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# ORAVI

*Wild food, fishing and relaxing*



*From*  
**290€**

**INCLUDED:** Accommodation, dinner by the campfire, breakfast, fishing boat, equipment & license, guide, outdoor lunch. Local taxes.

**NOT INCLUDED:** Arrival transfers. Tips. Travel Insurance



## RELAX & TRADITIONS

*Enjoy local gastronomy,  
fishing & Relax*

**Minimum group:** 4 people

**Program:** 2 days and 1 night

**Meeting point:** SaimaaHoliday Oravi  
reception: Activity Center in  
Kiramontie

**Authentic:** Beautiful lake and unique  
landscapes. Fishing & Cooking

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By Taipale Brothers Visit Finland

Making fire in Linnansaari island



Relax in Lake Saimaa



By Emilia Toivola Visit Finland

Campfire with friends



Fishing experience

# Description

Charming village Oravi is the place for wild food: pure, simple, seasonal, and naturally grow in about everywhere you look. Oravi is a vivid village where fishermen have started their daily trips to lakes both sides of the village. Fishing is of great interest in the land of thousands of lakes and islands.

**Our essence:** Beautiful lake and unique landscapes. Fishing & Cooking Experience

# Itinerary

**Day 1.** Check in at the peaceful villa in Oravi on the shore of Lake Saimaa. It has four bedrooms, a fully equipped kitchen and a spacious, separate sauna department. Time to explore the beautiful surroundings and the village by rowing your own boat. Relax the afternoon in the tranquil atmosphere: The villas are surrounded with clean nature, lake and fresh air. You can enjoy your own sauna and private beach. In the evening your guide arrives to your villa and by the campfire you will have an outdoor dinner and go through the next morning fishing trip.

**Day 2.** Enjoy a fishing trip after a relaxing breakfast in the villa or on the sun deck. A breakfast basket is delivered to your villa the day before. The fishing guide will pick you up and welcome you at the marina to take you to Haukivesi, literally translated Pike lake. Enjoy discovering the most endangered seal and learning different sorts of fishing methods. Catching fish is guaranteed! After checking the fish trap is time to go ashore in Linnansaari island and light the campfire to prepare your catch for a meal. Smoking fish is an ancient way to cook fish in Finland. While fish is gently cooked in aromatic smoke, you can explore the island and discover a hundred species of large butterflies. It is time for lunch of smoked fish, fresh salad and locally baked rye bread. On the boat drive back to Oravi village you may be lucky to see majestic fly of an osprey.

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## Saimaa Archipelago Experience

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**INCLUDED:** Transfer from Savonlinna, accommodation & breakfast in dbl room, transport to Linnansaari island and Kolovesi, canoe rent 1 day, sauna by the lake. Local taxes.

**NOT INCLUDED:** Dinners.  
Travel insurance. Tips.



### HISTORY & NATURE

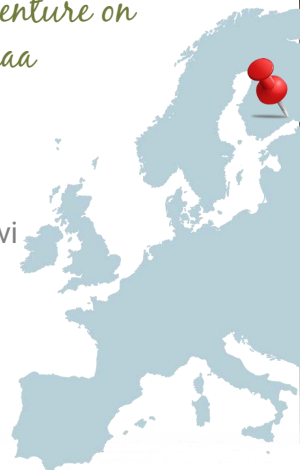
*Two full day adventure on  
Lake Saimaa*

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Kayaking on Lake Saimaa



Amazing views of Saimaa

By Leikas Visit Saimaa Finland



Rock Paintings - Kolovesi



Wildlife - Osprey

# Description

Two full day adventure on Lake Saimaa: a labyrinth formed by wide waters and 13.000 islands, is waiting. Experience the beauty and silence in National parks of Linnansaari and Kolovesi by hiking and kayaking. Try wild swimming, sauna and enjoy local food. Make evening walk in charming fishing village Oravi and during summer wonder the magical light of Nordic summer night.

**Our essence:** Discover the lake, the National parks enjoying amazing adventures, landscapes and local food.

# Itinerary

**Day 1.** Take a safari bus from Savonlinna city, during the one hour drive enjoy the typical Finnish countryside. Check in to the Charming hotel in Oravi and collect packed lunch. Heading to Linnansaari island National park by boat to discover a several great trails. After a refreshing swim it's time to discover the Finnish forest types. At the end of the trail you can get to Linnansaari Croft where you'll learn about the life in the old times and the slash-and-burn agriculture. Meet friendly Finnsheep, which is an ancient breed, and over three hundred species of large butterflies. Return to Oravi Charming Village.

**Optional:** a boat will pick you up for the guided Ringed lake seal safari tour. Dinner: Finnish delicacies at the Ruukinranta restaurant, explore the village and be amazed of the Nordic light night.

**Day 2.** Breakfast at Ruukinranta restaurant. Taste the traditional local and delicious Karelian pasty with egg butter. After breakfast it's time to learn how to paddle canoe in Oravi marina! Ready? Let's go to visit the Kolovesi National park driving to the beautiful Enonkoski village and enjoy the canoeing to admire Kolovesi lake, a paddler's paradise. Learn the history of the 5000 year old rock paintings and appreciate the tranquillity of Kolovesi. With luck you might encounter again the curious Saimaa ringed seal. Stop at the Vaajasalo campsite for a lunch break and have another break at Hirviniemi campsite for wild swimming. Return to Oravi to enjoy a delicious dinner at Ruukinranta restaurant with local fish dishes. Time to relax in gentle steam of sauna and wild swimming in Oravi Marina.

**Day 3.** Breakfast and departure to Savonlinna

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*Finnish Sauna experien-*



## DESCRIPTION

Enjoy a scheduled boat drive to Linnansaari island National park and dare to dream! Discover the perfect spot for a several great trails with a spectacular views over hundred of Saimaa Archipelago Islands. Become an explorer through the Finnish forest types, let's go for a refreshing swim and make your own campfire or just enjoy your packed lunch. After the hike and explore of the island it's time for an idyllic Sauna experience in a wooden heated Finnish sauna. Relax and de-stress, enjoy the gentle steam and cool you down in pure lake of Saimaa! Return back to Oravi Village.

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59€

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*Experience Saimaa*



## DESCRIPTION

Became a nature lover in Finland!, 18 hours of daylight boosts everything in nature and it is waiting for you! Taste wild herbs, admire osprey's plunge, observe bird's resting rituals and discover the seals sunbathing on the rocks. Discover the world's most endangered seal that can be found only in lake Saimaa. You'll enjoy an amazing natural experience in Linnansaari national park with a wilderness guide specialized in seals. Experience the blooming nature and learn about the life of seals, and don't forget to take spectacular photos!

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By Mikko Nikkinen Visit Finland

# ORAVI

*Pick your own island, be idle!*



## DESCRIPTION

Begin an unforgettable paddling Adventure in Oravi, Lake of Saimaa. We offer you good-quality equipment and qualified tour guides to discover you the paradise for canoeists! Great expanses of open water, seals, clean and safe water! At the largest canoeing center, you will get needed gear and instructions. Now you're ready for your self-guided kayaking tour! Paddle through Oravi canal and admire the landscape and the Joutenvesi nature reserve area, a breath-taking scenery and natural silence; Joutenvesi literally translated is Be-idle-lake. Free time to have lunch and wild swimming spot. Back to Oravi.

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*Fish day – event*



By Elna Manninen Visit Finland

## DESCRIPTION

You are invited to celebrate the end of July the Fish day in the charming Oravi Village. Come and engage with villagers in their local fishing culture event! We encourage you to discover traditional activities, competitions, live music, and how to make your own fish traps as well how to prepare fish in different ways. Enjoy the local food and the tastiest dessert, the pancakes. Enjoy the Finnish rural village atmosphere!

*Free*

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Winter fun



By Mikko Nikkinen & VisitFinland

## DESCRIPTION

Are you an adventurer? Enjoy Frozen Saimaa: hiking on the lake, ice swimming or tour skating weather permitting. You'll discover the most beautiful ice trail to Linnansaari. The length of the route to Linnansaari is 5 - 14 km depending on starting place. There are fire places along the route and a cafeteria on Linnansaari. Ready? An experienced guide is waiting for you with the equipment for skating or kick sledding to teach you the right techniques! After this memorable experience, coffee, pancakes and... time to dress you in warm safari outfits and enjoy a sleigh ride to take you back!

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