



White-tailed Eagle

## Eagles on snow

**Destination:** Kuusamo, Finland

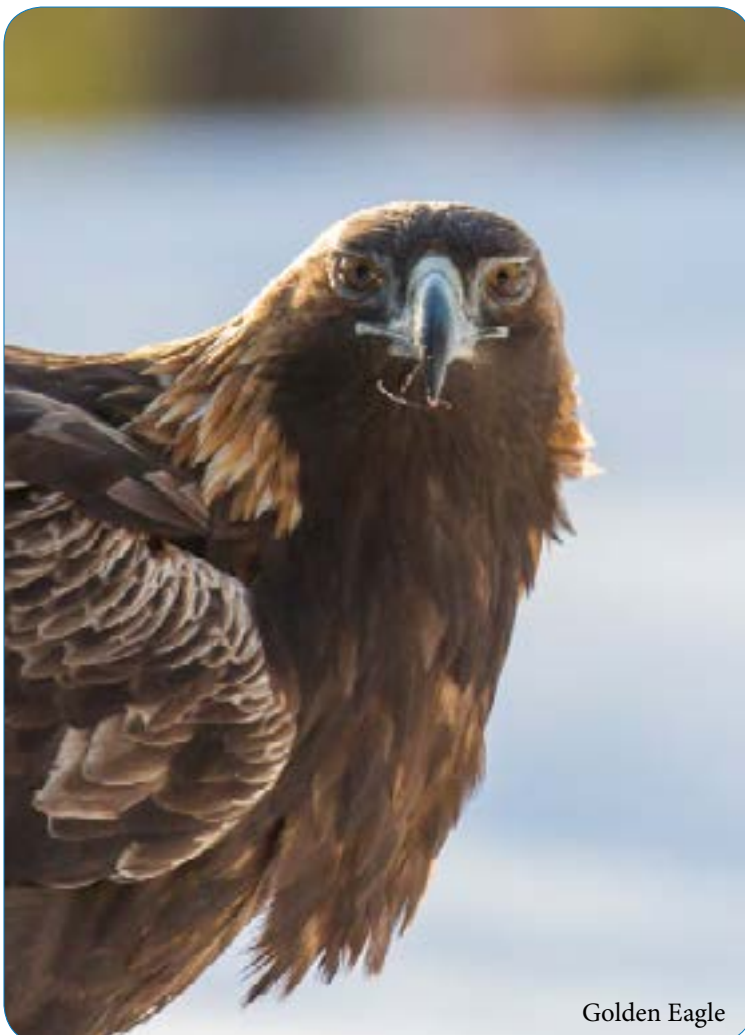
**Focus:** White-tailed Eagle and Golden Eagle photography

**Grading:** Day walks only, for all ages

**Group size:** 4 – 6 photographers

**Time:** 3 – 8 April 2019

**Price:** 2495 € per person, single supplement 375 €



Golden Eagle

### Photograph the magnificent White-tailed and Golden Eagles from comfortable hides

April is the best time to photograph both White-tailed and Golden Eagles visiting the feeding sites in Kuusamo. In late March, all lakes are still covered with thick ice, and the White-tailed Eagles visit our feeding site actively when arriving to Kuusamo. Golden Eagles visit our feeding site throughout the winter. In April the conditions are still wintry with plenty of snow reflecting the spring light!

Spring is a hectic time for other birds as well: Black Grouse have already started lekking and the cocks fight fiercely to gain the alpha status and the ultimate price to get to mate with the hens.

In short, this tour offers great bird photography in fine spring conditions!

### Highlights

White-tailed Eagle, Golden Eagle, Black Grouse, Whooper Swan, Siberian Jay, Siberian Tit, Raven, White-throated Dipper

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Great Grey Owl

## ITINERARY

### Day 1 Arrival to Kuusamo

Arrival to Kuusamo airport in the afternoon, dinner and accommodation in Oivanki Lomakartano's log villas.

Evening photography depends on the arrival times. If available, evening session could include Hawk Owl or Great Grey Owl photography; however, the Owl situation varies between years. If there are no cooperative Owls in the region, another option is Whooper Swan photography from hides (also depending on the year).

At the dinner a short briefing for the next days' photography sessions.

### Days 2 - 3

The same program applies for the next two days: early departure before breakfast to Black Grouse lek site. Photography from hides until the lek is over usually around 8.00-9.00, and drive to breakfast.

After breakfast, drive to Oulanka National Park to our Golden Eagle feeding site. While waiting for Eagles to arrive, there are many other species visiting feeders set up in front of the hides. Species include Siberian Jay, Siberian Tit and Black Woodpecker.

Picnic lunch in the hide and dinner and accommodation in Oivanki.



Lekking Black Grouse



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White-throated Dipper

### Days 4 - 5

The same program applies for the next two days: After breakfast departure for a full day photography session in our professional White-tailed Eagle hide. The site is good for flight shots of eagles and the few dozen Ravens that visit the site. Also, Wolverine is a regular visitor and with good luck it may come in daylight!

Picnic lunch in the hide during the day and dinner and accommodation in Oivanki.

### Day 6 Departure from Kuusamo

We spend the last morning at the Käylä cascade. The cascade stays open throughout the winter and is an important overwintering site for several White-throated Dippers. The cascade is also a beautiful river landscape photography target. After midday we have lunch in Oivanki. In the afternoon is time to departure.

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

**Price includes:** Finnature guiding throughout the journey. Use of professional Eagle, Black Grouse and Whooper Swan photography hides. All meals and all land transportation from Kuusamo airport. All overnights in log cabin with shared facilities. For extra price transportation from Oulu (bigger airport) if needed.

**Accommodation:** [Oivangin Lomakartano](#)

**Food:** Local restaurants and picnic lunches

**Leader:** Finnature guide

**Possible extensions:** Wolverine and Wolf photography in Kuhmo. Winter owl photography (Owl situation varies between years, ask for more information from the Finnature office)

**Booking:** [www.shop.finnature.com](http://www.shop.finnature.com)

**Recommended flights:** We recommend to arrive to and depart from Kuusamo in the afternoon.

**Please notice:** The itinerary might change due to 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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Siberian Jay