

Authentic cabin life and multi-activities deep in the wilds of North-Eastern Finland

A week lasting summer package designed for those who want to do things **the local way, enjoy/connect with nature and the Northern wilderness and** get to participate in the most enjoyable and recreating outdoor activities including **hiking, canoeing, fishing and camping in the forest.**

By this tailor-made tour, you'll truly **participate in a way of life as you will be looking after our newly born reindeer calves** and their mothers, being **guided by a local** and spending first 4 nights at the **remote and off-grid Wilderness Lodge** (detailed info on the website), truly enjoying the simple, Finnish cottage life.

Visiting the must see-natural wonders of the **Hossa National Park area**, enjoying the **traditional wood-heated sauna** and tasting some **local wild foods** are integral parts of this trip.

Families, couples, groups of friends and individual passengers will find this a nice combination of private comfort and spending time together as a group, because while there's a daily group activity/dinner included, there's plenty of time to do your own thing too. **Longest daily hikes are 20 km**, so a certain level of physical condition is required. Here's your tailored proposal that can also be fixed to meet your personal needs:

Day 1

Arrival to Kuusamo or Oulu airport and **transfer to Hossa**. During the transfer you'll get the idea how remote and sparsely-populated this area really is. We'll enjoy a welcoming dinner at the Wilderness Lodge, settle in, **get familiar with the surroundings and with the reindeer** of course. Depending on the schedule, we might take the fish traps to a nearby lake or pick some wild foods from our surroundings. **Warm wood-heated sauna in the evening welcomes you to Finland.**

Day 2

After breakfast it's time to **feed the reindeer and carry water for them**. Then, after a 25 km transfer south by car, we will **start our hike on the Eastern border hiking trail**. This 20 km walk through vast mires and old forests is a very nice part of the trail with versatile views. We'll be



observing nature and enjoy a picnic lunch around open fire. When we reach the Wilderness Lodge about 4pm, first we need to feed the reindeer and make sure they're ok. Later in the evening we'll heat up the sauna and have dinner before you can fall asleep in your cozy log cabin.

Day 3

Today we will be walking on the Easter border hiking trail again, just on the opposite direction. First it's a 20km transfer north to our starting point by car, from where we **walk 20 km back to our base camp**, picnic-lunch around open-fire on the way. We will be walking on **varying terrain from moist mires into intense old coniferous forests where elks and brown bears roam**. Sauna and dinner back at the Wilderness Lodge, after taking care for the reindeer of course.

Day 4

Today we'll take it a bit easier after the two hikes and practice/learn some basic outdoor skills for tomorrow: setting up a tent, making a fire and fishing. At first you'll **learn how to fish with a spinning reel, practice casting the lure** and get to know the rest of the equipment, then it's time to head to the lakes of the area by car to **try our luck with the fish**; perches and pikes being the main target. We'll be fishing from the shore and enjoy some refreshments on the way. **Observing nature and wildlife** on these remote lakes is an experience in itself. The possible catch will be cooked in the evening and today we'll also be **picking the seasonal wild foods that are found along our fun day outdoors**. In the late afternoon we'll head back to our cabins, take care for the reindeers, enjoy the sauna and have dinner.

Day 5

On day 5 we'll start our combined **2-day canoeing, hiking and camping trip in the Hossa National Park**. After breakfast and saying goodbye to the reindeer we pack our bags and leave the Wilderness Lodge behind. After a 30-minute car transfer, we are at our starting point where we'll learn the basics and safety issues of canoeing and then off we go. Route is mainly paddling on lakes with two small rivers in the beginning. We'll stop for a picnic lunch on the way and after 13 km of paddling, we still have 5km of hiking ahead before we are at our campsite for the night. **We'll set up our tents (no need to carry these) and have dinner outdoors by a**



beautiful pond. Swimming in the pond, picking berries or taking a walk in the surrounding forest is possible. Sitting by the bonfire in the evening and sleeping **under the sky** will make this day a special one that you'll remember for a long time.



Day 6

Waking up in a tent, having slept well after an active day outdoors is a good start for a day. We'll prepare our own light breakfast, dismantle the tents, pack our belongings and start our **11 km hike**. We will be taking a different route than yesterday, maybe try a little fishing on the way back and **have lunch at Hossa Visitor Centre** after the walk. In the afternoon, after a short 15-min transfer we will arrive to your accommodation for the last two nights (your luggage waiting for you) where you have all the modern comforts after a while (running water, electricity, indoor toilet). Here we will heat up the sauna by the lake and you can go for a refreshing swim, dinner in a local restaurant.



Day 7

Last full day is an optional day between **a canoeing trip on the lakes starting right at your doorstep** and **an 8-km hike with a visit to see the Colored Rock of Hossa**, that actually is one the most significant rock paintings in whole Scandinavia. Both activities are light and very enjoyable, good for a smooth landing from an active outdoor holiday. Last dinner in a very special restaurant right at the heart of the Hossa area, after the sauna of course.

Day 8

Transfer to the airport and time to say goodbye!

Season	Friday departures:	27 th May -26 th August 2016
Duration	8 days, 7 nights	
Group size	2-8 persons	
Price	1175€/person	

What's included in my trip price?

4 nights at the Wilderness Lodge, 1 night camping, 2 night in accommodation with modern comforts, all meals, all forms of transport, luggage transfers, equipment rentals, sauna daily, admissions and the expertise of your local guide from the booking till the farewell.

*accommodation for the nights 6 and 7 may vary, but there's a guarantee for a place situated in the area nearby with comforts and a lake/sauna.

We reserve the right to make changes to the itinerary.

NOT INCLUDED: Flights, personal travel insurance

All the departures are meant for individual passengers and couples so anyone can participate. Families and groups of friends can also request a tailored proposal, private adventure like this is a thing you remember for a long time. Individual passengers are put together with the same sex in accommodation and groups are filled in order of the bookings.

After receiving the booking, you need to pay a service fee of 50€/person and it needs to be paid within 7 days to confirm you're place on the tour. This is done by a bank transfer, payment and other details will follow in a message you receive within 48 hours.

Passenger may cancel the tour without special reason as follows:

- No later than 14 days prior to departure by paying the service fee 50€
- Later than 14 days but no later than 48 hours prior to departure by paying 50% of the total price .
- If the tour is cancelled later than 48 hours prior to departure, the tour operator has the right to charge the full price of the tour.

There's separate guidelines for a cancellation due to a major occurrence, which are listed in the Consumer agency's "General term for package tours". Hossa Travel complies with these terms and conditions.

Make sure you check out the Hossa Travel Blog at hossatravel.com, our facebook page and Instagram Tarmotopi where you find more information and pictures of the places and all the activities that we'll be doing on this tour.

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