

Authentic life stories by the River Kymijoki

Welcome to relax in the restful landscape and fresh nature of Kymenlaakso in South-East Finland. A complete, fully guided and transported travel package of 3 days includes tasty local food, outdoor activities, and an introduction to Finnish art. The journey invites you to enjoy berry picking, Nordic walking or snowshoeing during various seasons of the year. Dive into stories of salmon, enjoy art at a home gallery and sleep well in cosy accommodation nearby the River Kymijoki and Gulf of Finland. The package is available throughout the year for groups of 9–16 persons.



Introduction of participants:



Accommodation in Majatalo Torppa

<http://majatalotorppa.com/>

You'll be picked up from Helsinki Airport and taken (1.5 h) to Kotka, where accommodation is provided in the homelike inn Majatalo Torppa in a peaceful area. A campfire meal will be served in the evening, along with a nice leisure time in the yard.

Accommodation in Majatalo Torppa occurs in two buildings: in the main house or in a smaller house, both of which have rooms for 2–4 persons. A garden cottage is also in use in the summertime.

Outdoor activities at Aholafarm

<http://www.aholafarm.fi/>



Aholafarm offers relaxing experiences in the healing nature of the Finnish countryside. On the second day, you'll enjoy Finnish life stories alongside berry picking, snowshoeing, or maybe haymaking in the silent nature, depending on the time of year. There will be a delicious lunch made of locally produced food served at the farm. Countryside trip 4.5 h.

Aholafarm is specialised in outdoor activities, for example hiking trips in the forest, as well as servings of traditional Finnish food.

Association of Kotka Guides

<http://www.kotkaguides.fi/>

A fully-guided tour of 3 days is carried out by authorised professional guides in English and, to a limited extent, in other languages. You will be guided through all the points, given information about Finnish life and culture, as well as telling stories of visited places.



After the countryside trip, there is a river cruise on the River Kymijoki (open sea period) or a visit to the Maritime Centre Vellamo (ice season) (2 h).

Gourmet Restaurant Wanha Fiskari

<http://www.wanhafiskari.fi/>

A tasty salmon dinner with wine will be served at the gourmet restaurant with the accompaniment of a music soloist. Restaurant Wanha Fiskari (Old Fisherman) is famous for its delicious fish meals and internationally recognised kitchen and customer-friendly atmosphere.



Home art gallery Unitaidekoti

<http://unitaidekoti.net/Tervetuloa.html>



The third day is dedicated to art (2 h). We'll walk along the Sculpture promenade of an outdoor gallery in the heart of the town of Kotka and visit a unique home gallery filled with interesting paintings, sculptures, dolls and ceramic jewels. At the same time, whilst enjoying a pastry with sparkling wine, the residents will tell you stories about the objects.

Farewells will take place at Helsinki Airport. Thank you for your visit!

Location: Kymenlaakso, South-East Finland	What's included: All transportations from and to Helsinki Airport, accommodations with buffet breakfasts, meals, entrance fees/cruise, means of activities, guide services in English at least
Theme: Authentic life stories by the River Kymijoki	
Duration: 3 days, 2 nights	
Availability: Year-round	
Price: EUR 511-685 (groups of (9–16 persons))	
Clothing: clothes and shoes for outdoor activities, casual at the wine dinner if possible	Pax: Groups of 9–16 persons
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