

Golden Eagle



Autumn Bird Photo Safari

Destination: Oulu
Focus: Bird photography
Grading: Moderate walks only

Group size: 4 - 6 photographers
Time: 5 - 10 October 2020
Price: 2495 € / person

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

Imagine magnificent Golden Eagles amongst the beautiful autumn colors, Eagle Owl feeding on natural bait and Black Grouse lekking in the sunrise. In early October there are plenty of birds visiting at the sites in good light and they can be photographed with autumn colors. What would be a better way to spend the a week in October? Hoping of course that the Covid-19 is already just a bad memory anymore.

Finnature has been feeding eagles in the same place for more than 15 years and Goshawk for more than 10 years. So the birds know where to come. In addition to magnificent Golden Eagles the highlight of this tour is the mystical Eagle Owl visiting at the site during nights!

We have a special LED light system for the Eagle Owl to freeze the movement of the wings even during the night time. So no need for flashes.

Autumn pictures stands out from the crowd because of the great colors in the vegetation and in the trees!

Eagle Owl



Highlights: Golden Eagle, Eagle Owl, White-tailed Eagle, Goshawk, Sparrow Hawk, Eurasian Cranes, Whooper Swans, Black Grouse, Nutcracker, Waxwing, Crested Tit, Brambling and Bullfinch

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Day 1 Arrival to Oulu

The tour will start this afternoon at Oulu airport (recommended flight 5 pm), from where we will make our journey to Villa Finnature, around 45 minutes drive, our base for the next 6 nights.

Throughout the tour, we will check for **Aurora Borealis** activity, and go out to photograph them if the conditions are right. This tour takes place near equinox. In northern countries it is well known that the Aurora Borealis are stronger around equinoxes because of the planet's position and angle in relation to the sun. So fingers crossed!

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Day 2 - 3

After early breakfast at Villa Finnature, departure to our Eagle hide. We spend the whole day in our luxurious Eagle hide photographing **Golden Eagles**.

Finnature's new Golden Eagle hide is really comfortable with a great heating system, standing height and good office chairs. This luxurious hide is only available for the Finnature's photography groups and brings your hide experience to the new level!

While waiting Golden and White-tailed Eagles to come opportunity to photograph **Great, Blue, Willow and Crested Tits, Eurasian Jays, Great Spotted, Black and Grey-headed Woodpeckers and Red Squirrels** from the feeder. We might see also **Sparrowhawk** visiting in front of the hides.

Departure from the hide takes place at dusk around 19.00. Drive back to Villa Finnature for dinner and accommodation. Good time to charge batteries and empty memory cards in the evening.

Day 4

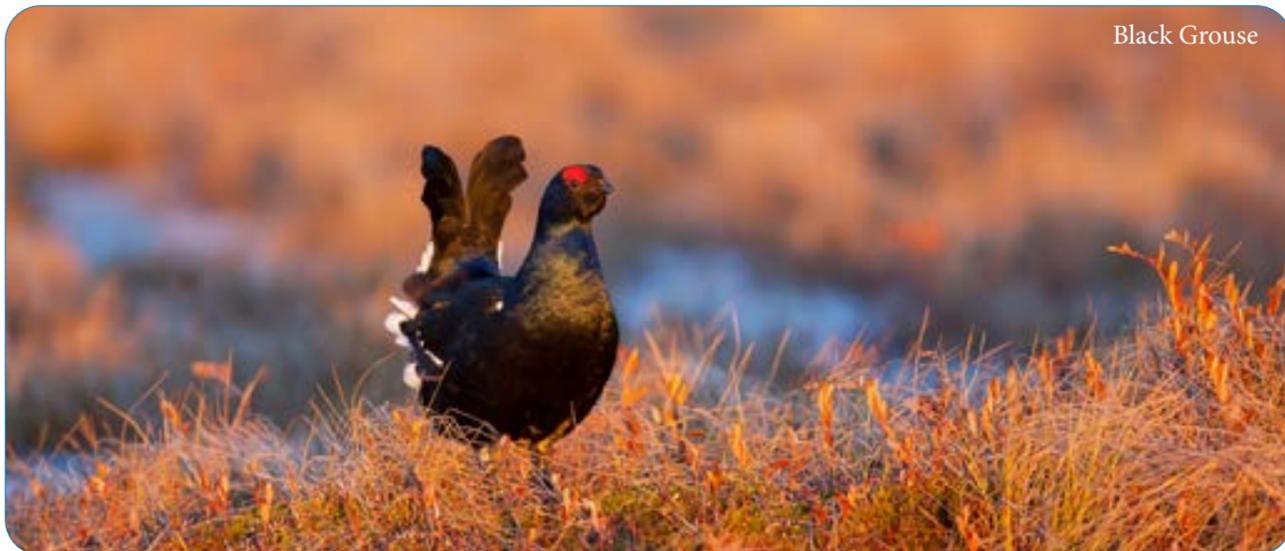
Early morning session at the **Black Grouse** lekking arena hides. After that we will photograph at the Villa Finnature hide **passerines** and **woodpeckers**. **Sparrowhawk** is possible to photograph here too.

Before the sunset we will enter to Finnature forest feeder hides, converted from caravans, where we are going to sleep overnight and wait that the beautiful **Eurasian Eagle Owl** will come to visit the feeding site. It is possible to sleep in these heated hides and alarm will wake us up when the owl comes!

Grey-headed Woodpecker



Black Grouse



Eagle Owl



Day 5 Liminka

We continue photography in early morning light from Finnature forest feeder hides hoping to photograph species like **Goshawk, Sparrowhawk, Nutcracker** etc.

We will spend rest of the day at the forests and wetlands of the Oulu region where there are numerous possibilities and targets will depend on the autumn. Possibilities includes **Bohemian Waxwings, Whooper Swans, Eurasian Cranes** and, if we are lucky, one of the special Finnish Owl species e.g. **Hawk Owl** or **Pygmy Owl**.

Day 6

Morning session at the **Black Grouse** lekking arena hides. After the lunch at Villa Finnature the tour will end at Oulu Airport in the afternoon.

Goshawk



More photos in our [Finnature's Flickr Gallery](#)

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

Accommodation: Clean and cozy Villa Finnature. Single rooms with shared facilities.

Food: Local delicious dinners, picnic lunches in the hide, breakfast

Guide: Finnature guide

Bookings: shop.finnature.com

Recommended flights: We recommend to arrive to Oulu at 17.00 and to depart from Oulu in the afternoon at 14.40.

Please notice: The itinerary might change due to weather conditions or unexpected wildlife 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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