

Helsinki West – Salo and Kimitoön Islands

Pre tour

The Salo and Kimitoön islands area is unique in its combination of fascinating Finnish forest and archipelago nature, historical ironworks villages and the greatest archipelago in the world! This area offers some of the most beautiful and enthralling culture and nature encounters in southern Finland.

The city of Salo is situated in southwest Finland coastal area and an hour and a half's drive from Helsinki city centre or Helsinki airport. Salo is a smart city of modern innovation and exciting experiences. The city is close to the nature and also called as the gateway to the Finnish Archipelago. The idyllic city is definitely worth a visit!

The island Kimitoön is Finland's largest coastal island. In the Kimitoön municipality, there are over 5 000 islands and skerries, of which around 30 are inhabited all year around and around 500 inhabited during summer. The area offers rich archipelago culture, scenic nature, silence and wildlife. The Örö fortress island, Nordic countries' tallest and most majestic lighthouse Bengtskär, the beautiful gardens and country seats, wonderful cafeterias, the Dalsbruk harbor village and the Rosala Viking Center belong to the best known attractions in the area. The Archipelago Sea, the world's biggest archipelago, and the wilderness of the huge Archipelago Sea National Park, is a stunning area that we are very proud of.

This tour is recommended to tour operators providing culture and nature travel products for both group and individual travelers focusing on the German, French and Italian speaking market. We are looking for tour operators interested of co-operation with us. We are a partner to Visit Finland.

Programme

Sunday 14.1.2017

- 16:00** **Departure from the Helsinki city centre**
Kiasma (Finnish National Gallery) Mannerheiminaukio 2, Helsinki
- 17:30** **Arrival to Salo and check-in at Hotel Fjalar, Salo | www.fjalar.fi**
Hotel Fjalar is a privately-owned hotel with exclusive and cozy accommodation. In Hotel Fjalar you live very home-likely - like locals in Finland. Accommodation in single rooms.
- 18:00** **Nordic Walking Tour** – a kick off to your visit in Finland after your travelling hours
- Find the joy of sports close to the nature in a very easy terrain on Hotel Fjalar neighbourhoods. Take a short tour (max 1 km) with a local guide who familiarizes you to Nordic walking. With sport enthusiasts we end the tour with staircase workout.
- 18:45** **A Finnish “Hygge” experience begins ...**
A relaxing Finnish sauna experience, refreshing swim like “ice dipping” in the indoor pool and maybe a beer after a sauna.
- 20:00** **A Finnish “Hygge” experience continues ...**
Get-together and a home-like dinner made from locally produced delicacies next to the fireplace. A very Finnish and adventurous night at the hotel with your local hosts. You'll feel like home.



Monday 15th of January

- 8 - 9:00** **Breakfast in the hotel**
- 9:30** **Departure from the Hotel Fjalar**
- 10:00** **Visit to the Teijo National Park | www.nationalparks.fi/teijo**
In Teijo National Park you can experience the Finnish nature in miniscale: lakes, wild forests, marshes, steams and sea. Visitors – 90 000 annually – come to experience the nature all year round.

Take a guided tour (max 1-2 km depending from the weather) in the National Park, explore the stunning nature surrounding and visit the Nature Centre. In case there is snow, we take a shorter tour and try some snow activities like snow shoes.



11:30 Lunch close to the nature made from locally produced products after your guided walk.

13:00 Arrival to Mathildedal Ironworks village | www.mathildedal.fi
The Mathildedal Ironworks village represents an idyllic village at its best: red wooden houses, ironworks building, lots of fascinating stories from the ironmills history, a special 'slow' lifestyle, lots of outdoor activities and local fresh food from surrounding countryside

Afternoon coffee with some locally made chocolates.

Chocolate tastings from a Finnish family company believing in high quality and Finnish hand crafts

Walk in the idyllic Mathildedal village (max 1 km)

Delve into the area's history since 1850's and into the life of present-day in Mathildedal and its people. Visit to the historical exhibition and old restored buildings.

Visit to the Mathildedal Ironworks Alpaca Mill with its shop and also the alpaca farm.

Visit to the 'Kylä' village brewery and 'Kylä' bakery and its shop with local products. Some tastings from the bakery and brewery in the local village pub Terho.

17:00 Departure from Salo and Mathildedal to Kimitoon Islands.

The visit will be hosted so far by VisitSalo.fi | #visitsalo | #teijonationalpark | #visitmathildedal

18:00 Arrival at the Storfinnhova Forest Village | www.storfinnhova.com

Storfinnhova Forest Village is a magical environment for every nature and sauna lover. Storfinnhova is best known from its fantastic underground granite smoke sauna, the Knight's Hall and enchanting tree huts. We get to try the fantastic sauna, one of the best in the world, and have a good dinner together in the Knight's Hall.

Forward to Söderlångvik Manor | www.soderlangvik.fi

Söderlångvik is a manor by the sea, with a idyllic summer restaurant and cafeteria, a shop for local handicrafts and food, beautiful nature trails and the old manor acting as a museum. At Söderlångvik you will be accommodated in Villa Sundsvedja, a nice modern villa by the sea.



Tuesday 16th of January

8:30 Breakfast in Café Vivan, the Söderlångvik restaurant and cafeteria

09:00 Presentation of local tourism destinations and products, Café Vivan

11:00 Towards Rosala Viking Center

11:30 Ferry Kasnäs – Rosala

12:00 Rosala Viking Center | www.rosala.fi

The Rosala Viking Centre is a museum and visitor centre with a main mission of describing the Viking Age history of the archipelago and Finland. The beautiful center, the exciting activities, the Chieftain's Hall Rodeborg with its delicious Viking feast dinners and the charming Viking accommodation makes the place one of its kind. Here we will be served a delicious Viking lunch, have a look at what the place has to offer and perhaps try some Viking axe throwing ourselves.

14:30 Ferry back to Kasnäs Archipelago Spa Hotel | www.kasnas.com

Kasnäs is the gate to the Archipelago Sea, and the Kasnäs Hotel is a haven for people wanting a relaxed and comfortable stay with possibilities to do day tours to the great archipelago destinations nearby, such as the Bengtskär Lighthouse Island, Rosala Viking Center and Öro Fortress Island. Here we will be shown around and enjoy afternoon coffee. We continue to Dalsbruk (15min).

16:00 Dalsbruk iron works village

We drive through the Dalsbruk Iron Works Village by the sea with a fascinating iron works history. We take a look at some of the interesting places worth a visit.

17:00 Journey back to Helsinki starts (estimated travel time 2h10min)



Recommended

Good walking shoes and warm clothing as we will spend a lot of time outdoors

More information

Read more about our area and products through our tourism website:

www.visitsalo.fi

www.visitkimitoon.fi

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WORKSHOP DAY 17.1.2018

Cancellation policy

Please note that there is no-show fee and some destinations may request an earlier deadline for cancellation, as well as your credit card information.

Remember to read the terms

Terms of cancellation:

Cancellation fee:

- After the 12th of December 2017: 250,00 euros.
- After the 2nd of January 2018: 500,00 euros.

The Buyer must contact the Organizer at the latest 8th January, 2018 via email:
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