

Wildlife and Huskies in Wild Taiga

Autumn/Winter Departure



The Wild Taiga area, situated in Eastern Finland on the Russian border, is a land of pure, untamed nature. Its geography is dominated by hills, forests, lakes, rivers and mires, and is home to many wild animals, including a number of large carnivores that are either very rare or extinct elsewhere in Europe.

This tour includes four nights in wilderness hides giving you the chance to observe and photograph bears, wolves, and wolverines in their natural habitat, safely in the presence of a trained guide. You will also spend one day on a local husky farm where you will become acquainted with these wonderful dogs and their host.

Note if travelling in Autumn/Winter: Bears begin to enter hibernation in October, and your chances of seeing them decrease as you move into the late autumn. It's possible to observe wolves and wolverines, however, throughout the year.



Day 1: Arrive Kajaani

Check in at London Heathrow for the flight to Helsinki (11:35/16:30), connect to the flight to Kajaani (17:15/18:35).

On arrival at Kajaani airport you will be met and transferred towards the Russian border, where you spend one night at the Tervahovi cabin in Kuhmo. Arrive in time for dinner and overnight.

Day 2: Husky programme at Routa husky farm and evening wildlife watch

Breakfast at the cabin followed by a day with the huskies. Today's programme will depend on the weather and your personal preferences. Options include a ride with a husky sledge, skiing with huskies, husky trekking (walking with a husky tied with a leash on a

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special belt around your waist) or helping with and learning about daily duties on the husky farm.

After a day spent with the huskies, you will transfer to the Kuikka lodge for the wildlife component of your programme.

You spend your first exciting night in a hide in the middle of the forest, with wonderful opportunities for viewing and photographing the nocturnal wildlife.

Enjoy an early dinner at the lodge and then depart to the hide. From the hide you will be able to observe and photograph bears visiting the feeding place next to the hide (depending on the season), as well as wolves, wolverines and various bird species.

Return to Kuikka lodge in the morning.



Days 3-5: Kuikka lodge and evening wildlife watch

After breakfast there is time to shower and rest. During the morning you'll have the option to enjoy a wildlife talk, before another night spent photographing and watching wildlife at the hide after an early dinner.

Days 4 and 5 follow a similar programme.



Day 6: Homeward

After breakfast, check-out from your accommodation then transfer to Kajaani airport for your flight to Helsinki (14:05/15:25), connect with the flight to Heathrow (17:25/18:35).

Price Guide:

The cost of this itinerary is from **£1598 per person**, based on twin share and assuming a group size of two, or **£1395** assuming a group of four. For more information, or if you would like to enquire about a tailor-made holiday combining part or all of the above itinerary, please [contact us](#).

Includes:

- Accommodation on twin sharing basis
- Return flights Heathrow – Kajaani in economy class inc. taxes
- Breakfast and dinner daily, snack for lunch on day 2, during nights in the hide, drinks and sandwiches
- Airport transfers and local transfers according to the programme
- 4 guided nights in the wilderness hides
- Sauna on days 1, 2 and 3

Excludes:

- Travel Insurance – ask us for a quote
- Items of a personal nature
- Drinks

