



## Summer Fun Workshop Pre and Post Tour

# Lakeland: North Savo, North Karelia and Arctic Lakeland (Kainuu)

Pre Tour 4.9 – 8.9.2024

*Combination of three Lakeland Regions*

*North Savo is a region in eastern Finland. It borders the regions of South Savo, Central Finland, North Ostrobothnia, Kainuu, and North Karelia. Kuopio is the largest city in the region and Lake Kallavesi is the largest lake in the region. The region's traditional food is a fish and bacon filled pie called Kalakukko*

*North Karelia – captivating national parks and traditional culture  
The easternmost part of Finland, North Karelia, is famous for its natural attractions, food traditions, and slower pace of life. With about 2,000 lakes and 24,000 holiday cottages, this is where Finns go when they want to relax and enjoy nature.*

*Arctic Lakeland is the northernmost part of Lakeland Finland, situated at the point where Lakeland and Lapland meet. In Arctic Lakeland, visitors will encounter the finest aspects of Finnish landscapes and culture: serene wilderness with lakes, forested hills, and a rich storytelling tradition celebrated through the UNESCO City of Literature, the Kalevala epic, and vibrant music.*

## PRELIMINARY PROGRAM

### Program in North Savo

#### Thursday 5.9.

Flight Helsinki–Kuopio

You will receive to your email flight ticket approx. 1 week prior to departure.

15.00 Meeting at the airport. You can meet Summer Fun Dispatcher with the sign “Summer Fun

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Workshop 2024 Pre and Post Tours” next to the Security Gate. If you are a transit passenger, you don't need to come from transit area to meet the Dispatcher. Please follow the monitors of the airport regarding the gate and time.

We create **WhatsApp group** for the communication. You will be invited to the WhatsApp group approx. 1 week prior to departure.

16.20 HEL dep 16:20 – KUO arr 17.20.  
Pick-up from the Kuopio Airport.

19.00 – 21.00 Evening Cruise on Lake Kallavesi + dinner onboard m/s Princess Anne.  
Route: Kuopio Harbour-Saaristokaupunki-Kuopio Harbour  
Accommodation in [Lapland Hotels Kuopio](#)



### Friday 6.9.2024

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- 09.00 VB Photographic Center (Gregory Crewdson – Eveningside; introduction and exhibition)  
10.00 Visit to Puijo (introduction + scenery)  
11.00 Lignell & Piispanen; family-owned alcohol company and Visitor Center  
(visit to production facilities and introduction)  
12.00 Lunch restaurant Luoto  
13.00 Drive to Tuusniemi and a little hike & coffee on open fire in Seinävuoren Rotkolaakso Gorge Valley  
15.30 Departure to Koli

### **Program in North Karelia**

- 17.00 Approximately at 17 arrival to Koli National Park.  
17.00-17.15 Koli Kylä Hotel presentation  
17.20 - 18.30 Koli Trail of the Tops and the Koli Nature Centre Ukko  
Transfer Koli - Nurmes travel time 1 hour  
19.30 Break Sokos Hotel Bomba accommodation and presentation of new wing of the hotel  
20.30 Dinner at the Bomba house (possibility of wine tasting)



### **Saturday 7.9.**

- 7.30 - 8.15 Breakfast and check out 8.30 Presentation Bomba Safaris and activity - Coopop trip in the  
Puu-Nurmes (Wooden Nurmes) area 10.30 - 12 Karelian Pie workshop and lunch at Majatalo  
Pihlajapuu, Äksyt Ämmät

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Nurmes - Kuhmo travel time 1 hour.

### **Program in Kainuu / Arctic Lakeland**

13.00 Arrival to Kuhmo, UNESCO City of Literature, site inspection at the lakeside Hotel Kalevala

14.00 Transfer to Vartius, to Bear Centre

16.-19.30 for a late lunch and visit at the Bear House, [www.bearcentre.fi](http://www.bearcentre.fi)

20.00 Arrival to Lentiira Holiday Village, where interesting late evening programme novelty stargazing, also learning how Northern Lights are formed and if lucky, the Northern Lights can appear  
Dinner, traditional smoke sauna and overnight in cabins. [www.lentiira.com](http://www.lentiira.com)

### **Sunday 8.9.**

Breakfast at holiday village's restaurant

09.30 Check-out and drive towards Kuhmo, on the way a home visit, Life on the Bearlands, to learn about the lives of locals.

13.00 Lunch at Pohjola House, introduction of programmes incl. Christmas

14.30 Visiting Kuhmo Arts Centre, home of Kuhmo Chamber Music Festival and Sommelo Ethno **Music** Festival as well as Juminkeko, Information Centre for national epic Kalevala and Karelian culture

16.30 Departure to the airport for flight to Helsinki 19.10-20.25

When arriving to Helsinki there is no Dispatchers at the arrival stop. You need to use public transportation such as train, buses or taxis arriving to Helsinki City. If you like to use public transportation, you need to purchase ticket in advance. Read more [www.hsl.fi/en](http://www.hsl.fi/en). Helsinki is located around 18 km from the airport.



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### More information

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### Recommended

Good walking shoes, umbrella

### Cancellation policy

The Organizer reserves the right to collect no-show fee of 250 euros + VAT of the registered buyer in case of non-attendance in the Summer Fun Finland Workshop Day or prebooked pre or post tours.

The Buyer must contact the Organizer at **the latest 14.8.2024** via e-mail: [kari.halonen@toolboxtravel.fi](mailto:kari.halonen@toolboxtravel.fi)



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