

## Diver Break

**Destination:** Oulu, Finland  
**Focus:** Divers, Owls  
**Grading:** Easy walks

**Group size:** 4 – 6 photographers  
**Time:** 8 - 11 June 2027  
**Price:** 2450 € / person, Single supple 190 €

### Divers and Owls of Northern Finland – A Short Photography Break

Divers are among the most elegant and visually striking waterbirds to photograph, especially in the calm light of the northern summer. During this short photography break, we will focus on both Red-throated Diver and Black-throated Diver, visiting several carefully selected breeding lakes where these beautiful birds can be observed and photographed in their natural environment.

By working across multiple locations, we maximise our chances to photograph both species in a variety of situations and settings, from intimate portraits to wider environmental images. To take full advantage of the most atmospheric light, photography sessions with divers will take place during both early morning and late evening, when the lakes are at their most tranquil and reflective.



One evening will be dedicated to exploring the surrounding forests and wetlands in search of Owls and other bird species typical of the region. Depending on the conditions and recent observations, this session may include the magnificent Great Grey Owl, Ural Owl, or other seasonal highlights such as woodpeckers and forest birds. This excursion offers a rewarding contrast to the lake sessions and adds further variety to the photographic experience.

With a well-balanced programme and carefully timed sessions, this short photography break offers excellent opportunities to capture some of northern Finland's most iconic bird species under optimal conditions.

### Highlights

Black-throated – and Red-throated Divers in atmospheric morning and evening light. Owls if available

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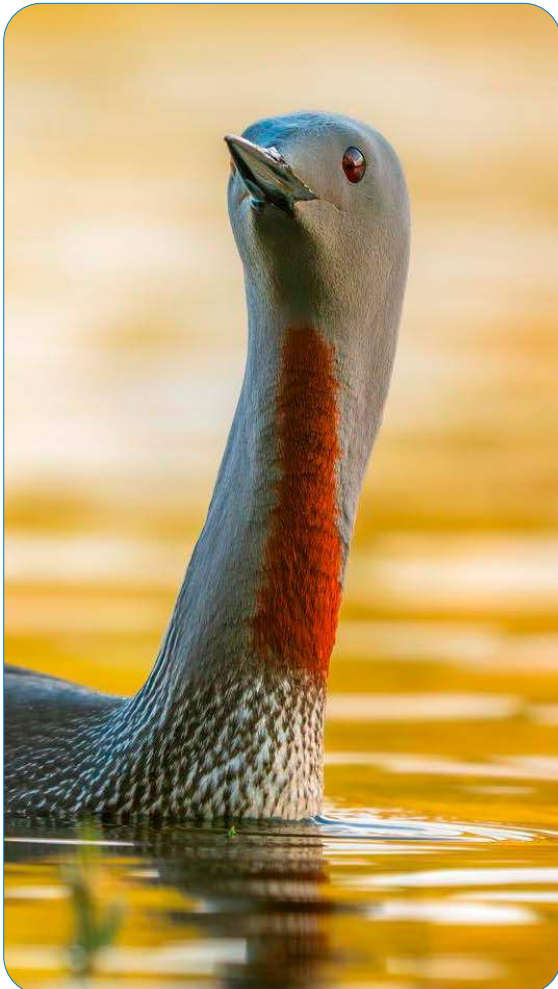
## ITINERARY

### Day 1 Arrival to Oulu

Arrival to Oulu in the afternoon. Upon arrival at the airport, you will be met by your guide and transferred to the accommodation. The drive time is approximately 1.5 hours, offering a first introduction to the northern Finnish landscape.

After an early dinner, we head out for our first photography session, focusing on Black-throated Diver. During this tour we will visit several small, carefully selected ponds where we know these birds regularly breed and spend time. These quiet waters provide an intimate setting for photography.

We take our time in the field, adjusting our approach according to light, weather, and bird activity. After the session, we return late in the evening to the hotel, marking a calm but rewarding start to the photography break.



### Days 2 - Red-throated Divers and Black-throated Divers

We start very early with a focused morning photography session for Red-throated Divers. The goal is to photograph these elegant birds in soft early light, ideally with atmospheric morning mist drifting over the water.

After the morning session, we return to the hotel for breakfast. The late morning and early afternoon are intentionally kept free for rest. After long evening photography sessions and very early morning departures, the nights remain short, this break allows time for proper daytime sleep, image downloads, battery charging, and recovery before the next session.

In the late afternoon, we enjoy an early dinner before heading out for an evening photography session with Black-throated Divers. The warm, low evening light offers a different atmosphere and completes a well-balanced day focused on northern diver photography.



### Days 3 - Red-throated Divers and Owls if available

We begin the day with an early morning photography session focused on Red-throated Divers. We stay with the birds as long as the light remains favourable, aiming to capture calm water, soft colours, and, if conditions allow, atmospheric morning mist.

After the morning session, we return to hotel for breakfast and a well-deserved rest. There is time to download images, charge batteries, and enjoy daytime sleep.

In the late afternoon, we have an early dinner before heading out again for an evening photography session. Depending on the progress of the spring, the evening may be dedicated to Owls if they are present, or alternatively to other seasonal targets such as Woodpeckers or Slavonian Grebe.

Our guides make the final decisions for the evening programme based on current conditions, the advancement of spring, and the species available at the time, ensuring the best possible photography opportunities each day.



### Day 4 - Final morning - Divers

Final Morning – Divers and Departure

Our final early morning photography session is dedicated to selected diver species. The exact focus of the morning is decided on-site, giving priority to the species that may still benefit from additional time in the best possible light in order to achieve the strongest images.

After the photography session, we return to the accommodation for a relaxed brunch and time to pack our luggage. The tour concludes with a transfer to Oulu Airport, where the programme ends around midday.



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

**Price includes:** Finnature guiding throughout the journey. Use of professional photography hides. All meals, accommodation and all land transportation during the tour. Tour starts from and ends to Oulu Airport.

**Accommodation:** Rokua Health & Spa

**Food:** Local restaurants (breakfast, one warm meal and snacks)

**Leader:** Finnature guide

**Possible extensions:** Eagle Owl in Oulu, Brown Bear, Wolverine and Wolf photography in Kuhmo.

**Booking:** [Finnature Webshop](#) or from our office [info@finnature.fi](mailto:info@finnature.fi)

**Recommended flights:** Arrival AY439 HEL-OUL 14:25-15:25 and departure AY438 OUL-HEL 14:30-15:30.

**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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