



## Autumn Bird Photo Safari

**Destination:** Oulu  
**Focus:** Bird photography  
**Grading:** Moderate walks only

**Group size:** 4 - 6 photographers  
**Time:** 23 - 27 September 2023  
**Price:** 2330 € / person

### Finland in autumn is a great destination for bird photographers!

Autumn pictures stand out from the crowd because of the great colors in the vegetation and in the trees! Imagine the magnificent Golden Eagles amongst the beautiful autumn colors, Sparrowhawks chasing Jays, young Eagle Owls visiting at the feeder and Black Grouse lekking in the sunrise. In late September there are plenty of birds visiting at the sites in good light and they can be photographed with autumn colors. What would be a better way to spend the a week in September?

In autumn our Golden Eagle hides offer a special photo target: fast Sparrowhawks visit our feeders and chase the Jays around. They will keep you well busy while waiting for the Eagles and are fun to photograph!

The other speciality for autumn is young Eagle Owls visiting at our feeder during daytime, at dusk or at dawn. These images will surely stand from the crowd!

We have a special LED light system for the Eagle Owl. So no need for flashes even at night.



Sparrowhawk

**Highlights:** Golden Eagle, Eagle Owl, White-tailed Eagle, Goshawk, Sparrowhawk, Eurasian Crane, Whooper Swan, Black Grouse, Nutcracker, Waxwing, Crested Tit, Brambling and Bullfinch

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Aurora Borealis

## ITINERARY

### Day 1 Arrival to Oulu

The tour will start in the afternoon at Oulu airport (recommended flight at 5 pm), from where we will make our journey to Villa Finnature Guesthouse, around 45 minutes drive, our base for the next 4 nights.

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!

### Days 2 - 3

After early breakfast at Villa Finnature, departure to our Eagle hide. We spend the whole day in our premium Eagle hide photographing **Golden Eagles**.

While waiting for Golden and White-tailed Eagles, we have the opportunity to photograph amazing show - **Sparrowhawks chasing Eurasian Jays**. Other possible species are **Great, Blue, Willow and Crested Tits, Great Spotted, Black and Grey-headed Woodpeckers and Red Squirrels** from the feeder.

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!

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.

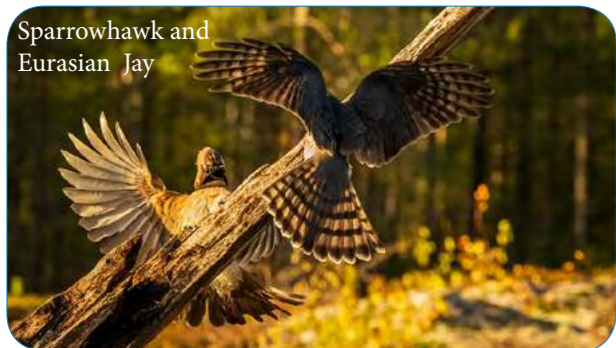
### Day 4

Early morning session at the **Black Grouse** lekking arena hides. After that we will photograph at the Villa Finnature hide **passerines** and **woodpeckers**. **Sparrowhawk** is possible to photograph here too.

Before sunset we will enter to Finnature's forest feeder hides, converted from caravans, where we are going to sleep overnight and wait for the beautiful **Eurasian Eagle Owl** to visit the feeding site. It is possible to sleep in these heated hides and alarm will wake us up when the Owl comes!



Golden Eagle



Sparrowhawk and Eurasian Jay



Black Grouse



Eagle Owl

### Day 5 Liminka

We continue photography in morning light from Finnature's forest feeder hides hoping to photograph Eagle Owl with natural light and other forest species such as **Goshawk, Sparrowhawk and Nutcracker**.

After late breakfast at Villa Finnature, the tour will end at Oulu Airport at noon.



Eagle Owl at night



Whooper Swans

More photos in our [Finnature's Flickr Gallery](#)

**Price includes:** land transportation from Oulu airport to Oulu airport, all meals, accommodation, Finnature guiding and use of professional photography hides.

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

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

**Guide:** Finnature guide

**Bookings:** [shop.finnature.com](http://shop.finnature.com)

**Recommended flights:** We recommend to arrive to Oulu at AY441 at 16:55 and to depart from Oulu AY438 14:30.

**Please notice:** The itinerary might change due to weather conditions or unexpected wildlife 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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