



## Birds & Mammals in Autumn Colours

<b>Destination:</b>	Oulu - Kuhmo-Oulu	<b>Group size:</b>	4 - 6 photographers
<b>Focus:</b>	Wildlife and landscape photography	<b>Time:</b>	27 September – 4 October 2026
<b>Grading:</b>	Moderate walks only - max 500m one way	<b>Price:</b>	4325 € per person, single supplement 370 €

### Autumn is a great season for wildlife photography in Finland!

Autumn is an attractive season: even though nature is slowing down, the **Black Grouse** are lekking actively, and the **Golden Eagle, Sparrowhawk, Brown Bear, Wolverine** and **Wolf** visit the feeding sites while preparing for winter. The colours in nature are breathtaking – the wide range of red, yellow and green are booming both on the ground and in the trees, and this tour is timed carefully for the brightest autumn colours. Also, there are good chances that **Aurora Borealis** might present themselves, with opportunities to get beautiful water reflection photos as the lakes are not frozen yet. This tour includes two days with **Golden Eagle, Brown Bear, and Wolf** and two mornings with **Black Grouse**.

**Highlights:** Golden Eagle, Sparrowhawk playing with Eurasian Jay, Brown Bear, Wolf, Wolverine, Black Grouse, autumn landscapes, Aurora Borealis. Other possible species e.g. Great-, Crested-, Willow and Blue Tit, Bullfinch, Great Spotted and Grey-headed Woodpecker, Sparrowhawk and Red Squirrel.



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Aurora Borealis

## ITINERARY

### Day 1 Arrival to Oulu

Arrival at Oulu Airport at 17:00, followed by transfer to the cosy Villa Finnature for dinner and accommodation.

Throughout the tour, we monitor Aurora Borealis activity and head out to photograph them if conditions are favourable. This tour takes place close to the equinox, a period known in northern countries for increased aurora activity due to the Earth's position and angle in relation to the Sun. Fingers crossed!



Golden Eagle

### Days 2 - 3 Golden Eagles and Sparrowhawks

After a very early breakfast at Villa Finnature, we depart for our Eagle hide. We spend two full days in our premium Eagle hide photographing **Golden Eagles**.

While waiting for the eagles to arrive, we photograph **Sparrowhawks** interacting with **Eurasian Jays** – a spectacular behaviour seen only for a short period in autumn. **Great Tit, Blue Tit, Willow Tit, Crested Tit, Eurasian Jay, Great Spotted Woodpecker, and Red Squirrel** also visit the feeder.

Finnature's new Golden Eagle hide is comfortable, well heated, and offers standing height and quality office chairs. This hide is exclusively available for Finnature photography groups.

Departure from the hide takes place at dusk, around 19:00. We return to Villa Finnature for dinner and accommodation, with time in the evening to recharge batteries and empty memory cards.



Sparrowhawk and Eurasian Jay

### Day 4 Brown Bears

After breakfast, we drive to Kuhmo (approx. 4 hours) and continue to our base in Viiksimo, where we stay for the next two nights. During the coming days, we photograph Brown Bears, colourful autumn landscapes, and lekking Black Grouse.

The drive itself often offers good opportunities to observe wildlife and enjoy the autumn scenery.

In the afternoon, around 16:00, we depart to the Brown Bear hides, where we stay until dark (around 20:30). An evening snack will be waiting for us upon return to the accommodation.

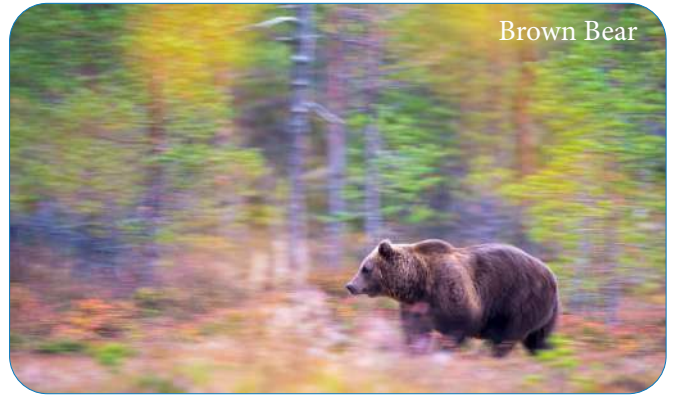


Black Grouse

### Day 5 Black Grouse & Brown Bears

The day starts early with an unforgettable experience at a Black Grouse lek. The lekking site is located on a bog. Photography takes place from plywood hides, situated about 400 metres from the road. In cold weather, frosty grass and rising mist from the pond often create a perfect stage for the grouse display.

After the photo session, breakfast is waiting for us. The day allows time for rest and photo editing. An early dinner follows, before we depart again to the Brown Bear hides around 16:00. Dinner and accommodation at the lodge.



Brown Bear

### Day 6 Black Grouse, Wolf and Brown Bear

Another early morning at the Black Grouse lek. After breakfast, we drive towards our next destination. Our final location is well known for Wolves, and especially for the interaction between Wolves and Brown Bears. Wolverine may also be encountered in the area.

In late autumn, wolves are preparing for winter, with thick and beautiful winter fur. After check-in, we head to the hides for the evening. The first evening is spent in bog hides, where the open landscape also offers good opportunities to photograph interactions between different species. Dinner and accommodation at the lodge.



Wolf

### Day 7 Wolf and Brown Bear

Today we have our final hide session. After breakfast, we head to forest hides for the last day of the tour. There are again good chances to photograph Wolves, Brown Bears, and Wolverines, but in a very different setting than the previous day. Dinner and accommodation at the lodge.

### Day 8 Kuhmo - Oulu

After breakfast, departure from Kuhmo to Oulu (approx. 4-hour drive) to catch the afternoon flight at 16:05 from Oulu Airport.



Sparrow Hawk



Wolverine

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 comfortable Villa Finnature Guesthouse and lodge accommodation with double occupancy and with shared facilities.

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

**Guide:** Finnature guide

**Bookings:** [shop.finnature.com](http://shop.finnature.com) or [info@finnature.fi](mailto:info@finnature.fi)

**Recommended flights:** We recommend to arrive to Oulu at 16:55 (AY440) and to depart from Oulu at 16:05 (AY440).

**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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