

Overnight Reindeer Safari along the Old Viena Trade Route



Oulu, Northern Finland

A person wearing a red jacket and a black hat is seen from behind, looking at a large herd of reindeer in a snowy, open landscape. The reindeer are of various colors, including brown, grey, and white. The background shows a line of trees under a clear sky.

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The Old Viena Trade Route

Reindeer caravans ran in the wilderness of Northern Finland hundreds of years ago. They transported goods from Russia along the Viena trade route to Kuusamo in Finland and eventually to Oulu by the sea.

The longest reindeer caravans traveled hundreds of kilometres and several weeks through pristine wilderness.

Reindeer caravans ended in the early 20th century when horses replaced reindeer as cargo carriers.

Tradition lives in the villages

The villages between Kuusamo and Oulu were stages of the old Viena trade route, where reindeer caravans stopped on the way to Oulu and back to Viena.

Today, the traditional reindeer husbandry industry is still living in the villages.

This family has been engaged in reindeer husbandry for more than ten generations.



DAY 1

We arrive at the reindeer farm in the morning. We get to know the reindeer farm, eat lunch and prepare ourselves and the reindeer for the safari.

Participants will receive their winter equipment. Suitcases can be left in the reindeer farm. Only the necessary personal hygiene items, warm clothing and possible personal snacks are packed for the safari.





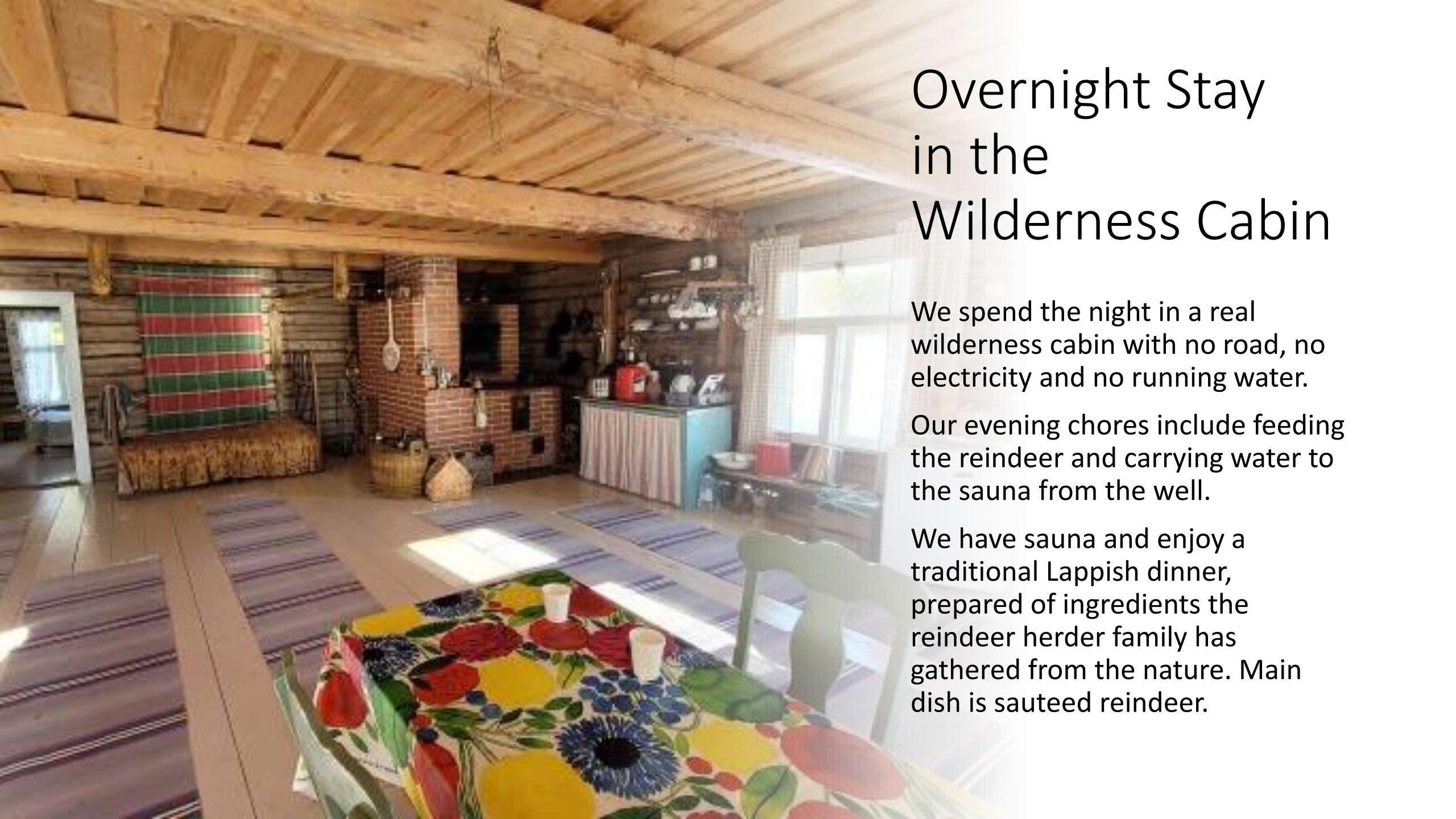
The journey begins

We drive in the reindeer caravan through the wilderness for 4-5 hours. We stop for a coffee break and ice-fishing in between.

It is quite acceptable to fall asleep as we drive through the large swamps, being surrounded by great space and silence and being immersed only in our own thoughts.







Overnight Stay in the Wilderness Cabin

We spend the night in a real wilderness cabin with no road, no electricity and no running water.

Our evening chores include feeding the reindeer and carrying water to the sauna from the well.

We have sauna and enjoy a traditional Lappish dinner, prepared of ingredients the reindeer herder family has gathered from the nature. Main dish is sauteed reindeer.













DAY 2

After breakfast we continue the reindeer safari.

After 1-2 hours we arrive back in the reindeer farm where we will have lunch.

Then it's time to say goodbye to the reindeer and move on to the next destination.



Safari Factsheet

Duration from lunch to lunch (2D1N)

4-6 clients / safari

8 departures in 2023:

Tuesday	Thursday
14.3.	16.3.
21.3.	23.3.
28.3.	30.3.
4.4	6.4.

Net price for tour operators: x.xxx €/person

The price includes winter equipment, the safari, overnight in wilderness cabin and meals. Transfers are to be added to the price depending on the overall tour itinerary.



Bookings and inquiries

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