



Midsummer mammals

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

Group Size: 4 – 6 photographers
Time: 28 June - 5 July 2027
Price: 4145 €, single supplement 750€

Brown Bears, Wolves and Wolverines

Step into the wild heart of Finland, where endless midsummer nights and untouched wilderness create the perfect stage for a once-in-a-lifetime wildlife photography tour. For six unforgettable nights you will wait in comfort inside professional hides, camera poised, as Brown Bear cubs play under their mother's watchful eye, the elusive Wolverine slips silently across the marsh – and, with luck, a Wolf may appear at the edge of the taiga.

This tour is timed for midsummer, when the nights are at their shortest and the soft northern light allows almost continuous photography. Bright nights offer unique opportunities to capture predators at their most active, while the landscapes glow in pale green tones and the marshes are dotted with delicate flowering cotton grass.

Over the years we have tested every major hide in Finland and selected only the finest. Each site has been chosen for its reliability, comfort, and photographic potential, giving you a wide variety of compositions and unforgettable encounters. Whether your goal is dramatic portraits of Brown Bear cubs, fleeting moments of a Wolverine, or atmospheric shots of a roaming Wolf, this tour will provide exceptional chances to build a truly remarkable portfolio.



Highlights

Brown Bears, Wolverines, Wolves

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Day 1 Arrival to Oulu

Upon arrival at Oulu Airport with the evening flight, you will be warmly welcomed by your Finnature guide. From the airport we transfer to our hotel, Vihiluoto, where dinner and a short briefing of the tour await. After dinner, those who wish may enjoy a gentle start to the photography adventure: the surroundings of the hotel offer opportunities to photograph wetland and garden birds in the soft evening light. Accommodation at Hotel Vihiluoto.

Day 2 Oulu - Kuhmo

After breakfast we drive east to Kuhmo (approx. 3.5 hrs), one of the best areas in Finland for Brown Bear photography. Alongside the Bears, there are also chances to photograph both the elusive Wolverine and, with luck, a Wolf.

An early dinner at the site is followed by our first overnight stay in forest hides. Here we may capture Brown Bears moving among the trees, and perhaps glimpse a Wolverine slipping silently through the forest – a thrilling start to our nights in the wild.



Day 3 Kuhmo - Pond Hides and Reflections

We leave the hides around 7 am and return for breakfast and a midday rest. After an early dinner we enter the hides again for the night, reached by a short walk.

Tonight's hides are located by a forest pond – a beautiful setting with chances to photograph Brown Bears swimming or mirrored in the still water. On a cold night, mist may rise from the surface, adding a magical atmosphere to your images.

Day 4 Kuhmo - Swamp Hides and the Big Three

After leaving the hides around 7 am, we return for breakfast and a short rest before driving to our second site in Kuhmo (approx. 1 hr). An early dinner at 4 pm prepares us for another exciting night in the hides, reached by a short walk.

This site is especially renowned for Wolves and the interaction between species. Here we have good chances to see all three of Finland's great predators – Brown Bears, Wolverines, and Wolves. Tonight we stay in swamp hides, where with luck several species may appear together, offering rare opportunities to capture dramatic interactions on camera.



Day 5 Kuhmo - Pond Hides

After leaving the hides around 8 am, we return for breakfast and a midday rest. In the afternoon we enjoy an early dinner before another night in the hides, reached by a short walk.

Tonight we stay at hides beside a small forest pond. Here there are chances to photograph Brown Bears and Wolves reflected in the still water – and sometimes swimming. Wolverines also visit the site, and with luck, mist may rise from the pond to create a truly atmospheric setting.



Day 6 Kuhmo - Suomussalmi - Brown Bear Cubs in the Bog

After leaving the hides around 8 am, we return for breakfast and a short rest before driving to Suomussalmi (approx. 2.5 hrs). This site is especially famous for its Brown Bear cubs – the high density of Bears here means evenings are often full of action, and mothers frequently bring their cubs to the site, offering wonderful opportunities for truly endearing images.

After an early dinner we walk about 1.5 km to the swamp hides for our first night here. At this time of year the bog is blanketed with flowering cotton grass. Imagine Brown Bear cubs playing among the soft white blossoms – a photographer's dream.

Day 7 Suomussalmi - Forest Hides

After leaving the hides around 7 am, we return for breakfast and a midday rest. In the afternoon we enjoy an early dinner before a 1 km walk to the forest hides.

Tonight promises another unforgettable experience with Brown Bears. Many individuals, including mothers with cubs, often visit this site, making evenings lively and full of action. Here there are also good chances to capture images of Brown Bear cubs climbing trees – always a highlight for photographers.

Day 8 Suomussalmi - Return to Oulu

We leave the hides around 7 am for breakfast and packing. At 10 am we depart from Suomussalmi and drive back to Oulu (approx. 3.5 hrs). The tour ends at Oulu Airport in time for afternoon flights – please book your return flight no earlier than 3 pm.

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: Comfortable and cosy lodges. In several locations, bathrooms and toilets are shared facilities.

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

Leader: Finnature guide

Booking: shop.finnature.com or info@finnature.fi

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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