

Into the Wild – Wilderness holiday with multi-activities in the backwoods of northern Finland

A week lasting summer package designed for those who want to do things **the local way, enjoy nature and get a closer look at the culture. 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 plenty of time to do your own thing, a daily group activity is included.

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 most nights at the Wilderness Lodge, truly enjoying the Finnish cottagelife**. Reindeer husbandry has been an integral part of the local culture for centuries and it still is. Other daily tasks include participating in seasonally varying nature activities like **hiking, fishing and picking herbs, berries or mushrooms to supplement the daily menu, canoeing, visiting the must see-natural wonders of the Hossa area and enjoying the traditional wood-heated sauna**.

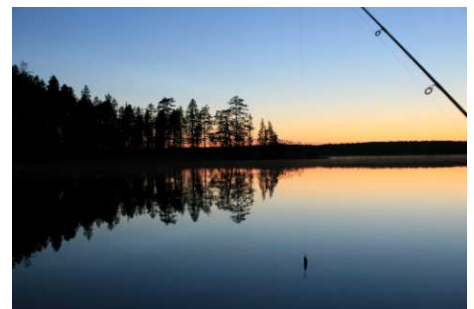
Tight schedules don't exist and there has consciously been left room for spontaneity and flexibility concerning weather conditions. You'll do just fine with moderate physical condition as the hikes and trails will be suited according to the group, thanks to the versatile possibilities of the Hossa area.

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 reindeers of course. Depending on the schedule, we might take the fish traps to a nearby lake or pick some wild foods from our surroundings, hoping to get some **fresh fish and some wild edibles** for tomorrow. **Warm wood-heated sauna in the evening welcomes you to Finland**.

Day 2

After breakfast it's time to **feed the reindeers and carry water for them**. Then, after a short transfer, we will **take a hike in the aapa mires of the old growth forests**. The circular 15 km walk in this protected area is going to be a thing to remember. We'll be observing nature, **hike through**



varying terrain from moist mires into intense old coniferous forest, enjoy a picnic lunch around open fire, get a closer look at the roots of modern Finnish society and **let our eyes rest admiring one of the most astonishing landscapes** of the whole area. Back in our basecamp, after feeding the reindeer and making sure they're ok, sauna and dinner will crown the day and make you fall asleep in your cozy log cabin.



Day 3

After the same morning routines, it's time to learn some fishing. With modern equipment and a guide who makes you familiar with the basics, it's enjoyable, relaxing and fun. 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 to **try some fishing**; 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 during this day, we'll also be **picking the seasonal wild foods that are found during the day**. In the late afternoon we'll head back to our camp, take care for the reindeers, enjoy the löyly of the sauna and have dinner.



Day 4

First things in the morning are same as during the first two days but after that it's time to take a **boat ride** on a beautiful "Julma-Ölkky" canyon lake before we **hike a round-trip of 8,5 km in total to explore Finland's northernmost and the most extensive stone-aged rock painting**, the Colored Rock of Hossa. Seeing these two **natural wonders** is a must while visiting the area! A picnic lunch will be enjoyed outdoors. The **terrain and the landscapes on the hike are very different** than on the hike we did earlier. After the excursion it's time to return to our base, heat up the sauna and have an evening meal. And of course we'll have to make sure that the reindeers are ok before we fall asleep!



Day 5

On day 5 we'll go **canoeing on the pure and versatile waters of the Hossa area**. After breakfast and feeding the reindeer we'll be transferred to the starting point of our choice where we'll learn the basics and safety issues of canoeing and then off we go! Route is mainly paddling on lakes. We'll stop for a picnic lunch on the way and after we've reached the endpoint, we'll head back to

feed the reindeer again and have dinner. After the evening meal, it's time for sauna and a good night sleep.

Day 6

After breakfast it's time to say goodbye to the reindeer as the last two nights will be spent in a different accommodation; this night it's going to be **in a tent under the sky, surrounded by the bright summer night!** We'll pack our vehicle and after a short transfer, we are ready to start the hike that can be either 8,0 km or 4,5 km, depending on the group. **After the hike we'll set up a camp by a beautiful pond** and our evening tasks include trying to **catch some fresh fish to cook** over an open fire and **picking the seasonal wild foods that are found.** Swimming in the pond or taking a walk in the surrounding forest is possible too, you decide. Sleeping outside and camping surrounded by vast pine forests will make this day a special one that you'll remember for a long time.



Day 7

This morning after light breakfast it's time to dismantle the tents, pack our belongings and start hiking back. We will be taking a different route than yesterday, walking distance being around 6 km. Last night will be spent in accommodation with a bit more higher level of comforts to ensure your smooth landing back to civilization. Your luggage will be waiting for you as we arrive. It's time to **heat up the sauna** and have our last dinner together.

Day 8

Transfer to the airport and time to say goodbye!

Season	Friday departures:	27 th May -19 th August 2016
Duration	8 days, 7 nights	
Group size	2-8 persons	
Price	1080€/person, children under 13 years -30%	

What's included in my trip price?

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

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. The full price of the tour is paid after the trip, by cash or by bank transfer.

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 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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