



Autumn Eagles and Sparrow Hawks

Destination: Utajärvi, Finland

Focus: Golden Eagle photography

Grading: Moderate walks only – 500 meters one way along a trail in forest. Very long days in the hide.

Group Size: 4 – 6 photographers

Time: 14 – 18 September 2023

Price: 1790 €

Golden Eagles in beautiful autumn colors

Autumn is a great time for **Golden Eagle** and **Sparrow Hawk** photography in Oulu. A little different, this season provides possibilities for Eagle images that stand out from the crowd - the background trees and ground vegetation glow in beautiful autumn colors and the occasional morning frost makes everything seem even more fragile and beautiful.

This tour is more than just Golden Eagles. In September young Sparrow Hawks are chasing **Eurasian Jays** when they practice hunting. So a lot of action at the hides! And furthermore September should be the most active time for **Aurora Borealis**.

Finnature's new Golden Eagle hide is really comfortable with a great heating system, standing height and good office chairs. This luxurious hide is only available for the Finnature's photography groups and brings your hide experience to the new level!



Highlights

Golden Eagles, Sparrow Hawk palying with Eurasian Jay, Aurora Borealis. Other possible species Great-, Crested-, Willow and Blue Tits, Bullfinches, Eurasian Jays, Great Spotted and Grey-headed Woodpeckers, Sparrowhawk and Red Squirrels.

Combine this tour with:

Wildlife photography safari
Birds & landscapes in autumn

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Day 1 Arrival to Oulu

Arrival to Oulu. Pick up from the airport in the afternoon. Drive to cozy Villa Finnature for dinner and accommodation. Throughout the tour, we will check for **Aurora Borealis** activity, and go out to photograph them if the conditions are right. This tour takes place near equinox. In northern countries it is well known that the Aurora Borealis are stronger around equinoxes because of the planet's position and angle in relation to the sun. So fingers crossed!

Day 2 - 4

After very early breakfast at Villa Finnature, departure to our Eagle hide (around 5:00). We spend the whole day in our heated Eagle hide photographing **Golden Eagles**.

While waiting Golden Eagles to come **Sparrow Hawks are playing with Eurasian Jays**. This happens only in September so this is time to come! Enjoy action and get your memory card full of action photos, these birds are really fast.

Other possible species: **Great, Blue, Willow and Crested Tits, Eurasian Jays, Great Spotted Woodpeckers and Red Squirrels** from the feeder. Also **Goshawk** might visit.

Departure from the hide takes place at dusk around 19.00. Drive back to Villa Finnature for dinner and accommodation. Good time to charge batteries and empty memory cards in the evening.

Day 5 Departure from Oulu

Time for departure. Taxi transfer to the Oulu airport. If your flight leaves in the afternoon opportunity to photograph garden birds e.g. **Great, Blue, Willow Tits, Great Spotted Woodpeckers, Eurasian Jays, Bullfinches and Red Squirrels** from Villa Finnature's comfortable heated hide.

For more pictures: [Finnature's Flickr Gallery](#)

Recommended Flights: AY441 landing 16:55 to Oulu, departure from Oulu on morning or early afternoon flight.

Price includes: land transportation from Oulu, all meals, accommodation, Finnature guiding (day 1-4) and use of professional photography hide. The hide is heated and equipped with a dry toilet.

Accommodation: Clean and cozy Villa Finnature. Single rooms with shared facilities.

Food: Local delicious dinners, picnic lunches in the hide, breakfast.

Leader: Finnature guide

Possible extensions: Combine this tour with our Wildlife photography safari or Birds & mammals in autumn.

Booking: shop.finnature.com

Please notice: The itinerary might change due to weather conditions and bird situation. Unfortunately we cannot guarantee any of the species, but our expert Finnature guides do their utmost to ensure best possible photography opportunities during the tour.

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