

FLY AND DRIVE TOUR IN KVARKEN – TWO COUNTRIES - A WORLD OF CONTRAST

This fly and drive trip is suitable for those who want to see and experience a lot without sitting in the car all day long. You will visit the UNESCO World heritage site High Coast with the sea, the islands, the mountainous High Coast inland, as well as the powerful rivers of Sweden. On the Finnish side you will find the UNESCO World Heritage Site Kvarken Archipelago, also a beautiful and interesting nature attraction. A visit to the lighthouse island of Tankar, is a memory for life and even the crater lake Lappajärvi is a unique place to visit. During this trip you are hardly ever far from water; lakes, the sea or rivers. You experience the diversity in our nature and learn a lot of our culture and the way of living in this Northern part of our world.



Arrival Day

Overnight stay at Hotel Höga Kusten in the middle of the Unesco World Heritage site. You will get an impressive view over the Ångermanälven River and Höga Kusten Bridge.



Island Ulvön (Day 1)

On the island Ulvön you can stroll through the fishing village, once the biggest fishing village in the Northern Baltic Sea. Visit the old church chapel from the 17th century and the Ulvö Museum. Recommended lunch at Ulvö Hotel.

Duration: Depends on the timetable. At least 5 hours plus 50 min (67 km) for transfer Hotel Höga Kusten to Köpmanholmen.

Skuleskogen national park

A monumental area with high mountains, old grown forest and seacoast. Grandiose views of forest and sea, beautiful lakes, verdant spruce forest valleys and intriguing geological phenomena show more plainly than anywhere else, that parts of Sweden have emerged from the sea.

Distance: 11 minutes (6 km) from Köpmanholmen



Overnight stay at Hotell Hallstaberget

Distance: From Skuleskogens nationalpark to Hotell Hallstaberget 1 hour 25 minutes (95 km)

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lived here.

Nämforsen Rock Art Museum (Day 2)

The museum is Sweden's largest single collection of rock carvings and the second biggest in Europe. There are about 2595 carvings preserved here, the oldest are thought to be 5000 years old. The museum tells us all about our forefathers' time here. Exhibitions or pictures of the early Stone Age, rock carvings and rock paintings, and exhibition "People of the Falls", learn us about the people who

Distance: 44 minutes (51 km) from Hotel Hallstaberget to Nämforsen

Junsele Djurpark – Zoo

About 25 species of animals, including rare white tigers, bears, camels, lamas, lemurs and meercats. Our goats and ponies are especially popular with children.

Distance: From Nämforsen to Junsele zoo is 34 min (40 km)



Granö Beckasin

Granö Beckasin is a Nature's Best-certified ecotourism Lodge situated by the Umeälven-river in the Swedish Lapland's beautiful wilderness. The unique tree houses with a complete bathroom offer everything you expect of a hotel room with high standards. The ECO-hotel's 12 rooms are built with sustainable resources. The 8 cabins (25m²) with hotel standard include even a little kitchen.

Tours to cultural sites are combined with practical lectures. Bicycle tours with luggage transportation. Build your own timber raft like Huckleberry Finn and ride on the calm river Umeälven. Guided tours like Riverpearls-safaris, Moose- safaris, Dog-sledge on wheels, hiking and more. Cultural manners and practices of northern Sweden's settlers and Sámi: Historical touring and baking settlers' bread . Natural medicine – exploring the regions herbs.

Distance: From Junsele to Granö 2 hours 35 minutes (208 km) by car.

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Umeå- Vaasa with Wasaline (Day 3)

Wasaline transports passengers and vehicles over the Kvarken, the narrowest part of the Gulf of Bothnia, between Umeå in Sweden and Vaasa in Finland. The journey between the two countries only takes 4,5 hours. Wasaline is a reliable and friendly ferry company that prioritizes quality.

Distance: From Granö to Holmsund, Wasaline Terminal 1 hour 25 min (92 km) in by car

Overnight stay in Vaasa

Kvarken Archipelago, Saltkaret (Day 4)

Saltkaret observation tower is a great place to observe the unique nature in the UNESCO World Heritage Site Kvarken Archipelago and to understand what makes it special. It is easy to get up to the 20 meters high watch tower with the shape of a salt shaker. From the top, you will see far away and will better understand the geological phenomenon.



Distance: From Vaasa City to Saltkaret 45 min (38 km)



The Artic Museum Nanoq

Nanoq was inaugurated in 1991 and over the years has become a genuine Arctic village with many small, interesting huts. Here you can get acquainted with Arctic cultures and customs and hear interesting stories about famous expeditions to the North and South Pole. You can enter the different buildings, for example an arctic church, they all have their own story to tell. Nanoq has been chosen as the most

interesting tourist destination in Finland.

Distance: From Saltkaret to Nanoq 2 hours (140 km) by car

Overnight stay in Jakobstad

Distance: From Nanoq to Jakobstad centre 12 min (7,4 km) by car

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The Island of Tankar (Day 5)

The island of Tankar is situated in the outer archipelago of Öja, approx. 15 km north-west of Kokkola harbor. The island is 900 meters long and 500 meters wide, and you will have time to get to know the history, the signs and the nature of the island during the two hours, before the boat takes you back to the main land. At Café Tankar you get a nice salmon soup for lunch! Transport to Tankar Lighthouse Island is provided by m/s Jenny, a 30-meter long vessel with capacity for up to 170 persons. The boat ride takes 1,5 hours one way.



Duration: Depending the day and the timetable, probably a whole day activity.

Distance: From Jakobstad center to Kokkola Meripuisto, 40 min (40 km) by car.

Overnight stay in Kokkola

Distance: Meripuisto Harbour to Kokkola centre, 8 min (2,4 km) by car



The craterlake Lappajärvi (Day 6)

Lappajärvi is the biggest impact crater lake in Europe. The azurian lake with its islands creates a beautiful backdrop for a relaxing holiday with actives in the nature. Options for the evening are a guided fishing trip, kayaking, hiking, golf or of course - a Finnish Sauna.

Distance: 1 hour 20 min (92 km) from Kokkola to Lappajärvi by car.

Overnight stay at Hotel Kivitippu, Lappajärvi

Kristinestad –Citta slow (Day 7)

Few towns in Finland are as well preserved in terms of the genuine and lovingly maintained and restored town centre. This well-preserved idyll of old wooden houses has a proud history as a commercial and maritime town with a well-established shipbuilding tradition. The town and its environs are full of historical monuments and sights. Chartered in 1649 Kristinestad is a jewel among towns dotted along the Ostrobothnian coast.

Distance: 2 hours 40 min (189 km) by car from Lappajärvi to Kristinestad



Overnight stay at one of the Kristinestads farmhouses or at Hotel Krepelin