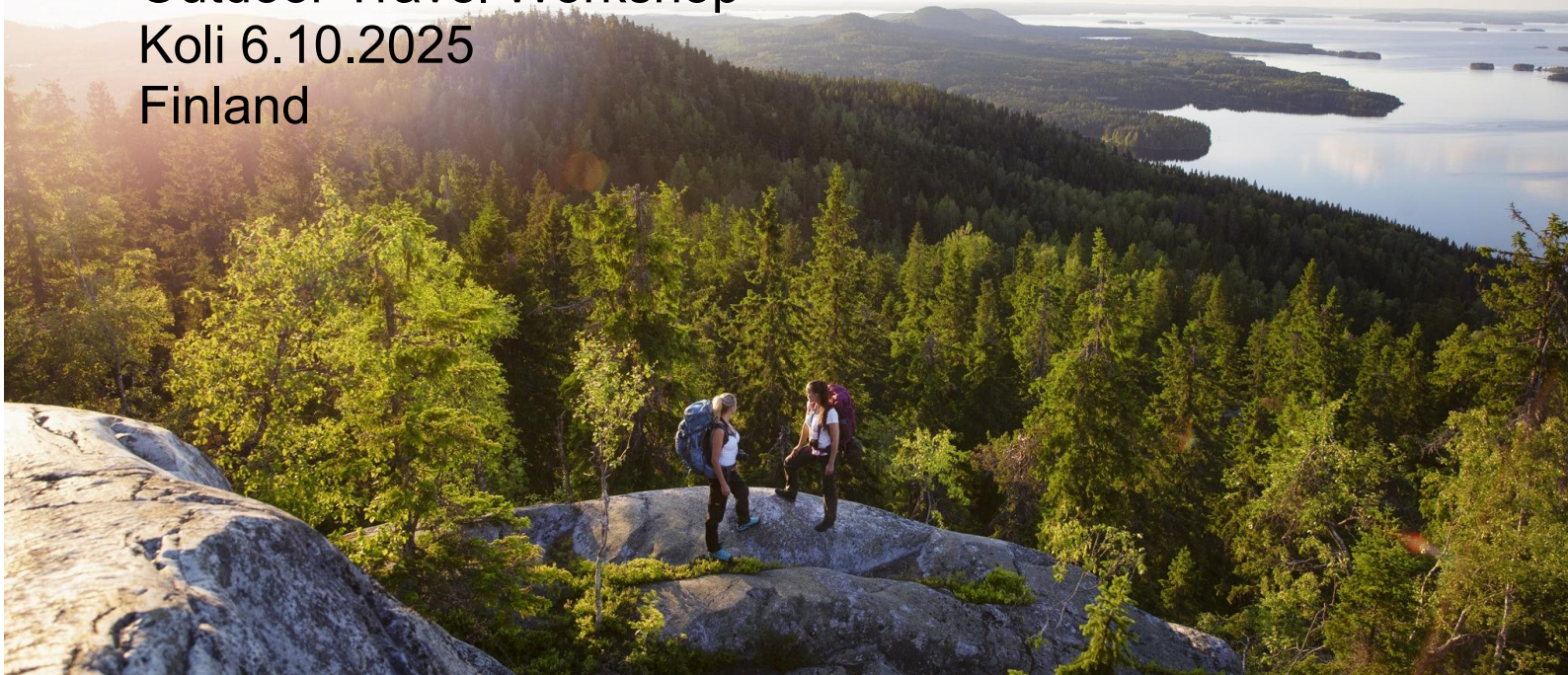


Outdoor Travel Workshop

Koli 6.10.2025

Finland



Outdoor Travel Workshop Pre Tour

Koli in Finnish Lakeland

Pre Tour 2.-5.10.2025

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 snowmobile safaris in winter, we offer high-quality accommodation options including hotels, guesthouses, and cottages.

This tour is recommended for all tour operators and travel agents who are attending the Outdoor Travel Workshop Koli.

Programme

If you need to use public transportation in Helsinki there are buses, metro, train and tram services. You need to purchase the ticket beforehand. Read more about public transportation in Helsinki from the website <https://www.hsl.fi/en>.

You will get your train tickets of Helsinki – Kajaani 2.10.2025 around 5 days prior to the departure to your email. There is no name printed in your train ticket. Please print the ticket or download it to your cellular telephone. Please keep the ticket with you all the time when you move in the train.

We create a special WhatsApp group for the tour participants, hosting ' destination representatives and Outdoor Travel Workshop 2025 organizers. The group will be created approximately 5 days prior to the departure.

Thursday, 2.10.2025

- 09.50 Meeting at Helsinki Central Railway Station. There is a Tour Dispatcher already at the Meeting Point in the main hall of the station, where you can see big train timetable. The Dispatcher has the sign "Outdoor Travel Workshop 2025 Pre and Post Tours"
- 10.19 Departure from Helsinki Central Railway Station to Joensuu
- 14.51 Arrival in Joensuu and Transfer with a Minibus towards Venejoen Piilo
- 15.30 Coffee and Snack by the fire at [Venejoen Piilo](#)
In the heart of North Karelia wilderness, Venejoen Piilo Hideaway, is the place to rest and feel the forest around you. Take a step back from your busy everyday life and reconnect with the wilderness.
- 16.30 Transfer with a Minibus towards Ruunaa Hiking Area
- 17.45 Arrival and Check-in at Ruunaan Matkailu
- 18.30 Dinner at Restaurant in Ruunaan Matkailu
- Overnight in cabins of Ruunaan Matkailu
Ruunaan Matkailu offers a diverse range of accommodation options as well as diverse outdoor activities in the Ruunaa Hiking Area including white water rafting along the rapids.

Friday, 3.10.2025

- Breakfast
- 9.00 Mountainbike Tour in [Ruunaa Hiking Area](#)
The wild white waters of Ruunaa's rivers can be enjoyed from a rocking raft by thrill-seekers, or from a shady riverbank by anglers. Ruunaa Hiking Area offers more than 50 kilometers of marked trails of various levels of difficulty as well as excellent mountain biking opportunities.
- 11.00 Transfer in a Minibus towards Bomba
- 12.00 Soup lunch at Bomba House

13.00 Short tour around Bomba House and site inspection at Break Sokos Hotel Bomba

Traditional Bomba House in the middle of a whole Karelian village has a Restaurant Bomba which exudes hospitality and Karelian culture. The Bomba House is a copy of a house built by Jegor Bombin in 1855 in Russian Karelia. The house represents traditional Karelian building style, and it is itself an attraction.

14.00 Short Tour of [Bomba Safaris'](#) safari house and a guided canoeing tour on Lake Pielinen

15.30 Transfer in a Minibus towards Paalasmaa, Juuka

16.00 Ferry to Paalasmaa island and short walk to the Observation Tower

The breathtakingly beautiful Paalasmaa archipelago consists of nine different islands. Traveling to Paalasmaa is an experience thanks to the ferry, causeways and bridges. You can feel Lake Pielinen's presence everywhere.

18.00 Transfer to Juuka and Check-in to Hotel Puu-Juuka

18.30 Dinner at Restaurant Seurojentalo

Overnight at [Hotel Puu-Juuka](#)

Hotel Puu-Juuka offers an overnight experience that you will not be able to match anywhere else. The atmosphere of historic wooden houses and old buildings combined with modern comfort will make your stay unforgettable.

Saturday, 4.10.2025

Breakfast

9.00 Transfer to Koli National Park

9.30 Visit to Nature Center Ukko and short movie about Koli National Park

- 10.00 Mushroom Picking Tour in Koli National Park
- 12.00 Lunch Snack and Coffee by the fire
- 13.00 Transfer to Koli harbour
- 13.15 Boat ride in traditional wooden boat around Lake Pielinen
- 17.00 Transfer to Break Sokos Hotel Koli Kylä and short site inspection around the hotel
- 18.00 Dinner at the hut by Koli companies
- 19.00 Transfer to Holiday Resort Koli Freetime and Check-in
Option for Sauna and Hottub

Overnight at [Holiday Resort Koli Freetime](#)

The holiday resort offers comfortable hotel rooms, more affordable economy rooms, apartments and cosy cottages in a calm and serene surrounding of the lake Valkealampi.

Sunday, 5.10.2025

Breakfast

- 9.00 Transfer towards [Kolin Mattila Bed & Breakfast](#)
Kolin Mattila is a place for silence and tranquillity in the middle of Koli National Park.
- 9.30 Short Tour around Kolin Mattila Bed & Breakfast
- 10.00 Hammock Relaxation at Kolin Mattila
- 12.00 Lunch at Restaurant Ryyönen

13.00 Transfer to Break Sokos Hotel Koli and Check-in

Recommended Outdoor clothing and good walking shoes, swimming suit for Sauna

More information www.koli.fi/en

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The buyer must contact the Organizer at **the latest 5.9.2025** via e-mail: enna.paavola@toolboxtravel.fi