



Ruff Break

Destination: Oulu, Finland
Focus: Ruff and other waders
Grading: Short day walks 500 - 1000m

Group size: 4 – 6 photographers
Time: 17 – 20 May 2026
Price: 2425 € / person, single supplement 235 €



Photograph the Colourful and Charismatic Ruff

Join us in early spring at Liminka Bay, the most important wetland reserve in Finland, where the dazzling Ruff gathers in peak breeding plumage. From the comfort of our professional hides, you'll have front-row access to a shallow water pool – perfect for capturing striking reflections, feeding behaviour, and, if you're lucky, even lekking displays.

Mornings often bring calm water, golden front-light, and rising mist – a dream for any wildlife photographer. Evenings offer a completely different magic, with dramatic backlight transforming feeding birds into glowing silhouettes.

This tour is designed for serious bird photographers seeking unique, close-up images of Ruff and other waders in dynamic spring conditions. With expert guidance and finely timed sessions, every moment behind the lens counts.

Will you be fast enough to capture the perfect display with wings flared and water shimmering beneath?

Highlights

Ruff, Spotted Redshank, Common Redshank, Wood Sandpiper, Greenshank, Marsh Sandpiper, Eurasian Curlew, Black-tailed Godwit, Lapwing, Common Gull and Black-headed Gull.

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Day 1 – Arrival in Oulu & First Hide Session

Arrive in Oulu in the afternoon, where you'll be met and transferred to your nearby accommodation. After an early dinner, we head to the hides for our first session. Watch and photograph lekking **Ruffs** and other waders at close range—perfect for capturing their displays with striking reflections in still water. If the evening is bright, backlit images as the sun sets behind the birds offer a magical finale. Photography continues until around 11 pm.

Days 2 and 3 – Sunrise & Sunset Sessions with Ruff

Early Hide Session (3 am – 9 am)

Begin the day in the hide under soft front light, with calm reflections and—if conditions align—the thrilling spectacle of lekking Ruffs as males display and spar. Rising mist may drift across the water, adding a dreamlike atmosphere to your shots.

Return to your accommodation for breakfast and a well-earned rest. Back up your images, recharge, and review the morning's highlights.

Evening Hide Session (5 pm – 11 pm)

After an early dinner, return to the hides for vibrant evening activity. Capture waders feeding in golden light, with glowing backlit silhouettes offering a magical end to the day.

Day 4 Departure from Oulu

The last early morning 3 am - 9 am in the hide. After photo session transportation back to the accommodation for brunch and packing the luggage. Tour ends at the Oulu airport 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: Comfortable and clean accommodation.

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

Leader: Finnature guide

Possible extensions: Eagle Owl and Black Grouse in Oulu region, Black Grouse only until 15th May. Brown Bear, Wolverine and Wolf photography in Kuhmo.

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

Recommended flights: Arrival AY441 HEL-OUL 15:55-16:55 and departure AY438 OUL-HEL 14:15-15:15.

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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