

# Wildlife and Huskies in Wild Taiga



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.



### Day 1: Arrive Kajaani

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 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, and also wolves, wolverines and various species of birds.



Return to Kuikka lodge in the morning.

#### Day 3: Day at Kuikka lodge and another wilderness night

After breakfast there is time to shower and rest before another wildlife watching and photographing night at the hide after early dinner.

## Day 4: Boreal Wildlife Centre and a wilderness night

Return to Kuikka lodge in the morning for breakfast.

Transfer to Boreal Wildlife Centre situated in Viiksimo, Kuhmo where you will have an early dinner before departing to the hide which is situated in the border zone area of Finland and Russia. A special license is required to move in the peaceful area which is a habitat for many wild animals. During the night you have a good chance to see bears but also wolves, wolverines and golden eagles may visit the feeding place.









#### Day 5: Day at Boreal Wildlife Centre and the last wilderness night

After breakfast, time for some rest before this afternoon's departure for your last night in the hide.

#### Day 6: Homeward

After breakfast, check-out from your accommodation then transfer to Kajaani airport for your flight.



#### Price Guide:

The cost of this itinerary is from £1,245 per person\*, based on twin share (single supplement is £120) and subject to availability at the time of booking. 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.

\*This price is based on exchange rates available at the time of publication and may vary at the time of booking. Please see our <u>booking conditions</u> for more information.

#### Includes:

- Accommodation on twin sharing basis
- 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:**

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

Please note: There is a max group size of 4, as larger groups cannot be accommodated at Routa Husky Farm. Please <u>contact us</u> for alternative programmes suitable for group sizes larger than 4.



