

PHOTOGRAPHY EXPEDITION

No man's land

In search of bears, wolves and
wolverines in the Finnish taiga



11th - 16th May, 2026

A JOURNEY IN SEARCH OF SOME OF THE MOST ICONIC SPECIES OF NORTHERN EUROPE.

A tour dedicated to the photography of bears, wolves, wolverines and black grouse, along with all the species we may encounter in the vast forests of central Finland.

Our main target species will be observed and photographed from professional hides, while transfers will also be used to look for other animals present in these areas in May, such as whooper swan, red-throated loon, ruff, dipper and, depending on the year, great grey owl and northern hawk owl.

This tour will take us to one of the wildest regions of Finland, the so-called “No Man’s Land”: a corridor of land formed by spruce and birch forests close to the Russian border, historically sparsely inhabited, yet a key ecological corridor for European wildlife.





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Trip length: 6 days



Máximum group size

6 travellers



Tour Leader

Francesco Rovedo



Difficulty

Low



Safari by car



Photography

In professional hides

OUTLINE

- Home city – Oulu – Kuusamo
- Kuusamo – Kuhmo
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- Kuhmo – Oulu – Home city



ITINERARY



Day 1 - 11th May

Home city – Oulu – Kuusamo

Arrival and transfer from Oulu Airport to Kuusamo. During the journey we will look for photographic opportunities, both landscapes and wildlife. Stop for dinner at a typical Finnish “on-the-road” restaurant to taste local cuisine. Arrival in Kuusamo in the late afternoon/evening. Accommodation. After leaving our luggage and preparing the equipment, and following a short rest, we will enter the hide at around 2:00 a.m. to take advantage of the morning light, which at this time of year lasts almost all night. Our goal will be to photograph black grouse fights at the famous leks.

Day 2 - 12th May

Kuusamo – Kuhmo

After the session we will return to the hotel for breakfast, collect our luggage and depart for Kuhmo. During the journey we will look for whooper swans and divers already present on Finnish lakes after migration. Lunch stop en route. Arrival in Kuhmo, accommodation and early dinner before entering the hide at 4:00 p.m. Overnight in the hide, equipped with sleeping bags and a picnic. From these hides we expect to photograph bears, wolves, wolverines and white-tailed eagles.

Days 3, 4 and 5 - 13, 14 and 15th May Kuhmo

After the session, around 8:00 a.m., return to the hotel for breakfast. Depending on fatigue and daily conditions, we may search for great grey owls (whose activity depends heavily on lemming and vole populations) or other typical northern forest species such as western capercaillie, willow ptarmigan, Siberian tit and many others. Return to the hotel at midday to rest and download photographs. Dinner at 4:00 p.m. and return to the hide at 5:30 p.m.

We will alternate between peat bog and forest locations.

Overnight in the hide with beds, sleeping bags, night picnic and dry toilet. Possibility to photograph bears, wolves and wolverines, hoping to observe interactions.

White-tailed eagles frequently visit the hides. Temperatures will remain low, so sleeping bags will be provided.

Día 6 - 16th May Kuhmo

Breakfast after the final session. Transfer to Oulu Airport, with opportunities to look for whooper swans, divers and courting ruffs along the way.

Arrival at the airport around midday. End of the trip.





€ Price

€ 2.930/person

Minimum group size
of 4 people

€ 2.540/person

Maximum group
size of 6 people

Single room supplement:

€ 350 * Depending on availability.

INCLUDED

- Transfers
- Guide/photographer
- Double-room accommodation
- Meals listed in the itinerary.
- Night snacks (Days 2–5)
- 5 hide sessions.
- Activities.
- Access permits.
- Travel/assistance/cancellation insurance.

NOT INCLUDED

- Flights.
- Personal expenses
- Tips
- Alcoholic beverages
- Services not specified.

Reservation Deposit

- A deposit of €500.00 is required to confirm your reservation.
- Pending payment deadline: March 30.
- Important note: The tour departure is guaranteed with a minimum of 4 participants.
- Please wait for our confirmation before booking your flight. We will confirm the tour two months prior to the departure date.
- In the event that the tour cannot take place due to an insufficient number of participants, 100% of the €500.00 deposit paid to confirm the reservation will be refunded.

Cancellation and refund policy

- If the participant withdraws after paying the deposit, €400.00 will be refunded.
- (€100.00 is non-refundable to cover administrative costs).
- If you decide to cancel your trip, refunds will be issued as follows:
- Between 2 and 1 month before departure: 40% refund.
- Less than 30 days before departure: no refund.
- If you decide to return home before the end of the trip, please note that no refunds can be offered for the unused portion of the tour.

Guide

Francesco Rovedo

Photographer, science communicator and naturalist technician. He has lived for over three years in Scandinavia, guiding photographic tours between Norway and Finland.



⚙ Important notes about the tour

The trip begins and ends at Oulu Airport (Finland). We must book an outbound flight arriving before 6:00 p.m. and a return flight departing from 1:00 p.m. onwards.

🛏 Accomodation

In Kuusamo we will stay in a small rural hotel, while in Kuhmo we will sleep in a former military facility that has been converted into a comfortable hotel.

As these are very remote areas, the number of rooms is limited, so we cannot guarantee single rooms for all tour participants.

📷 Photography and wildlife observation equipment

- 📷 For wildlife photography, the use of telephoto lenses of at least 400 mm is recommended. A wide-angle lens is highly advisable for photographing the spectacular Finnish landscapes.
- 🦿 A tripod is recommended, though not mandatory, especially for the hides; however, it is essential to bring a ball head or gimbal head to mount the equipment inside the hides.

👕 Clothing

In May, temperatures can still drop below 0 °C. Although some hides will be equipped with sleeping bags, it will be necessary to be well prepared for the cold.

Layered clothing is recommended, as well as wool underwear, gloves, and a hat. So-called "hand warmers" (single-use thermal packs) are also highly recommended.

Depending on the year, the environment may have more or less snow, but in general we expect to photograph these animals in the cold landscapes of late winter, when their coats are thicker and there is still a possibility of snowfall.



Documents needed

To enter Finland, Spanish citizens need a valid national ID card or passport.

Health

No vaccinations are required. For more information, please consult the Ministry of Health (<https://www.sanidad.gob.es/>) or the health authority of your country.

Spanish citizens covered by the Spanish social security system who wish to receive medical assistance in Finland during their stay must have a valid European Health Insurance Card; presenting only the Spanish social security card is not sufficient. It is therefore highly recommended to apply for the card in Spain before traveling to Finland. It can be obtained through the Social Security Electronic Office.

For more information on healthcare in Finland, please consult the Foreign Health website.

Electricity

The electrical system in Finland operates at 220 V, and the plugs have two rounded pins—just like in Spain.

Currency and money

As a member of the European Union, the currency is the euro. Credit cards are commonly used and accepted in most establishments. As a member of the European Union, the currency is the euro. Credit cards are commonly used and accepted in most establishments.



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