boat for 7 persons (guide and 6 customers). There are many types of fishing equipment in the boat, so it’s possible to change fishing techniques quickly if so desired.

Kayak fishing trip (1-10 pax) is also available.

Details

Season: May-October
Duration: 6-7 hours Languages: English
Participants: 1-6 pax, larger groups on request
Minimum age: 7 years
Starting point: Utsjoki or Vaala
Services included: Guide, all fishing equipment, drysuit, floating jackets, glasses, beverages, coffee, snacks (a chance for a break to grill sausages during the day), cleaning the fish to take home.
Optional services: Fishing permits, meals (fish soup, vennison soup, grilled fish or meat), cottage accommodation by Oulu river. Note: Lake fishing trips can be tailored to your needs and wishes.

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ATTESON FISHING

HIGH-QUALITY COTTAGES AT A LAKESHORE AND YEAR-ROUND ACTIVITIES

Atteson Fishing service is a versatile fishing and traveling company from Northern Finland. Atteson’s focus is to provide guided tours and professional fishing trips in Oulu region and around Rokua. Services include summer and winter activities, fishing trips and tours as well as cozy year-round lakeside cottage accommodation surrounded by nature, in picturesque landscape of Rokua.

Cottage Rokuan Unelma
Rokuan Unelma is a comfortable lakeside cottage with all modern amenities. The cottage is built in three levels and is suitable for up to 6 persons.

Cottage Kirvesjärven Simpukka
Kirvesjärven Simpukka is a cozy lakeside cottage 30 m from Rokuan Unelma cottage and they can be rented together if needed. This cottage is suitable for up to 4 persons.

Cottage Rokua & Lake Kirvesjärvi area
Rokua & Lake Kirvesjärvi area is perfect for people who love peace and quiet, nature, hiking, fishing etc. Full service fishing excursions can be arranged with Atteson Fishing.

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ACCOMMODATION DETAILS

Bedroom with two twin beds, baby cot and a bed for children (upstairs); bedroom with double bed, living room incl. sofabed, fireplace, kitchen area and dining table (middle floor); 2 toilets, hot tub on terrace, barbecue house, patio with dining area and stairways to a pier.

Spa & Wellness: Electric sauna in Rokuan Unelma cottage and hot tub on the terrace; Kirvesjärven Simpukka cottage wood warmed sauna.

Activities offered: Summer: fishing, canoeing, cruises, mountain + fatbike. Atteson services well equipped fishing boats can carry up to 20 persons. Hard-top AMT 215 PM trolling boat for six persons. There are all, luxury equipment for trolling and casting. There are also high quality electronics for spotting the best fishing places. The boat has good facilities; toilet, fridge, heater, cabin etc.

Winter: Ice fishing, snowmobile, snow shoe walking, ice-bathing, Christmas/New year packages, Northern lights tours.

Rental: 20 hp motorboat (4 meters) for casting, fishing rods and reels, fatbikes, snowshoes, canoes, SUP boards.

Note: Pets allowed, supermarket in 17 km, parking places available.

Packages: can be organized.

Accessibility: Oulu Airport (80 km), Utajärvi train station (20 km), transfer on request.

Sustainability: Use of local food, commitment to the environment.

TROLLING IN LAKE OULUJÄRVI
Atteson Fishing organizes fishing safaris to the third largest open water area of Finland, Niskanselkä Lake Oulujärvi is famous for its large fishes, and is an excellent Lake for trolling.

Trolling:pike, pike-perch, perch and lake trout in beautiful Lake Oulujärvi in clean Finnish nature.

Season: 15.05.-30.09.
Duration: 8 h
Languages: English
Participants: 1-16 pax
Minimum age: 6 years
Starting point & time: Lake Oulujärvi, 10 h
Services included: Guiding, fishing licenses, fishing equipment, light lunch, soft drinks and tea/coffee on the boat.
Optional services: Transfers, protective clothing.
MERILÄN KARTANO

HOTEL & RESTAURANT IN THE FINNISH COUNTRYSIDE

Experience Finnish Countrylife!

Merilän Kartano (Merila Manor) is a restaurant & hotel for feasting and meetings, up to 270 customers and a four-star hotel for 42 people. It is situated in Rokua Geopark area within a bit over half an hour drive from the city of Oulu and its airport. It is located by the river Oulu-joki close to the centre of Utajärvi municipality, still surrounded by the peaceful and beautiful Finnish countryside.

Accommodation

Merilän Kartano offers accommodation in modern rooms, bestowed with four stars. Two of the rooms are allowed for pets.

Restaurant & sauna

Merilän Kartano serves delicious local food that is nationally known. The hotel also has three saunas by the river, one of them being a real traditional “smoke sauna”. You can also enjoy a range of other memo-

Surrounding

A tar route, which is both a summer (hiking) and winter (skiing) trail passes Merilän Kartano. A snowmobile track also runs only 100 meters from Merilän Kartano.

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ROKUA HEALTH & SPA

WELLNESS SPA HOTEL AT ROKUA GEOPARK

Rokua Health & Spa Hotel welcomes all visitors to a wellness spa hotel in a stunning natural environment, complete with unhurried silence and optimal services. Rokua Health & Spa Hotel is surrounded by magnificent nature and situated at Rokua Geopark, nearby Rokua National Park.

Activities offered:
- Summer: Nordic Walking, swimming, fishing (independently or guided), kayaking, mini golf, guided nature trek, Starry sky
- Winter: Cold well, a traditional sauna, a Finnish and Turkish sauna, reservation saunas (2-6 long exercise swimming pool, a young children’s wading pool, a 25-meter-long exercise swimming pool, a young children’s wading pool, a cold well, a traditional sauna, a Turkish sauna, reservation saunas (2-6 people), and smoke sauna (by booking only). A Luxurious Day Spa.

WINTER PACKAGE

This package is non-guided (guide can be prebooked)
- Own/ team choice, use of pools, saunas and gym; rental of mountainbikes and helmet
- 3 nights in a twin room with breakfast included, program by own
- Services included: snowshoe, husky, reindeer farm; included, free usage of swimming pools/ saunas and gym according to opening hours
- Optional services: transfers from/ to Oulu airport, alcoholic drinks, ice-fishing, cross-country ski, room supplement, winter clothing.

Note: Possibility to combine to Christmas package 23.-26.12.

CYCLING AND TREKKING HOLIDAY AT ROKUA GEOPARK

Individual summer or autumn holiday at Rokua Health & Spa including mountainbike tours and hiking trips at Rokua Geopark.

Day 1 - Arrival: Arrival at Oulu airport. Transportation to Rokua Health & Spa by additional fee.
- Check in and settle down. Dinner is served at hotel restaurant.
- As a member of Rokua Geopark network Rokua Health & Spa hotel is committed to the UNESCO sustainable development goals.

Day 2 - Mountainbike tour in Rokua Geopark: Enjoy yourself in the beautiful natural setting of Rokua Geopark. You can enjoy Rokua from a completely new perspective by cycling the different routes, stopping by the signs telling the ice-age stories. Cross-country cycling is a fun and ecological way to get to know your environment. Shaped by the landscape, the terrain at Rokua Geopark is guaranteed to increase your heart rate and fitness and ensures great moments in our peaceful nature.

Day 3 - Cycling or trekking: You can cycle another route at Rokua Geopark or you can choose a path towards nearby villages to see and feel the local life in the Finnish countryside. Take a look at the map and make your own choice. Our personal will help you with recommendations.
- Optional: Hiking along Emperor’s Trail, duration about 8-9 h.
- Long guided hiking through the lichen-covered landscape. The characteristic features of the forest and the land forms shaped by the Ice Age: glacial ridges, pine and lichen-clad heaths, kettle holes and small ponds filled with clear crystal water. Lunch at the camp.

Day 4 - Guided Hiking in Rokua Geopark: After breakfast we go hiking in Rokua’s easy trails which is wonderful and nice relaxing experience. The characteristic features of the area are the landforms shaped by the Ice Age: glacial ridges, pine and lichen-clad heaths, kettle holes and small ponds filled with clear crystal water. Check-out individual transfer to the airport by additional fee.

More options: Canoeing or kayaking or SUP boarding, getting to know the local culture, visit the local museum, visit the arts exhibition.

Day 5 - Leisure time and Finnish Saturday Sauna:
- Breakfast, guided snowshoeing at Rokua Geopark, fun on the snowy hills with soft drinks. Optional activities in the afternoon: ice fishing on the lake, cross country skiing.

Day 6 - Departure:
- Breakfast, packing and check out. Drive to the Oulu airport (transfer by additional fee).

Languages: English
Participants: 4-25 pax, possible groups: 4-10 pax or 11-25 pax. Price depends on group size

SUMMER & AUTUMN PACKAGE

Individual summer or autumn holiday at Rokua Health & Spa including mountainbike tours and hiking trips at Rokua Geopark.

Package: 3-4 nights in a twin room either with breakfast or half-board, program by own
- Services included: snowshoe, husky, reindeer farm; included, free usage of swimming pools/ saunas and gym according to opening hours
- Optional services: transfers from/ to Oulu airport, alcoholic drinks, ice-fishing, cross-country ski, room supplement, winter clothing.

Note: Possibility to combine to Christmas package 23.-26.12.

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WINTER PACKAGE

Enjoy a six-day stay in winter Rokua and look forward to a varied mix of activities and relaxation.

Program:
- Day 1 - Arrival: Arrival at Oulu Airport at approx. 14h and drive to Rokua at 16h. Arrival at Rokua with check-in. Dinner at Finnish Kotta teeppee by frozen Lake Ahvenarien (program and dinner included, transfer and alcoholic drinks by additional fee)
- Day 2 - Snowshoeing: Breakfast, guided snowshoeing at Rokua Geopark, fun on the snowy hills with soft drinks. Optional activities in the afternoon: ice fishing on the lake, cross country skiing (additional fee). Hotel pools and saunas in use free of charge. Dinner
- Day 3 - Reindeer farm visit: Visit a real Finnish farm with a huge number of reindeers. Stories and lunch served by the owner family (approx. 5 h) Return to the hotel. Free-time and dinner
- Day 4 - Husky safari: Husky safari, meet and drive huskies (approx. 6 h tour)
- Day 6 - Departure: Breakfast, packing and check out. Drive to the Oulu airport (transfer by additional fee).
LAUKANRANTA B&B
Laukanranta B&B offers traditional Bed & Breakfast in the beautiful village of Laitasaari in Muhos. Laukanranta B&B is on the bank of the River Oulujoki, close to public transport connections and just a 20-minute drive from Oulu.

Accommodation: Laukanranta B&B offers accommodation in an old log house or in an idyllic wooden guest cottage with a loft.
- Apartment: The approx. 50 m² large apartment for 3-5 persons is located on the top floor of the main building.
- Guest cottage Luhtiaitta: The guest cottage provides four differently sized rooms. There is one room 1 for 2 persons, one room 2 for 3-4 persons, one room 3 for 3-4 persons and one room 4 for 3-5 persons.

Details:
- Founded: 2013
- Year-round
- Languages: English
- Pets are allowed for a fee

Activities Offered:
- Winter: Skiing, nordic walking, observing aurora borealis
- Cycling, canoeing, swimming, rowing, fishing

Rental:
- mountain bikes, fatbikes, kayaks, canoes, sup boards

Sustainability:
- Slow travel, nature based tourism, activities do not harm the eco system, owners have a sense of responsibility towards the environment, owners are nature counsellors

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ACTIVE CAMPING MONTTA
Traditional campsite next to Oulujoki river about 30 km from Oulu. Montta Active Camping offers cottages, caravan places, an area for tenting, lots of activities.

Accommodation:
On the campsite there are 11 basic cottages for 2-6 persons with beds and fridges. Two of these smaller cottages are also equipped with a traditional Finnish sauna. Toilets and showers are situated in the service building. In addition, there are two bigger cottages that can accommodate six people. There are four beds upstairs, a sofa bed for additional two people downstairs, an own sauna, shower, toilet, kitchen and TV. Moreover there is the possibility for tree tenting or spending a night in a tree with hammocks.

Details:
- Founded: Campsite has started on year 1958, family-run
- Last renovation: 2016 Season: Year-round
- Languages: English
- Number & type of accommodation: 22 cottages in total. 11 basic cottages and two bigger ones with more facilities, 40 caravan pitches, tenting or sleeping with hammocks at trees
- Accommodation facilities:
  - Basic cottages: beds, bunk beds or sofa beds, fridges, bathrooms, sauna, showers, toilet, kitchen and TV
  - Two bigger cottages: a traditional Finnish sauna. Toilets and showers are situated in the service building.

Spa & Wellness:
- Two traditional wooden sauna and electric sauna
- Activities offered:
  - Self guided in summer: Hiking, cycling by fatbike, berry and mushroom picking, fishing
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  - Self-guided in winter: Cross country skiing, ice fishing
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Rental:
- Fatbike, snowshoes, kayaks

Accessibility:
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OKUS BOOKING CENTRE
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- Year-round
- Languages: English
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LAUKANRANTA B&B
Laukanranta B&B offers traditional Bed & Breakfast in the beautiful village of Laitasaari in Muhos. Laukanranta B&B is on the bank of the River Oulujoki, close to public transport connections and just a 20-minute drive from Oulu.

Accommodation: Laukanranta B&B offers accommodation in an old log house or in an idyllic wooden guest cottage with a loft.
- Apartment: The approx. 50 m² large apartment for 3-5 persons is located on the top floor of the main building.
- Guest cottage Luhtiaitta: The guest cottage provides four differently sized rooms. There is one room 1 for 2 persons, one room 2 for 3-4 persons, one room 3 for 3-4 persons and one room 4 for 3-5 persons.

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ACTIVE CAMPING MONTTA
Traditional campsite next to Oulujoki river about 30 km from Oulu. Montta Active Camping offers cottages, caravan places, an area for tenting, lots of activities.

Accommodation:
On the campsite there are 11 basic cottages for 2-6 persons with beds and fridges. Two of these smaller cottages are also equipped with a traditional Finnish sauna. Toilets and showers are situated in the service building. In addition, there are two bigger cottages that can accommodate six people. There are four beds upstairs, a sofa bed for additional two people downstairs, an own sauna, shower, toilet, kitchen and TV. Moreover there is the possibility for tree tenting or spending a night in a tree with hammocks.

Details:
- Founded: Campsite has started on year 1958, family-run
- Last renovation: 2016 Season: Year-round
- Languages: English
- Number & type of accommodation: 22 cottages in total. 11 basic cottages and two bigger ones with more facilities, 40 caravan pitches, tenting or sleeping with hammocks at trees
- Accommodation facilities:
  - Basic cottages: beds, bunk beds or sofa beds, fridges, bathrooms, sauna, showers, toilet, kitchen and TV
  - Two bigger cottages: a traditional Finnish sauna. Toilets and showers are situated in the service building.

Spa & Wellness:
- Two traditional wooden sauna and electric sauna
- Activities offered:
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DESTINATION SYÖTE
SOUTHERNMOST FELL AREA IN FINLAND

Syöte, the southernmost fell area in Finland provides lapland-like scenery, attractive accommodation and a range of year-round activities in Syöte National Park.

ACTIVITIES AT SYÖTE NATIONAL PARK
In summer time, you can explore the region by bike, during a hike or by mountain bike. Syöte is known for its excellent route network mountain biking. In winter Syöte offers 120 kilometers of well maintained, scenic tracks for cross-country skiers. The nature can also be explored by snowshoes. The designated campfire spots in Syöte National Park help the skiers and hikers enjoy their breaks. The tracks of Syöte have plenty of room even in the busiest seasons. The Syöte visitor centre offers you all relevant information about possible activities in the region.

SKI RESORTS ISO-SYÖTE & PIKKU-SYÖTE
The two ski resorts Iso-Syöte and Pikku-Syöte are family friendly resorts with slopes that will challenge even the more experienced skiers. The resorts offer a great base for nature-based activities and services in the area.

ACCESSIBILITY
Syöte is easily accessed by public transport. Oulu, the second busiest airport in Finland is relatively close and it enables easy traveling from all over the world.

SYÖTE’S USPs
● Diverse, all year-round nature-based activities that are easy to reach
● Excellent route network to hike and mountainbike
● Real unspoilt wilderness and silence
● Syöte national park and visitor centre
● Family-owned, local entrepreneurs
● Two ski resorts
● Finland’s southernmost fell
● Good accessibility, 3 airports close by

SYÖTE
Number of beds (total): 3,000 beds
Number of hotels: 3
Number of cottages: 250
Hiking trails in km: 120 km
Skiing tracks: Approx. 120 km
Slopes: 17 in Iso-Syöte, 9 in Pikku-Syöte
Snow season: November-April
Winter activities: Downhill skiing, cross-country skiing, snowshoeing, husky safaris, reindeer farms, mountain biking, ice fishing, observatory, wall climbing, snowmobiling, zipline, spa, sauna, northern lights
Summer activities: Biking, downhill biking, hiking, fishing, berry picking, canoeing, river tubing
Year-round activities & services: Syöte Visitor Centre, old log church of Pudasjärvi, log campus

ACCESSIBILITY
Airports: Oulu (150 km), Kuusamo (90 km), Rovaniemi (150 km)
Train stations: Oulu (150 km), Rovaniemi (150 km)
Sustainability: Nature and respecting the nature are one of the core values of the companies operating in Syöte. Therefore, we are actively taking actions towards more sustainable tourism. All the companies in Syöte recycle their organic- and other waste as effectively as possible. There are receptacles for all recyclable material; paper, cardboard, metal and glass. The companies are using local products and suppliers when possible. We prefer hiring local staff. Many of the companies in the region hold a green certificate and are using renewable energy. Syöte region has joined the Sustainable Travel Finland program and is following the footsteps of the program with the goal of receiving Sustainable Travel Finland -certificate.

Syöte Tourism Association
Service for tour operators: FAM trips, brochures, joint marketing campaigns

Tourist information: Syöte Booking Centre
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SYÖTE NATIONAL PARK

The wild wooded hills of Syöte provide an ideal setting for many activities. Ski-trek through the magical snow-covered winter forests, or pedal up hill and down dale along the park’s fine mountain-biking routes. In the old spruce forests of Syöte, you can hear the twittering of red-billed blue tits, and on the nature trails, you can familiarize yourself with the natural features of Syöte. The log cabin sauna at Ahmatupa in the heart of the park is a great place to soothe your body and soul. In Syöte National Park you can go on an active holiday onto the peaceful wooded hills and enjoy the outdoor life!

Visitor Centre and Services

Syöte Visitor Centre is the main information centre in the Syöte National Park. Guided tours, presentations, exhibitions, hiking information concerning the park and the nearby areas. The exhibition presents the natural features and history of the Syöte National Park. The cooperation parties provide services in the Syöte National Park. These cooperating parties have entered into an agreement with Metsähallitus and, in their operations, implement the principles of sustainable nature-based tourism when acting in the national park.

Details

- Session: Year-round
- Area: 299 km²
- Accessibility: Syöte National Park is located north of road 20 (Oulu - Kuusamo main road), about 60 km from Pudasjärvi to north
- Activities: Skiing, mountain biking, trekking, geocaching, fishing, birdwatching, snowshoeing, berry and mushroom picking, canoeing
- Sights: The views from the top of Pyhytsi Hill and from the Ahmakallio observation tower, the snow-crowned spruces, the mines where you can pick cloudberrries and cranberries, the Rytkyvaara Crown Tenant Farm, and the traces of the Ice Age in Vottuku Koivine
- Service: A wide variety of services, throughout the year: Syöte Visitor Centre, group tours, day trip huts, open wilderness huts, reservable huts, campfire sites and firewood, dry toilets, lean-to shelters, the reservation-only sauna in the yard of the Ahmatupa hut. Services provided by cooperation parties.

Contact

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Hiking in Syöte national park

The trekking trails (more than 100 km) are well marked. Children and the disabled have been taken into account: some trails are also accessible with a pram or by wheelchair. Those looking for challenges can choose trails that require an overnight stay or longer hikes. Along the trails, you will find rest spots for making a campfire and for overnight stays, such as lean-to shelters and huts. The Syöte Visitor Centre provides trekking tips.

Example self-guided hiking tour: Hiking to Rytkyvaara

Take a hiking tour to explore the history of the Syöte area and the spectacular nature of the national park! The ten km hike takes visitors to the wilderness, which is inaccessible by road, lying at the very heart of the national park. The route leads hikers not only into a beautiful nature setting, but back in time to the 1800s. The restored Rytkyvaara croft’s farmyard and buildings welcome visitors about midway through the trail. The ancient farm is a living tribute to the old days and the magical atmosphere will help you forget all about your busy modern lifestyle. The marked trail to the croft winds through impressive scenery along the banks of small streams and through spruce forests bedecked with beard lichen. Before arriving at Rytkyvaara, you can explore mementoes of the old days along the trail, such as a meadow sauna.

Duration: Between 4 h and 2 days depending on the pace and optional overnight stay

Starting point: The distance from Syötykylä village to Rytkyvaara is about 18 km. The signposts lead you to the Ukonvaara parking area, from where the trail starts. Optional: An overnight stay in a very simply equipped small reservable hut in Rytkyvaara, with a sauna bath in the farmyard’s wilderness sauna. Cost EUR 12 per person Max 8 persons.

Cross-country skiing and snowshoeing

The well-managed ski trails will take you to the gorgeous snowy forests. The ski season often starts in November-December, and at the time of the annual skiing holiday of schools, the cross-country skiing network is at its widest (more than one hundred kilometers long). During winter time snowshoes or skis are essential for moving around the national park due to the thick layer of snow.

Example self-guided showshoe tour: Snowshoeing Adventure in Teerivaara

Snowshoeing is fun and easy! On snowshoe, you can access the places in the National Park which would otherwise be difficult or challenging to reach. Try out marked snowshoeing trails made your own independent snowshoe excursions: are wonderfully inspiring. You can hire snowshoes from the Syöte Visitor Centre. Maps are available from the Syöte Visitor Centre. The Teerivaara snowshoeing trail (6.5 km) will lead the hiker to the top of the Teerivaara Hill.

Duration: 3 h

Starting point: Syöte Visitor Centre Note: Snowshoes can be rented from the Syöte Visitor Centre.

Mountain biking

The mountain biking routes will take you to sections that demand high skills, but also to stretches where you can enjoy the beautiful landscape and pleasant downhill runs. In the Syöte region, there are four mountain bike routes to choose from: by combining these routes, you can pedal close to 110 km.

Canoeing and fishing

In Syöte National Park, you can also canoe. River Parajoki, which flows through the national park, is a popular canoe and fishing destination in the summer. The river is suitable for canoists with some experience. However, even beginners can manage the route when accompanied by a more experienced canoeist.
TOWN OF PUDASJÄRVI

Pudasjärvi Local History Museum
Pudasjärvi Local History Museum is one of the best of its kind in Finland. In the well-maintained area about 10 km from the centre of Pudasjärvi the visitor gets a good look at the ordinary man’s life and the history of log building. log was the main building material in Finland until World War II. The museum opened 1960 in the granary built by the local joiners 101 years earlier. The buildings in the area of about 3 hectares are either weathered grey or painted with the traditional red cooking paint. The museum of the log capital of Finland hosts a valuable collection of over 20 traditional log buildings from cow sheds, barns and homes to a museum of forestry, and a vast array of smaller objects.

Old log church of Pudasjärvi
Next to the museum there is the old log church of Pudasjärvi. The plank covered church dates back to 1781. The bell tower was built ten years earlier. The fence surrounding the cemetery is the world’s longest plank covered log fence. It measures 1371 meters.

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ISO-SYÖTE BIKE PARK

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Iso-Syöte Bike Park’s routes are around 2 km long and there are 6 different trails and more to come. You can rent a bike and gear from Iso-Syöte rental shop. Bike model is a specialized Stumpjumper full suspension bike with 150 mm of suspension travel, which is perfect for downhill biking and also well suitable for trail mountain biking.

DETAILS
Founded: June of 2020
Season: Mid-June-end of September, Sat-Sun, 10-17 h
Service for visitors: Guided trail bike safaris and lessons for endurance biking. Rental shop for full suspension mountain bikes, fatbikes, E-fatbikes and protective gear.

E-FATBIKE SAFARI
E-Fatbikes are here! Easiest way to enjoy beautiful scenery and rolling hills is to take part on our electronic motorized fatbike safari. While the fat tires make moving on snow and sand easy, you have time to enjoy the amazing quiet surroundings.

DETAILS
Season: Mid-June-end of September
Duration: 120 minutes
Languages: English
Participants: 3-10 Pax
Services included: guide services, e-fatbike and helmet

SKI RESORT ISO-SYÖTE

Iso-Syöte ski area is located in the southernmost fell of Finland. Here you can ski on 17 perfectly groomed slopes. We have fantastic learners area, designed for families and beginners. Enjoy the comfort of up-to-date equipment and world class instructing in a unique. Winter Wonderland setting. Iso-Syöte is surrounded by breathtakingly beautiful Syöte National Park and the area gets the biggest snowfall in all of Finland!

The World Ski Awards has selected Ski Resort Iso-Syöte as Finland’s Best Ski Resort in 2017/2018 and 2019.

Iso-Syöte Snowpark is the most versatile snowpark in Finland and it is suitable also for professional athletes. In summer 2020 the Iso-Syöte Bike Park was opened, where you can bike down the specially made tracks and get up the fell with the lift. The Iso-Syöte Bike Park is suitable from beginners to more advanced bikers. Ski Resort Iso-Syöte offers year-round activities and rental equipment.

GUIDED CROSS-COUNTRY SKIING FOR BEGINNERS
Explore the nature by cross country ski with an experienced instructor. Enjoy the quietness of the Syöte National Park and take in the amazing snowy scenery. After this lesson, you master the basics of cross country skiing and then know the funnest and fastest way to wonder snowy forests and nature.

DETAILS
Season: 10.12.2020 - 01.05.2021
Duration: 120 minutes
Languages: English
Participants: 1-30 Pax
Minimum age: 6 years

Ski Resort Iso-Syöte
Languages: English
Note: Family-run company
Operating season: Year-round
Services offered: Summer: Mountain biking, Enduro/ DH biking at Bike Park, hiking, canoeing, kayaking, berry picking, husky farm visits, fishing and outings at the National Park.
Winter: Alpine skiing, snowboarding, cross country skiing, ski schools and coaching, fatbiking safaris, husky safaris, aurora hunting safaris, snowshoe safaris, reindeer safaris and snowmobile safaris.
Year-round: Mountain biking, hiking and outings at the National Park.
Rental: Alpine skiing and snowboarding gear for beginners and pro’s, cross country skiing gear for classic and skating style, snowshoes, fatbikes, e-fatbikes and full suspension mountain bikes and snowmobiles.

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**SYOTTEEN ERÄPALVELUT**

**HUSKY SAFARI 12 KM**

After learning how to handle the husky sledge you will start a 12 km long husky safari through the forest, two persons per husky team. The tour takes about one hour. After the safari you will hear more about the huskies and their life and you will have coffee or tea and sweet bun in lappish tepee. Duration of the whole program is about 3.5 hours.

**DETAILS**
- **Season:** December-mid April
- **Duration:** 2-3.5 h of which 1 h husky safari
- **Languages:** English
- **Participants:** 4-30 max, 2 persons/sledge

**Starting point & time:** Syötteen Eräpalvelut huskyfarm, time to be agreed.

**Services included:** Guided husky safari, outdoor equipment (overalls, shoes, cloveasar, coffee/tea, pastry)

**Optional services:** 1 person/sledge at extra charge

**1-DAY HUSKY SAFARI**

After learning how to handle the husky sledge you will start a day tour with the huskies. Two persons per husky team. The route will take you through the fells and ever frozen rivers in the beautiful winter landscape close to the National Park of Syöte. During the safari you will stop for a picnic lunch by campfire.

**DETAILS**
- **Season:** December-mid April
- **Duration:** 5-6 h
- **Languages:** English

Participants: Min. 6 pax

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**RIVERTUBING**

Cuddled river program where you will have your own tube to go with and all safety equipments and instructions. Together with the group you will go about 5 km on the idyllic river Päijänne. There are two nice rapids on the way. Swimming skills needed.

**DETAILS**
- **Season:** June-September
- **Duration:** Approx. 2.5 h
- **Languages:** English
- **Participants:** 4-12 pax per group. Bigger groups also possible with e.g. 2 groups (more time)
- **Minimum age:** 7 years
- **Starting point & time:** Starting point to be agreed. 13 h
- **Services included:** Guide, transfer within Syöte area, equipment (wetsuit, helmet, life vest)

Optional services: Possibility for snacks and meals as well as sauna near the riverside for additional fee

**ACCOMMODATION & PACKAGES**

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**Accommodation for every taste**
We have a large selection of cottages, holiday apartments and hotel rooms at the Syote area. How about a modern and high quality cottage at the base of the fell close to the slopes, or a small and inexpensive apartment just next to the cross-country skiing track or having some own privacy in a cottage surrounded by nature? We will find from our large and diverse selection of accommodations a suitable alternative for every taste.

**Extensive package of services**
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**Meetings and other events**
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**Starting point & time:** Syötteen Eräpalvelut huskyfarm, time to be agreed.

**Services included:** Guided husky safari, outdoor equipment (overalls, shoes, cloveasar), coffee/tea, pastry

**Optional services:** 1 person/sledge at extra charge

**1-DAY HUSKY SAFARI**

After learning how to handle the husky sledge you will start a day tour with the huskies. Two persons per husky team. The route will take you through the fells and ever frozen rivers in the beautiful winter landscape close to the National Park of Syöte. During the safari you will stop for a picnic lunch by campfire.

**DETAILS**
- **Season:** December-mid April
- **Duration:** 5-6 h
- **Languages:** English

Participants: Min. 6 pax

Starting point & time: Syötteen Eräpalvelut huskyfarm, time to be agreed.

Services included: Guided husky safari, outdoor equipment (overalls, shoes, cloveasar), coffee/tea, pastry

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**RIVERTUBING**

Cuddled river program where you will have your own tube to go with and all safety equipments and instructions. Together with the group you will go about 5 km on the idyllic river Päijänne. There are two nice rapids on the way. Swimming skills needed.

**DETAILS**
- **Season:** June-September
- **Duration:** Approx. 2.5 h
- **Languages:** English
- **Participants:** 4-12 pax per group. Bigger groups also possible with e.g. 2 groups (more time)
- **Minimum age:** 7 years
- **Starting point & time:** Starting point to be agreed. 13 h
- **Services included:** Guide, transfer within Syöte area, equipment (wetsuit, helmet, life vest)

Optional services: Possibility for snacks and meals as well as sauna near the riverside for additional fee

**ACCOMMODATION & PACKAGES**

Syote Booking Centre is your contact for cottages and apartments in the Syote region.

**Accommodation for every taste**
We have a large selection of cottages, holiday apartments and hotel rooms at the Syote area. How about a modern and high quality cottage at the base of the fell close to the slopes, or a small and inexpensive apartment just next to the cross-country skiing track or having some own privacy in a cottage surrounded by nature? We will find from our large and diverse selection of accommodations a suitable alternative for every taste.

**Extensive package of services**
You can book everything through us, for example the ski passes for Iso-Syote and Hippu-Syote slopes, additional services for your accommodation and all safaris and excursions. You can also order meals delivered directly to your accommodation or reserve a dinner table at the restaurant. If you want to experience the gentle steam of a traditional Finnish smoke sauna or have a relaxing massage, inform us and we’ll book them for you. Let us know what you wish for your holiday. We will find the most suitable accommodation for you and add all the extra services you need.

**Meetings and other events**
We will take care of arrangements for your meetings and group bookings in the most fluent and professional way. The broad landscapes at Syote area give the meetings a whole new meaning and perspective. We have meeting facilities for groups of up to 400 participants. The most southern fell area in Finland offers you excellent possibilities for example for group activities, recreation days or casual pre-Christmas parties.

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**ACCOMMODATION**

**Languages:** English
- **Season:** Year-round

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ACCOMMODATION & ACTIVITIES

KIDE HOTEL BY ISO-SYÖTE

EOCOLOGICAL SKI-IN HOTEL AT THE HEART OF THE SKI RESORT ISO-SYÖTE

KIDE Hotel by Iso-Syöte is a brand-new ski-in hotel at the heart of Ski Resort Iso-Syöte. Location right at the base, only a few meters from the main lifts, ski rental, restaurants and shops. Our guiding value is ecological sustainability, and we warmly welcome climate-conscious guests to our energy efficient hotel. Restaurant, lounge, saunas, event-arena and two gyms can also be found from the hotel area.

DETAELS
Built: November 2019
Note: Family-run company
Operating season: Year-round
Languages: English
Number & type of accommodation: 65 twin/ double rooms with extra bed option, 36 of the rooms are connectable 4 glass roof suites
Restaurants: Restaurant and lounge for breakfast, lunch, dinner and drinks. Restaurant serves Italian style dishes. Also, five other restaurants/bars in 2 km walking distance
Spa & Wellness: Sauna area and two well equipped gyms, sports arena for staying multiple indoor sports. Sauna is free of charge for hotel guests daily, gym is for extra cost
Summer activities: Mountain biking, hiking and outing at the National Park
Winter activities: Alpine skiing, snowboarding, cross country skiing, ski schools and coaching, fatbiking safaris, husky safaris, aurora hunting safaris, snowshoe safaris, reindeer safaris and snowmobile safaris
Year-round: Mountain biking, hiking and outing at the National Park
Equipment rental: Alpine skiing and snowboarding gear for beginners and pros, cross country skiing gear for classic and skating style, snowshoes, fatbikes, e-fatbikes and full suspension mountain bikes and snowcoats
Other services: Sports and event hall for meeting, conference, indoor sport and party venue
Packages: Special packages for groups and FITs for tour operator use
Accessibility: Thursday, Friday and Sunday transfer to/from Oulu airport and train station. Monday-Friday daily connection from Oulu city/train station. Organized transfers from Kuusamo, Oulu and Rovaniemi airports (100-140 km) and trains stations (Oulu 140 km)
Sustainability: KIDE Hotel by Iso-Syöte is one of the nominees for World’s Best Green Ski Hotel 2020. The Green Building Council Finland has selected Kide Hotel as one of the examples of sustainable building projects in Finland 2019

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WINTER PACKAGE

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5 NIGHTS PACKAGE - YOUR ARCTIC EXPERIENCE

Your Arctic Experience 5-nights package is designed for tour operators. The product includes accommodation with breakfast and four of our most popular safaris. It is easy to add transportation, half board and extra activities and services if necessary.
Season: 2020.02.01-17.04.2021, same for winter 2021/22
Participants: Min. 1 pax, max. at least 10 pax (depending on availability)
Duration: 5 days/ 4 nights
Package includes: 5-nights in twin room with breakfast, four guided activities: husky safari (Tuesdays), e-fatbike safari (Wednesdays), aurora hunting with snowshoes (Wednesdays), snowmobile safari (Thursdays), gym – access for the duration of stay, winter clothing included for the duration of safaris
Optional: Airport transfer (Oulu, Kuusamo, Rovaniemi), ski passes, rentals and skischool, winter clothing if the whole stay, half board, special night at a glass roof suite

7 NIGHTS PACKAGE - YOUR ARCTIC EXPERIENCE

Your Arctic Experience 7-nights package is designed to help tour operators construct new packages easily. The product includes accommodation with breakfast and five of our most popular safaris. It is easy to add transportation, half board and extra activities and services if necessary.
Season: 2020.02.01-17.04.2021, same for winter 2021/22
Participants: Min. 1 pax, max. at least 10 pax
Duration: 6 days/ 5 nights
Package includes: 7-nights in twin room with breakfast, 5 guided activities: husky safari (Tuesdays), e-fatbike safari (Wednesdays), aurora hunting with snowshoes (Wednesdays), snowmobile safari (Thursdays), cross country skiing school for beginners (Fridays), gym – access for the duration of stay, winter clothing included for the duration of safaris
Optional: Airport transfer (Oulu, Kuusamo, Rovaniemi), ski passes, rentals and skischool, winter clothing for the whole stay, half board, special night at a glass roof suite

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KUURU GLASS ROOF SUITES

Kuuru glass roof suites are ecologic, locally produced mini log houses equipped with big windows and heated glass roof. The luxury style glass roof suites are perfect for spending nights under starry sky or auroras. These suites are located 500m from the hotel, to minimize the light pollution. Suites have been decorated with high quality, long-lasting Finnish design products.

Number & type: 4 glass roof suites
Facilities: Double bed, bathroom and toilet, mini kitchen with basic equipment, flat screen TV, floor heating, heated glass roof and ceiling, air conditioning, free WiFi
Note: Breakfast buffet at KIDE Hotel’s restaurant is included. The use of the sauna is free of charge, KIDE gym can be used with extra fee

Note:
Room facilities:
60 twin/ double rooms
Number & type or rooms:
private balcony with an astonishing view to the Iso-Syöte nature. Equipped with cloths designed products.
All rooms are 26 m² twin bed rooms, with full kitchen, bathroom and an option for extra bed in each room. Connectable family rooms are also available. Rooms are decorated in the beautiful Scandinavian style, embracing the surrounding nature. Each room has a private balcony with an astonishing view to the Iso-Syöte nature. Equipped with cloths drying machine and lots of closet space.
Number & type or rooms: 60 twin/ double rooms
Room facilities: Fully equipped kitchen, 2 beds and one extra bed option, bathroom, clothes drying machine, balcony, and ski and bike storage access, flat screen TV, free WiFi
Note: 36 of the rooms are connectable. Free use of sauna. Extra bed and baby cot possible. Pets are allowed in some rooms for extra cost. Next supermarket in 50 m. Parking places are available for free, electric outlet for car heater for extra charge

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ACCOMMODATION, LEISURE AND RESTAURANT SERVICES UNDER THE SAME ROOF

Pikku-Syöte is an international Youth and Leisure Center located in the southernmost fell area of Finland, surrounded by beautiful northern nature. For more than 20 years, Pikku-Syöte has organized a wide range of activities for travelers, athletes, families and different types of groups from all around the world.

Pikku-Syöte focuses its attention on the surrounding nature, sports and well-being offering a wide range of activities. All the accommodation, leisure and restaurant services can be found under the same roof. During the winter, Pikku-Syöte is a great place to spot the Northern lights and snow is guaranteed. In the midsummer you can enjoy the famous bright nights when the sun doesn’t set at all.

WINTER WEEKS FOR GROUPS

Example of a week program for groups in winter time. Changes are possible.

**Day 1 Arrival day:** Arrival at Oulu airport. Transfer to Pikku-Syöte. Arrival and check in to rooms. Dinner at the hotel restaurant.

**Day 2 Husky farm visit:** Visit to the husky farm. Husky safari incl. coffee and bread, duration 2 hours. Lunch at the hotel restaurant. Free time. Dinner at the hotel restaurant.

**Day 3 Snowmobile safari:** Breakfast. Transfer to Iso-Syöte. Snowmobile safari, duration about 3 hours. Lunch at the hotel restaurant. Possibility for downhill skiing, cross-country skiing or free time (not included in the package). Dinner at the hotel restaurant.

**Day 4 Wall climbing and Archery:** Breakfast. Indoor wall climbing and archery. Lunch at the hotel restaurant. Free time. Dinner at the hotel restaurant.

**Day 5 Snowshoeing:** Breakfast. Snowshoeing trip starting from the hotel, duration 2 hours (depending on the group size, one or two groups). During the trip, a stop at the campfire place. Lunch at the hotel restaurant. Possibility for downhill skiing, cross-country skiing or free time (not included in the package). Dinner at the hotel restaurant.

**Day 6 Leisure time:** Breakfast. After breakfast you can spend the day as you prefer. downhill or cross-country skiing (not included in the package) or just relax at the hotel. Lunch and dinner at the hotel restaurant.

**Day 7 Day trip to Rovaniemi:** Breakfast. Check out. Transfer to Oulu airport.

**Season:** Mid-March-Mid-Dec.

**Duration:** 8 days / 7 nights Languages: English

**Participants:** 10-50 pax Included: Transfers from/to Oulu airport, day trip to Rovaniemi, transfers to husky farm and Iso-Syöte, 7 nights in superior rooms incl. full board (except on the day trip to Rovaniemi), husky safari incl. coffee and coffee bread, snowmobile safari, indoor wall climbing, archery, snowshoeing. Optional: Downhill skiing, cross-country skiing, equipment rental.

SUMMER WEEKS FOR GROUPS

Varied example of a summer week for groups in summer time. Changes are possible.

**Day 1 Arrival day:** Arrival at Oulu airport. Transfer to Pikku-Syöte. Arrival and check in to rooms. Dinner at the hotel restaurant.

**Day 2 Visit to husky farm:** Breakfast. Visit to the husky farm. Husky farm visit incl. coffee and coffee bread, duration 2 hours. Lunch at the hotel restaurant. Free time. Dinner at the hotel restaurant.

**Day 3 Activities in Pikku-Syöte:** Breakfast. Indoor activities like archery and indoor wall climbing. Lunch at the hotel restaurant. Possibility to play disc golf, disc from the reception. Dinner at the hotel restaurant.

**Day 4 Hiking trip & Lappish Hut:** Breakfast. Hiking trip duration 2 hours. Lunch at the hotel restaurant. Free time. Dinner at the hotel restaurant. Evening at the Lappish Hut incl. pancakes and sausages.

**Day 5 Water activities & Nordic Walking:** Breakfast. Depending on the size of the group paddling or river tubing, lunch at the hotel restaurant. Guided Nordic walking/hike, duration 1.5 hour. Dinner at the hotel restaurant.

**Day 6 Day trip to Rovaniemi:** Breakfast. Check out. Transfer to Oulu airport.

**Day 7 Departure day:** Breakfast. Check out. Transfer to Oulu airport.

**Season:** Mid-June-end of August

**Duration:** 7 days / 6 nights Languages: English

**Participants:** 10-50 pax Included: Transfers from/to Oulu airport, transfers to husky farm, paddling or river tubing, day trip to Rovaniemi, 6 nights in Superior rooms incl. full board (except on the day trip to Rovaniemi), husky farm visit, archery, indoor wall climbing, paddling or river tubing, guided hiking, Nordic walking/hike and evening at the Lappish Hut

ACCOMMODATION & ACTIVITIES

Youth and Leisure Center Pikku-Syöte
Contact

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**Summer activities:** Biking, disc golf, hiking, canoeing, crate climbing, wilderness skills and raft building etc. All activities can be booked with a guide (English-speaking).

**Winter activities:** Downhill and cross-country skiing, snowshoeing, tobogganing. You can even sculpt art from snow, build your own snow cave or go ice fishing. Winter week program available in high season. All activities can be booked with a guide (English-speaking).

**Year-round:** Indoor wall climbing, archery, art classes, team tasks, billiard, table tennis and indoor sports like floor ball, badminton etc.

**Equipment rental:** Fatbikes, snowshoes, cross-country skis, alpine skis • equipment, skis, sleighs and lappi sleighs. Winter clothing and shoes.

**Other services:** Meeting rooms (for up to 350 pax), gym, play area for children, Lappish hut, free WiFi in the whole hotel building, free parking.

**Note:** Pets are allowed. Smaller market in 4 km, bigger stores in Puolajarvi (55 km), Tavakkoski (35 km), parking places free of charge.

**Packages:** All programs and services can be tailored to fit FII’s or groups needs.

**Accessibility:** Airports Oulu (145 km), Kuusamo (90 km), Rovaniemi (170 km), train station Oulu (945 km). For transfers, please contact sales@pikkusyote.fi.

**Sustainability:** Own sustainability program.

**Environmental responsibility:** Using geothermal heating since 2015 and totally ecological energy since 2014, electricity is partly generated by solar energy since 2019. Use of environmentally friendly LED lighting. Restaurant Puro favours local food and is generated by solar energy since 2019, use of environmentally friendly LED lightning, Restaurant Puro favours local food and is 100% of the profit is used to develop own youth work. Sustainability: Our own sustainability program.

**Financial responsibility:** 100% of the profit is used to develop own youth work.

**Social responsibility:** Offering children and youth a safe and responsible environment for various camps, courses, training sessions and other events throughout the year.
NEWLY BUILT EXCLUSIVE ARCTIC BOUTIQUE HOTEL ON TOP OF THE FELL

In Northern Finland, Iso Syöte is the country’s southernmost fell region. With an ideal location on top of the 435 m fell, Hotel Iso-Syöte offers a friendly and special atmosphere, where you can enjoy a comfortable stay, fantastic panoramic views, unforgettable experiences and relaxation in a scene unspoiled natural environment.

DMC offering the whole concept
We run this company as a DMC company where the whole concept of accommodation, hospitality, activities, restaurant services and our unique tailor made programs are combined to make the best use of the peace, space and possibilities of our natural surroundings and wild nature. Hotel Iso-Syöte & Safari offers a variety of different activities and tailor-made programs.

DETAILS
Founded: Juha started working for the hotel in 1995 and bought it about 12 years later, owner-run company
Languages: English
Built: Newly built in 2020, renovations in winter 2019/summer 2020
Operating season: Year-round

HOTEL ISO-SYÖTE & SAFARIS

ACCOMMODATION & ACTIVITIES

HOTEL ACCOMMODATION - ROOMS & SUITES

REINDEER STANDARD ROOMS
Hotel Iso-Syöte offers 20 new hotel rooms with great view over the surrounding forests and valleys in the Syöte region.
Room facilities: For two persons + option for one extra bed, two single beds, shower/wc, hair dryer, flat screen TV, chair and side table, kettle, complimentary Wi-Fi, free entrance to Arctic Spa saunas and pools.

STAR SUPERIOR ROOMS
Each of the new Star Superior rooms (35 m²) will accommodate even a family of four. Star Superior rooms offer an earthy interior design and boast large bathrooms for extra cozy luxury. Though the real star of these rooms has to be the fell views from the large windows. The Star Superior rooms are located on the lower and middle floors of the new part of the hotel.
One Star Superior room has a connecting door to the Bear Cave suite and another to the Phoenix suite (to be booked separately).
Two Star Superior rooms have double beds, and these rooms are also suitable for disabled.
Room facilities: For two persons + extra bed option for two, two single beds or double bed + sofa bed, sofa bed, flat screen TV, shower/wc, hair dryer, drying cabinet, kettle, minibar, complimentary Wi-Fi, free entrance to Arctic Spa saunas and pools.
Note: The new Star Superior Rooms will be ready in October 2020.

AJURTA VUESUITES
There are 10 top modern, exclusive Aurora View Suites. The spacious and luxury hotel suites will be around 50 m² large and divided over two floors. The glass facade and the balcony creates admirable views to the sky above to watch the stars and northern lights as well as towards the snow covered forest and valley below.
Suite facilities: Downstairs: Sofa bed (140 cm wide when opened), flat-screen TV, shower/toilet, sauna, drying cabinet, iron, complimentary Wi-Fi.
Upstairs: Double bed (180 cm), coffee maker and kettle, refrigerator, shower/toilet, hair dryer, sofa and coffee table, mirror television, balcony with hot tub, bathtubs and slippers.
Free entrance to Arctic Spa saunas and pools.

EXCLUSIVE SUITES AT HOTEL ISO-SYÖTE

EAGLES VIEW SUITE
A very unique, exclusive and luxurious hotel suite, located on top of the south corner of the hotel wing. Walls and even the roof is made of glass. At any time there is the connection with nature, a free view over surrounding hills and forest and into the sky. A unique chance to admire a million stars and the dance of the Northern Lights in the sky in winter. Even when you are lying in bed or relaxing in your private jacuzzi you will be able to get impressed by what you see!

BEAR CAVe SUITE
An extreme special, natural styled, luxurious splendid suite “Hide” yourself in the comfort and style of this exclusive Bear Cave Suite. Once you are in, like bears do, you don’t want to come out anymore! A double bed in your own Cave, two sofas to relax, a Turkish steam and a regular Finnish sauna. A living room, lounge area with a fireplace. Your indoor jacuzzi is ready as well. The round glass facade connects you to the nature around and a free view towards the north to spot the northern light or enjoy the scenery overlooking the snow covered trees in the valley.
Note: The new Bear Cave Suite will be ready in December 2020.

PHOENIX SUITE
The Phoenix Suite — the start of the new beginning — is being built on the second floor of the new part of the hotel to commemorate the fire that occurred in December 2018.
The interior of the suite, decorated in charcoal and ash tones, has been designed by Hotel Iso-Syöte’s designer Tatu Ahlroos. The Phoenix Suite’s interior will feature elements such as charred panels, and the 95 m² luxury suite will also have a private sauna and jacuzzi.
Note: The new Phoenix Suite will be ready in December 2020.
COTTAGES - HOTEL ISO-SYÖTE

Two types of rustic cottages ideally located on the top of 435 m fell Iso Syöte. Beside hotel rooms, Hotel Iso Syöte offers cozy, fully equipped cottages with own sauna and fire place.

TRADITIONAL FINNISH KELO COTTAGES

20 cottages built in traditional, Finnish keko style made of naturally matured full round pine trees. In Summer 2014 all bathrooms and saunas have been renewed in all Kelo cottages.

Details: 20 Kelo Cottages for max. 4 people, 40 m²

Cottage facilities: Living room with fire place, well equipped kitchen, dinner table, bed sofa, one bedroom with two beds, wardrobe closet, bathroom with shower, toilet, private sauna, own veranda.

FELL TOP COTTAGES

16 cottages built as log houses on the very top of the Iso Syöte fell, with a wide view over looking the entire area and magnificent natural surroundings. These cottages are built in two floors. All cottages are in walking distance of the hotel, reception and restaurant.

Details: 16 Fell-top cottages for max. 8 people

Cottage facilities: Ground floor: living room with fire place, seats and sofa, fully equipped kitchen (with cooker, fridge, dishwasher, oven, microwave, coffeemaker and all needed dietary things), dinner table, fire place. One bedroom (with double bed) and the bathroom with shower, toilet and private sauna, drying closet for clothes and storage (for ski's).

First floor: two more bedrooms (with each two beds), a loft and a second bathroom with shower and toilet.

Some of the Fell top cottages have a connecting door. You can join the cottages by opening the door and use both sides - for example using altogether 6 bedrooms for a bigger family or group of visitors.

Note: Every cottage has its own parking place. Pets are allowed on request depending on the season. Next supermarket is a walk of approx. 25 km away. In winter time Hotel Iso Syöte offers a shuttle service to the supermarket.

RESTAURANT & KOTA

A high-quality, 200-seat panoramic Restaurant Hilltop offering pure northern flavours and breath-taking views will be completed on the top floor of Hotel Iso-Syöte. A large kitchen and a glowing charcoal barbecue will be the heart of the restaurant made of logs. The menu deliciously combines international flavours with the best bites that Syöte has to offer. So sit back and enjoy mushrooms, berries and other delicacies hand-picked from the fell area. The meat of the reindeer that roam the nearby forests is a truly local specialty.

LAPPIEN HANHIEMPİ KOTA HUT

In the serene, peaceful and natural beauty of a small lake called Hanhilampi, surrounded by trees and hills you are welcome in a Lappish kota, built in the tepee shape of the Sami people. In the centre there is a big open fire place where the cook will prepare a special dinner. You can enjoy a typical Finnish, traditional wilderness diner. Candles provide the right atmosphere. Tables are nicely made, reindeer skins on the benches provide comfortable seats.

Different menu choices with local delicacies can be ordered (min. 10 pax.)

ARCTIC SPA - BEAUTY & WELLNESS

Hotel Iso Syöte is offering a relaxing Arctic Spa with saunas, pools and treatment rooms. The sauna section has a traditional Finnish sauna and a steam bath, where guests can relax in comfort after an activity-packed day on the slopes or a long bike ride. Saunas can be entered wrapped in a towel. The pool area features a hot tub, a therapy pool with hydro-relax in comfort after an activity-packed day on the slopes or a long bike ride. Saunas can be entered wrapped in a towel. The pool area features a hot tub, a therapy pool with hydro-

- Facial treatments: Basic facial (40 min.), special facial (90 min.), fresh up quick-refresh (46 min.), facial for young skin (60 min.), facial massage (60 min.), arctic queen - perfect and pampering facial (120 min.)

- Tinting: Eyelashes and eyebrows (45 min.), eyelashes or eyebrows, eyebrow shaping

- Spa body treatments and massages: Arctic touch (60 min.), arctic light (90 min.), arctic flow (105 min.), relaxing cosmetic massage, hot stone massages (45-105 min.), aroma massages with essential oil (30-90 min.)

SERVICE FOR BIKERS

LAPLAND BIKE HOTEL (HOTEL ISO-SYÖTE)

The Lapland Bike Hotel is designed to meet the needs of cyclists, from activities to nutrition. The all-inclusive service includes all you need for a perfect cycling holiday.

- Bicycle storage room: Bicycle storage room with lockable racks.
- Servicing facilities: Including a washing space, basic repair tools and spare parts
- Cycling guides and route maps: Where to go, where to rent a bike – our guides give you the best tips of the season, and the maps are courtesy of the hotel
- Laundry: Self-service washing machine and dryer located in the bicycle storage.
- Nutrition: Our delicious breakfasts and our a la carte menu offer suitable nutrition for those on the move—with the necessary energy supplements. You can also order a ready-made packed lunch that will keep you nourished, even on longer journeys.
- Spare parts service: We offer a supply of basic spare parts, in addition to which special parts can be delivered from Oulu on the same day or the next day at the latest.
- Bike rental: Mountain bikes, road bikes and fat bikes. We use the Felt bike brand.
- Cycling clothing: High-quality clothing for a good start on the trails or the road.

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MOUNTAIN BIKE TRIPS IN SYÖTE

Livijärvi is a beautiful lake region located some 50 km northeast from Syöte. The area is known for its crystal clear water. The surroundings of the lake consists of ridged terrain that continues into the lake in long ridge capes and the beautiful sandy beaches & under the shallow bottom ridges. The longest ridge cape in the lake, called Hirsinemi, is almost 10km long but in many places less than 100m wide. The Hirsinemi cape even has some small ponds and smaller, extremely narrow capes within itself. The area is a mountain biker’s paradise. There are loads of beautiful and relatively easy but speedy single tracks and wider trails which offer you great flow while you can still let your eyes rest in the beautiful lake scenery, you’ll be astonished! There are several open wilderness hills and learn shelters in the area where we can stop for a break to enjoy tasty snacks and wonderful nature. No matter how experienced (or not) rider you are, we can offer you at least three days worth of riding just in the Livijärvi area -transfers, guidance, support, snacks, tasty meals and hotel accommodation included!

Hirsinemi mountain bike tour - Daytrip

On this tour, we examine the best Livijärvi area has to offer. The ride starts off from a parking place in the middle of Livijärvi giving you a great view of the vastness of the lake. First kilometers consist of easy gravel service road, which gradually turns smaller and smaller until we’re on a wide flowy trail that takes you up, down and around the hilly ridge cape for some ten kilometers. Every once in a while there’s an open lean-to shelter where we’ll stop for a break. After the breaks and some more great trails, it’s time to cross the lake strait to Livohka. Except, this one we’ll cross by a rowing boat, two persons and bikes at a time. Once we’ve reached Livohka, it’s time for a tasty half way lunch.

After the lunch we’ll head back, depending on the riders’ motivation and technical abilities we’ll either take the northern or southern shore of the lake and Hirsinemi cape. Even if we’d take the southern approach, we would hardly have to travel on the same trails - there are so much of them to choose from!

Difficulty: Easy to mediocre difficulty

Note: Tours are always adjusted according to riders’ needs and wishes. Our experienced guides can easily customize the tour on the fly.

Loukusa Mountain Bike Tour - Daytrip

Loukusa is an old countryside village located on yet another ridge section passing through various lakes, the biggest of which is Loukusaanjärvi. These ever-so-wonderful narrow and steep ridges are less-travelled than some others, which means our bikes will be in their element there!

The ride starts off from close to the Loukusa village, and first we’ll go check the remains of an old combined bridge and dam, which once served the forest industry by the means of water regulation for timber rafting. From there our route will take us along the beautiful Ever-So-Wonderful narrow and steep ridges between the lakes and hills to the middle of Loukusaanjärvi until we have to turn back - unless you want to take a swim, of course! Well, make sure you can enjoy the marvelous scenery and also stop for a combined “snacks-and views-break” during the ride, naturally.

A couple of kilometers from the Loukusa village, our ride finishes off on an old farm ranch, the very ranch the hotel owner Mr. Kuukasjärvi himself grew up at! There’ll be and old-timer crisp and other interesting stories and also stop for a combined “snacks-and views-break” during the ride, naturally.

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Note: Every cottage has its own parking place. Pets are allowed on request depending on the season. Next supermarket is a walk of approx. 25 km away. In winter time Hotel Iso Syöte offers a shuttle service to the supermarket.

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**WINTER WEEKLY PROGRAM AT HOTEL ISO-SYÖTÉ**

**SNOWMOBILE SAFARI TO WILDERNESS**

The snowmobile safari starts from the hotel where the snowmobiles are lined up. The track goes first down hill, and then onwards along fields, through the forest with heavy snow covered trees and over ice covered swamps or lakes. We stop to make coffee near the campfire. After the break we start the snowmobiles again to drive back up the Iso Syöte hill.

**Season:** Dec.-end of April, Mon., Fri. & Sat. **Duration:** Approx. 3 h **Languages:** English, German, Dutch

**Included:** Guide, safari outfit, hot drink (coffee/ tea and buns), snowmobile safari and insurance costs.

**Overnight in an ice igloo**

On top of the Iso Syöte hill a real snow igloo is built. Experience an Arctic overnight. Outside temperatures can drop down, but inside in the igloo it is just some minus degrees. In a special sleeping bag, you will stay warm and cozy, admiring the snow igloo with beautiful covered snow trees around.

**Season:** Dec.-end of April, any day on request **Duration:** One night **Participants:** 1 or 2 pax per night included. One overnight in igloo, all sleeping equipment, special sleeping bags, breakfast, dinner and sauna at the hotel **Note:** Igloo overnight can only be reserved additionally to regular stay at hotel/ cottage

**SNOWMOBILE & HUSKY SAFARI 6 km**

Safari starts from Hotel Iso Syöte by snowmobile to the husky farm where the huskies are eagerly waiting for visitors. After introduction to the huskies and instruction you take off with the huskies, strongly pulling your sledge. The safari route goes through snowy forests and ice covered swamps in Syöte area. There are stops to switch drivers and to take pictures.

**Season:** Dec.-end of April, Tue. **Duration:** Approx. 3 h **Languages:** English, German, Dutch

**Included:** Guide, safari outfit, snowmobile safari, husky safari

**Kick sledge glides and rides**

A real Finnish way of moving around when snow covers the paths. Kick sledges are big fun to glide down the slope and ‘kicking’ them upwards again with one leg while the other is standing on one glider to hold the grip. It takes some energy and action from yourself but it gives you the feeling of snow fun on the Iso Syöte hills. Your efforts are rewarded when reaching the kota where the campfire will be made and coffee and snack will be served.

**Season:** Dec.-end of April, Tue. **Duration:** Approx. 2 h **Languages:** English, German, Dutch

**Included:** Kick sledge, safari outfit, guide, hot drink

**Northern Light safari**

A sightseeing snowmobile safari has a special atmosphere when driving under twinkling stars on the feathes and through the snowy forests. We stop to admire the stars in the sky. We’ll have a coffee break by an open campfire. When you are lucky, you might see the northern lights! Snowmobile safari starts from the hotel and goes through the nature and the snow covered forests, driving to various type of terrain. A challenging and exciting trip goes through the deep snow covering the hilltop of Iso Syöte. Enjoying the views and the beautiful snow sculptures made by nature. Discovering marks and tracks of animals and birds in the snow. During the break the guide will have hot drink and cookies for you.

**Season:** Dec.-end of April, Thu. **Duration:** Approx. 2-2.5 h **Languages:** English, German, Dutch

**Participants:** Min. 4 pax included **Included:** Snowmobiles, guide, safari outfit, hot drink

**Husky safari 12 km & visit to a husky farm by car**

Transportation to a husky farm where husky dogs are eagerly waiting for visitors. Introduction to team dogs and instructions upon arrival before husky sledgie ride. The safari route goes through snowy forests and ice covered lakes surrounding the husky farm. En route stops to switch drivers and to take photos.

**Season:** Dec.-end of April, Thu. **Duration:** Approx. 2.5 h (incl. return) **Languages:** English

**Participants:** Min. 2 pax included **Included:** Transfer, guide, safari outfit, husky safari **Note:** 12 km

**Ice fishing**

Ice fishing trip to a beautiful frozen lake. Coffee break by an open fire. Transfer to the lake by car. Drill the holes, lower the line and watch. If you get lucky. Campfire in kota.

**Season:** Dec.-end of April **Duration:** Approx. 2.5 h (5-4 km) **Languages:** English

**Participants:** No min. pax included **Included:** Guide, snowmobile safari, coffee and snack, sausage grilling at open fire

**Reindeer safari in old fashioned way**

This is a pleasant way of traveling sitting in a reindeer sleigh watching reindeer “caravan” move when connected by a rope to each other. The old fashioned Lapland way coffee and snack served in a “kota”

**Season:** Dec.-end of April, Fri. **Duration:** Approx. 3-3.5 h **Languages:** English, German, Dutch

**Participants:** Min. 4 pax, min. age 16 years included **Included:** Snowmobile safari, guide services, insurance thermo outwears, insurances, thermo outwears, outdoor lunch and drinks

**Safari to a reindeer farm by car**

A real cultural experience where you can learn more about the culture and history of the area and reindeer breeding. We start from the hotel and drive towards Rovaniemi’s traditional reindeer farm which is situated 18 km from the hotel. At the farm the owner tells about reindeer herding and the life at the farm, history, culture and traditions. He takes you to his herd of reindeer and afterwards welcomes you in his home shop, where you can buy homemade cakes and reindeer sandwiches.

**Season:** Dec.-end of April, Sat. **Duration:** Approx. 3 h **Languages:** English

**Participants:** No min. pax included **Included:** Transfers, guided tour around the farm, reindeer program, coffee and sandwiches

**Excursion to Ranua Zoo and Santa village in Rovaniemi**

Departure by bus from Iso Syöte hotel to Ranua Wildlife Park. 2 hours visit in the park (entrance fee to be paid on the spot). Onwards to Rovaniemi to the Polar Circle and visit to Santa’s village. There are many souvenir and Finnish design / handicraft shops. If you want, you can meet Santa himself!

**Season:** Dec.-end of April, Sat. **Duration:** Approx. 8 h **Languages:** English

**Participants:** A minimum of 6 paying adults is needed to be able to carry out this excursion. Can be arranged on individual base, privately too.

**Included:** bus transportation (non guided excursion)

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NORDIC WALKING
Nordic Walking around Kellarilampi
Nordic walking finds its origin here in Finland and becomes more and more popular in Europe. An active way of walking with sticks; you will use about 90% of all the muscles in your body. The guide will explain the basic techniques. Nordic Walking through the natural scenery of Syöte with a guide is an experience you really should try, while enjoying the splendid and unspoiled nature and flora and fauna around you. Along the way we will enjoy some coffee or refreshments and cake.
Season: June-end of Oct. Duration: Approx. 2.5 h Languages: English Participants: Min. 4 pax Included: Transfers, guiding, instructions, Nordic walking poles, refreshments

Canoe safari on lake Naamanka
The water of the lake is a mirror projecting the sky and the scenery around it. A perfect and peaceful place to paddle around. The guide will teach you the basics of canoeing. The water is very easy and calm so no experience is needed. The canoes are suitable for two persons. We will take care of all materials, clothing if needed, guidance and instructions. On the lakeshore we will have a break to make campfire and cook coffee and eat some cakes.
Season: June-end of Oct. Duration: Approx. 2.5 h Languages: English Participants: Min. 4 pax Included: Transfers, guide, instructions, canoes and safety vests, coffee, cake

Canoe trip on river Pärjänjoki
The river Pärjänjoki finds its way peacefully through the Syöte national park. With two persons per canoe you will go, following the stream. The guide will give the needed materials and instructions and leads the way. While paddling left and right of the canoe you will keep it in the right position. The calm stream will do the rest. Along the way, on the shore, we will stop to make lunch and coffee by the open fire.
Season: June-end of Oct. Duration: Approx. 4-5 h Languages: English Participants: Min. 4 pax Included: Transfers, materials, clothing, safety vests, guide service, instructions, Canadian canoes, campfire lunch and coffee, refreshments

FISHING
River-shore fishing
At the cold, running floods of the small rivers that flow to the bigger Pärjänjoki river there is a special small fish moving around in the meandering streams. We go by car towards the forest. Then we hike a little alongside the stream to find the right spot to start fishing. The guide will teach you how and where to fish. A campfire will be made to enjoy some coffee with pulla. Enjoy this peaceful moment out in the unspoiled nature and relax.
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NORDIC BIKE PROGRAM AT HOTEL ISO SYÖTE

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MOUNTAIN BIKE PROGRAM AT ISO SYÖTE
Day 1 - Arrival: Arrive at Oulu, Kuusamo or Kuusamo airport. Transfer to Hotel Iso-Syöte. An infobriefing about program where we’ll be able to do adjustments to the week program according to riders’ wishes and needs. We’ll adjust the bikes suitable for riders and go for a quick test ride. Dinner at the hotel and overnight at the accommodation of your choice. Free use of Hotel Spa-lounge.

Day 2 - Mountain biking
Tasty and rich breakfast at the hotel. Let’s head out to some of the best trails Syöte area has to offer. Most of the day we will be riding over rolling single trails with now and then some more technical and rocky roads. Here we can test if the tire pressure and the suspension setup is ideal for these trails.

Dorck balance. To cross swamps wooden planks have been installed and these ‘wooden trails are often’ hundreds of meters long. The durboards are about 50cm wide.

Lunch provided along the way at campfire of wilderness hut. At the end of the day we make a 3 km climb bike to the hotel. Dinner at the hotel and overnight at the accommodation of your choice. Free use of hotel Spa-lounge.

Day 3 - Mountain biking
Tasty and rich breakfast at the hotel. Another day of exciting rides out on the excellent mountainbike trails in iso syote National park. Packed lunch will be enjoyed around the campfire and in the afternoon.

Today’s trail will end at the wilderness camp Harshlipp. In the lappish kota dinner will be made and serve around the big open fire. The unique smokersauna is heated for a real traditional source experience.

You can go for swim in the crystal clear water of the lake close to the sauna.

Dinner at the hotel and overnight at the accommodation of your choice.

Day 4 - Departure: Tasty and rich breakfast at the hotel. Transfer is ready to bring you to the airport.

EXCLUSIVE SNOWSCOOTER ADVENTURE
Iso Syote, the southernmost fell of Lapland will be the setting of some relaxing and interesting days filled with adventure and excitement. And all of that in the midst of the unspoilt, snow covered nature all around. On the top of the iso syote hill you have a splendid view to all directions. If the Northern Lights appear at the sky this is definitely the place to let yourself be impressed by this beautiful, creation of nature. Trees are as sculptures in the landscape, fully covered with snow and ice. Snow fun and pleasure guaranteed while driving with your snowscooter through this magnificent landscape.

Expect excitement while crossing frozen lakes or swamps and feel the adrenaline while steering on curving and narrow tracks through the snow covered hills and forests.

Day 1 - Arrival: Arrive at the airport Oulu / Kuusamo or Rovaniemi. Driver is waiting to take you to Iso Syote. Along the way you can already enjoy the first signs of beautiful snowscenic beauty. Especially when you drive up the last part, the curving road up to the Iso Syote hill, you will enjoy admiring views all around the hotel.

Day 2, 3, 4 - snowscooter safari
A full rich breakfast to start the day. Your safari guide is ready, your snowscooters are lined up, ready to go. A long snowscooter safari of three days, adventurous through a diverse landscape, exploring the area. More and more you will get the thrill and the skills of driving through the deep snow along various tracks. Expect excitement all over while driving with your snowscooter through this magnificent landscape.

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