

A summer holiday in Finland in Central Ostrobothnia

Day 1

Welcome to Kokkola – the regional centre of Central Ostrobothnia

The group arrives to Kokkola-Pietarsaari airport (KOK) or at Kokkola railwaystation. Accommodation in a hotel in the city centre. Information. Welcome dinner in a restaurant.



Day 2

Kokkola sightseeing and a cruise to lighthouse island Tankar

Breakfastbuffet in the hotel. Sightseeing in the old town of Kokkola, Neristan. A visit to K.H.Renlund´s art gallery and to Nature museum Kieppi. Onboard m/s Jenny the cruise to the lighthouse island Tankar. In Cafe Tankar at 1.30 p.m. lunch: salmon soup, bread and homemade beer. Guided walk (0,8 km) around the island with visit to Fishermen´s church and to the Seal hunting museum. You may also visit the lighthouse Tankar from the year 1889 and clamber up 122 steps up to the tower. At 3.30-5.00 p.m. the voyage back. Time for shopping. The dinner is served in a restaurant in the old town, Neristan.



Day 3

A tour to 7 Bridges Archipelago Kokkola-Pietarsaari (150 km)

Breakfastbuffet. With the tour bus along the 7 Bridges Archipelago road 40 km to Pietarsaari. Sightseeing with a visit to Aspegrens Garden. A visit to the Arctic Museum Nanoq and to the scenic Fäboda. After lunch we have a short drive to Tyynelän Tonttula, the secret home of Santa Claus´assistants. After that we have a look to the Fishing Museum in Bosund. Coffee at Öja Bryggan. Late in the afternoon we will be back in Kokkola. At the Swimming Centre VesiVeijari relax in the saunas and in the pools. Dinner in a restaurant.



Day 4

A day on the Gulf of Bothnia Kokkola-Kalajoki-Kokkola (150 km)

Breakfastbuffet. Toivonen Zoo and Peasant´s museum at 9.00-10.00 a.m. A visit to Lohtaja wooden church from the year 1768 at 10.30-11.00 a.m. Ohtakari fishermen´s island at 11.30 a.m.-1.00 p.m. A walk around the island on the nature trail. Lunch. A visit to Himanka Iso-Mansikka, the biggest fishing port on the Gulf of Bothnia. In Himanka we visit Polar Gourmet and at Rautila the "Kings stone" Kuninkaankivi. At Kalajoen Hiekkasärkät resort we have a presentation tour. Then we relax in Spa SaniFani. After dinner we return (60 km) with the bus to the hotel in Kokkola.



Day 5

Hiking on the Forest Reindeers trail and canoeing on the river Lestijoki (250 km)

Breakfastbuffet. We drive with the bus 110 km to Lestijärvi Valkeinen. A hiking tour, 6 km, on the Forest Reindeer´s trail. Lunch. Transfer 20 km to the river Lestijoki. Canoeing 3 km to the rapids Jatkonkoski. Coffee and sandwiches on the camp fire. Canoeing 7 km to Raivio, where you experience a special Lestijoki-ceremony and you will get a Lestijoki-Certificate. Transfer, 15 km to Pietilä Farm Holidays. After saunas we have dinner buffet in the old farmers house. Late in the evening we return 120 km to the hotel in Kokkola.



Day 6

Rural culture and folk music in Perhonjoki-valley (180 km)

Breakfastbuffet. We drive to scenic Seljesåsen and further to Kaustinen. Sightseeing with visits to Folk Art Centre, Pauanne and Folk Medicine Centre. After lunch we visit in Veteli Kemora Motor Racing Centre. In Halsua we visit Meriläinen Local History Museum and in Ullava The Art Gallery TaideVionoja. Then we drive back 50 km to the hotel in Kokkola.



Day 7

A tour to Salamaperä nature reserve and Salamajärvi national park (250 km)

Breakfastbuffet. We drive 120 km to Perho Salamaperä nature reserve. Hiking through the nature reserve 10 km to Koirasalmi. Sausages, sandwiches, salads and coffee at camp fire. Hiking around the lake Koirajärvi 10 km. Sauna and dinner at Joutenhovi. Return 115 km by bus to Kokkola. Transfer to the airport (KOK) or to Kokkola railwaystation.



