



White-tailed Eagle

Black Grouse Lek and Eagles on Snow

Destination: Kuusamo, Finland

Focus: Black Grouse lek, Golden Eagle and White-tailed Eagle photography

Grading: Short day walks only, for all ages

Group size: 4 – 6 photographers

Time: 7 – 12 April 2021

Price: 2570 per person, single supplement 295 €



Black Grouse

Photograph the magnificent Golden Eagles and Black Grouses on their lek in Kuusamo

April is an excellent time to photograph **Golden Eagles** visiting the feeding site and **Black Grouse** on their stunning lek in Kuusamo. In early April, all lakes are still covered with thick ice, and the **White-tailed Eagles** visit our feeding site, when arriving to Kuusamo.

Golden Eagles visit our feeding site throughout the winter. In April the conditions are still wintery with plenty of snow reflecting the spring light! Spring is a hectic time for other birds as well:

Black Grouse have already started lekking and the cocks fight fiercely to gain the alpha status and the ultimate price to get to mate with the hens. In short, this tour offers great bird photography in fine spring conditions!

Highlights

Golden Eagle, Black Grouse, White-tailed Eagle, Whooper Swan, Siberian Jay, Siberian Tit, White-throated Dipper

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Great Grey Owl

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Day 1 Arrival to Kuusamo

Arrival to Kuusamo airport in the afternoon, dinner and accommodation in Oivangin Lomakartano's log villas.

Evening photography depends on arrival times. If available, evening session could include **Hawk Owl** or **Great Grey Owl** photography; however, the Owl situation varies between years. If there are no cooperative Owls in the region, another option is **Whooper Swan** and **White-tailed Eagle** photography from hides (also depending on the year). At dinner, a short briefing for the tour's photography sessions.

Day 2

Early departure before breakfast to **Black Grouse** lek site. Photography from hides until the lek is over usually around 8.00-9.00, and drive to breakfast. After breakfast, drive to Oulanka National Park to our **Golden Eagle** feeding site. While waiting for Eagles to arrive, there are many other species visiting feeders set up in front of the hides. Species include **Siberian Jay**, **Siberian Tit** and **Black Woodpecker**. Picnic lunch in the hide, and dinner and accommodation in Oivanki.

Day 3

We spend morning at Käylä cascade. The cascade stays open throughout the winter and is an important overwintering site for several **White-throated Dippers** and with good luck is possible to photograph **Otters** also. The cascade is a beautiful river landscape photography destination as well. Afternoon, drive to Oulanka National Park to our **Golden Eagle** feeding site. While waiting for Eagles to arrive, there are many other species visiting feeders set up in front of the hides. Species include **Siberian Jay**, **Siberian Tit** and **Black Woodpecker**. Picnic lunch in the hide, and dinner and accommodation in Oivanki.



Golden Eagle



White-throated Dipper

Day 4

Early departure before breakfast to **Black Grouse** lek site. Photography from hides until the lek is over usually around 8.00-9.00, and drive to breakfast. On the way back to Oivanki we can stop at the **Siberian Jay** feeding place to photograph Siberian Jays at the close-range. In afternoon, we have photography session with **Whooper Swans** and **White-throated Dippers** at the beautiful Kuusinki river or **Hawk Owl** or **Great Grey Owl** photography, if we cooperative Owls in the region.

Day 5

Morning session could include **Hawk Owl** or **Great Grey Owl** photography, if we cooperative Owls in the region. If not, morning session we will spend at the Passerine hide. Afternoon, drive to Oulanka National Park to our **Golden Eagle** feeding site. While waiting for Eagles to arrive, there are many other species visiting feeders set up in front of the hides. Species include **Siberian Jay**, **Siberian Tit** and **Black Woodpecker**. Picnic lunch in the hide, and dinner and accommodation in Oivanki.

Day 6 Departure from Kuusamo

Early departure before breakfast to **Black Grouse** lek site. Photography from hides until the lek is over usually around 8.00-9.00, and drive to breakfast. After midday we have lunch in Oivanki. In the afternoon is time to departure.

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

Price includes: Finnature guiding throughout the journey. Use of professional Eagle, Black Grouse and Whooper Swan photography hides. All meals and all land transportation from Kuusamo airport. All overnights in log cabin with shared facilities. For extra price transportation from Oulu (bigger airport) if needed.

Accommodation: [Oivangin Lomakartano's](#) beautiful log villas

Food: Local restaurants and picnic lunches

Leader: Finnature guide

Possible extensions: Wolverine and Wolf photography in Kuhmo. Winter Owl photography (Owl situation varies between years, ask for more information from the Finnature office)

Booking: www.shop.finnature.com

Recommended flights: We recommend to arrive to and depart from Kuusamo in the afternoon.

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

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