

**Project "FOREST TRAIL"****Study trip to Finland 30.09.2019 – 3.10.2019****Programme**

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**30.09. Riga – Tallinn - Helsinki**

6:15 Meet Kalnciema str. 41 "Rimi"

6:30 departure from Riga

12:00 Meet in Sikupilli Keskus, Tartu maantee 87, 11412 Tallinn with Estonian partners (close to Bus station Tallinn) <https://goo.gl/maps/DCZo54D1dk8WpZXPA>

12:30 in Tallinn harbor, terminal D (deliver to tour leader ID/passport; check in together)

Departure from Tallinn to Helsinki by ferry at 13:30 Megastar, lunch on ferry

Arrival to Helsinki 15.30

Drive to Järvenpää, arrival ca 16.40, Accommodation in [Seurakuntaopisto](#) in Järvenpää

Address: Järvenpäntie 640, 04400 Järvenpää

17.30 - 17.45 drive to restaurant [Huvila](#) in Järvenpää centre

Address: Sibeliuksenkatu 5, 04400 Järvenpää

Presentation by Mr. Mikko Lamminpää, [Calazo Oy](#)

Mikko is specialised in long distance hiking trail development and is leading several trail developments projects in Southern Finland. We will take a look into projects and also maps. Calazo offers a wide selection of high quality hiking trail and nature destinations maps from Finland, Sweden and Norway in their webshop. Maps are recyclable, highly water resistant and durable.

18.30 - 20.00 Dinner in restaurant Huvila, Järvenpää centre

<https://goo.gl/maps/gNbwpJScUJ9GyCBD9>

**01.10. JÄRVENPÄÄ - HELSINKI - TEIJO**

**09.00 - 11.00** Guided walking tour in Järvenpää, Mr. Pekka Kärkkäinen

Pekka is a member of local tourism guide association. Pekka's specialty is war history and history of artist community around [Lake Tuusula](#). Lake Tuusula is known for a unique community of artists, which were formed on the shores of Lake Tuusula in early 1900's. The best known representatives of the golden age of Finnish art settled in the rural area. The most famous Finnish writers, artists and composer formed a community which have had an enormous effect to whole Finland. Pekka will take us to a guided tour, talked about the community, but also about guiding and the work of the association.

**11.00 - 12.00** Drive to Helsinki

Team Finland House, address Porkkalankatu 1, Helsinki

12.15 - 13.00 Lunch Business Finland,

13.00 - 13.15 Welcome Mrs. Virpi Aittokoski, [Visit Finland](#), Sports, Nature, [Sustainable Travel](#)

13.15 - 13.45 Mr. Petri Kulha, specialist in eco-tourism and project manager in LUOVA -project, [Kouvola Innovation Oy](#).

Petri works as nature tourism co-ordinator close to Repovesi National park and has an extensive experience of trail development, hiking tourism in general and co-operation with entrepreneurs

13.45 - 14.15 Mrs. Virpi Aittokoski, Visit Finland, Sports, Nature, Sustainable Travel in Finland

Break

14.40 -15.00 Mr. Ilkka Lariola, CEO, [Natura Viva](#) is a tour operator operating in Greater Helsinki area and offering nature tourism activities and experiences. Natura Viva is privately owned and already established 1986.

15.00 - 15.30 [OutdoorActive](#) -Europe's largest outdoor platform. Mrs. Pirjo Räsänen, OutdoorActive, Country Manager. Outdooractive specialises in [digitalization of outdoor tourism](#). We offer a wide range of technological services, a platform to reach a wide audience with active lifestyle and marketing opportunities. We have over 5 milj page views per month and 1,4 milj. active community members.

15.30 – 17.40 Drive to Kirjakkala and Matilda  
<https://goo.gl/maps/Pez33zLkRcAGDrWi8>

Accommodation in two separate places, [Kirjakkala ironworks village](#) and in [Matilda](#).

Kirjakkalan ruukkikylä, address: Hamarijärventie 62, 25570 Teijo;

Hotel Mathildedal - Ruukkimatkailu Oy, address: Ruukinrannantie 6, 25660 Mathildedal

Kirjakkala is on the way to Matilda and we'll drop off first those staying in Kirjakkala. Bus will continue to Matilda (ca 10 km) and return to pick up those staying in Kirjakkala. Dinner is in Matilda by the sea.

19.00 - 20.00 Dinner. Archipelago Buffet, [Restaurant Matildan Marina](#)

Address: Ruukinrannantie 4, 25660 Mathildedal

Bus transfer back to Kirjakkala. Those staying in Matilda will walk back to hotel (200 m)

## 2.10 TEIJO NATIONAL PARK - TURKU ARCHIPELAGO - KILJAVA

**Kirjakkala ironworks village: pick up 08.30**

08.45 – 12.00 Matilda and Teijo National Park

Matilda is a small ironworks village close to Teijo National Park. Matilda has become increasingly popular within the past years and the number of tourist has grown there year after year. It has been

a success story but it has also caused difficulties and side effects. We will walk through the village to Teijo National Park led by Mrs. Maija Pirvola, Development Manager, [Yrityssalo](#) (local development company).

[Parks & Wildlife Finland](#) manages protected areas and provides facilities for hikers. Mr. Mikael Nordstrom, regional manager, Parks and Wildlife Finland, and Mrs. Paivi Palvimaki, Coastal Bootcamp, project manager, will take us to a guided hiking trip. We will learn about signposting, maintenance, information boards and sustainable development in Teijo National park. We will also talk about growing numbers of tourists and visitor flows.

Lunch in [Teijo National Park](#) in a hut by open fire.

12.00 – 14.15 Drive to [Nauvo](#) to Turku Achipelago area  
<https://goo.gl/maps/qqkZPKLRXR1yAEJ29>

14.15 - 14.45 Coffee break in Nauvo in [Majatalo Martta](#)  
Address: Kirkkovalli 6, 21660 Nauvo

14.45 – 17.00 Development of long distance trails, St. Olav Waterway -project will be presented to us by Mr. James Simpson, <https://stolavwaterway.com/en>, project manager. We will meet entrepreneurs, mostly small companies and walk through the trails in Archipelago

17.30 - 18.30 Dinner in Korppoo in [Hotel Nestor](#), one of the best restaurant in archipelago.  
<https://goo.gl/maps/xUKP6bb8QkoayQZM9>  
Address: Österretaisvägen 53, 21710 Korpo

18.30 – 21.00 Drive to [Kiljava](#), stop on the way if needed. Our accommodation is in the middle of forest.  
Address: Kiljavan opisto, Kotorannantie 49, 05250 Kiljava  
Nestor -Kiljava: <https://goo.gl/maps/UYbdijR3fHgs29Pu5>

Note: the distances aren't necessarily long but driving in archipelago is slow because of the winding, narrow roads and ferries. There is a ferry on the way to Nauvo and also on the way to Korppoo.

### **3.10 Kiljava and Nurmijärvi**

00.45– 09.30 Mr. Pasi Juutilainen, [Kiljavan opisto](#), adult education institute

Pasi will present nature tour guide vocational training programme

09.45 – 10.00 Drive to [Nurmijärvi](#)

10.00 – 12.00 Hiking programme led by Rural Women's Advisory Organisation (MKTN) , Mrs. Auli Hirvonen

MKTN are developing long distance hiking trail together with local museum and municipality of Nurmijärvi. We will hike the trail and visit local museum, talk with municipality representatives and Auli.

12.40 - 13.40 Lunch in Hotel Haaga  
Address: Nuijamiestentie 10, 00320 Helsinki

Departure back to Helsinki  
15:00 to be in harbour of Helsinki  
16:30 Ferry Helsinki – Tallinn Megastar HEL-TLL  
18:30 arrival in Tallinn  
~23:30 arrival in Riga.

The programme includes hikes and the point is to see and experience with your own eyes. The hikes are not long, approximately from 2 to 3 kms but there can be several short hikes within one day. Take hiking boots, remember that in best case we have nice, crispy weather with sunshine but in worst scenario it will rain, rain and rain. Waterproof clothing and rain jackets will be needed.

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