

# Ruff break -photography tour

**Destination:** Oulu, Finland

**Focus:** Lekking and feeding Ruff

**Grading:** Short day walks 500 - 1000m, for all ages

**Group size:** 4 – 6 photographers **Time:** 18 – 21 May 2019

**Price:** 1595 € / person, single supplement 140 €



### Photograph the colorful and photogenic Ruff

Delightful and colorful Ruff lekking at the eye level and feeding in a small water pool in front of the hides by the most important wetland reserve in Finland - Liminka Bay in Oulu area. Capture this great variation of Ruff display by joining our short break for keen wildlife photographers.

We have two sites for Ruff photography in Liminka Bay one is a lekking site where the Ruff display on a bank of a little ditch so you can photograph them lekking at eye level while sitting comfortably in a hide.

The other site is a feeding site: here, a shallow water pool in front of the hides attract Ruff and other waders to feed, and to attract them further, we feed the birds with oat. The shallow water is great for reflection photos when the wind is calm. In bright evenings one will get beautiful backlit images of feeding waders from these hides. Sometimes the Ruff males are encouraged to lek also at this site and provide possibilities for unique lekking postures with reflections and fighting action. The only question is, are you fast enough to capture it?

Other species possible from the hides: Spotted Redshank, Common Redshank, Wood Sandpiper, Greenshank, Marsh Sandpiper, Eurasian Curlew, Black-tailed Godwit, Lapwing, Common Gull and Black-headed Gull.

#### **Highlights**

Lekking and feeding Ruff, other waders

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#### **ITINERARY**

#### Day 1 Arrival to Oulu

Arrival to Oulu in the afternoon. Pickup from the airport and transportation to the accommodation.

After early dinner the evening is spent in the shorehides for feeding Ruff and other waders. Good chances to get reflection photos and if the evening is bright, you will get beautiful backlit with the Ruff.

# Days 2 and 3

Early morning 03.00 - 09.00 in the hide for lekking Ruff. After the session drive back to the accommodation for breakfast and rest. Time to download the images and charge the batteries.

Early dinner and evening session 17.00 - 23.00 for feeding Ruff and other waders in the shallow water pool.

## Day 4 Departure from Oulu

Early morning 03.00 - 09.00 in the lekking hide. Stay in the hide until 9.00 and after that transportation back to the accommodation for brunch and packing the luggage. Tour ends at the Oulu airport around midday.

For more pictures: Finnature's Flickr Gallery

**Price includes:** Finnature guiding throughout the journey. Use of professional photography hides. All meals, accommodation and all land transportation during the tour. Tour starts from and ends to Oulu Airport.

Accommodation: Liminka Bay visitor centre / wilderness hotel - comfortable and clean accommodation close to Ruff hides.

**Food:** Local restaurants **Leader:** Finnature guide

**Possible extensions:** Brown Bear, Wolverine and Wolf photography in Kuhmo.

**Booking:** www.shop.finnature.com

**Recommended flights:** We recommend to arrive to and depart from Oulu 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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