

# OULU REGION



OULU - KALAJOKI - ROKUA GEOPARK - SYÖTE

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# RECOMMENDED BY LOCALS

## OULU

**Anniina:** Take the ferry to Hailuoto island, Air Guitar World Championships, European Capital of Culture in 2026

Experience the vast arctic sea outside of Oulu onboard a ferry to Hailuoto island. In winter you can travel by car all the way to Hailuoto island along Finland's longest ice road, weather permitting.

Air Guitar World Championships, a quirky event with an important message held in August.

Oulu is bidding to be the European Capital of Culture in 2026. Bravely on the peripheral edge, the power of opposites and wild city are the main themes of the project.

### Kirsi: Koiteli white water area

Koiteli white water area about 25 min drive from the city centre. Experience white waters swimming, eco-camping and wood-heated sauna!

### Ulla: The frozen sea in winter & summer nights in Oulu

Winter frozen sea is something you have to experience. Endless white ice gives a feeling on infinity and the scenery is absolutely gorgeous. Summer time bright nights in Oulu. Combination of city and nature and nightless night canoeing - that is an unforgettable experience.

### Nina-Maria: Visiting Koiteli rapids in Kiiminki

Koiteli is a rapid area situated around 25 minutes from Oulu. In Koiteli you can river raft, kayak, have picnic etc or just enjoy the view.

## KALAJOKI

### Johanna: Discover the amazing nature trails available at the Hiekkasärkät resort

The Vihaslahti trail with its beautiful bird tower, the Siipojoki trail departing right beside Tapion Tupa and the numerous sports tracks and duckboards covering the whole area.

### Tuomo: Island of Maakalla

Guests in Kalajoki should definitely visit the fishermen's island of Maakalla - an island out of time with beautiful buildings and a rich history.

## ROKUA

### venla: Pookivaara hill & paddling the Oulujärvi lake

Pooki Trail takes you to the Pookivaara hill, the highest place in Rokua; hiking or biking on the trails surrounded by pine forests, with lichen growing everywhere, is an unforgettable experience.

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

### Pasi: The forests of Rokua

Our forests are very interesting to walk and discover. They are very safe too.

### Hannele: Small lakes at Rokua National Parl

Rokua National Park has several small lakes, for example Pitkäjärvi, Hätäjärvi and Loukkojärvi, which have crystal clear waters and sandy beaches. If you feel like swimming you should definitely dip yourself into the water!

## SYÖTE

### Hanna: View from the fell

From the top of Iso-Syöte you get the most scenic views around the area and its endless wilderness.

### Juhani: Snowpark & candle trees

The Ski Resort Iso-Syöte's Snowparks are the most versatile snowparks in Finland, so if you are looking for place to master skiing or snowboard tricks, Iso-Syöte is suitable for you.

Conquering the Fell Iso-Syöte to see the amazing fell-top-view and the snow covered candle trees (tykkilumi, in English crown snow-load).

### Irja: Ahmatupa Winter Bike Route

Experience Syöte National park at this self-guided bike tour. 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.

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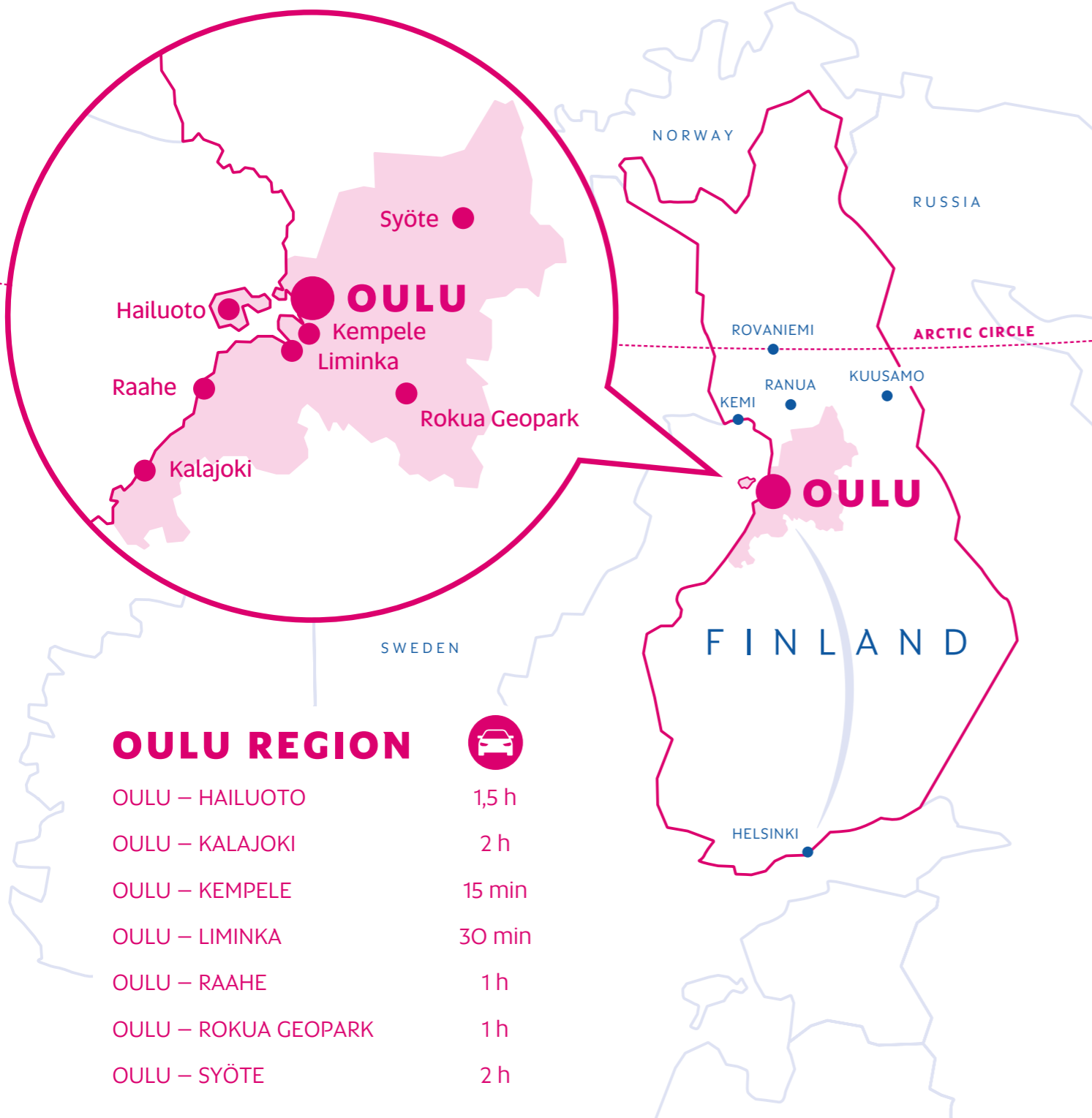
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# VISIT OULU REGION



## FINLAND

OULU – HELSINKI	7 h	6 h	1 h
OULU – ROVANIEMI	3 h	2 h	
OULU – KEMI	1,5 h	1 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, 90 km from Rokua, 150 km from Syöte) [www.finavia.fi/oulu](http://www.finavia.fi/oulu)
  - **Kuusamo Airport** (90 km from Syöte) [www.finavia.fi/kuusamo](http://www.finavia.fi/kuusamo)
  - **Rovaniemi Airport** (150 km from Syöte) [www.finavia.fi/rovaniemi](http://www.finavia.fi/rovaniemi)

- Flight connections**  
To/ from Oulu
- **national:** Finnair from Helsinki (multiple flights per day, flight time 1 hour)

- Airport transfer**
- **Oulu:** Bus, taxi, rental car. Contact for individuals: Otaxi (p. 37). Contact for groups: Saaga Travel (p. 36)
  - **Kalajoki:** Rental car and taxi service at the airport. "Call-taxi" service operated by Raahen taksi with fixed prices Mon-Fri. (Tel. +358 600 300 10). Pickup also offered by Kalajoki Booking Centre (p. 42)
  - **Rokua:** Rental car and taxi service at the airport
  - **Syöte:** Bus: Saaga Travel, (p. 36). Taxi: Syötteen Taksi (Tel. +358 8106 446)

### ARRIVAL BY TRAIN

- Train stations**
- **Oulu train station** (located centrally in the city of Oulu)
  - **Kokkola and Ylivieska train station** for Kalajoki (Kokkola 60 km, approx. 45 min. drive, Ylivieska 40 km, approx. 30 min. drive)
  - **Muhos, Utajärvi and Vaala train station** for Rokua (23 km shortest distance to Rokua area)
  - **Rovaniemi train station** (150 km from Syöte)

- 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: Saaga Travel, (p. 36). Taxi: Syötteen Taksi (Tel. +358 8106 446)

## DESTINATION OULU

### LARGEST CITY IN NORTHERN SCANDINAVIA

The city of Oulu is located at the western coast of Finland. As the fifth largest city in Finland, Oulu offers its visitors plenty of tourist attractions and activities all year round.

Oulu region is the biggest urban centre in Northern Scandinavia with 250.000 citizens. Oulu is very easy to access from any part of the world – there are numerous daily flights and just an hour's flight from Helsinki.

#### VERSATILE 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 Syöte - 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 Raahen 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 nightless nights in the summer and frozen sea & Northern lights in the 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, snowshoeing, skiing, winter swimming, ice fishing, aurora hunting trips etc.

**Summer activities:** Cycling & fat bike tours, water activities (e.g. SUP, wakeboard, canoeing/kayaking), floating sauna, boat cruises, fishing trips, amusement park for children, guided walking tours, sight-seeing (double-decker & miniature train), golf & disc golf, nature experience tours etc.

**Year-round activities & services:** Climbing/ bouldering, indoors carting & motor sports, sports adventure parks & science centre, escape rooms, museums, art galleries, exhibitions, concerts etc.

**Top attractions in the region:** Market Square, Market hall and Pikisaari island, old warehouses and salt store-houses by the waterfront. Ainola park and Hupisaaret City Park. Turkansaari Open Air Museum and Kierikki Stone Age Centre. Stunning Nallikari beach by the sea, which is also a great place for checking out the blazing northern lights in the wintertime.

#### 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.

#### VISITOULU/ TRAVEL MARKETING OULU LTD

**Founded:** 2010

**Service for tour operators:** Newsletters, FAM and media trips, educational and technical visits, brochures and manuals, joint marketing campaigns.

**Languages:** English, German

**Tourist information:** Oulu City Tourist Office, Torikatu 18, 90100 Oulu

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# EXPERIENCE OULU



## CULTURE & HISTORY

### TURKANSAAARI OPEN AIR MUSEUM

Turkansaari Open Air Museum is located on three islands in the Oulujoki River about 14 kilometres upstream from downtown Oulu. The museum is Finland's second-oldest open air museum. It was officially established in 1925 when the island's wooden church dating back to 1694 was restored to its original location.

#### History and tradition

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. 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 the 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, can be prebooked also in German language. Turkansaari café 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 30.05.-29.08. In September open on request.

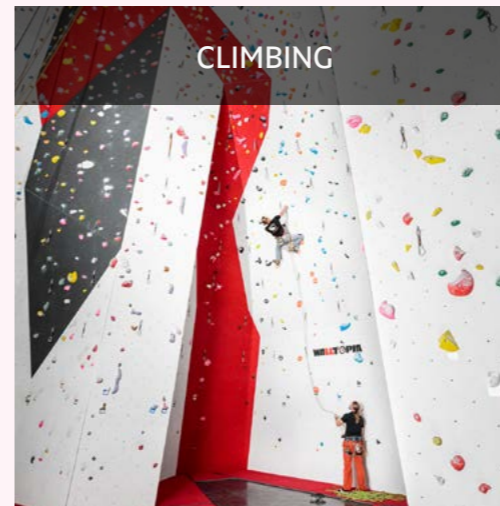
**Opening hours:** 2021: 30.5.-24.6, daily 10 am-5 pm. 26.6.-15.8., daily 10 am-6 pm. 16.8.-29.8., daily 10 am-5 pm, 25.6. 4 pm-11 pm Midsummer festival, Autumn market 5.9. 10 am-4 pm

**Language:** English, guided tours can prebooked also in German language

**Service:** Guided tours, week program, cafeteria - the cafeteria is open daily, serving tasteful soup and pastries. The cafeteria opens one hour after and closes one hour before the museum. Lunch (salmon soup) is served Monday to Sunday from 11-15 h.

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## CLIMBING

### 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. Autobelat 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 autobelat 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 **Language:** 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

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## ARCHAEOLOGY & HISTORY



### 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 main 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](http://www.kierikki.fi)

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

#### Kierikki Stone Age Centre

The Kierikki Centre is located along the Iijoki 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, opening hours vary **Languages:** English, Swedish

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## EXIT OULU

### ROOM ESCAPE GAME

The players are locked in a room, from which they have to escape by solving riddles, puzzles and challenges within a time limit of 60 minutes. Escaping requires team work, clever minds and logic skills. You can choose the game from ten options: Prison Break, Murder in the Mansion, Professor's riddle, The Trap, The Cursed Temple, The Bomb, Wizard's Legacy, Alcatraz, Around the World and The Saw. Escape games are suitable for everyone, but adult companion for children under 10 yrs is recommended. The recommended team-size is 4-6 players. The game can also be played by a smaller group, but it is a bit more challenging. Games are played best with friends or family, or as a team building event for workmates.

#### DETAILS

**Season:** Year-round  
**Duration:** 1.5 h  
**Languages:** English. Other languages by pre-booking well in advance.  
**Participants:** 2-70 pax (at one time), more with 1.5 h phases  
**Minimum age:** 10 years. Younger players accompanied with adults.  
**Starting point:** Uusikatu 22, Oulu./ Kajaaninkatu 22, Oulu./ Kirkkokatu 17, Oulu  
**Optional:** Cafe/ bar, meeting packages, meals (pre-booking), children's birthday party packages  
**Note:** Advance booking required



### FILIUS STELLA - A CITY OUTDOORS ADVENTURE

Filius Steal is an outdoors 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.

**Exit Oulu** Biggest room escape gaming host in Oulu. Our games are designed so even the youngest members of the group can take part. We have eleven unique and exiting themes in three locations near each other to choose from. As the biggest gaming place we can host up to 70 players simultaneously and and one after other much more. Customer satisfaction guaranteed.  
**Languages:** English. Other service languages can be arranged by ordering well in advance.  
**Founded:** 2015  
**Operating season:** Year-round  
**Activities offered:** Year-round: Real life room escape games



## OUTDOORS OULU

### GUIDED FATBIKE TOURS

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

#### DETAILS

**Season:** Year-round **Duration:** 1.5-2.5 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!  
 Where to go? Problem solved! When you rent a fatbike from us, you will have a phone with a map with fatbike trails in it!

#### DETAILS

**Season:** Year-round **Duration:** 2 h to 1 day **Languages:** English  
**Participants:** 2-10 pax (example) **Starting point & time:** Can be individually agreed **Services included:** Bike, helmet  
**Optional:** Bike shuttle, lights for the bikes

**Outdoors Oulu** offers fatbike tours and fatbike rental as well as Northern lights safaris with fatbikes.  
**Languages:** English **Founded:** 2017 **Operating season:** Year-round  
**Activities offered:** Summer: Fatbike tours  
 Winter: Snowmobile, Northern lights tours  
**Rental:** Fatbikes

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## MOMENTS

### 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.

The MOMENTS balloon trip takes about 3-4 hours of which one hour is spent traveling in the air. Our service includes transportation from the agreed meeting place to the departure site and back to the meeting point after the flight, the flight itself and traditional after-flight ceremony and diploma at the landing site.

#### 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 3 hours before sunset  
**Services included:** Pick up from any place in Oulu region, hot air balloon flight

**Moments** organizes hot air balloon flights for individuals and groups.  
**Languages:** English **Founded:** 2007  
**Operating 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

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## KOIVURANNAN SAUNALAUTTA

### 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 Raft. 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. Sitting 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 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 day 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 excursion with the activities of your choice, such as SUP boarding and/ or fatbiking.

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#### DETAILS

**Built:** 2020  
**Season:** Year-round  
**Number & type of igloos:** 2  
**Igloo facilities:** Double bed, extra bed, kitchenette, stove, fridge, tableware for four, kettle, coffee pot, press pot, gas grill, water tap, toilet, radio / Bluetooth stereo, wifi, terrace, chairs, table, electric motor and Combustion engine.  
**Restaurants:** One cafe  
**Spa & Wellness:** Sauna  
**Accessibility:** Oulu airport (16 km), Oulu train station (2.8 km)

### 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 Koivurannan 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. Koivurannan Saunalautta also operates as a café serving hot and cold beverages and waffles.

#### DETAILS

**Season:** Year-round  
**Duration:** Flexible due to hourly pricing  
**Languages:** English  
**Participants:** 1-20 pax  
**Starting point & time:** Private cruises to be agreed and booked and in advance. Public cruises in the summer, more information on the website.  
**Services included:** Guide, rental towel  
**Optional:** SUP board rental

**Koivurannan Saunalautta** is floating sauna in Oulu Finland. We make sauna cruises, public sauna and we have also floating igloos where you can stay and make own cruises.  
**Languages:** English  
**Founded:** 2018, owner-run company  
**Operating season:** Cruises May to October  
**Services offered:** Floating igloos, sauna cruises, public sauna  
**Activities offered:** Summer: SUP boarding, swimming, fatbiking  
Winter: Swimming hole in the ice  
**Rental:** SUP boards, fatbikes, little boat

## 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 valuable tips 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 drink 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. Tours range from a 1-evening Aurora Photo Tour to a 7-day workshop in several locations where program is provided day and night. 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.  
**Languages:** English, German **Founded:** 2012, run by the owner  
**Operating season:** Year-round  
**Activities offered:** Summer: Nature excursions  
Winter: Northern lights tours **Year-round:** Photography tours  
**Rental:** Tripod, camera, warm overalls  
**Packages:** Multi-day packages including accommodation  
**Other services offered:** Lecture/presentation on Northern lights  
**Transfer:** Airport pickup for tours lasting several days.

### 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  
**Note:** Camera with manual mode and tripod recommended

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## 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:** 15.05.-30.09. **Duration:** 2 h

**Languages:** English

**Participants:** SUP max. 30 pax, kayak max. 10 pax

**Minimum age:** With parents' presence minimum age 6 (small kids usually share board with parents). With their agreement 12 years

**Starting point & time:** Close to the market place, time by agreement

**Services included:** Guide, equipment (boards, buoyancy vests, wetsuits and neoprene boots; wetsuit 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.

#### DETAILS

**Season:** 01.06-30.08. **Duration:** 1 h

**Languages:** English

**Participants:** 1-50 pax

**Minimum age:** 10 years (younger should be accompanied by parents)

**Starting point & time:** At the end of Linnansaari by agreement

**Services included:** Wetsuits and life jackets

### 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, min. age 12 years

**Participants:** Max. 20 pax

**Starting point & time:** Nallikari Camping in Hietasaari by agreement

**Services included:** Fatbike and helmet

**Optional:** Guide

**Note:** Customer needs to have winter clothing

**Botnia Outdoor** is a young company offering activities to remember for individuals and groups. Strength of the Company: Oulu and its surrounding areas has unbelievable potential in new and fresh outdoor activities. The variety of landscape suits perfectly for stand up paddle boarding, kayaking, kitesurfing, 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.

### 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 open safaris during the summer months.

#### DETAILS

**Season:** 15.05.-30.09.

**Duration:** 2 h

**Languages:** English

**Participants:** 4-30 pax, min. age 9 years

**Starting point & time:** Oulun Melontakeskus/ Oulu Paddling Centre, between 10-20 h

**Services included:** Guide, all kayaking equipment

#### Botnia Outdoor

**Languages:** English

**Founded:** 2006, owner-run company

**Operating season:** Year-round

**Activities offered:** Summer: Canoeing/ kayaking, biking, fatbike, SUP, wakeboard, kitesurfing

Winter: Snow kiting, fatbiking, snowshoeing, skinbased skiing

Year-round: Fatbiking

**Rental:** Fatbikes, kayaks, SUP-boards, snowshoes, skinbased skis

## 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. All this just 45 minutes' drive from Oulu!

**Languages:** English **Founded:** 2002 **Operating season:** Year-round

**Activities offered:** Summer: Fishing, hiking/ trekking

Winter: Ice-bathing, reindeer rides

Year-round: Reindeer visits, photography tours, smoke sauna

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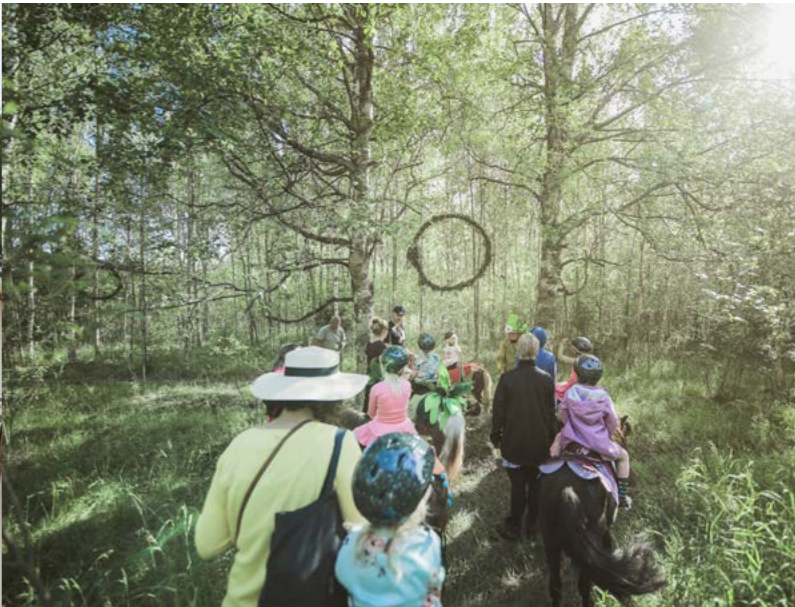
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## FINNACTION

### 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'll 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'll 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:** 4-10 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 (aka ismete 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 30 - 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:** 2-6 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 pot coffee prepared on open fire, rental of all the necessary fishing equipment as well as winter clothing and pop-up tent

**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 & outdoors  
**Winter:** Snowmobile, snow shoe walking, Christmas/ New year packages, ice fishing, physical exercise indoors & outdoors

### BOAT 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 Vaala or as an additional service a transportation from Oulu can be arranged.

From the marina 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:** 1-4 pax **Minimum age:** 12 years

**Starting point & 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



## STALL SAARINEN

### 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 godparent or grandparents. The tour can accommodate two adults per child. The fairytale forest tour is guided by the Kipponies 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 Kipponies village

**Stall Saarinen** is a small family business that works with a huge passion for animals, children, nature, stories and unforgettable experiences. Strong expertise in horse training, entrepreneurship and customer service.

**Languages:** English **Founded:** The company was founded in 2012 and the fairytale forest tour has started in 2018. The company is family-run.  
**Operating season:** Year-round **Activities offered:** Fairytale 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 staging 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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## OULU SAFARIS

### 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, snow shoeing, snow sculpting and traditional icefishing in Nallikari on the ice of the frozen sea etc. During summer we offer canoeing trips, tar river 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 offered:** **Summer:** Tar boat rowing, canoeing, Joposafari, hiking and naturetrips, team building, citytrain  
**Winter:** Adventure on frozen sea, Aurora Huntinfg, Reindeerfarm visit, icefishing, Snowsculpting for beginners, snowshoetrips, 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 darts, boot throwing, sling shooting, horseshoe pitching and a milking competition.  
**Winter events:** Snowshoe relay, kick sled race and a tri-skiing competition. Whose skis 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:** 4-5 h  
**Languages:** English **Participants:** 15-30 pax  
**Services included:** Guiding services, props for the program, prize for winners, dining and venue rental, after safari menu  
**After safari menu:** **Summer:** Lamb Stew at Kota, Mashed Potatoes, Vegetables \*\* French Toast, Campfire Coffee  
**Winter:** Sautéed 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 froze 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 (depending on the ice) **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, shoes and a bonnet, if needed.  
**Optional services:** Transportation, dinner or lunch on request  
**Note:** This activity is also part of the weekly program for FITs.

### 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.  
 Snow 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 pick 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. 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)  
**Services included:** English speaking professional guide, transfer, warm overalls, hats, shoes and gloves, hot drink, sausage (grilled by open fire)  
**Note:** This activity is also part of the weekly program for FITs.

### 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 overall, shoes, bonnet and gloves in winter, coffee and berry cake  
**Optional services:** Soup lunch or dinner



NIGHTLESS NIGHT CANOEING

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 nightless night! 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.-30.08. Duration: 2-3 h Languages: English Participants: 6-40 pax Minimum age: 7 years Starting point & time: departure from Vauhtipuisto at 21 h Services included: English speaking professional guide, guide, props needed for the program, disposable raincoats, open 2-person canoes, lifejackets Note: This activity is also part of the weekly program for FITs. Oulu Safaris has a liability insurance.

OULU 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: 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

IN THE STEPS OF THE TAR ROWERS

These river waves have been carrying a variety of local skilled people, from tar rowers to log floaters. These waterways used to serve as the vivid veins of the local economic life. Furthermore, this was the route for the merchandise 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 as the main river of the Region of Northern Ostrobothnia. When you travel through the river, you will be surprised what a world of its own these streams have created. The atmosphere at the river is very unique. The waves lapping on the boat carry their own stories of the times of the tar rowers.

Oulu Safaris will take you on a journey on the Oulujoki river with our tar boats. The journey may begin, for example, from the Turkansaari island and end up at the Maikkula Mansion. A boat trip is an excellent opportunity to familiarize yourself with the river environment. Along the route, we may have a break to enjoy a cup of coffee and the surrounding scenery! At the beautiful Turkansaari outdoors museum you will get a good idea how life used to be here in the past decades and centuries. Welcome to a river journey!

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 (Maikkula Mansion, Nokkala beach shore or Turkansaari Outdoor museum) Services included: English speaking professional guide, life jacket, disposable raincoats, tar-treated boats Optional services: Transfer and meals bookable on request Note: A warm and waterproof outfit and proper shoes suitable for rowing needed

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ACCOMMODATION & ACTIVITIES



VUOTON JOUTSEN

Vuoton Joutsen offers accommodation cottages, apartments and on the camping site as well as different kind of nature-based activities are available which allow the visitor 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 Kiiminkijoki. 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 country vil-lage, 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 (Dragonfly, Butterflies or water insects). From May to late July the midnight sun is worth experiencing. In winter time the pure white silence makes an effort. From a 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 pos-sibility 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 4-8 pax.
Cottage: Lammin Pirtti for 6-10 person, traditional heritage building by the River Kiiminkijoki.
Apartments: Joutsenkolo for 1-4 persons; Jouthenolo for 4-6 persons
Camping place: 10 electric seats for caravan
Facilities of Villa Wuotanka: 2 bedrooms, extra beds in living room, fully equipped kitchen, 2 toilets, sauna/ bathroom and dressing room, TV. Hot tube on the terrace. Towels and linen incl.
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 tours 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, snow shoe trips, Northern lights photography Year-round: Fishing, sightseeing day tour to the spring creek, well-being programs with wild plants and ingre-dients, traditional Finnish sauna day, culture programs
Rental: Canoe, kayak and rowing boat with equipment, kick-sleds, snow-shoes, cross-country skis

Other services: Arctic cooking event, school camps, educational pro-grams, 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 stations Oulu (62 km) and Utajärvi (35 km)
Sustainability: part of nation-wide sustainability program and sustain-ability certificate
engaged in highly ecological activities since its beginning in 1992
member of ECEAT Finland organisation meeting the international ECEAT standards for ecological and cultural sustainability

PADDLING TOUR ON RIVER KIIMINKIJOKI

Experience wild nature and its power on the free streaming river Kiiminkijoki. The trek canoeing route partly runs through uninhabit-ed areas and gives you splendid possibilities to observe the flora and fauna or to catch a fish. The daily canoeing task varies 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.

DETAILS
Season: 01.06.-30.10.2021/22 Duration: 5 days/ 4 nights
Languages: English; German on request Participants: 4-12 pax
Services included: Pick up from Airport Oulu, local transport in the area to the starting points and from the ending points, 4 nights in Vuoton Joutsen in double or single room incl. 4x breakfast, 3x lunch packages, 4x dinner, canoeing/kayaking paddles, life vests, helmets, gloves and dry sacks, all needed safety equipment, guide, saunas, maps and route information, insect repellent.
Optional services: Overnighting in a tent by the river can be arranged, single room; extra canoeing day(s) and meals.

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GO ARCTIC

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 customers in the fields of educational/ technical visits and MICE services.

**DETAILS**  
**Languages:** English, German, Chinese, Japanese  
**Founded:** 2008, run by the two owners Kirsi and Sirpa Eskola  
**Operating season:** Year-round

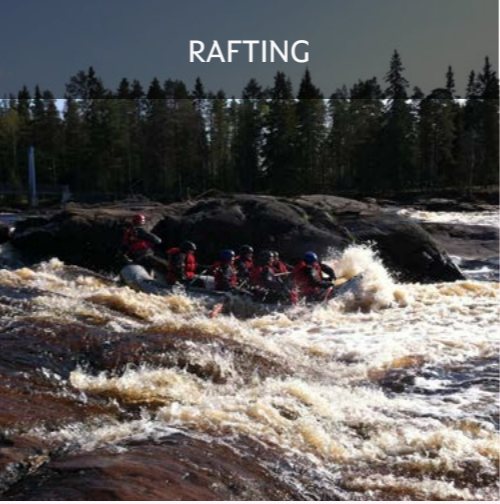
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**Accommodation offered:** Koiteli Eco-camping. Tentsile accommo-  
dation - overnight to remember. A tent hang between trees by the  
white waters of Koiteli.  
**Activities offered: Summer:** Canoeing/ kayaking, rafting, white water  
swimming, biking, nordic walking,  
**Winter:** Reindeer, husky, snow shoe walking, Christmas/ New year pro-  
grams, 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 sustain-  
ability certificate

- qualified local tour guides, tour guides have a sense of respon-  
sibility towards the environment, use of reusable and ecological  
dishes, excursions / activities does not harm the eco system
- taking part in Visit Finland sustainable tourism program and hav-  
ing 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 dif-  
ferent 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).



KOITELI ECO-CAMPING EXPERIENCE

Go Arctic offers eco-camping experience by Kiiminkijoki river 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:** Koitelin Koskikippari. Ylikyläntie 184, Kiiminki; time as agreed.  
**Services included:** Overnight in Koiteli eco-camp in Tensile-tent, underlay. Koskikippari 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 swirls and waves you can't wait to have another go! With the help and guidance of professional guides this fierce looking swimming is safe and fun!  
**Season:** 01.06.-15.10. **Duration:** 1.5-2 h **Languages:** English  
**Participants:** 5-35 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 "Tulikurkku", a short rapid as a practice and then head on to Koiteli - 300 meters of white water, big waves and a jumping ride. After the first ride we enjoy the tradi-  
tional 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.-31.05. **Duration:** 2.5 hrs  
**Languages:** English **Participants:** 4-50 pax **Minimum age:** 12 years  
**Starting point:** The Koiteli rapids are located in Kiiminki, 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 relax-  
ing 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 sceneries.  
**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

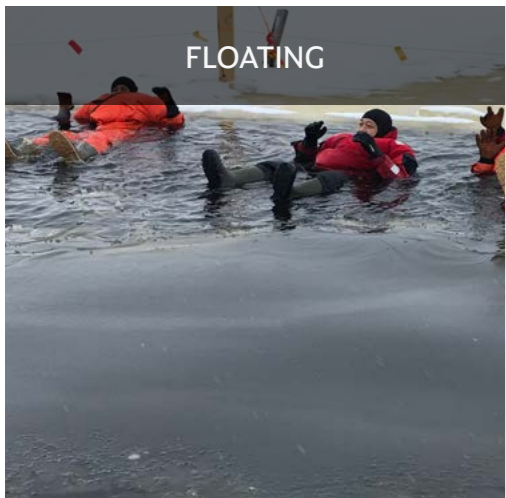


## SIGHTSEEING

## 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 TaitoShop Maakari. Passing the city hall you will have a short introduction to the history of the city with the statues by sculptor Sanna Koivisto. Then we pop into the Northern Photographic Centre and Galleria 5 on our way the island of Artists, Pikisaari. In Pikisaari we visit Galleria Harmaja 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. Lunch break in Restaurant Sokeri-Jussin Kievari. From Pikisaari 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:** 6 hours **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.



## FLOATING

## ARCTIC 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 Kiviniemi 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 Bothnia Bay during the winter time. The white beauty surrounding you is magnificent! When we get close to Island Kotakari 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 (+ transfers) **Languages:** English, German **Participants:** 6-30 pax **Minimum age:** 12 years **Starting point & time:** As agreed in advance. **Services included:** Guide, equipment needed, warm juice and small snack **Optional services:** Transfer, lunch/ dinner by open fire



## WINTER EXPERIENCES

## WINTER DAY IN KOITELI

Welcome to Koiteli located by river Kiiminkijoki 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, ancient trees and the silence surrounding you will give you the feeling of being also in the centre of yourself.

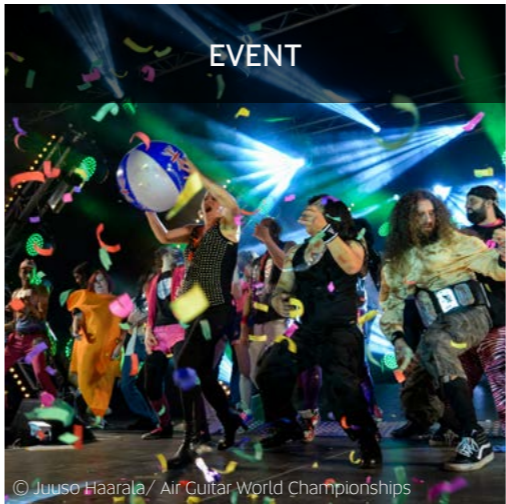
Snow activities include short try outs of different kinds of snowshoes and traditional kick sledge 'potkuri' and sledge 'pulkka'. All these activities will give you the taste of traditional ways of moving around in early days. On top of these you will get to know the well-known arctic animal; reindeer 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.

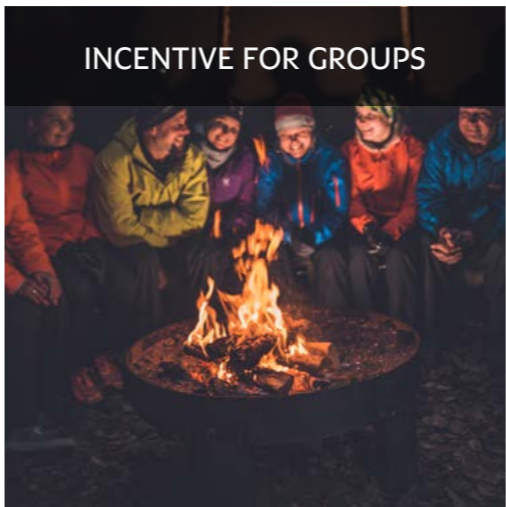
**Season:** 01.12.-30.04. depending on the weather conditions. Can be modified according to the season as Nature day in Koiteli. **Duration:** About 3 h **Languages:** English, German **Participants:** Groups with min. 10 pax **Starting point & time:** As agreed in advance. **Services included:** English speaking activity guides included. Coffee/ tea/ warm juice and sweet pastry. **Optional services:** Winter gear (overall, boots, wollen socks, gloves and hat), catering (soup lunch or 3 course dinner), transfer Oulu - Koiteli - Oulu (about 25 min one way from Oulu city centre). **Note:** Go Arctic Ltd has organizer's liability insurance.

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## EVENT



## INCENTIVE FOR GROUPS



## AIR GUITAR WORLD CHAMPIONSHIPS

International Air Guitars rock out when Air Guitar World Championships takes place in Oulu yearly at the end of August! Apart from the Grand Final on Friday of the event week, Air Guitar World Championships offer people airy activities for several days when this international event takes over Oulu, the World Capital of Air Guitar. Make Air Not War! The airiest rock event of the year kicks officially off on Wednesday. The event reaches its climax on Friday when the best air guitarists in the world will challenge each other in the World Final. To honour the peaceful ideology of Air Guitar, all things bad and nasty in the world are exorcised from our earthly airspace with declaring the Air Guitar Peace, which will spread our love all over the world. Join the Party!

### Go Arctic Air Guitar Championships Package

**Tuesday:** Arrival in Oulu according to individual flight/train schedule. Check in to the hotel. Activity: Oulu by midnight sun canoeing 20 h Walk over to the hotel or enjoying the atmosphere of the market place and its many bars. **Wednesday:** Opening day for the long Air Guitar weekend with the official opening program in the afternoon and a great Airientation Party in the evening! Evening includes good food and traditional Finnish sauna of course! **Thursday:** Leisure time and Oulu sightseeing. In the evening the Dark Horse Qualification Round will be held at 45 Special, the legendary rock club situated in the middle of the city. **Friday:** Activity: Guided walking tour - stories behind the greatness of Oulu The Final Friday starts with the Declaration of AGWC Peace and the AGWC Parade for world peace. In the evening enjoying the Air Guitar World Championships finals from a VIP-Area. The spectacular Grand Final of AGWC itself takes place in the city centre. **Saturday:** Check-out after breakfast.

### OPTIONAL: Lapland extension to the Air Guitar Travel Package

Saturday-Monday: Trip from Oulu to Rovaniemi. Individual leisure time on Saturday. Santa Claus Safari incl. a traditional riverboat cruise along the rivers Kemijäki and Ounasjoki, visit ti Santa Claus Village and crossing the Arctic Circle on Sunday. Departure on Monday.

**Season:** In the end of August **Duration:** 5 days/ 4 nights (+ optional 2 nights in Rovaniemi) **Languages:** English, German **Participants:** Min. 10 pax **Services included:** All transfers needed included in the groups prices, 4 nights in Oulu (Tue.-Sat.) incl. breakfast **Optional services:** Lapland option - 2 nights in Rovaniemi **Contact:** Go Arctic, Kirsi Eskola, Tel. +358 44 433 3151, [kirsi.eskola@goarctic.fi](mailto:kirsi.eskola@goarctic.fi)

## GO ARCTIC AND EXPERIENCE THE NORTH

This is an example of a winter program of 4 days and 3 nights in Oulu region for incentive groups. Oulu has an excellent location and accessibility for unforgettable winter program with arctic experiences. We combine in this program city charm, nature fun and arctic sea. High quality meals of local ingredients in beautiful and historic milieus, activities in the nature and stories behind the past and present of this capital of Northern Finland.

### Example incentive program

**Day 1 - Arrival:** Arrival in Oulu. Transfer to Hotel Lasaretti. Dinner at Lasaretti Bistro (p. 30). **Day 2 - winter experience day:** A guided sightseeing tour in Oulu – Highlights of the city with art and music. During the tour we visit Oulu Cathedral with short moment of music and Oulu Museum of art. Lunch is served at restaurant Rauhala (p. 26) at the end of tour. Like this we have arctic experiences for all our senses during this half day city excursion. You spend a wonderful winter afternoon and evening in a good company in Koiteli located by river Kiiminkijoki. You get to enjoy fun snow activities in an island located in the middle of two rapids. Snow activities include short try outs of different kinds of snowshoes, traditional kick sledge 'potkuri' and sledge 'pulkka'. On top of these you will get to know the well known arctic animal; reindeer and hear the stories of local reindeer herder. A 3 course dinner will be enjoyed by an open fire; salmon cooked by open fire as main course. If you are lucky, you experience Northern lights. **Day 3 - trip to Kemi:** Bus drive to Kemi. Visit to Snowcastle and Arctic Lunch Experience. Afterwards you experience a cruise on Sampo icebreaker. Bus transfer back to Oulu. Dinner at Sokeri-Jussi Tavern (p. 28). **Day 4 - Departure:** Different morning options like free time for shopping, visit to Science Centre Tietomaa or a company visit. Farewell lunch in Maikkula Estate (p.26).

**Season:** End of January-end of March. Some activities deepen on the weather conditions. **Duration:** 4 days/ 3 nights **Languages:** English, German, Italian, Japanese, Chinese **Participants:** No restrictions **Starting point & time:** Oulu airport, as agreed in advance. **Services included:** All transfers mentioned in the program, 3 nights at Hotel Lasaretti incl. all meals mentioned in the program. Eequipment needed for the activities. Set of winter clothes for the whole duration. German/ English speaking Go Arctic tour leader during the whole program. All entrance fees, guidings, activities etc. mentioned in the program. **Contact:** Go Arctic, Kirsi Eskola, Tel. +358 44 433 3151, [kirsi.eskola@goarctic.fi](mailto:kirsi.eskola@goarctic.fi)



## 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.

### DETAILS

**Opened:** Restaurant was reopened in 2001, family-run  
**Season:** Year-round **Opening hours:** By reservation only  
**Languages:** English, Swedish  
**Capacity:** Liiteri: approx. 220 pax **Manor House:** approx. 100 pax in several rooms, **Väentupa:** 45 pax **Korsu:** 40 pax **Fredrika:** 20 pax **Lohisali:** 16 pax **Saunas:** Korsusauna: approx. 25 pax, Smoke sauna: approx. 15 pax and Lohisauna: approx. 6 pax  
**Services:** 3-course season menu, buffet, Christmas lunch, Labor Day lunch (1st of May), Mother's Day lunch, Father's day lunch, meetings and events, sauna, private occasions by reservations  
**Note:** Organic food & 3-course-menu for under 12-year-old children on request, dogs not allowed, parking spaces available  
**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 caterings.

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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 Ainola Park near the city centrum.

### 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.

### 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.

### 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 **Capacity:** 150 pax  
**Services:** Music, events, private parties, catering, theme parties, meetings, wine tasting, lunch  
**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

Voimala 1889 is a bar and cultural venue located in an old power plant near Ainola park. Voimala 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 Voimala 1889. In the summer time, there's also a huge sunny patio with a stage for gigs. Voimala 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 hand-made 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 Voimala 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 café 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 fair 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 Tubás afternoon menu pampers the friends of vegetables and grilled delicacies including our famous handmade burgers.

### Cultural events

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

### DETAILS

**Opened:** 2013  
**Season:** Year-round, except Christmas & Midsummer  
**Opening hours:** Mon.-Tue. 10.30-18 h, Wed.-Thu. 10.30-21 h, Fri. 10.30-22 h, Sat. 13-22 h, Sun. closed  
**Languages:** English, other on request  
**Capacity:** 80 pax  
**Services:** Lunch, dinner, café, 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  
**Opening hours:** 18-23 h  
**Languages:** English  
**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

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## 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 150 guests spread over two floors. During the bright Nordic summer the inviting outdoor terrace offers an additional 100 seats. The Sokeri-Jussin Kievari serves local country inn dishes using the best Finnish ingredients. It is known for its traditional Finnish cuisine and its specialities 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 1854 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:** À-la-carte, special menus for groups and kids  
**Specialties:** Local, traditional dishes  
**Note:** Own menu for children, parking spaces available

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## RESTAURANT NALLIKARI

### Restaurant Nallikari

Restaurant Nallikari is open year round, offering a great, relaxed place to eat and enjoy life on the beach. Restaurant Nallikari is a high-quality, Finnish restaurant at Nallikari Beach, Oulu. The restaurant is open from lunch to late dinner from Monday to Saturday and on summer Sundays. Summer terrace for 300 seats. Scandinavian dishes with a french cuisine twist.

### Nallikari Bakery & Bistro

Bistro and Bakery at Nallikari Holiday Village. Relaxed bistro food and fine bakery goods made at spot.

### DETAILS

**Opened:** 2014  
**Season:** Year-round  
**Opening hours:** Mon.-Tue. 11-22 h, Wed.-Fri. 11-23 h, Sat. 12-23 h, Sundays in summer 12-19 h  
**Languages:** English  
**Capacity:** 280 inside and 300 outside (terrace)  
**Services:** Lunch, dinner, brunch, à la carte, weddings and parties, meetings and events, saunas and jacuzzi  
**Specialties:** Sea buffet, sea view, sauna, outside jacuzzi, own bakery  
**Note:** Children's menu, buffet at special price, children's chairs, dogs are allowed at outside terrace, +130 parking places available

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## OULA KITCHEN & BAR

### Authentic Lappish cuisine

Whether you are a local or a visitor, you must experience the unique tastes of Nordic nature in the visually pleasing dishes of restaurant Oula. Our chef brings their own ambitious yet relaxed touch to the dishes. Our menu features fish from lake Inari, reindeer, game, almond potatoes, fried lichen, and Nordic mushrooms and berries. The charcoal grill creates the authentic Lappish flavour of cooking over fire.

### DETAILS

**Opened:** 2015  
**Season:** Year-round  
**Opening hours:** Mon.-Fri. 18-22 h, Sat. 17-22 h  
**Languages:** English

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## LASARETTI BISTRO

### Pleasure for everyday meals and festive occasions

Proper 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 Chaîne des Rôtisseurs plates achieved by the restaurant are proof of its ambitious work. Please, contact our sales office, when you are planning set dinner, doctoral dinner, cosy evening with friends or colleagues, wedding or birthday party.

### DETAILS

**Opened:** 2001

**Season:** Year-round

**Opening hours:** Breakfast buffet: Mon.-Fri. 6.30-9.30 h, Sat.-Sun. 7.30-10 h, lunch on working days 11-13.30 h, Lobby Bar: 8.-22.30 h, Bistro: Mon.-Sat. 16-22.30 h (latest orders 22 h)

**Languages:** English, German, Swedish

**Capacity:** 150 pax

**Services:** Lunch, dinner, a la carte, coffee/tea, pastries, wine, beer etc. Tempting and sunny summer terrace.

**Note:** Organic options at breakfast, no dogs allowed, parking places available



## 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 strong 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 Lasaretinsaari island

Lasaretinsaari 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 Lasaretinsaari you can feel the historical atmosphere everywhere.

### DETAILS

**Last renovation:** 2019 **Season:** Year-round excl. Eastern, Midsummer and Christmas season **Languages:** English, German, Swedish

**Number & type of rooms:** 32 double rooms, 10 single rooms, 3 superior rooms, 3 family rooms, 1 suite

**Room facilities:** Rainwater shower, WC, hairdryer, towels, TV, phone, iron, ironing board and complimentary coffee & tea set up, free WiFi

**Restaurants:** Buffet lunch on working days and dinner in evenings. Lobby Bar: serves coffee/ tea, pastries, wine/ beer, refreshments

**Spa & Wellness:** Sauna for hotel guests in the evening, fitness room.

**Activities offered:** Summer: Renting bikes, beach is nearby.

**Note:** Dogs not allowed, next supermarket in 500 m, parking places available

**Sustainability:** We value local and organic food in our restaurant. The breakfast buffet is a part of Organic Food Program. We measure our climate effect by measuring the carbon footprint. We are committed to sustainable development and all our services are marked with Nordic Ecolabel.

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## ORIGINAL 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 Rotuaari 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 Amarillo, Frans & Camille Bistro and cafeteria Cof-fee 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.

### DETAILS

**Opened:** 2003 **Last renovation:** 2019. Hotel will be renovated one part at the time and refurbishing will be ready in 2022.

**Season:** Year-round **Languages:** English, German, Swedish, Chinese

**Number & type of rooms:** 260 rooms. We are refurbishing our hotel and soon each room will have its own story. Oulu is full of stories and histories, so we wanted to bring the ambiance of bright summer nights, the scent of tar and wild salmon runs into our rooms.

**Room facilities:** Parquet floor, minibar, TV, electric kettle, safety box, ironing equipment and air conditioning. Additional equipment varies according to the room type

**Restaurants:** 3 restaurants

**Spa & Wellness:** Guest saunas, gym room available to hotel guests free of charge

**Activities offered:** Summer game equipment, bikes, golfing (green fees), theme park tickets, weekly program, christmas table, childrens play room

**Note:** Dogs allowed, parking places available

**Accessibility:** Oulu Airport (15 km), station (1 km), transfer possible

**Sustainability:** Green Key certificate, Authentic Finnish Sauna experience certificate, local food, recycle bins, ecological shower system

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## 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 Ainola 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 Ynninkulma bring the atmosphere and the story close to you.

### DETAILS

**Season:** Year-round

**Languages:** English

**Number & type of rooms:** 160 rooms in total: Comfort twin and queen rooms, Comfort twin+ rooms, De Luxe King rooms, Premium King rooms, Premium De Luxe King rooms, Suite

**Room facilities:** Comfort: Hairdryer, hot beverage selection, shower, WC, free wireless broadband throughout the hotel, a 40" flat-screen TV with a wide selection of channels, a selection of pillows, air conditioning

Lux: Hairdryer, minibar, bath, sauna (limited), shower, WC, free wireless broadband throughout the hotel, a selection of pillows, bed size 180 cm x 205 cm, bath robes and slippers, tea maker and specialty coffee maker, a 48" flat-screen TV with a wide selection of channels

**Restaurants:** 1 Restaurant Oula Kitchen & Bar

**Spa & Wellness:** Sauna and spa

**Other Services:** Lapland Hotels Shop, free WiFi, handicapped-accessible rooms and those suitable for allergy sufferers available.

**Note:** No special service for children, pets allowed, parking places available, 300 m to next supermarket

**Accessibility:** Oulu Airport (12 km), transfer on request

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## FINLANDIA HOTEL AIRPORT OULU

Finlandia Hotel Airport Oulu offers hotel accommodation, restaurant services and options for leisure activities. The Hotel is located in Kempeleenlahti, famous birding area in Northern part of Finland. The location by the Bothnic Sea, right next to Oulu airport is good for travelers - 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 cosy 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 sauna compartments 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 traveller 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:** 39 rooms

**Room facilities:** Free WiFi 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., summer activities guided tours, canoeing, bird watching 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 bird watching tower. Also guided nature track right next to hotel (3 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 fireplace 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

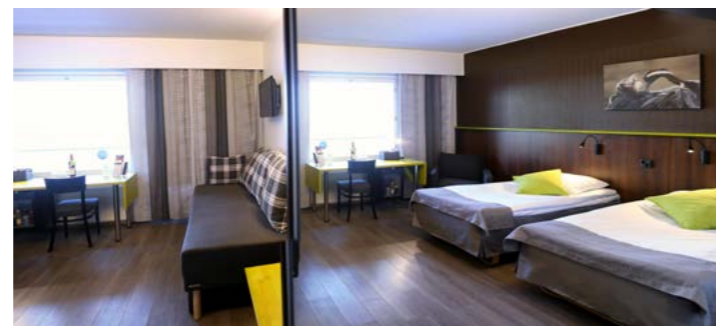
**Opened:** 2005 **Season:** On request for groups year-round

**Group program/ menus duration:** 2-3 h depending on group size

**Languages:** English **Capacity:** 10-30 pax

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

**Note:** Parking places available



## SCANDIC OULU STATION

### Accommodation & Restaurant

A peaceful and cosy hotel near the railway station and the very heart of Oulu. Refurbished rooms, friendly service and a comfortable, easy-going and congenial 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:** 1982

**Last renovation:** 2017

**Season:** Year-round

**Languages:** English, Swedish

**Number & type of rooms:** 207 rooms: standard and superior rooms

**Room facilities:** Shower, TV with satellite channels, a wireless internet connection. Hairdryer 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 a 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 are allowed, next supermarket in 500 m, parking places available

**Accessibility:** Oulu Airport (15 km), Oulu Station (300 m), no transfer

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## SCANDIC OULU CITY

Scandic Oulu City is located in the heart of the city and is close to everything the city has to offer. The interior has a fresh Nordic style.

### Accommodation

Modern, high quality rooms are decorated with environmentally friendly materials and at the same time do not compromise on comfort.

### Restaurants

Restaurant Torilla prepares especially grilled food, without forgetting our Scandic Classics. We combine Nordic flavours, domestic ingredients and the latest trends into exiting dishes. Our bar is a perfect place to enjoy good company and high quality drinks.

### 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. We can supply you with a map of the surrounding jogging tracks, in addition you are welcome to use the hotel's gym and sauna.

### 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, superior extra, Junior Suite

**Room facilities:** Bath or shower, TV (satellite channels), wireless internetconnection. Individual air conditioning, a safety deposit box, an iron and ironing board, hairdryer and minibar are standard. For our younger guests, extra beds and cots are available.

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

**Accessibility:** Oulu Airport (14 km), Oulu Station (1,2 km), the local bus from airport to city stops just next to the hotel at the bus stop

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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.

### DETAILS

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

**Number & type of accommodation:** 28 cottages, 24 Poiju Villas, 180 caravan places **Restaurants:** Bistro & Bakery, Restaurant

**Spa & Wellness:** Meriholsti sauna and conference facilities locate in Nallikari Holiday Village area, by Hostinsalmi. Meriholsti has two saunas and shower rooms: Majakka and Ulappa. 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, ponies/horseback riding and more **Winter:** Reindeer and husky farm visits, Northern Lights hunting, snow shoeing, cross-country skiing, Nallikari Winter Village, ice fishing, wind surfing, fat biking and more

**Rental:** Cross county skies, snow shoes and fat bikes (winter), Jo-po-bikes and fat bikes (summer)

**Accessibility:** Oulu Airport (17 km), Oulu Station (5 km), Fixed rate transfers for both airport and train station, bookable online and on request

**Sustainability:** We are Finland's first Green Key certified holiday village and highly focused on providing sustainable services for travelers. We are always increasing our staff and guests' environmental knowledge and enhancing the use of energy and water, along with decreasing the environmental stress the accommodation business might cause.

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## 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:** **Pooki studio Holiday Cottage:** Recommended for max. 3 adults (+2 children), 23 m², 2 beds in the living room and kitchen combo as well as 1 bed and 2 mattresses in the loft. **Pooki one bedroom Holiday cottage:** Recommended for max 3 adults (+2 children), 33 m², separate bedroom with 2 beds, couch in the lounge, 1 bed and 2 mattresses in the loft.

**Cottage facilities:** Bathroom with toilet and shower, TV, free WiFi. The Kitchen is equipped with kitchen- and tableware, stove, dishwasher, microwave oven, fridge, toaster, coffee maker and electric kettle.

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

## POIJU VILLAS

Nallikari's flagship, the Poiju 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.

### Luxury villa with sea view

The largest one of these villas, Villa Kippari, is suitable for 6+2 persons: 3 bedrooms, a spacious living room, a dining area as well as sauna.

### Scandinavian Design

All villas are modern and of the island cottage style. The large windows almost bring the landscape inside the villa! Each villa is located conveniently so that You are able to enjoy daylight and sunshine on the terrace throughout the year.

### DETAILS

**Built:** 2016 **Last renovation:** 2020

**Number & type of villas:** 24 new, modern villas: Poiju Villas 4+2 persons, 54 m², Villa Försti 2 x 4+2 persons, 54 m², Villa Seilori 2 x 4+2 persons, 54 m² (Both Försti and Seilori can be combined to one large apartment.) Villa Kippari 6+2 persons, 92 m²

**Villa facilities:** Sauna, air-conditioning, toilet, kitchen with equipment, fireplace and TV. Each villa has a parking space of its own with a socket. Linen and final cleaning up are included. Villas Försti, Seilori and Kippari have a washing machine (laundry) and own BBQ-grill (gas grill).



## 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 age.

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 spoiling 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 high season is July. Fall holiday weeks 41-43. Christmas & weeks 50-1 **Languages:** English, Swedish

**Number & type of rooms:** A total of 170 rooms: 129 standard rooms, 38 superior rooms with own air-condition & balcony, 3 suites

**Room facilities:** **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. **Suites:** Flat-screen TVs, hair dryer, iron, ironing board, minibar, water heater, slippers and bathrobes for adults. Own sauna and balcony.

**Restaurants:** Restaurant Maisema, Lobby Bar Ara

**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 enjoyed in the hotel's immediate vicinity. **Winter:** Downhill skiing and snowboarding pistes are approx. 150 km away **Year-round:** In-house activities from guided gym programs to aerobics. Guided aqua aerobics are held daily.

**Note:** Pets allowed, parking places available, kids play room, next supermarket in 2 km

**Accessibility:** Oulu Airport (20 km), no transfer offered

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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. **Additional Junior Suite features:** Minibar, kettle, tea and coffee, selection of cosmetics

**Restaurants:** Restaurant (Breakfast & Lunch Buffet), a la carte

**Note:** Dogs allowed, parking places available, next supermarket in 200 m

**Accessibility:** Oulu Airport (13 km), no transfer offered

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## SAAGA TRAVEL

### BUS CHARTER & HIGH-END TRANSPORTATION

#### Transfers in Oulu region and Northern Finland

We operate high quality, comfortable and modern coaches and charter vehicles to suit your transportation needs in Oulu. Our fleet of coaches and busses is versatile, from minibuses to large 79-seater double decker coaches. Our high quality fleet is serviced by trained professional drivers. We have our own dedicated sales team with years of experience in travel services across Finland.

The customer is our king. Our company has the travel agency rights granted by the Finnish Consumer Authority to ensure safety and reliable transportation services. You are more than welcome to visit us, we are happy to tell you about our services.

#### DETAILS

**Languages:** English

**Season:** Year-round

**Starting point:** Oulu Region

### 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: Kalajokilaakso, 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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## 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, environmental-friendly cars.

#### DETAILS

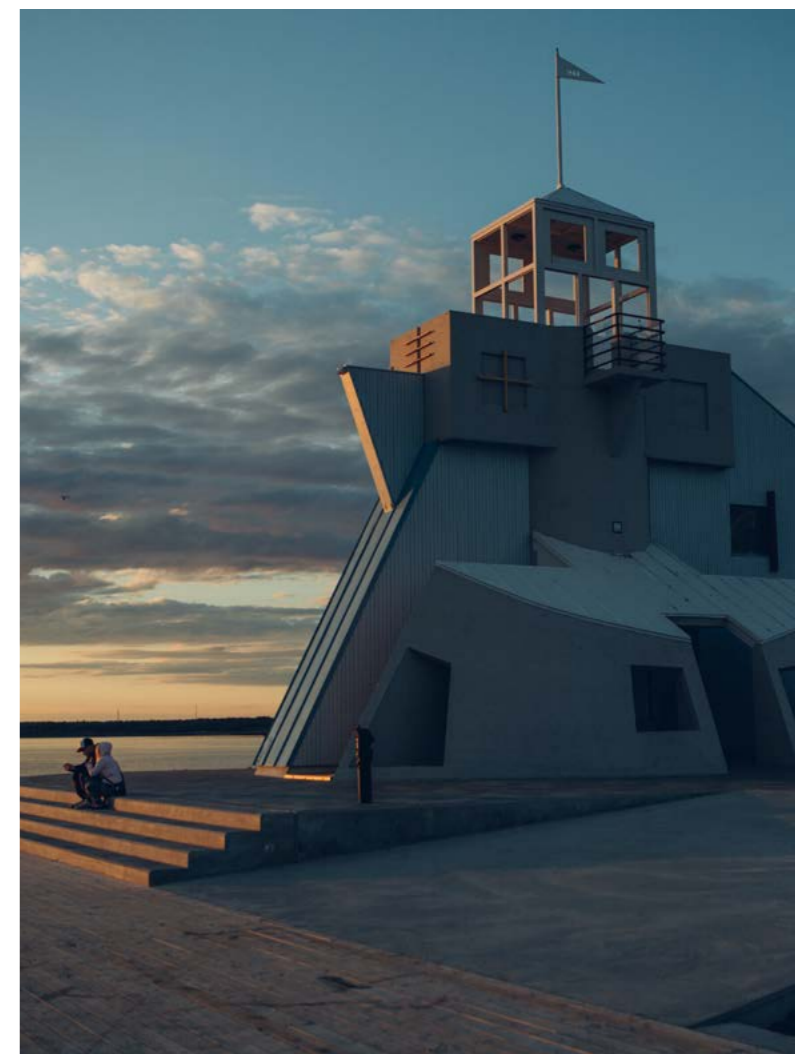
**Founded:** 1990

**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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# DESTINATION KALAJOKI

## UNSPOILT SPECTACULAR NATURE

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 Siiponjoki river valley, (fat)biking, horse back riding, golf, surfing, SUP, winter windsurfing, kite boarding, canoeing and hiking on a frozen sea in the Rahja archipelago, jetskis, carting, 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, SaniFani Spa, Waterpark JukuPark, Adventure Golf etc.
- Compact holiday area; all the services are within the walking distance

### KALAJOKI

**Number of beds (total):** 2,500 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

**Skiing 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 wind-surfing, fatbike safaris, frisbeegolf, Superpark, smoke sauna, escape room

**Summer activities:** Fishing, hiking, canoeing/ kayaking, horseback riding, (fat)biking, Nordic Walking, golf, cruises, trekking, sea trips to fisherman islet of Maakalla. Water-sports: sup, kite, windsurfing

**Activities free of charge:** Kalajoki Visitor Centre, hiking tracks 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, minigolf, 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, Rahja archipelago, Old town Plassi, Havula manor, Ceramics studio Iso-Pahkala, 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.

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# E X P E R I E N C E   K A L A J O K I



## KALAJOKI VISITOR CENTRE

The Kalajoki Visitor Centre is the customer service point of Metsähallitus in Kalajoki. The Marine Visit Centre offers a lot of hands-on activities for the whole family (fishing practice, a submarine simulator), the exhibition is accessible for people in wheelchairs or with prams, fascinating stories about the fauna and flora, as well as about the history of the coast of Bothnian Bay and its impressive land rise during the Post-glacial rebound. The entry to the visitor centre is free of charge.

### Exhibitions and guided tours

The Kalajoki Marine Visitor Centre is the number one destination for visitors to the Bothnian Bay. It is located by the Kalajoki Sand Dunes, in the heart of the Hiekkasärkät resort. The Visitor Centre will provide visitors with tips on the best outdoor destinations in the Bothnian Bay area. Our exhibition in three floors tells about the history and nature of the northernmost part of the Baltic Sea, Bothnian Bay. Guests can take a plunge into the underwater world with a submarine simulator, learn about the Ice age, the nature and species of the Bothnian Bay and about the Bothnian Bay National Park. Read about the lives of inventive peasants and the fishing bases of the Bothnian Bay, or try to catch the biggest fish in Finland. Guided tours (1 hour) are available in English.

### DETAILS

**Season:** Open for the public during 01.01.-25.10. Otherwise open upon request for groups.

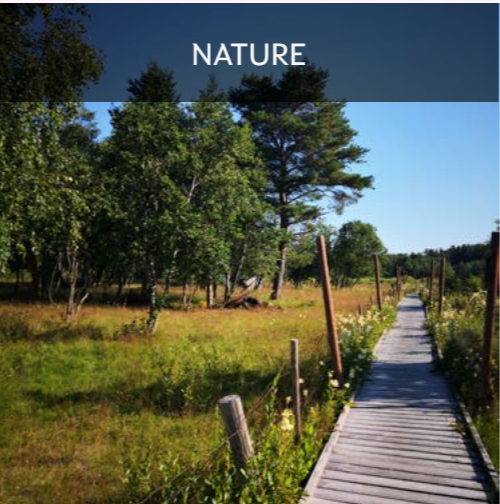
**Language:** English

**Sustainability:** Metsähallitus aims at educating visitors on a sustainable way of enjoying nature and making the most of the positive aspects of enjoying nature.

**Note:** The Marine Visitor Centre is managed by Metsähallitus and Kalajoki Booking Centre.

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## 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

Vihlaslahti 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 bird-watching tower, an info hut, and a camp fireplace suitable for even bigger groups at the end of the trail. In winter, Vihlaslahti 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 Vihlaslahti Bay.

**Note:** Self guided tour. 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 tourist guides of Kalajoki.

### Kalajoki Guides

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.

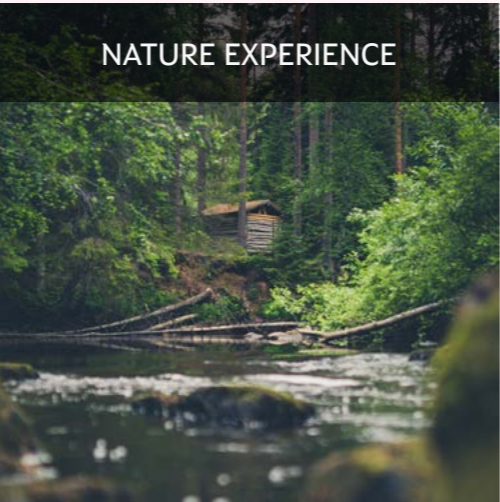
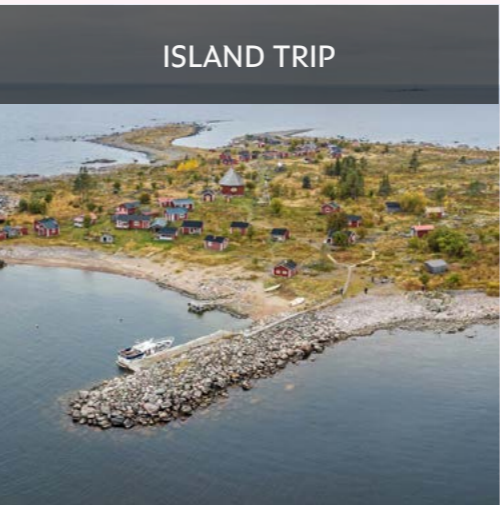
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### 300 ACCOMMODATION OPTIONS

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 a one night stay to longer periods.

**Kalajoki Booking Centre** is a DMC office in Kalajoki tourism area with full tour operator rights.  
**Languages:** English **Founded:** 2014, owner-run company  
**Operating season:** Year-round  
**Accommodation offered:** Hotel, apartments, holiday houses, traditional cottages 300 different locations in Kalajoki  
**Activities offered:** **Summer:** Animal/ bird watching, fishing, hiking/ trekking, cruises, nordic walking, biking, adventure park, golf, surfing, **Winter:** Cross-country skiing, snow shoe walking, husky safaris, spa, riding, Kalajoki Visitor Centre.  
**Year-round:** Biking, hiking, spa, Kalajoki Visitor Centre.  
**Rental:** Bikes, SUP  
**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 their 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 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

### 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, Rahja 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 taxiboat (smaller and faster boats) or by sailing boat.

**The attraction: the fishermen'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-ordning" statue, 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:** 2-34 pax (sailing boat, Galeas Ansio), 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 colours on 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 Pleuna 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/tee/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



## RAUTIO SPORTS SURF CENTER

### ENDLESS NIGHT SUP IN THE BOTNIAN BAY

As the midnight sun shines through the Finnish summer nights, night-time is a great time head out to the waters on a stand-up paddle to admire the setting sun and observe nature from a new viewpoint.

This activity allows participants to get a grasp of how to use a stand-up paddle (SUP) and enjoy the sunset views from the best possible location: in the middle of the sea in the Bothnian Bay.

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.-20.07.

**Duration:** 3-4 h

**Languages:** English, Swedish

**Participants:** 4-12 pax

**Minimum age:** 15 years

**Starting point & time:** Rautio Sports Surf Center, 22-23 h

**Services included:** All SUP equipments, including wetsuits, boots and lifewest are included. The group will be led by a professional SUP instructor.

**Note:** Basic swimming skills required.

### 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 Hiekkasärkät holiday resort. The activity lasts around 3 to 4 hours.

#### DETAILS

**Season:** 01.05.-30.09.

**Duration:** 3-4 hours

**Languages:** English

**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

**Founded:** 2001, family-found and run company

**Operating season:** May 1-September 20

**Activities offered:** **Summer:** Fishing, fatbike, SUP, SUP fishing, kiteboarding, windsurfing, fatbike rental, guided fatbike tours, fishing trips  
**Winter:** Winter windsurfing, ice-fishing

**Sustainability:** Outdoor nature activities all taking place in the nature, respecting the nature and making the most of its beauty and strength. We aim at educating participants to enjoy the nature and making one with it, whilst respecting it.



## ADVENTURE PARK PAKKA

Adventure Park Pakka is currently the largest adventure park in Scandinavia. It has various high ropes courses for different levels of adventurers and the tallest adventure tower in Europe, the X-Tower, with a 330m long zipline, a climbing wall and the possibility to try free fall! The area also hosts a beautiful disc golf course, running through the dunes and the forest, a very popular sport in Finland.

The site also has a Lappish hut (kota) to gather and grill during cooler times. Besides the climbing activities, Pakka offers group activities either indoors or outdoors, such as archery tag and bubble football.

#### Adventures at Pakka

Several active experiences and adventures: rope adventure course, bungee trampoline, X-Tower, 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:** 2015, family-run business

**Season:** Daily between the beginning of June and mid of August. May, September and October only Saturdays and Sundays, between January and April November and December mainly only opened to groups by reservation.

**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 Kalajoen Hiekkasärkät (Kalajoki Sand Dunes)

**Sustainability:** The whole adventure park is built in symbioses 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 LOHILAAKSO

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 smoked 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, coffees, and milkshakes are also available to provide to all the thirsty holidaymakers!

#### DETAILS

**Founded:** 1978, family-run restaurant.

**Season:** June-August

**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 Sani, which is situated in the centre of the Hiekkasärkät 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.

### DETAILS

**Built:** Hotelrooms and main building 2007, apartments 2015-2018.

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

**Number & type of accommodation:** 72 hotel rooms, 65 apartments

**Accommodation facilities:** Shower, toilet, bathrobes, minibar in hotel rooms, free Wifi, a kitchen in all of the apartments, a sauna in some of the apartments

**Restaurants:** Bistro a la carte restaurant and breakfast hall for over 300 persons.

**Spa & Wellness:** Spa and sauna facilities as well as swimming pool.

**Activities offered:** **Summer:** Swimming, sunbathing, windsurf, SUP boarding, yoga on the sand or in the forest, golf, trips to the archipelago, cycling, mountainbiking, adventures in Pakka Adventure Park, Waterpark Jukupark or just go hiking on the area and find new beautiful places in the beautiful forests and enjoy the clean and fresh air. Also guided tours in Kalajoki available all year round.

**Winter:** Skiing, skating, snow-shoeing, snow-mobiling, winter windsurf, yoga on the snow, kick-sledges and and sleds available for children in the hotel. Also guided tours in Kalajoki available all year round.

**Rental:** Free Nordic walking sticks, bikes, binoculars, board games, beach and winter game equipments, snowshoes

**Packages:** Offered for groups and FIT

**Note:** Dogs are allowed, next supermarket in 100 m, parking places are available free of charge

**Accessibility:** Airport Oulu (130 km), railway stations Ylivieska (approx. 40 km) - most convenient when traveling from the north - and Kokkola (60 km) - best choice when traveling from the south

**Sustainability:** Santa's Hotels has begun the process for ISO:14001 environmental certificate: a better focus on water & energy consumption, waste, staff employed all around the year as well local culture and people. More information here: [santashotels.fi/en/sustainability](https://santashotels.fi/en/sustainability). The restaurant Bistro also aims at using mostly local produce.

## 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 Sand Yoga that is based on same elements of tranquility, space and pure sea air. In front of the silence and infinity of the sea, you'll become one with the nature.

### DETAILS

**Season:** Year-round **Duration:** 1 h

**Languages:** English **Participants:** 2-30 pax

**Services included:** Yoga instructor, hot or/ and cold drinks after the yoga session **Optional services:** Accommodation

## HOTEL-RESTAURANT LOKKILINNA

Lokkilinna is a beautiful hotel-restaurant with a unique terraced view overlooking the Hiekkasärkät Sand Dunes, located just a short walk away from the sea.

### Hotel and sea igloo accommodation

Lokkilinna offers a cozy and unique place to spend the night: each of the 26 rooms offers a beautiful sea view from the window. The exclusive sea igloos offer the possibility to experience the seaside life in 360 degrees throughout the year right from the sea level.

### Restaurant

The restaurant focuses on preparing homemade refreshing and light food using seasonal Finnish produce and fresh fish whenever possible.

### DETAILS

**Founded:** 1995, family-run. Aki Antti-Roiko is the main owner, together with his brother, sister and father.

**Season:** Mainly summer season (May - October), open upon requests for groups the rest of the year. **Languages:** English

**Number & type of accommodation:** Hotel accommodation (26 rooms), timeshare accommodation, 2 sea igloos each for 2 pax

**Rental:** Outdoor hot tub for rent, and the possibility to rent a limo to drive around the Hiekkasärkät area.

**Accessibility:** Airport Oulu (130 km)

**Sustainability at the restaurant:** As much possible local and seasonal produce (e.g. fish/ game). All meals are prepared from scratch.

## SEA IGLOO EXPERIENCE

Spend the night in an igloo located on the sea! In the summer, guests get to experience the midnight sun from the calm their own igloo. The igloos are located in a calm bay and are accessible with a rowing boat. Guests may order meals from Lokkilinna to complement their time in the igloos. There is a small kitchenette and toilet. In wintertime, the igloos are located on the frozen sea. The ice fishing trap gives access to the ice and enables winter fishing from the comfort of the igloo.

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## TAPION TUPA

Tapion Tupa offers 10 apartments for 2 to 6 people and 8 rooms in the guest house for 2 to 4 people.

### Apartments

**Tapionkeidas Apartments:** Apartments for 6 to 8 persons have two bedrooms, kitchenette, cooker, dishwasher, microwave oven, fridge, coffeemaker, washing machine, vacuum cleaner, ironing board, sauna, toilet, fireplace, cable-TV, radio, garage, terrace, sheets and towels.

**Duplex Apartments:** Duplexes for 2 to 6 persons have one bedroom, upstairs, kitchenette, cooker, fireplace, dishwasher, fridge, cable-TV, microwave oven, coffeemaker, vacuum cleaner, sauna, toilet, sheets and towels.

### Guesthouse Pytinki

The traditional Ostrobothnian house Pytinki offers cosy accommodation in six rooms for two people and two rooms for four people.

Facilities: Each room for 2 to 4 persons has its own shower, toilet, TV, fridge, sheets and towels. In the common room you can find a hot-plate and fridge. Rooms are rated Bed and breakfast \*\*\*\*\*by National Classification of Country Holiday Accommodation.

### DETAILS

**Founded:** 1979, family-run company

**Season:** All year round, except 24.-25.12. **Languages:** English

**Number & type of accommodation:** 10 apartments: 4x Tapionkeidas for 6-8 pax, 6x Paritalo Duplexes for 2-6 pax; 8 rooms in Guesthouse Pytinki: 6x double room2x four bed room

**Restaurants:** One restaurant for 120 pax, a cafeteria for 60 pax and three different meeting rooms (10-60 pax)

**Activities offered:** Tapioland outdoor swimming park, fatbike rental.

**Note:** Dogs not allowed, supermarket in 3 km, parking places available

**Accessibility:** Airport Oulu (130 km), train stations Kokkola (60 km), Ylivieska (40 km)

**Sustainability:** Accommodation and main building mostly heated by wood heating, from wood coming from the family's own forests. Solar panels on the roof of some of the apartments. Food prepared of local produce as much as possible.

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# ROKUA

## 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 m<sup>2</sup>. 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'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

#### 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, snowmobiles, 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, volley ball, 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

#### Finnish Outdoor Destination 2018

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

**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.

#### 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)

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# EXPERIENCE ROKUA



## 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, mountainbiking 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.

**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.

**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.

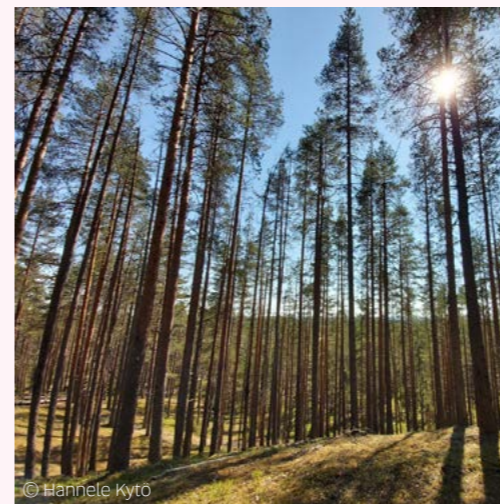
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## NATURE & ACTIVITIES



## CULTURE



## 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 of 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 Ostrobothnian 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:** 3-7 pax

**Starting point & time:** Oulu city or places nearby, between 9 and 11 h

**Services included:** Transfer from/ to Oulu, ice fishing equipments, coffee/ tea with biscuits, program as described, safety instructions, guiding  
**Optional:** Overnight in a tent (incl. night snack and breakfast, camp fire, grilling), trips to the marsh, watching birds and animals with binoculars; nature trip with survival learning experience, overnight stay by the marsh in tent (campfire, grilling)

### 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 snowshoe walk while we wait for the auras. Skis, poles and snowshoes are available from the guide.

#### DETAILS

**Season:** From late October to late March. **Duration:** 4 h

**Languages:** English, German **Participants:** 2-8 pax

**Starting point & time:** Oulu, 21 h

**Services included:** Transportation from and to Oulu, coffee/ tea with biscuits, possibility to borrow some winter clothes and shoes

**Optional:** Grilling sausages and staying overnight in a tent.

### WILDLIFE PHOTOGRAPHY TRIPS: EAGLES

Golden eagles are the most common catch into the camera sensors. Photography hides are the best places to see those majestic creatures! Together with the wildlife photographer Eero Kemilä you find more info about photographing and the wildlife in Rokua Geopark nature. Enjoy your stay at Merilä Manor with half/ full board. Duration 2, 5 or 7 days, daily programs.

#### DETAILS

**Season:** Early and mid winter/ best time December - March

**Duration:** 2, 5 or 7 days

**Languages:** English, German, Swedish, French

**Participants:** 2-6 pax

**Starting point & time:** Merilä Manor, 9 h

**Services included:** Guide Eero Kemilä - a renowned wildlife photographer, transfers (to/ from the airport, hide locations and manor), 1, 4 or 6 nights at Merilä Manor incl. breakfast and one meal (dinner) per day (note: late dinner on a skiing or ice fishing day), warm outdoor clothes

**Optional:** Day trip to Rovaniemi (visit Santa Claus, Arctic Circle), day trip to Hossa national park area (visit reindeer park (lunch), winter activities and photographing), visit at Rokua Health & Spa.

**Wild Borealis** offers nature trips around the year. Hiking, trekking, fishing; all with photographing. In addition, day trips to Rovaniemi: Santa Claus, reindeers, 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.

## 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 cosy 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**, (max. 6 pax) 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 people 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.



#### DETAILS

**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/ balcony". Small kitchen is equipped with oven, micro, refrigerator and coffee maker. Modern toilet and shower. Free WiFi.

**Cottage Villa Salmon:** For max. 6 persons including 2 bedrooms, living room with a kitchen and Lakeview sauna. Oven, micro, refrigerator, dish washer, Marshall-stereos, TV, Weber-grill, modern toilet, shower. Free Wi-Fi.

**Holiday apartment:** Max. for 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 scootering

**Note:** pets are not allowed, 1 km 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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## ROKUANHОВI

### 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.

#### DETAILS

**Founded:** 2015, owner-/ family run company

**Built:** Cottages were built in 1983, hotel rooms in 1987-88. 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 you 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. Towels and bedlinen.

**Restaurant:** Restaurant Hovin Krouvi

**Spa & Wellness:** Hotel sauna for men and women every evening. Lakeside sauna, hot tub and smoke sauna on request

**Activities offered:** **Summer activities for a fee:** Barefoot walking, fishing, playful competitions, hiking, private beach area, bike tours, visit at Kurttilas farm; individual: SUP boarding

**Winter activities for a fee:** Skiing, hiking, ski school, ice fishing on the lake, snowshoe safari, playful competitions, bike tours

**Rental:** SUP board, ski equipmen

**Note:** Pets allowed, small shop inside the hotel, parking places available

**Accessibility:** Oulu Airport/ trains station (80 km), transfer for a fee

### VISIT TO FARM KURTTILA

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:** Guidance, snacks (coffee/ hot cocoa, pancakes)

**Optional:** Transportation by bus Rokuanhovi-Kurttila's farm-Rokuanhovi

## ROKUAN LOMAHUVILAT

### MODERN LOG VILLA AND SMOKE SAUNA

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

#### Villa Rokuan Tähti

Rokuan 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.

The House Villa Rokuan Tähti is ideal for celebrations with family such as birthdays, weddings or family reunions. Rokuan Tähti can also be used for relaxation and recreation. In addition, the villa is a good location for small seminars and recreational events for companies or organizations.

#### 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 herb products or enjoy herbal drinks. There is towels, shampoos, seat covers and other 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:** 2013. family-run company **Built:** 2014

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

**Number & type of accommodation:** One large cottage for 20 pax

**Accommodation facilities:** 3 floors: ground floor: 2 bedrooms with two separate beds and toilet, sauna, shower, dressing room; first floor: well equipped kitchen with crockery for 20 pax, 1 bedroom with two separate beds, toilet and shower, 2 bedrooms with two beds each; second floor: 5 bedrooms, each with two separate beds, showers and toilets, living room, TV equipment for the household: washer, drying cabinet, ironing board and iron

**Spa & Wellness:** Smoke sauna, hot tub

**Activities offered:** **Guided in summer:** Fishing trips on the Oulu river or on the lake Oulu, kayaking trips on the Oulu river, boat trip to the Oulu river, hiking trips, fatbike trips

**Guided in winter:** Ski/ snowshoe excursions, ice fishing trip

**Rental:** Fatbike, snowshoes, kayak

**Note:** Pets are allowed, next supermarket in 18 km, parking places are available

**Accessibility:** Oulu Airport (75 km), Vaala railway station (20 km) , pick-up on request

### FISHING DAY

Fishing is a great opportunity to relax and enjoy nature, and the catches can be really rewarding. Experience jigging with different techniques at Oulujärvi or Oulujoki. 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 perch, 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 1-6 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.

**Season:** May-October **Duration:** 6-7 hours

**Languages:** English

**Participants:** 1-6 pax, larger groups on request

**Minimum age:** 7 years

**Starting point:** Utajärvi 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, venison soup, grilled fish or meat), cottage accommodation by the 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 cosy 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.

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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DETAILS

**Accommodation built:** 2008

**Founded:** 2013, owner-run company

**Languages:** English **Operating season:** Year-round

**Number & type of accommodation:** Two all season cottages for 6 persons (Rokuan Unelma), and for 4 person (Kirvesjärven Simpukka)

**Accommodation facilities:** Rokuan Unelma: 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), electric-heated sauna, shower and sofabed (downstairs); 2 toilets, hot tub on terrace, barbecue house, patio with dining area and stairways to a pier

**Kirvesjärven Simpukka:** Two twin beds, one single bed and one easy chair that can be folded out as a single bed (upstairs), living room with sofabed, fireplace, wood-heated sauna, shower and toilet. Large patio with outdoor furniture and stairs 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 + fat-bike. 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:** 1-15 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



BOAT FISHING

Angling/ jigging in lake Oulujärvi.

**Season:** 15.05.- 30.09.

**Duration:** 6 h

**Languages:** English

**Participants:** 1-20 pax

**Minimum age:** 6 years

**Starting point & time:** Lake Oulujärvi, 10 h

**Services included:** Guide, fishing equipment, licenses, light lunch, soft drinks and tea/ coffee on the boat,

**Optional services:** Transfer from hotel and back, protective clothing



ICE FISHING

Ice fishing package in beautiful, clean Finnish nature for small and big groups, no previous experience needed, but is also suited for experienced fishers who need guiding.

**Season:** 15.11.-31.04.

**Duration:** 4 h

**Languages:** English

**Participants:** 1-30 pax

**Minimum age:** 5 years

**Starting point & time:** Rokua, 10 h

**Services included:** Experienced guide, complete service, ice fishing equipment & bait, drills

**Optional services:** Winter clothes, ice fishing tents, light snack

**Note:** Warm clothes needed if the weather is cold and windy



SNOWSHOE WALKING

Snowshoe walking activity package with or without guide.

**Season:** 01.01.-31.04.

**Duration:** 2 h

**Languages:** English

**Participants:** 4-16 pax

**Minimum age:** 7 years

**Starting point & time:** Rokua area, between 10-18 h

**Services included:** Guide if wished, snow shoes & sticks

**Optional services:** Winter clothing, transfer, light snack



## MERILÄN KARTANO

### HOTEL & RESTAURANT IN THE FINNISH COUNTRYSIDE

#### Experience Finnish Countryside!

Merilän Kartano (Merilä 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 Oulujoki 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 memorable experiences or just enjoy yourself by relaxing.

#### 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.

#### DETAILS

**Founded:** 1992 **Season:** Year-round

**Languages:** English, German, Swedish, some Russian

**Number & type of accommodation:** 12 rooms, types of rooms: 1 x 1-person room, 3 x 2-person room, 4x4-person room with small kitchen and microwave oven and 4 x 4-person room with water cooker+etc  
**Accommodation facilities:** WC, shower, TV, small kitchen or water cooker, WiFi

**Restaurants:** Kaisus hall, 80-100 chairs, Puoji, 80 chairs, Breakfast restaurant, 40 chairs, Pirtti, 50 chairs Bar: Puoji-bar, 40 chairs, Lappis hut, 50 places

**Spa & Wellness:** 3 saunas by riverside, traditional smoke sauna, all the time (possible) by wood heated sauna and by electric heated sauna

**Activities offered: summer:** Fishing, fatbiking, hiking, paddling trip, church boat trip, guided nature trail trip

**Winter:** Short husky safaris, skiing trail, snowmobile track, winter fishing, fatbiking, skiing, winter hiking

**Packages:** Full service Christmas and New Year packages

**Note:** Dogs in two rooms allowed, next supermarket in 4.5 km, parking places available

**Accessibility:** Oulu Airport (80 km), pickup offered on request



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#### CANOE

### PADDLING TRIP TO OULUJOKI RIVER

Canoeing session on the peaceful Oulu river. Your paddling trip is sheltered from winds by the steep slopes and forest as well marketplace and urban city life. Our canoes are stable, and each can fit two people. At the start of your canoe tour your guide will introduce to you the basics of this calm and tranquil way of moving along the waterways of nature.

This tour is more about enjoying the nature than covering long distances or exercising hard.

**Season:** Daily 01.06.-31.08.

**Duration:** Approx. 2 h

**Languages:** English

**Participants:** 3-20 pax

**Location:** River Oulu (delta)

**Services included:** Botnia Outdoor Guide, instructions, paddling equipment



#### HIKING

### HIKING ON THE PINE TAR ROUTE TERVAREITTI

The Oulujoki river valley is part of an ancient route connecting the Gulf of Bothnia with lake Laatokka. The route has been used for hunting as well as for trade and war movements. In earlier times, the route was also used as a link between the castles of Oulu and Kajaani, and the river was of importance for rafting and pine tar transport. On our hike you will get to know this interesting and historic route.

**Season:** May-September

**Duration:** Approx. 3 h

**Languages:** English

**Participants:** 4-20 pax

**Starting point:** The tour starts at the Merilän Kartano estate and follows the marked route of the Tervareitti pine tar route.

**Services included:** Guided hike with a Botnia Outdoor guide

**Optional services:** Lunch consisting of coffee, sausage and rolls

**Note:** Participants need weatherproof outdoor clothing and good hiking boots.



#### FATBIKE

### 3-DAY FATBIKE TOUR ON THE TERVAREITTI ROUTE

The Tervareitti Wood Tar Route is a scenically varied fatbike route in the Oulujoki river valley, ideal for summer and autumn excursions. The wood tar route starts in the Rokua esker and dune area and leads through the municipality of Utajärvi and Muhos to Sankivaara in Oulu. The total length of the route is about 100 km.

During our three-day fatbike tour you will get to know the whole route. The tour starts at Merilän Kartano and ends at Sankivaara. The Merilän Kartano estate and the Montta campsite are the places to stay overnight.

At the overnight resorts you can visit the sauna and enjoy dinner and breakfast.

**Season:** September **Duration:** 3 days/ 2 nights

**Languages:** English **Participants:** 5-20 pax

**Services included:** Transport of the luggage of the participants (Rokua-Merilän Kartano-Montta-Sankivaara), breakfast and dinner at the Merilän Kartano farm and at the Montta campsite, 2 overnight stays, bed linen, towels and sauna, guide

**Optional services:** Lunch, insurance, fatbike



#### CANOE & FATBIKE

### 5-DAY PADDLE AND FATBIKE TOUR AT ROKUA GOEPARK

Both the river Oulujoki and the mighty lake Oulujärvi are true paddling paradises. Take the opportunity to get to know these waters under the guidance of an experienced guide. Besides paddling, our program includes a fatbike tour in the esker and dune area of Rokua, where we will of course also explore the local Rokua National Park by bike. Afterwards relax with an hour of forest yoga - and we wouldn't be in Finland if it weren't for sauna.

**Day 1:** Arrival **Day 2:** Canoeing tour on the Oulujoki river. **Day 3:** Fatbike tour.

**Day 4:** Paddle tour on the Oulujärvi. **Day 5:** Departure

**Season:** June **Duration:** 5 days/ 4 nights

**Languages:** English **Participants:** 5-8 pax

**Services included:** Instructions of Botnia Outdoor guides, outdoor, paddle and fatbike equipment

**Optional services:** Overnight stay, lunch consisting of coffee, sausage and rolls. Transport from and to the airport or train station. Visit to the saunas.



## 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. Hotel offers 136 rooms and a la carte restaurant with tasty, local delicacies. Finnish and Turkish saunas and pool section form a real oasis of wellness, purifying and refreshing mind and body alike. Spa visitors can also enjoy the picture-perfect natural environment of Rokua Geopark directly at the pool section through the windows. There is also an extensive Day Spa offering luxurious treatments and pampering services. You can add some of the numerous activities for a perfect holiday.

#### DETAILS

**Founded:** 1982 **Last renovation:** 2011-2014

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

**Number & type of rooms:** 136 rooms in total: 79 double rooms, 17 suites/ family rooms with sauna, 12 family rooms on two floors (loft rooms), 2 suites

**Room facilities:** TV, telephone, radio, shower, toilet and bathing robe.

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Mini bar and sauna in the suites, Wifi

**Restaurant:** Lobby Café, Restaurant Rousku (seating for 500), à la carte cabinet, Bar, Pub, Rantakota shore hut (by pre booking only)

**Spa & Wellness:** Two heated activity pools complete with massaging jet streams, one slide intended for children who can swim, a 25-metre-long exercise swimming pool, a young children's wading pool, a cold well, a traditional sauna, a Turkish sauna, reservation saunas (2-20 people) and smoke sauna (by booking only). A luxurious Day Spa.

**Activities offered: Summer:** Hiking, Nordic Walking, swimming, fishing (independently or guided), kayaking, mini golf, berry and mushroom picking, volleyball, badminton, basketball, roller skating, mountain biking. **Winter:** Cross-country skiing, snowshoe hiking, ice-fishing, mini snow golf, guided nature trek, Starry sky/ Northern lights tour, pre-booked group tours to husky and reindeer farms

**Note:** Pets are allowed, 20 km to supermarket at the city of Utajärvi, parking places are available

**Packages:** Day Spa services, Christmas package, Midsummer package, school camps

**Accessibility:** Oulu Airport (86 km), Utajärvi train station (20 km), transfer on request

**Sustainability:** As a member of Rokua Geopark network Rokua Health & Spa hotel is committed to the UNESCO sustainable development goals.



### WINTER WONDERS AT ROKUA GEOPARK

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

#### Program:

**Day 1 - Arrival:** Arrival at Oulu Airport at approx. 14 h and drive to Rokua at 16 h. Arrival at Rokua with check in. Dinner at Finnish Kota teepee by frozen Lake Ahveroinen (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) Minimum group size 10 pax. Lunch.

Dinner buffet "Starry sky" /Northern lights tour: Immerse yourself in the silence of the snow-covered scenery, far from the artificial lights. If we are lucky, we will get to witness the splendor of the northern lights and the star-speckled sky.

**Day 5 - Leisure time and Finnish Saturday Sauna:** Free program in the morning. Lunch buffet. Finnish Saturday Sauna: Traditional Finnish sauna evening and sauna traditions at Kammi-sauna cabinet. Dinner.

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

**Season:** Mid-January-end of April **Duration:** 6 days/ 5 nights **Languages:** English

**Participants:** 4-25 pax; possible groups: 4-10 pax or 11-25 pax. Price depends on group size.

**Services included:** 5 nights in a twin room, 5x breakfast buffet, 2x lunch buffet, 5x dinner (4x buffet, 1x Kota dinner incl. starter, main course, dessert), local nature guide, activities as described (snowshoe, husky, reindeer farm) included, free usage of swimming pools/ saunas and gym according opening hours.

**Optional services:** Transfers from/ to Oulu airport, alcoholic drinks, ice-fishing, cross-country ski, single 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.

**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 area are the land forms shaped by the Ice Age: glacial ridges, pine and lichen-clad heaths, kettle holes and small ponds filled with crystal clear 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 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 crystal clear 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.

**Season:** 15.05.-15.10. **Duration:** 4 days/ 3 night

**Languages:** English **Participants:** 4- 13 pax

**Services included:** 3 nights in a twin room either with breakfast or half-board, program by own/ team choice, use of pools, saunas and gym; rental of mountainbikes and helmet (use of 1-4 bicycles at the same time per visitors or group, max 4 hours per time).

**Optional services:** Spa treatments by own choice by additional charge, guide for activities

**Note:** This package is non-guided (guide can be prebooked)



## 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 **Season:** Year-round

**Languages:** English

**Number & type of accommodation:** 5 in total: 1 apartment and 4 guest rooms

**Accommodation facilities:** Apartment facilities: mini-kitchen with all necessary equipment, private bathroom with toilet and shower, high-quality mattress beds, baby cot and high chair, air conditioning, wireless internet, tv, open all year around

**Guest cottage Luhtiaitta facilities:** depending on the room - air conditioning, tv, microwave, fridge, toilet and shower

**Spa & Wellness:** Sauna

**Activities offered:** Summer: Cycling, canoeing, swimming, rowing, fishing.

Winter: Skiing, nordic walking, observing aurora borealis

**Note:** Pets are allowed for a fee, 4 km to the next supermarket, parking places available, playground for children

**Accessibility:** Oulu airport (30 km)

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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 and 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:** 2019 **Season:** 01.05.-30.09. **Languages:** English

**Number & type of accommodation:** 13 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, fridge; bigger cottages: sauna, shower, toilet, kitchen and tv

**Restaurants:** One restaurant

**Spa & Wellness:** Two traditional wooden sauna and electric sauna

**Activities offered:** Kayaking, canoeing, sup boarding, fatbikes, nature tracks, hiking, rope lines

**Rental:** Rowing boat, fatbikes, kayaks, canoes, sup boards

**Note:** Dogs are allowed, 6.5 km to the next supermarket, parking places are available, playground and nature swimming pool for children

**Accessibility:** Oulu airport (42 km) and railway station (36 km)

**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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## ROKUA BOOKING CENTRE

Rokua Booking Centre is your contact for cottages and apartments in the Rokua UNESCO Global Geopark region.

### Accommodation

Private summer cabins and apartments as well as hotel rooms in the area of Rokua UNESCO Global Geopark. The majority of the accommodation is located in the Rokua esker and dune area, a popular recreation area in the heart of the Rokua Geopark. Summer cabins by the river Oulu or the lake Oulujärvi.

### DETAILS

**Founded:** 2016, run by the owner

**Season:** Year-round

**Number & type of accommodation:** In total about 22 cottages & apartments.

**Accommodation facilities:** Differs per cottages and apartment, but all have at least kitchen facilities, sauna and shower and depending on the size of the cottage, 1-5 bedrooms.

**Activities offered:** Self guided in summer: Hiking, cycling by fatbike, berry and mushroom picking, fishing.

**Guided in summer:** Fishing trips on the Oulu river or on the lake Oulu, kayaking trips on the Oulu river, boat trip to the Oulu river, hiking trips, fatbike trips

**Self-guided in winter:** Cross country skiing, ice fishing

**Guided in winter:** Ski excursions, ice fishing trip, snowshoe excursion

**Rental:** Fatbike, snowshoes, kayak

**Accessibility:** Transfer offered on request





# SYÖTE

## 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, arctic 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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**Visitor Centre:** Erätie 1, 93280 Syöte

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Syöte Tourism Association

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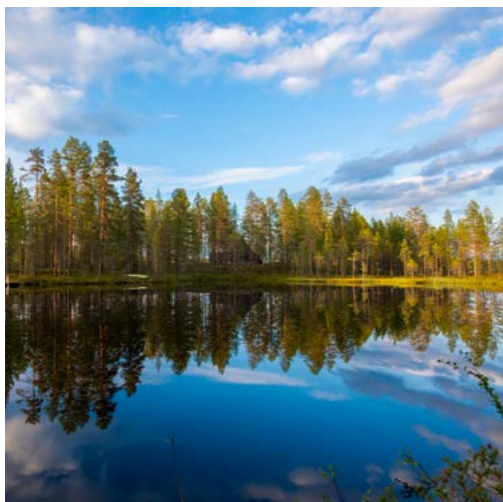
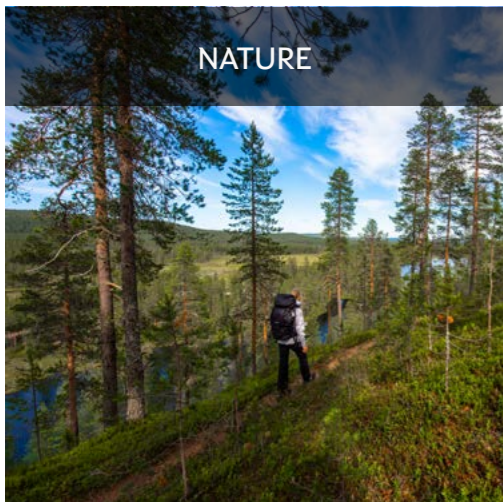
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## SYÖTE NATIONAL PARK

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-flanked bluetails, 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

**Season:** Year-round **Area:** 299 km<sup>2</sup>

**Accessibility:** Syöte National Park is located north of road 20 (Oulu - Kuusamo main road), about 60 km from Pudasjärvi to north.

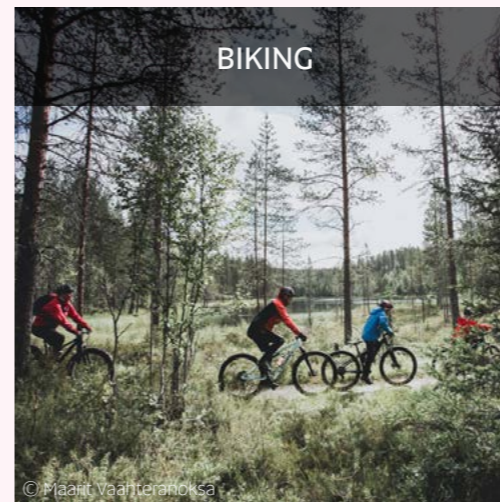
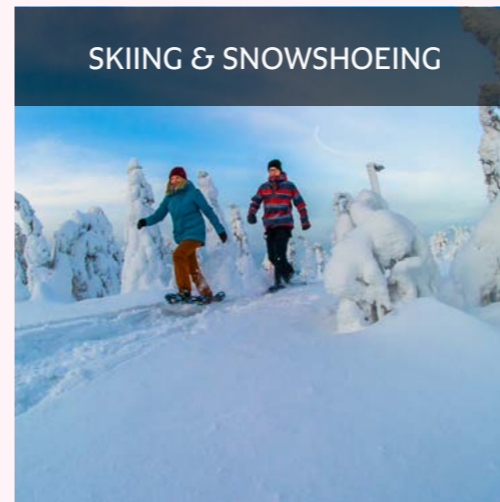
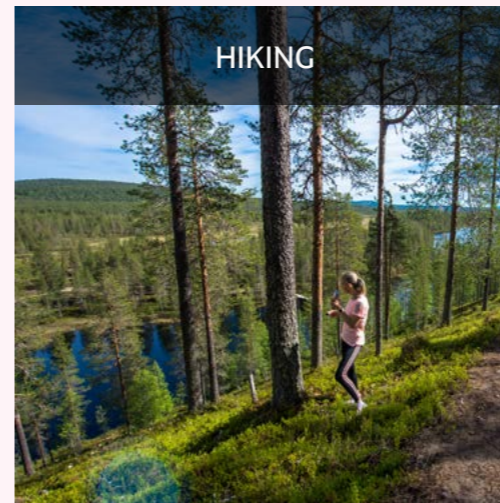
**Activities:** Skiing, mountain biking, trekking, geocaching, fishing, birdwatching, snowshoeing, berry and mushroom picking, canoeing

**Sights:** The views from the top of Pyhitys Hill and from the Ahmakallio observation tower, the snow-crowned spruces, the mires where you can pick cloudberry and cranberries, the Rytivaara Crown Tenant Farm, and the traces of the Ice Age in Vattukuru Ravine

**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.

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## SYÖTE VISITOR CENTRE

Syöte Visitor Centre is a handsome log castle by the gates of Syöte National Park. At the Tales from the Backwoods exhibition you can sense the presence of history and hear the whispering spruces. The exhibition presents the history of the interaction between man and nature in the backwoods of Syöte also in German.

### Changing Exhibitions

Temporary exhibitions change roughly every three months.

### Activities in the region

With the help of the up-to-date hiking tips that are provided by the visitor centre's staff, it is easy to enjoy an active holiday amongst the wooded hills.

**Services:** Guided tours, presentations, exhibitions, nature films events, a café restaurant, nature education nature-themed shop, hiking information, WiFi. Services provided by the cooperating partners are also available.

### Contact

Syöte Visitor Centre, [www.nationalparks.fi/en/syotevisitorcentre](http://www.nationalparks.fi/en/syotevisitorcentre)

## ACTIVITIES AT SYÖTE NATIONAL PARK

### 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 Rytivaara

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 Rytivaara 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 Rytivaara, 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 Syötekylä village to Rytivaara 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 Rytivaara, 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 snowshoe 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 make 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 (4.5 km) will lead the hiker to the top of 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 Pärjänjoki, which flows through the national park, is a popular canoe and fishing destination in the summer. The river is suitable for canoeists 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.

The museum and the church with the bell tower and the fence form a historically valuable entity in a nationally valuable scenery of Aittojärvi-Kyngäs.

### DETAILS

**Established:** 1865 **Season:** Summer: June-August (on demand possibly earlier/ later - not winter)

**Opening hours:** Not decided yet, similar to 2020: **Museum:** 17.06.-02.08., Wed.-Sun. 10-17 h; Mon., Tue. and Midsummer eve and Midsummer day closed, 03.08.-11.09., 10-16 h, Sat. and Sun. closed

**The church:** Midsummer-end of July, Mon.-Fri. 11-17 h

**Languages:** English

**Services:** Guided tours for individuals and groups; groups also outside regular hours

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## ISO-SYÖTE BIKE PARK

Now you can enjoy fell views, nature and downhill biking in Iso-Syöte! Iso-Syöte Bike Park is inviting everyone to try this popular biking form. The idea is that you go up with a lift and down by bike. There are different routes and trails, which are suitable for beginners and also for more pro bikers.

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 down-hill 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 biking safaris and lessons for enduro 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 sceneries and rolling hills is to take part on our electronic motored 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

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## 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 t 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 skis with an experienced instructor guide. 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 funniest and fastest way to wonder snowy forests and nature.

### DETAILS

**Season:** 01.12.2020 - 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 outing 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 outing 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 snowscoots.



**Starting point & time:** Ski Resort Iso-Syöte rental shop, starting time for private groups: 10/ 12/ 14/ 15 h; week program: Fridays at 15 h  
**Services included:** A licensed ski instructor is the guide for this activity, equipment (cross-country skis, boots and poles)

## SKIING / SNOWBOARDING TASTER

Fun introduction lesson in skiing or snowboarding. During the lesson you will learn the basics of the sport in a beautiful winter setting.

If you haven't tried skiing or snowboarding before, Iso-Syöte is the place to give it a go! We have great facilities as well as amazing snow and friendliest instructors you can imagine. We also give lessons to couples, families and private groups. Lessons for experienced skiers also. Lesson duration 100 minutes, includes lift pass and instructing.

### DETAILS

**Season:** 01.12.2020 - 01.05.2021

**Duration:** 100 minutes

**Languages:** English

**Participants:** Maximum: 10 persons/instructor

**Minimum age:** 6 years

**Starting point & time:** Ski Resort Iso-Syöte base, from the rental shop, starting times at 10/ 12/ 14/ 15 h

**Services included:** Qualified ski instructor

**Optional:** Outdoor clothing packages for 3, 4 or 7 days

### CONTACT

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## SYÖTTEEN 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 teepee. Duration of the whole program is about 2.5 hours.

#### DETAILS

**Season:** December-mid April

**Duration:** 2-2.5 h of which 1 h husky safari

**Languages:** English

**Participants:** 4-20 pax, 2 person/ sledge

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

**Services included:** Guided husky safari, outdoor equipment (overalls, shoes, clothes), 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 forests and over 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:** 4-5 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, clothes), picnic

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

### RIVERTUBING

Guided 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 Pärjänjoki. 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 (wet-suit, helmet, life vest)

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

Erä-Ohto Oy - using marketing name **Syötteen Eräpalvelut**, Syöte Wilderness Services in English - is the leading program service company in Syöte region in Finland. The company is specialized in outdoor activities both for private customers and B2B companies. Activities are provided in Syöte. All the services can be tailored for clients' needs. Services are available at Oksanperä camp.

**Languages:** English

**Founded:** 2010, owner-run company

**Operating season:** Winter: Dec.-mid-April. summer: June-Sept.

**Services offered:** Summer: Rivertubing, guided canoeing, husky farm visit, guided fishing, guided hiking

**Winter:** Husky, visit to the husky farm, campfire meals at request in an outdoor or wooden shelter, meals in a lockwood cabin, VIP-safaris and programs

**Rental:** Canoes

## SYÖTE BOOKING CENTRE

### ACCOMMODATION & PACKAGES

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

#### Accommodation for every taste

We have a large selection of cottages, holiday apartments and hotel rooms at the Syöte 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-Syöte and Pikku-Syöte 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 Syöte 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.



#### DETAILS

**Operating season:** Year-round **Languages:** English

**Number & type of accommodation:** In total about 200 cottages & apartments

**Accommodation facilities:** Different kinds of cottages & apartment, but all have at least kitchen facilities, sauna and shower and depending on the size of the cottage, 1-4 bedrooms. Some apartments have only a loft. Some high-quality cottages have an outdoor jacuzzi.

**Spa & Wellness:** All cottages & apartments are equipped with sauna **Offered activities:** Multiple activities offered year-round, e.g. canoeing, mountain biking, husky/ reindeer safaris, snowshoeing

**Packages:** Accommodation packages with a minimum booking period of 4 nights, extra services (for example Christmas dinner, activities etc.) at extra charge if requested.

**Accessibility:** Airports Oulu (150 km), Rovaniemi (160 km), Kuusamo (100 km). Bus (during high season), taxi, rental car can be arranged at extra charge.

### PÄRJÄ SUITES

Spacious high-quality apartments just next to Iso-Syöte slopes! Just ski-in, ski-out!

#### DETAILS

**Number & type of apartments:** 4 apartments: one for max 10 persons and three for max 4 persons

**Apartment facilities:** Every apartment has a fully equipped kitchen as well as a sauna, bathroom and drying cupboard. Pärjä Suites 1, 3 & 4 have also an outdoor jacuzzi, a nice luxury addition to the holiday. Apt 1 has 4 bedrooms, apts 2 & 3 have one bedroom + loft, apt 4 has one bedroom.

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## KIDE HOTEL BY ISO-SYÖTE

### ECOLOGICAL 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 shop. 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.

#### DETAILS

**Built:** November 2019 **Note:** Family-run company  
**Operating season:** Year-round **Languages:** English  
**Number & type of accommodation:** 60 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 playing multiple indoor sports. Sauna is free of charge for hotel guests daily, gym is for extra cost.  
**Summer activities:** Mountain biking, Enduro/ DH biking at Bike Park, hiking, canoeing, kayaking, berry picking, husky farm visits, fishing and outing at the National Park.

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**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 pro's, cross country skiing gear for classic and skating style, snowshoes, fatbikes, e-fatbikes and full suspension mountain bikes and snowscoots

**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. Tailoring packages for tour operators is also possible.

**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.

- The wooden build hotel and the running water are heated by geothermal heating
- The hotel operation is fully digitized, therefore the adjustments to ventilation, heating and water consumption can be adjusted remotely and also automatically
- Charging stations for electric vehicles at the hotel premises
- Organic waste, waste-to-energy and mixed waste bins in each room.
- Towels and bed sheets are only changed if requested
- Sauna is only heated on request
- Local ingredients, staff and co-operation companies are emphasized on the operation of the hotel and restaurant.
- The clients' airport and train station transfers are combined with other hotels in the region



### HOTEL ROOMS AT KIDE BY ISO-SYÖTE

All rooms are 26 m<sup>2</sup> 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.

### KUURU GLASS ROOF SUITES

Kuuru glass roof suites are ecological, 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

### 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:** 20.12.2020-17.4.2021, same for winter 2021/22

**Participants:** Min. 1 pax, max. at least 10 pax (depending on availability)

**Duration:** 6 days/ 5 nights

**Package includes:** 5-nights in twin room with breakfast, four guided activities: husky safari (Tuesdays), e-fatbike safari (Wednesday), aurora hunting with snowshoes (Wednesday), 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 for the while 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 products 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:** 20.12.2020-14.4.2021, same for winter 2021/22

**Participants:** Min. 1 pax, max. at least 10 pax

**Duration:** 8 days/ 7 nights

**Package includes:** 7-nights in twin room with breakfast, 5 guided activities: husky safari (Tuesdays), e-fatbike safari (Wednesday), aurora hunting with snowshoes (Wednesday), 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 while stay, half board, special night at a glass roof suite



## YOUTH AND LEISURE CENTER PIKKU-SYÖTE

### 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 travellers, 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. Pikku-Syöte is also part of the reindeer herding area, where you can spot reindeer wandering around freely.

#### DETAILS

**Built & renovated:** Built in 1994 and extended in 2006. The latest renovations have been made in 2012. Next planned for 2020-2021.

**Operating season:** Year-round   **Languages:** English

**Number & type of accommodation:** 82 hotel rooms

**Restaurants:** One restaurant and bar. Restaurant Puro provides delicious buffet meals, a la carte, pizza & snack and café services with wonderful views. The menu changes seasonally.

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Tokka Bar is a relaxed bar with karaoke right next to Restaurant Puro.  
**Spa & Wellness:** Female/ male saunas and rentable private sauna incl. a room with fireplace

**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, sledges and lapps sledges. Winter clothing and shoes.

**Other services:** Meeting rooms (for up to 250 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 Pudasjärvi (55 km), Taivakoski (35 km); parking places free of charge

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

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

**Sustainability:** Own sustainability program

- Environmental responsibility:** Using geothermal heating since 2013 and totally ecological energy since 2014, electricity is partly generated by solar energy since 2019, use of environmentally friendly LED lightning, Restaurant Puro favours local food and is part of the ResQ service to reduce waste food
- 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



### HOTEL ROOMS AT HOTEL PIKKU-SYÖTE

Hotel Pikku-Syöte offers four different room categories (economy, standard, superior, suite) and 82 rooms to fit every traveller's needs set in a wonderful scenery.

**Number & type of rooms:** 82 rooms, four categories

**Room facilities:** Economy rooms: 4 separate beds, tv, desk, bathroom with shower, free WiFi

Standard rooms: 2 separate beds, tv, desk, bathroom with shower, free WiFi

Superior rooms: 2 separate beds, tv, desk, bathroom with jacuzzi or sauna, free WiFi

Suites: Spacious rooms with 2-4 separate beds, sofa set, tv, bathroom with sauna, kitchenette, free WiFi

**Note:** One or two extra beds can be placed in every room.



### 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:** Transport 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. Transport 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**

**Day 8 Departure day:** Breakfast. Check out. Transfer to Oulu airport

**Season:** Mid-March-Mid-Dec. **Duration:** 8 days/ 7 nights **Languages:** English

**Participants:** 10-30 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 to Pikku-Syöte and check in to rooms. Dinner at the hotel restaurant.

**Day 2 Visit to husky farm:** Breakfast. Transport 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, discs 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 hour. Dinner at the hotel restaurant.

**Day 6 Day trip to Rovaniemi**

**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:** 10-30 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



## HOTEL ISO-SYÖTE & SAFARIS

### 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 panorama views, unforgettable experiences and adventures in a serene 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

**Number & type of accommodation:** 20 Arctic style hotel rooms, 10 exclusive Aurora View Suites, 12 Star Superior rooms, 3 unique special

suites, 20 Kelo cottages and 16 Fell Top cottages.

**Restaurants:** One restaurant at the hotel, wilderness camp „Hanhi-lampi“ with Lappish kota, smoke sauna and private lake, kelo ski restaurant „Romekievari“ at the bottom of the slopes.

**Spa & Wellness:** Spa lounge with swimming pool, jacuzzi, Finnish sauna and a Turkish steam sauna, ice water bath, relax room and massage rooms for the Arctic Spa treatments.

**Wellbeing & Sports facilities:** Arctic Spa is available without additional costs for our guests. Hotel Iso Syöte offers a program for personal training, aquarobic in the swimming pool and some pilates and yoga session. Full beauty and massage treatments program is available.

**Summer activities:** Hiking, canoeing on lakes and rivers, quad bike tours through the forest, reindeer farm/ husky farm visits and camp-fire dinners in the open air under the midnight sun.

**Winter activities:** Snowmobile tours, husky and reindeer sledge rides, snowshoe hikes, fatbike tours, ice fishing trips, downhill and cross country skiing straight from the hotel or the cottages.

**Rental:** Snowshoes, toboggans, mountainbikes in summer, fatbikes in winter. More about Lapland Bike Hotel: [laplandbikehotel.fi/en](http://laplandbikehotel.fi/en)

**Packages:** Diverse packages for FIT and groups

**Accessibility:** Transfers from Oulu, Rovaniemi or Kuusamo

**Sustainability:** Sustainability certificate & own sustainability program

- Hotel Iso-Syöte holds the Green DQS certificate - that implies a focus on issues such as energy consumption, the use of water, recycling and the eco-friendliness of their services.
- Plans to improve the eco-credentials by investing in environmentally friendly technologies
- Environmental responsibility is reflected in the everyday running of Hotel Iso-Syöte in many ways; e.g. active monitoring of electricity and water consumption
- Hotel Iso-Syöte uses locally sourced pure spring water
- Paying special attention to small but significant everyday operations, e.g. investing in recycling
- All snowmobiles feature modern four-stroke technology
- For the next few years large investments in areas such as solar power and electric cars



Reindeer Standard Room



Aurora View Suite



Eagles View Suite



## 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 cosy 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.

### AURORA VIEW SUITES

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, bathrobes 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 the 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 saunas to relax, a Turkish steam sauna 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

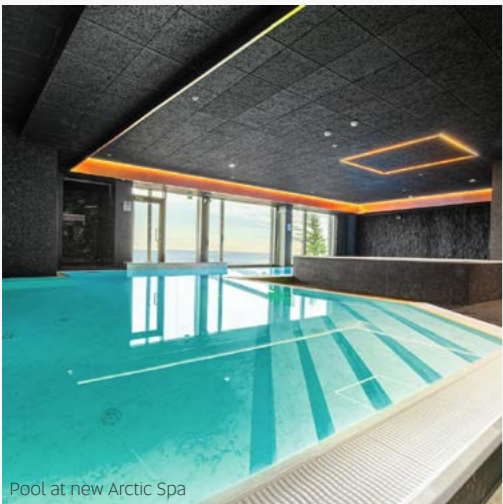
The Phoenix Suite – the start of the new beginning – is being built on the second floor of the new part of the hotel to commemorate the fire that occurred in December 2018.

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.

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## 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 cosy, fully equipped cottages with own sauna and fire place.

### TRADITIONAL FINNISH KELO COTTAGES

20 cottages built in traditional, Finnish kelo-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 m<sup>2</sup>

**Cottage facilities:** Living room with fireplace, well equipped kitchen, diner 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 fjell with a wide view overlooking 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 fireplace, seats and sofa, fully equipped kitchen (with cooker, fridge, dishwasher, oven, microwave, coffeemaker and all needed dishes etc), diner table, fireplace, one bedroom (with double bed) and 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. 2.5 km away. In winter time, Hotel Iso Syöte offers a shuttle service to the supermarket.

## RESTAURANT & KOTA

### RESTAURANT HILLTOP

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 open 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 speciality.

### LAPPISH HANHILAMPI 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 fireplace where the cook will prepare the food. 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 hydrotherapy jets and counter current units and a cold pool. The spa also offers comprehensive wellness and beauty services such as manicures and massages.

- **Facial treatments:** Basic facial (60 min.), special facial (90 min.), fresh up-quick refresh (45 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.)



## 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 à 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.

**Contact:** [laplandbikehotel.fi/en](http://laplandbikehotel.fi/en), [facebook.com/laplandbikehotel](https://facebook.com/laplandbikehotel)

## MOUNTAIN BIKE TRIPS IN SYÖTE

Livojärvi 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 & underwater shallow bottom ridges. The longest ridge cape in the lake, called Hirsiniemi, is almost 10km long but in many places less than 100m wide. The Hirsiniemi 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 huts and leanto 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 Livojärvi area -transfers, guidance, support, snacks, tasty meals and hotel accommodation included!

### Hirsiniemi mountain bike tour - Daytrip

On this tour, we examine the best Livojärvi area has to offer. The ride starts off from a parking place in the middle of Livojärvi 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 Hirsiniemi 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 Loukusanjärvi. These ever- so-wonderful narrow and steep ridges are less-travelled than some others, which means our bikes will be in their element there!

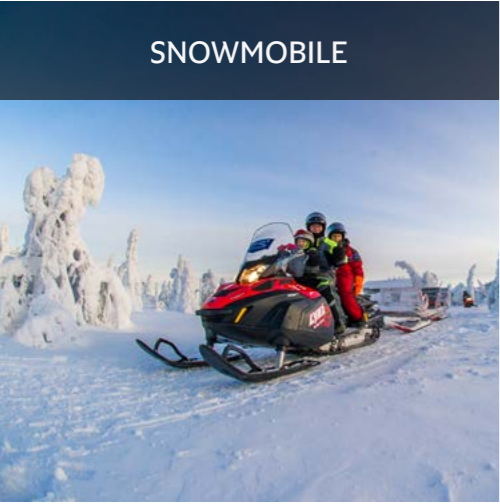
The ride starts off from close to the Loukusa village, and first we'll go check the remains of an old combined bridge and dam, which once served the forest industry by the means of water regulation for timber rafting. From there, our route will take us along the beautiful ridges between the lakes and hills to the middle of Loukusanjärvi until we have to turn back - unless you want to take a swim, of course! We'll make sure you can enjoy the marvelous sceneries 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 on an old ranch farm, the very ranch the hotel owner Mr. Kuukasjärvi himself grew up at! There'll be an old-timer classic Finnish countryside sauna waiting for us, and after the sauna Mr. Kuukasjärvi will serve us a tasty dinner in local Loukusa style. After the dinner, we'll head back to the hotel. Or, optionally, we could stay overnight and continue our adventure to other trails the very next day!

**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.



HUSKY



SNOWMOBILE



KICK SLED



NORTHERN LIGHTS SAFARI

WINTER WEEKLY PROGRAM AT HOTEL ISO-SYÖTE

Snowmobile safari to wilderness

The safari starts from the hotel where the snowmobiles are lined up. The track goes first down hill, and then onwards along fells, through the forest with heavy snow covered trees and over ice covered swamps or lakes. We stop to make a 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 **Participants:** No min. pax **Included:** Guide, safari outfit, hot drink (coffee/ tea and buns), snowmobile safari and insurances

Overnight in a real snow 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 cosy, 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, shower and sauna at the hotel **Note:** Igloo overnight can only be reserved additional 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 of 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 **Participants:** Min. 4 pax **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 big snow fun on the Iso Syöte hilltop. 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 **Participants:** Min. 4 pax **Included:** Kick sledge, safari outfit, guide, hot drink

Northern light safari

A nighttime snowmobile safari has a special atmosphere when driving under twinkling stars on the fells 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!

**Season:** Dec.-end of April, Tue & Wed.. **Duration:** Approx. 3 h **Languages:** English, English, German, Dutch **Participants:** Min. 4 pax **Included:** Guide, safari outfit, hot drink (coffee/ tea and buns), snowmobile safari and insurances

Snowmobile safari to a frozen lake & ice-fishing

We start from the hotel by snowmobile to travel through the forest to go to a frozen lake. We bring the gear with us to drill the holes in the ice and go ice fishing on this beautiful lake. Coffee break by an open fire. By snowmobile again back to the hotel.

**Season:** Dec.-end of April, Wed. **Duration:** Approx. 3-3.5 h **Languages:** English, German, Dutch **Participants:** Min. 4 pax **Included:** Guide, snowmobile safari, ice fishing, safari outfits, coffee and bun and sausage grilling

Husky safari with lunch at the husky farm

Transportation to the husky farm where the huskies are eagerly waiting for visitors to come. Introduction to the dogs and instructions for sledge driving. The safari route goes through snowy forests and ice covered lakes and swamps. There are stops to switch drivers and to take pictures. Back at the farm the huskies can be releases to their yard and cabins and for you lunch is prepared and served near the open fire. Length and duration may change due to weather, snow and daylight conditions.

**Season:** Dec.-end of April, Wed. **Duration:** Approx. 4 h (incl. return) **Languages:** English, German, Dutch **Participants:** Min. 4 pax **Included:** Transfer, safari outfit, lunch, guide, husky safari (25 km). **Note:** This safari will/ can be carried out on other days of the week as well.

Visit by snowmobiles to a reindeer farm

A snowmobile safari through snowy forests and over ice covered lakes to Lappish kote where the reindeer man is waiting with his reindeer. Introduction by the reindeer man at the farm about the reindeer and reindeer herding. Visitors will have the chance to ride in a sledge pulled by a reindeer. Coffee and pulla at the kota.

**Season:** Dec.-end of April, Thu. **Duration:** Approx. 3 h **Languages:** English **Participants:** Min. 4 pax **Included:** Snowmobiles safari, guide, reindeer ride, coffee with pulla



SNOWSHOE



ICE FISHING



REINDEER



EXCURSION

WINTER WEEKLY PROGRAM AT HOTEL ISO-SYÖTE

Snowshoe hiking trip

Our trip starts from the hotel after personal instructions how to use the snowshoes. The 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:** Snowshoes, 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 sledge 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. 2-2.5 h (incl. return) **Languages:** English **Participants:** Min. 2 pax **Included:** Transfer, guide, safari outfit, husky safari (approx. 12 km)

Ice fishing

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

**Season:** Dec.-end of April, Fri. & Sat. **Duration:** Approx. 3 h **Languages:** English, German, Dutch **Participants:** Min. 4 pax **Included:** Transfer, safari outfits, 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 Lappish way. Coffee and snack served in a “kota”.

**Season:** Dec.-end of April, Fri. **Duration:** Approx. 2.5 h (3.5-4 km) **Languages:** English **Participants:** No min. pax **Included:** Guided reindeer sarari, safari outfit, coffee and snack

A long snowmobile adventure

A real big snowmobile adventure: a whole day ahead of driving by snowmobile, far out in the nature and the snow covered forests, driving to various type of terrain. A challenging ride of about 70-90km . We recommend one person per snowmobile to really enjoy the fun and getting the chance to be an experienced driver. Up and down hill, making the right curves and moves while using your bodyweight makes it even more exciting. Admire the area and enjoy the ride! We stop to make campfire and have an outdoor lunch.

**Season:** Dec.-end of April, Fri. **Duration:** Approx. 6 h **Languages:** English, German, Dutch **Participants:** Min. 4 pax, min. age 18 years **Included:** Snowmobile safari, guide services, insurance thermo outfits, insurances, thermo outfits, 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 Virkkunen'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 into his home for coffee, homemade cakes and reindeer sandwiches.

**Season:** Dec.-end of April, Sat. **Duration:** Approx. 3 hrs **Languages:** English **Participants:** No min. pax **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

SUMMER ACTIVITIES AT HOTEL ISO-SYÖTE

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, refreshment

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 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, instruction, canadian canoes, campfire lunch and coffee, refreshments

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.

**Season:** June-end of Oct. **Duration:** Approx. 3-4 h **Languages:** English **Participants:** Min. 4 pax **Included:** Transfer, guide, licenses, fishing equipment, clothing, coffee and pulla

Learning fly-fishing in the river

Trying to learn the skills of fly fishing while standing in the floating river. A special way of waving your line over the water and hoping for a good catch. Transfer to the fishing place. Local fisherman will guide you again and train you in the skills of fly-fishing on the floating river. Along the way, on the shore, we will make coffee by the open fire!

**Season:** June-end of Oct. **Duration:** Approx. 2-3 h **Languages:** English **Participants:** Min. 4 pax **Included:** Transfer, guide, licenses, fishing equipment, clothing, coffee and pulla

Visit a husky farm

Although, in summertime, huskies mostly have a "holiday" you still can come and see the huskies at the husky farm. The owner will guide you around and can tell you all about the husky sledge drives in winter and the way they train and take care of the dogs.

**Season:** June-end of Oct. **Duration:** Approx. 2 h **Languages:** English **Participants:** Min. 4 pax **Included:** Guided tour at the farm, time with the huskies, introduction and demo, coffee break near campfire

River tubing in Syöte

Exciting experience, paddling on a river tube down the stream of the Pärjänjoki river. Transfer to the starting place where you will get the equipment. Each one steps in his/ her own river tube. Let yourself float where the water takes you and control the course with your paddling. Big splashing fun for everyone, no age limit, as long as you can swim. Guide will come along and takes care of transportation back to hotel.

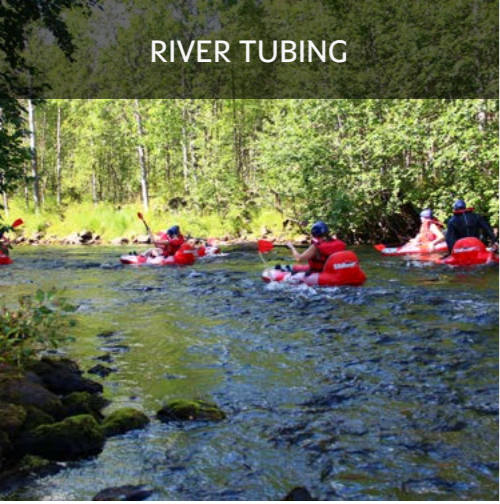
**Season:** June-end of October **Duration:** Approx. 2.5 h **Languages:** English **Participants:** Min. 4 pax **Included:** Transfer, guide, equipment



CANOE



FISHING



RIVER TUBING



BIKING PACKAGE



SNOWMOBILE PACKAGE



MOUNTAIN BIKE PROGRAM AT ISO SYÖTE

**Day 1 - Arrival:** Arrival at Oulu, Rovaniemi 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 tyre pressure and the suspension setup is ideal for these trails. Duckboard balance; To cross swamps wooden planks have been installed and these "wooden trails are often" hundreds of meters long. The duckboards are about 50cm to 60 cm 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 Syöte National park. Packed lunch will be enjoyed around the campfire and in the afternoon. Today's trail will end at the wilderness camp Hanhilampi. In the lappish kota dinner will be made and served around the big open fire. The unique smokesauna is heated for a real traditional sauna-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.

**Season:** Reservations by agreement and based on availability. Final timetable and planning will be made closer to arrival. **Duration:** 4 days/ 3 nights **Languages:** English **Participants:** Min. group size 10 pax **Included:** Group transfer Oulu, Rovaniemi or Kuusamo airport, 3 nights in accommodation of choice incl. full board, daily guided services, wilderness dinner, smoke sauna **Optional:** Single room, bike rental, Gps rental, spa treatments **Contact:** Hotel Iso Syöte & Safaris

EXCLUSIVE SNOWSCOOTER ADVENTURE

Iso Syöte, 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 unspoiled, snow covered nature all around. On the top of the Iso Syöte 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. Enjoy the speed 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:** Arrival at the airport Oulu / Kuusamo or Rovaniemi. Taxi driver is waiting to take you to Iso Syöte. Along the way you can already enjoy the first signs of beautiful snowwhite scenery. Especially when you drive up the last part, the curving road up to the Iso Syöte hill, you will enjoy admiring views all around. Check in, overnight at hotel.

**Day 2, 3, 4 - snowscooter safaris:** 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 thrills and the skills of driving through the deep snow along various tracks. Excitement all over while driving with your snowscooter through this magnificent landscape. Daily trails of about 100 km per day. Comfortable holiday-cottages along the way to overnight with private bedrooms, and Finnish sauna to relax from the challenges of the day. During this three day safari drinks and meals are included, so full board service. In the afternoon on day 4 you return back by snowscooter to Iso Syöte. Check in, overnight at hotel.

**Day 5 - Departure:** Breakfast buffet in the morning. This Snowscooter Adventure has ended. Taxidriver is ready to bring you back to the airport. Joyful memories of some unique, adventurous and splendid experiences will go with you.

**Season:** Between week 11 and week 16 **Duration:** 5 days/ 4 nights **Languages:** English **Participants:** Limited number of participants per date **Included:** Return transfer included from either airport Oulu, Kuusamo or Rovaniemi, 2 nights in a double room, 2 nights in a comfortable holiday cottage, breakfast, full board during the 3 days/2 nights overnight safari, guide, single use of snowscooter for 3 days, full insurance and all fuel costs, full set of thermo clothing and outdoor gear is provided **Optional:** Extended stay at Iso Syöte **Contact:** Hotel Iso Syöte & Safaris

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