



Black Grouse

Wildlife photography safari in Finland

Black Grouse, Wolverines and Brown Bears with autumn landscapes

Destination: Oulu- Viiksimo- Lieksa- Joensuu
Focus: Wildlife and landscape photography
Grading: Moderate walks only
– max 500 meters one way

Group size: 5 - 6 photographers
Time: 10 – 17 September 2018
Price: 3700 € per person, single supplement 415 €

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Highlights: Brown Bears, Wolverines, Black Grouse, autumn landscapes, Aurora Borealis



Wolverine



Brown Bear

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Common Crane

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Day 1. Arrival to Oulu

Arrival at Oulu airport, dinner and accommodation at airport Hotel Vihiluoto in Oulu. Evening excursion to photograph Common Cranes at their roosting flight – there should be thousands of them around Oulu this time of the year! At the dinner we will have a short briefing about this week long wildlife tour.

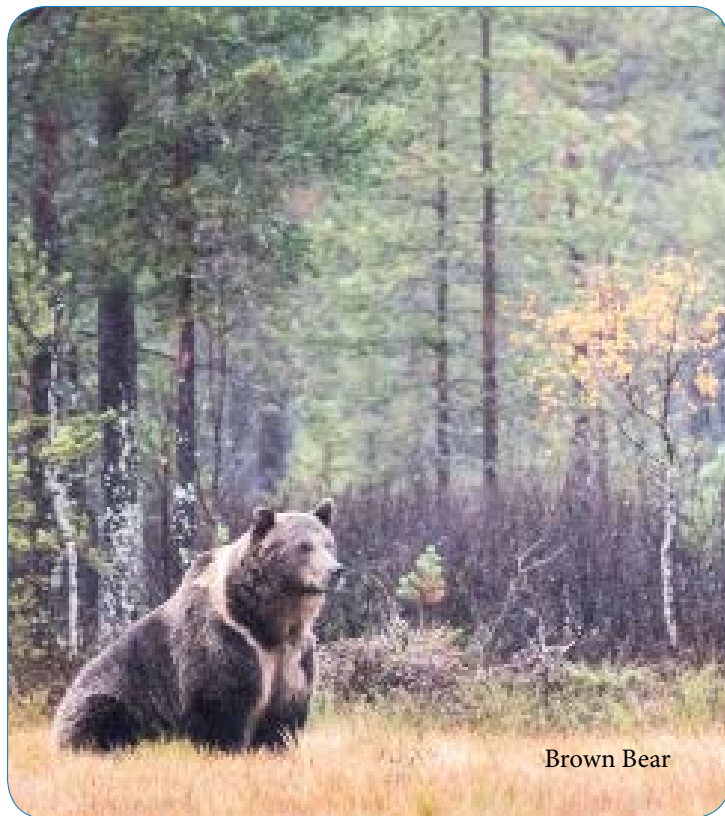
Day 2 Oulu - Viiksimo

After breakfast we will drive to Kuhmo (about 4 hours), where we will stay for three days photographing Brown Bears, the colorful autumn landscapes and lekking Black Grouse.

During the drive to Kuhmo it is possible to make brief stops for landscape photography. In the afternoon around 4pm departure to the Brown Bear hides where will stay until dark (around 8.30 pm). An evening snack will be waiting when we get back to the accommodation.

Day 3 Viiksimo

Early morning starts with the Black Grouse lek. There is a lekking site on a bog next to a picturesque pond. Photography takes place from tent hides that are located about 400 meters from the road. If it is colder weather, frosty grass and rising mist from the pond create a perfect stage for the grouse lek! After photo session breakfast is waiting for us. After breakfast we will do some landscape photography nearby. We will return to accommodation for early dinner and departure to Brown Bear hides takes place again around 4pm. Dinner and accommodation at the lodge.



Brown Bear



Black Grouse



Wolverine

Day 4 Viiksimo

We will start again with an early morning at the Black Grouse lek. Breakfast after morning session. During the day we will do some landscape photography. There will be some nice autumn colors this time of the year Brown Bear hide in late afternoon. Dinner and accommodation at the lodge.

Day 5 Viiksimo - Lieksa

After breakfast we start the drive towards Lieksa and photograph some landscapes on the way. Around noon we will arrive at Lieksa and check-in at the hotel Puustelli. In the afternoon we will drive about half an hour for a photo session with the Wolverines in Kontiovaara area. The Wolverines visit the site usually daily. For Wolverines there are two sites: hides next to a pond and other, newer ones in the forest. The departure to the hides will be around 3pm. and we will stay there until dark. Dinner and accommodation at hotel Puustelli in Lieksa.

Day 6 Lieksa

In the morning landscape and bird photography in Lieksa region. In the afternoon departure to the hides for the second session with Wolverines. Dinner and accommodation at hotel Puustelli.

Day 7. Lieksa

In the morning landscape and bird photography in Ruunaa region near Lieksa. This area is famous for its rapids, where it is possible to photograph landscapes with autumn colors. In the afternoon our last departure to Wolverine hides. Dinner and accommodation at hotel Puustelli.



Brown Bear



Aurora Borealis

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Day 8 Lieksa - Joensuu

Early departure after breakfast from Lieksa to Joensuu. Afternoon flight back home from Joensuu airport.

More photos in our [Flickr gallery](#).

Price includes: land transportation from Oulu airport to Joensuu airport, all meals, accommodation, Finnature guiding and use of professional photography hides

Accommodation: Clean and comfortable hotel, cabin and lodge accommodation with double occupancy and with shared facilities.

Food: Local restaurants

Leader: Finnature guide

Bookings: www.shop.finnature.com

Recommended flights: We recommend to arrive to Oulu and to depart from Joensuu in the afternoon.

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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