

## **Finland, Culture and Music in Kuhmo**

**From € 2055 € vat included  
Summer 2024**

Kuhmo, a town on the eastern border of Finland, 600 km North of Helsinki, is widely known for its world-class chamber music festival, the Finnish national epic Kalevala and wild brown bears. On this trip you can experience all of those along with enjoying interesting works of visual arts, history and culinary treats. The daily programme will contain one to three Kuhmo Chamber Music Festival concerts, a visit to a cultural site and a nature excursion.



## HOTEL KALEVALA



The cosy hotel is located by the shore of Lake Lammasjärvi, three kilometres from the centre of Kuhmo. The distance between town centre and the hotel will be covered daily by bicycles or by prearranged transport. The hotel has 50 individually decorated rooms, a restaurant, and terrace and sauna department.



During your staying in Kuhmo at a hotel you will be able to enjoy the beauty and delights of the Finnish summer. That will call for not only attending scheduled programme, but also spontaneous plunges into the fresh lake, sauna bathing and marvelling the white nights.

This travel programme is designed to be applied during the Kuhmo Chamber Music Festival from 14th to 27th July 2024 and it is aimed at groups of 10 persons minimum.

### DAY 1 | PARIS / KAJAANI

Finnair flights to Kajaani. Arrival at the Kajaani airport, transfer to the Hotel Kalevala (approx. 1.5 hours). Check in, dinner at hotel's terrace. Time for independent exploring of the hotel surroundings.

### DAY 2 | CONCERTS / HISTORY / ART EXHIBITION(S) / SAUNAS AND CULINARY DELICACIES

Breakfast

09.00– Bike ride to the centre of Kuhmo (3 km).

11.00–12.00 Kuhmo Chamber Music concert at the Kuhmo Church.

12.00–13.00 Guided tour at the Kuhmo Arts Centre. You'll learn about the history of the Arts Centre, the Kuhmo Chamber Music Festival and events around the year. The festival's art exhibition is in the lobby.

14.00– Free time to explore the city center.

There are for example plenty of other art exhibitions in the centre. Maybe you would like to enjoy a cup of coffee or tea with local delicacies in one of the cafés? Festival shop is full of different kinds of festival products. Would you like to buy a festival T-shirt or a cd? Return to the hotel, saunas with indoor and outdoor Jacuzzis.



18.00–20.00 Evening concert at the Kuhmo Arts Centre

20.00– After the concert, a three-course dinner in the pop-up restaurant Salakamari. Salakamari is the place where audience and artists meet after the concerts. This festival restaurant is renowned for its gourmet menu and festival wines.

### DAY 3 | CONCERTS / KALEVALA / SAUNAS (& BEARS)

Breakfast, bike ride to the centre of Kuhmo.

10.00– Heart of the Day in Salakamari. Presentation of the festival day by a festival artist.

11.00–12.00 Kuhmo Chamber Music concert in the Church

12.15–13.00 Visit to Juminkeko, the Information Centre of Kalevala Exhibitions and a multimedia programme on Finland's national epic, the Kalevala. There is a summer exhibition devoted to the Kalevala and one of the largest collections of various editions of the Kalevala in the world.

15.00–16.00 Afternoon concert of the Kuhmo Chamber Music Festival, return to the hotel

16.00 Optional:  
watching evening  
hotel at midnight.



Meeting at the hotel lobby and transfer to the bear-  
(with extra charge 135 €/person), return back to the

Sauna and Dinner  
Enjoy an authentic

à la Kalevala for those who stay at the hotel.  
Dinner à la Kalevala, taste local delicacies.

21.00 – 22.00 Evening concert of the Kuhmo Chamber Music Festival

### DAY 4 | CONCERTS / FINNISH PREDATORS / CHURCH BOAT TOUR / SAUNAS

9.00–10.00 Visit to the Petola Visitor Centre.

Guided tour to the exhibition of large carnivores – brown bear, wolf, lynx and wolverine. Film show on Kuhmo nature and wildlife in the auditorium.

Bike ride from Petola to the centre.

11.00–12.00 Kuhmo Chamber Music concert in the Church

15.00–16.00 Kuhmo Chamber Music concert at the Tuupala School



Optional: Guided church boat tour 75 €/person.  
The tour will start from the Kuhmo Arts Centre and the group will row their way back to the hotel along the lake. Bonfire picnic at the Kota "teepee" by the lakeside right next to the hotel.  
Sauna bathing.

19.00 Dinner at the hotel.

21.00–22.00 Evening concert of the Kuhmo Chamber Music Festival.

### DAY 5 | KAJAANI / PARIS

Breakfast. Free time. Transfer back to Kajaani airport. Finnair flight to Paris.

**End of our services**

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<b>Price per person in Euros ttc</b>	
Adult in double/twin room	2055 €
Single room	215 €

**OUR RATES INCLUDE :**

- Finnair flights Paris/Kajaani/Paris in economic class
- Airport taxes 95 €
- Transfers airport Kajaani/hotel/airport Kajaani
- 4 nuits in double/twin room in Hotel Kalevala
- The breakfasts
- Bicycles
- 2 x half board dinner at the hotel, Dinner à la Kalevala, dinner at Salakamari
- Entrance to Juminkeko, English speaking guide
- Entrance to Petola, English speaking guide
- Tickets to the concerts mentioned in the programme
- Assistance insurance offered

**NOS TARIFS NE COMPRENNENT PAS :**

- Breakfasts
- Personal expenses
- Services not mentioned in the program
- Multi-risk cancellation insurance "PREMIUM" (please contact us)

**Good to know**

**Optional activities:**

- Evening observation 135 euros per person, including dinner at the Bear Center
- Guided boat tour 75 euros per person, including transfer from Petola to the center and picnic lunch around a campfire
- Tickets to other concerts: 25 – 35 euros per person
- Taxi between the hotel and the center of Kuhmo, approx. 15 euros per trip