



Whooper Swans over the fields in Liminka

Autumn bird photo safari in Finland

Destination: Oulu region, Finland

Focus: Bird photography

Grading: Moderate walks only – max 1000 meters one way

Group size: 4 - 6 photographers

Time: 1 - 6 October 2018

Price: 2450 € / person

Finland in the autumn is a great destination for bird photographers!

In September 2018, we start our 12th season of eagle feeding in our eagle place in Utajärvi. By October there will be both Golden Eagles and White-tailed Eagles together with many Ravens visiting the site. Eagle images taken here will stand out from the crowd - there will be autumn colours in the ground vegetation and in the trees!

We also have photography hides at a forest feeder in Liminka. In October, a plenty of birds visit the feeder in good light and they can be photographed with autumn coloured trees as a background.

A lot of birds gather together in the wetlands around Oulu to fill their energy supplies for the long migration ahead. Cranes and Whooper Swans gather by hundreds and depending on the weather, different species of Geese gather in the fields. We will set up portable photography hides for these and other wetland species. Hen Harriers are usually numerous in the meadows of Liminka bay and we will try to bait them down for photographic opportunities.



If the year is good for rowanberries we should get good numbers of Waxwings in October. October can also be good for Owl photography – but that depends on a year!

In addition, autumn is an excellent time to photograph Northern lights (Aurora Borealis) in Finland. In October the lakes are not frozen yet so there might be good chances to photograph them with a nice foreground with Auroras reflecting in the open water!

Highlights

Golden Eagle, White-tailed Eagle, Goshawk, Eurasian Crane, Whooper Swan, Hen Harrier, Black Grouse, Hazel Grouse, Pygmy Owl, Hawk Owl, Three-toed Woodpecker, Black Woodpecker, Lesser Spotted Woodpecker, Nutcracker, Waxwing, Crested Tit, Long-tailed Tit, Bullfinch, Yellowhammer

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Day 1 Arrive to Oulu

The tour will start in the afternoon at Oulu airport from where we make our way to Villa Finnature. An evening photography excursion on arrival.

Day 2 - 3 Utajärvi

Early breakfast at Villa Finnature and departure to our Eagle hides in Utajärvi. Drive is about 45 minutes. Two whole days in the pro-hides for Golden and White-tailed Eagles. Common Ravens also abound at the eagle hides. There is heating and a dry toilet in the hides.

Day 4 - 5 Utajärvi - Oulu - Utajärvi

The next two days are spent in the forests and wetlands of the Oulu region where there are numerous possibilities and targets will depend on what is around at the time of our visit. Possibilities include wetland hides at Liminka Bay for Common Crane, Whooper Swan and Hen Harrier, and forest hides for Northern Goshawk, Nutcracker, Crested Tit and Brambling. In the wider forest area opportunistic photography could produce Black and Hazel Grouse, Eurasian Three-toed Woodpecker, Black and Lesser Spotted Woodpeckers, Bohemian Waxwing and, if lucky, Hawk Owl and maybe even Great Grey and Eurasian Pygmy Owls.

Day 6 Utajärvi - Oulu airport

After a final morning of photography the tour will end at Oulu Airport in the afternoon.



Hawk Owl



Golden Eagle

For more pictures: [Finnature's Flickr Gallery](#).

Price includes: Finnature guiding throughout the journey, meals and land transportation from Oulu airport, accommodation

Accommodation: Villa Finnature's single rooms with shared facilities

Food: Local restaurants / Villa Finnature

Leader: Finnature guide

Possible extensions: Brown Bear, Wolverine & Wolf photography in Kuhmo. Whooper Swans, Siberian Jay and Siberian Tit in Kuusamo

Booking: www.finnature.com

Please notice: The itinerary might change due to the weather conditions or bird situation. Unfortunately we cannot guarantee any of the species, but our expert Finnature guides do their utmost to ensure the best possible photography opportunities during the tour.

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