



Outdoor Travel Workshop Tahko 2024

Koli and Bomba in Finnish Lakeland

Pre-Tour: 23. – 26.05.2024

About Koli



The warmth of campfires and the lore and legends of the wilderness. The chain of the high hills of Koli National Park stretching far to the horizon, the stunning views of Lake Pielinen and the free-flowing rapids of Ruunaa make your heart beat together with nature. Koli in Finnish Lakeland has plenty to offer all year round and is not short of memorable nature experiences and authentic Finnish culture. Besides a wide variety of activities like guided hiking tours in the National Park, boat cruises on Lake Pielinen or husky safaris in winter, we offer high-quality accommodation options including hotels, guesthouses, and cottages.

About Lakeland Bomba

North Karelian Charm with Beautiful Nature: Located in Nurmes municipality, Lakeland Bomba is a cultural hub adopting influences from all directions. The North Karelian identity is highlighted in colourful arts and crafts, tradition-driven gastronomy, and wooden architecture. The key landmark of the region is Lake Pielinen, not to mention the three national parks within an hour's reach.

Day 1: 23.05.2024

10.14 am Departure from Helsinki Central Railway Station to Joensuu

02.51 pm Arrival in Joensuu and Transfer to Venejoen Piilo

Visit to Venejoen Piilo
Dinner and Sauna

Built with respect for nature and tradition, the accommodation village offers quality beds, local textiles and a quiet environment. From Venejoki Piilio you can go directly to the lake or the forest.

Transfer to accommodation Kiviniemi – Kontiolahti Outdoor

You will find renewed authentic accommodation possibilities, a camp site, sauna services, equipment rental and guided activities in Kiviniemi – Kontiolahti Outdoor.

Kiviniemi is one of the starting and ending points of the popular Herajärvi hiking route, as well as a junction of other hiking routes, where many outdoor enthusiasts replenish their water reserves and stay a night or more.

Day 2: 24.05.2024

Breakfast at the accommodation

Guided Biking-Tour by Kontiolahti Outdoor from Kiviniemi to Koli Ski lift with short stop at Pirunkirkko. (Distance: approx. 19 Kilometres)

Besides accommodation possibilities Kontiolahti Outdoor offers equipment rentals for outdoor activities as well as guided activities all year round.

Your luggage will be transferred for you. Please take a day pack with your most important things with you.

Outdoor lunch at Ski Bistro Rinnetupa

Rinnetupa serves a variety of café and restaurant products and has a sunny terrace during summer. It is a relaxed restaurant which is a perfect stop-over to enjoy treats, grab a snack and head out to nature or come and spend a barbeque evening during summer.

Scenic Lift up to the top of Koli National Park and guided hiking tour to the most beautiful sceneries of Koli National Park

The most famous and beloved national landscape of Finland unfolds from the highest peaks of Koli National Park. You can enjoy the iconic scenery of Lake Pielinen with endless skies and forests from the heart of the National Park on the 1,4-kilometer Huippujen kierros (Summit Trail).

Short visit to Nature Center Ukko

Koli Nature Center Ukko introduces you to the landscape, as well as the wilderness and traditional environments of Eastern Finland.

Visit to Break Sokos Hotel Koli Kylä

The cosy hotel is a warm base for active travellers and happy adventurers. Completed in 2023, the Break Sokos Hotel Koli Kylä is located at the gateway to the National Park and at the centre of the village. Sokos Hotels is the most sustainable hotel chain in Finland according to a consumer survey and is part of the Green Key programme.

Transfer to Juuka and check-in to Majatalo Guesthouse and visit to the new Hotel and Resort Puu-Juuka

The new Hotel Puu-Juuka offers cosy rooms in the renovated wooden houses in the centre of the old town. The interior is inspired by the 1930s and 1950s and creates an atmospheric environment with a touch of nostalgia.

Dinner in Puu-Juuka

Day 3: 25.05.2024

Breakfast at the hotel

Canoeing on the Lake Vaikko at Kotakylä Teepee Village

Kotakylä is like its own secret world on the shores of a wilderness lake, separated from the busy and stress of modern times. In Kotakylä you can return to your roots, paddle a canoe or row a boat on Lake Vaikko, walk in the nature and enjoy the soothing calmness in one of the unique saunas.

Lunch at Kotakylä

Experience the traditional Finnish Smoke Sauna or one of the other four different Saunas at Kotakylä

Transfer to Bomba and Check-in at Karelian Village Cottage

Run by Break Sokos Hotel Bomba, these charming cottages have recently been renovated, providing a fresh setting for a traditional cottage stay. During the evening, you will learn about the highlights of the Bomba area and meet with local travel service providers.

Bomba house and Tsasouna presentation

Dinner at Buolu

Day 4: 26.05.2024

Breakfast at the hotel

Guided Bike-Tour to Ellun Kallio (Distance: 13 Kilometres)

Enjoy a cycling tour to Ellun Kallio Rock, where we will explore the secrets of macrame art making, guided by a local artisan.

Lunch at Hyvärilä

Visit to the Alpaca-Farm

Just a 15-minute drive to the local alpaca farm, where you can meet the cutest creatures and the entrepreneur in a stress-free environment.

Coffee break at Guest House Pihlajappu

Guest House Pihlajappu offers unique accommodation in a former schoolhouse milieu with individual interior in each room. Run by Äksyt Ämmät, the company offers a wide variety of sustainable holiday programs.

Departure to Tahko

Welcome to Koli and Bomba in Finnish Lakeland!



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Recommended

- Sturdy shoes
- Rainproof outdoor clothing
- Swimwear for the Sauna visits

More information about Koli: www.koli.fi/en/

More information about Bomba: www.visitbomba.fi/en/

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