



## Midsummer mammals

**Destination:** Oulu, Kuhmo, Suomussalmi, Oulu  
**Focus:** Brown Bears, Wolves, Wolverines  
**Grading:** Moderate to medium walks

**Group Size:** 4 – 6 photographers  
**Time:** 25 June - 2 July 2024  
**Price:** 3795 €, single supplement 330 €

### Brown Bears, Wolves and Wolverines

This is photography tour for keen wildlife photographers, since we spend six consecutive nights in hides in middle of Finnish wilderness. Timing of this tour is great since nights are shortest this time of the year, so especially during bright nights one can photograph throughout the night when these animals are most active. Nature will be the most beautiful with flowering cotton grass in swamps and beautiful pale green colors in forests.

There are many places where it is possible to photograph large carnivores in Finland, but we have selected the best places for photography! We have tried all the sites ourselves and we know which places are working best for photography and what kind of photos you will get in each site. We have also selected the best possible pro hides in each site so you will get great variety for your photos.



### Highlights

Brown Bears, Wolverines, Wolves

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## ITINERARY

### Day 1 Arrival to Oulu

Arrival to Oulu airport with the evening flight. Finnature guide will meet and welcome the group.

Drive to hotel Vihiluoto for dinner and accommodation. A short briefing of the tour. After dinner possibility to photograph wetland and garden birds around the hotel.

### Day 2 Oulu - Kuhmo

After breakfast it's time to start our journey towards East Finland. Drive to Kuhmo (3,5 hours).

This first site is great for **Brown Bears** mainly adults in different habitats. Here we have good chances to photograph also elusive **Wolverines** and with luck we also might photograph **Wolves** here. Early dinner around 3 pm at the site before entering to the hides for the night. Short walk from car to hides.

First night we will spend in forest hides. Here you have good chances for Brown Bears and Wolverines in forest. Brown Bears standing against the trees and Wolverines climbing up to the trees.



### Day 3 Kuhmo

Leaving the hide around 7 am. Breakfast and rest in the middle of the day.

Early dinner around 3 pm and enter to the hides for the night. Short walk from car to hides.

This night we will stay at pond hides. Here you have chances for swimming **Brown Bears** and also for reflection photos. If there will be cold night maybe also some mist will appear.

### Day 4 Kuhmo - drive to the second site in Kuhmo

Leaving the hides around 7 am. Breakfast and short rest in the morning before drive to the other site in afternoon (1 hour drive). Early dinner at 4 pm and enter to the hides for the night. Short walk from car to hides.

This site is famous for the Wolves and interaction between the different species. So we have good chances for all three big mammals - **Bears, Wolverines and Wolves!**

Fist night we will spend at Swamp (bog) hides. Here we can expect to see Brown Bears, Wolves and Wolverines. With luck they will appear at the same time and we will get photos with interaction between the species.



### Day 5 Kuhmo

After a good night in the hides we will leave the hides around 8 am. Breakfast and rest in the middle of the day.

Early dinner and enter to the hides for the night. Short walk from car to hides.

For this night we will have pond hides. Here hides are just next to small beautiful forest pond. You have chances for swimming **Bears and Wolves** and also for reflection photos. **Wolverines** visit the pond site too even they do not like to swim. With luck we might get also some mist during the night.





#### Day 6 Kuhmo - Suomussalmi

Leaving the hides around 8 am. Breakfast and short rest after breakfast. Drive to Suomussalmi (2,5 hours). This site is very famous of the **Brown Bear cubs**. Here is very high density of Brown Bears so there will be a lot of action in the evening. Brown Bears will also bring their cubs to this site so there are great chance for really sweet photos. Early dinner and enter to the hide for the night.

For the first night in this site we have booked Swamp (bog) hides. Walk to hides around 1,5 km. This time of the year cotton grass should cover the bog with white flowers. Imagine Brown Bear cubs playing between the white cotton grass.

#### Day 7 Suomussalmi

Leaving the hides around 7 am. Breakfast and rest in the middle of the day. Early dinner and enter to the hides for the night.

For this night we have forest hides. The walk to hides is around 2 km. Unforgettable experience with **Brown Bears!** In forest many Brown Bears will visit with their cubs so prepare yourself to hectic evening! A good chances also for photos of **Brown Bear cubs** climbing on trees.

#### Day 8 Suomussalmi - Oulu

Today our journey ends and it is time to drive back to Oulu. Leaving the hides around 7 am. Breakfast and pickup. Leave the site at 10.00. Drive to Oulu (3,5 hours) for your afternoon flight (book flight which leaves Oulu earliest at 15.00).

For more pictures: [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 accommodation

**Food:** Local early dinners, snack at the hides, breakfast.

**Leader:** Finnature guide

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

**Recommended flights:** We recommend to arrive to and depart from Oulu. Arrival with evening flight, departure in afternoon after 3pm.

**Please notice:** The itinerary might change due to weather conditions and mammal situation. Unfortunately we cannot guarantee any of the species, but we have selected the best possible sites in Finland to ensure the best possible photography opportunities during the tour.

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