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LEISURE AT EVERY LEVEL

**A TRAVELLER'S GUIDE
TO THE IISALMI REGION**

WELCOME



WELCOME TO THE SAVO, MIDDLE OF FINLAND!

We offer experiences, leisure and exciting events, surrounded by a vivid country life and excellent services. The waterways of the Finnish Lake District and the clean nature are our treasures we would like also you to experience.

It is easy to come to the Iisalmi region here also by car, by train or even by boat. The nearest airports are in Kuopio and in Kajaani, approximately at an hour's drive. It is approximately two and half hour's drive from the Oulu airport to Iisalmi.

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Distance from Iisalmi:
Helsinki 475 km
Kuopio 84 km
Kajaani 89 km
Sonkajärvi 24 km

Nearest airports:
Kuopio 70 km
Kajaani 98 km



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Iisalmi

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SOME EXAMPLES OF THE INTERNATIONAL COMPANIES IN IISALMI REGION

GENELEC - SOUND PASSION

Genelec is the world leading manufacturer of Active Monitoring Loudspeakers. These products can be found in all the top studios and broadcast houses as well as many high end home theaters around the globe! Genelec, founded in 1978 and based in Iisalmi, is a manufacturer of active loudspeaker systems especially for professional studio recording, mixing and mastering applications as well as in broadcast and movie production. Also wide range of home cinema loudspeakers.

OLVI -LAST BASTION OF INDEPENDENCE

Olvi is a Finnish beverage company, which wants to offer beverage enjoyment and positive experiences for its consumers. Currently the company operates locally in Finland, Belarus and the Baltic states. At 1878 when Olvi was founded in Iisalmi, there were about 78 breweries operating in Finland. Olvi is the only one of them that has remained as an independent Finnish company.

NORMET - FOR THOUGH JOBS

Normet provides demanding solutions for selected customer processes in underground mining and tunnelling. Normet is one of the market leaders in the world. Company's head office with Group and R&D functions is located in Iisalmi, Finland and manufacturing is done in Iisalmi and Santiago de Chile. In order to react better and faster to changes in our customers' environments and needs we have established a distribution and service network with headquarter in Switzerland and sales and support facilities in 42 own locations in 28 countries around the globe.

PONSSE - LOGGERS BEST FRIEND

Ponsse is one of the world's leading manufacturers of forest machines for the cut-to-length method, and its customer-oriented operations are still guided by the wishes and needs of forest machine entrepreneurs. Ponsse's registered office is in Vieremä, Finland, the same place where it was established in 1970. The family of Einari Vidgrén, initially a forest machine entrepreneur, is still involved in the day-to-day operations of Ponsse. Ponsse is a family company whose roots are deep in the Finnish countryside. The company's shares are quoted on the NASDAQ OMX Nordic List.

PROFILE VEHICLES - TWO STRIPES FOR QUALITY

Profile Vehicles designs and manufactures special vehicles from various automobile brands. Primary product is the ambulance vehicle, used in tens of countries, in Europe, Asia, and the Middle East. Profile ambulances act all over the world as ambassadors for a new kind of thinking, in which the ambulance is a part of safe nursing, not just a means of transport.

Check out all the vacancies and the living opportunities in Iisalmi region: www.iisalmi.fi/byiisalmi

SELECTED EVENTS

WIFE CARRYING WORLD CHAMPIONSHIPS

For more than 20 years, the Wife Carrying event in Sonkajärvi has remained popular as a local, original and yet international event in the beginning of July. Come and join the exciting atmosphere!

Eukonkanto Office:

Eero Pitkänen,
Municipality of Sonkajärvi, Cultural Office

Tel. 040 776 6263,
www.eukonkanto.fi

JULY

OLUSET BEER & MUSIC FESTIVAL

Come and celebrate beer and Finland at Oluset in Iisalmi

Oluset office

Riistakatu 5, 74100 Iisalmi

Tel. 044 920 3457
www.oluset.fi

AUGUST

CHEESE AND WINE FESTIVAL IN LAPINLAHTI

Come and enjoy lovely cheeses, music a relaxed atmosphere and excellent performers at Lapinlahti Ice Arena. Tickets 40 €, incl. cheese table.

www.juustojaviinijuhlat.fi

SUMMER THEATRE

JULY-AUGUST

KOLJONVIRTA TEATTERI

Open air theatre in Koljonvirta, Mansikkaniemi

Ouluntie 37, 74160 Iisalmi
www.lipputoimisto.fi

JUNE

JYRKÄN RUUKIN KESÄTEATTERI

Theatre in Museum tower by the Jyrkäkoski rapids

Jyrkantie 1881, 74380 Jyrkkä
www.ruukinkahvila@gmail.com

ALL EVENTS AT
WWW.IISALMIJATIENOOT.FI

SPECTATOR SPORTS

Football matches at the Sankariemi Stadium in Iisalmi. Local team PK-37 currently plays in Division 2 of the Finnish Football League.

www.pk-37.fi

Ice hockey matches at Iisalmi Ice Arena. Local team IPK currently plays in the Finnish Hockey Mestis League.

www.ipk.fi

SUMMER DANCE PAVILIONS

KYLLIKINRANTA

Eteläntie 249, 74510 Iisalmi

KOLJONVIRTA CAMPING

Ylemmäisentie 6, 74160 Iisalmi

LAMPIINSALMI PAVILION

Lampiinsalmentie 13, 73100 Lapinlahti



HORSE RACES

Ylä-Savon Hippos (trotting track), Jukka-Pekka Kauhanen and Koskelan Akseli

"The trotting season in Vieremä starts in the end of May. Other main events are the traditional Midsummer Eve races on 23 June and the Einari Vidgrén memorial race on 21 July. All races are filled with excitement, and I too will be, with my racehorse Koskelan Akseli, contributing to the fundraising to support young people's trotting activities. Welcome to the world's best summer track!"

www.vieremanravit.net



ACCOMMODATION

HOTELS

Give a memorable party and sleep well on board the Hotel Ship Wuoksi

Welcome to **HOTEL SHIP WUOKSI** by Lake Porovesi! In addition to the accommodation services, we arrange private functions. The facilities enable various functions ranging from coffee servings to sumptuous dinner buffets, as the sun terrace and the deck of the bridge have space for up to 70 persons. We do not have a licence to sell alcoholic beverages, so our guests can bring their own.

Besides giving a memorable party, you can also enjoy a unique experience by spending the night in a ship cabin. How does it sound to fall asleep to the sound of lapping water and wake up to a sunny morning, when you can walk directly from the hotel room to the deck with a cup of coffee and admire the beauty of the lake scenery in the Vuoksi water system? We want to offer you an experience you will always remember.

Hotel Ship Wuoksi
Satamakatu 1, 74100 Iisalmi

Tel. +358 440 262610
www.wuoksi.fi
info@wuoksi.fi

SPA HOTEL RUNNI

The renovated Spa Hotel Runni is an excellent venue for a memorable party: birthday, wedding, family celebration, christening etc. The Spa Hotel and the nostalgic Manor Hotel have facilities for small and large festivities. There are also functional facilities for conferences, meetings and seminars.

Runni also a beautiful environment for successful employees' recreational events, combining outdoor activities and balneotherapy, not forgetting the relaxing baths with bubbles.

Runni also offers comfortable air-conditioned hotel rooms in the Spa Hotel, and romantic rooms furnished in the old style in the Manor Hotel.

The Spa Hotel also has two superb suites, which can be conveniently combined for use by a larger group, crowned with a large terrace.

Runnintie 407, 74595 Runni

Tel. 017 768 751
www.runni.fi
myyntipalvelu@runni.fi

**SPA
HOTEL RUNNI**
wellbeing tip
**MINERAL
SPRING**

HOTEL GOLDEN DOME IISALMI

Hotel Golden Dome is a high-quality, international hotel by a park in the centre of Iisalmi.

The stylishly furnished hotel in the historical, unique building provides peaceful accommodation. The hotel architecture and decor is a combination of the present day and the Byzantine splendour. The hotel premises were fully renovated in 2013.

The independent hotel emphasises stylishness, individuality and local fare: the breakfast omelette is made of local eggs and the Karelian rice pasties are baked in the restaurant kitchen. Hotel Golden Dome is an excellent venue for meetings, seminars and training events. The events are always planned and implemented to meet the guest's individual needs. The restaurants of the hotel serve the guests according to their requests.

Kyllikinkatu 8, 74100 Iisalmi

Tel. 017 812 244
www.goldendome.fi
info@goldendome.fi

HOTEL IISALMEN SEURAHUONE

The historical building in the town centre has 40 rooms for various accommodation needs, from basic rooms to family rooms and a suite. Sauna facilities and wireless internet access are available for included. Renovated facilities are available for festive events and meetings, accommodating even more than 200 persons. Lounge Bar. The hotel also houses the Rukajärvi Centre which presents the history of battles in the Rukajärvi area during the Second World War.

Savonkatu 24 , 74100 Iisalmi

Tel. + 358 440 207 701
www.iisalmenseurahuone.fi
seurahuone@haapaniemenmatkailu.fi

ORIGINAL SOKOS HOTEL KOLJONVIRTA

Original Sokos Hotel Koljonvirta is a cosy and homely hotel right in the centre of Iisalmi. We take such good care of our guests that they feel right at home. All our services, including the conference facilities, restaurants and evening entertainment, are conveniently accessible, all within the same building. The hotel received a Green Key certificate in 2017.

Savonkatu 18, 74100 Iisalmi

Tel. +358 10 7856 100
www.sokoshotels.fi
sales.iisalmi@sokoshotels.fi

SININEN HELMI

The restaurant of Sininen Helmi operates in an idyllic 19th century manor house by Lake Kiurujärvi. Genuine flavours, organic and local food, self-made rye bread, unleavened bread, freshwater fish, smoked pork, cheeses, jams, pickles. Our small hotel has rooms individually furnished in the old style. Relax in the lakeside sauna or smoke sauna. Transport services with a minibus with 12+1 seats. All-inclusive service.

Matkailu J. Saastamoinen
Hankaniementie 110, 74700 Kiuruvesi

Tel. 040 705 0428
www.sininenhelmi.fi
info@sininenhelmi.fi

wellbeing tip ART SAUNA

Take a break from the everyday hustle and bustle, while you enjoy art and sauna. Good food, creation of a piece of visual art with the help of a local artist, followed by smoke sauna - this will soothe your mind and bring you into a state of relaxation. Art sauna is available in several locations.

Further information:
Sininen Helmi,
Haapaniemen Matkailu,
Jokiniemen Matkailu



COTTAGE ACCOMMODATION

JOKINIEMEN MATKAILU

Accommodation for private holidaymakers and small groups in the peaceful countryside. Seven comfortable cottages by Lake Onkivesi, also B&B in well-equipped rooms of the Guest House. Family celebrations, meetings, sauna evenings, group meals, employees' recreational events. Flexible service and relaxed atmosphere. Close to nature – far away from the rush.

Jokiniementie 58, 71910 Alapitkä

Tel. 0400 811 266
www.jokiniemenmatkailu.fi
info@jokiniemenmatkailu.fi

HAAPANIEMEN MATKAILU

By Lake Haapajärvi, approximately 20 km from the centre of Iisalmi. Idyllic countryside environment with versatile, high-quality services for festivities, meetings, sporty programmes and accommodation. Haapaniemi Log Mansion, Kelosali Hall, Villa, Holiday Cottages and Smoke Sauna.

Haapaniementie 165, 74150 Iisalmi

Tel. +358 500 207 700
+358 440 207 701
www.haapaniemenmatkailu.fi
info@haapaniemenmatkailu.fi

LUONTO-SAVO

Luonto-Savo is located near Iisalmi and Sonkajärvi, surrounded by beautiful lakes. Our services include accommodation, facilities for meetings and training events, as well as banquets. We also provide versatile programme services and catering. Wilderness catering is our speciality.

Jouko Pulkka
Palosenlammintie 149, 74140 Iisalmi

Tel. 0500 175 150
www.luontosavo.com
jouko.pulkka@luontosavo.com

RUUKIN TUPA – SUMMER CAFÉ AND MUSEUM BY THE JYRKÄNKOSKI RAPIDS

The summer café and pub in the Jyrkkä village, Sonkajärvi, provides a wide range of services in the middle of beautiful nature. Excellent place for fishing and hunting.

We provide wilderness and nature tourism services, accommodation, restaurant and catering services and a unique venue for festivities. The museum tower is an excellent place to visit and for taking photos.

Jyrkäntie 1881, 74380 Jyrkkä

Tel. 045 859 7889
www.ruukintupa.fi
ruukinkahvila@gmail.com

wellbeing tip
**REFRESHMENT
FROM THE
NATURE**

Pick up the wild herbs for your own footbath and enjoy in sauna.

Further information:
Haapaniemen Matkailu

**DID YOU
KNOW THAT
THERE IS SAUNA
IN EVERY
COTTAGE!**

RESTAURANTS

IISALMEN OLUTMESTARI

Olutmestari is located by the beautiful Lake Porovesi, very close to the centre of Iisalmi. It is a former customs and packing warehouse built in 1893. The cabinets upstairs and downstairs can be reserved for different festive events and meetings. The restaurant is open during the summer. The view from the terrace to Lake Porovesi is gorgeous. Furthermore, Olutmestari provides harbour services: berths for guests, fishing licences and petrol and diesel sales.

TOURIST ATTRACTION

KUAPPI – WORLD'S SMALLEST RESTAURANT

Next to Olutmestari, you can have a unique restaurant experience.

Kuappi, which has made it to the Guinness Book of Records, is a restaurant for two persons. Also, the terrace has two seats. Kuappi is open on request only; make your booking at Olutmestari.

Veikonkatu 1, 74100 Iisalmi
Tel. 017 816 644, 044 975 3385
www.olutmestari.com

ROSSO, HESBURGER

Savonkatu 18, 74100 Iisalmi
Tel. 010 7629616
www.s-kanava.fi

RESTAURANT PIKKU-IITA

Kauppakatu 17, 74100 Iisalmi
Tel. 017 822 802
www.pikku-iita.fi

RESTAURANT CHAPLIN

Pohjolankatu 7 b, 74100 Iisalmi
Tel. 017 818 819
www.chaplin.fi

VÄISÄSEN KOTILIHA

(Market Hall)
Kauppakatu 14, 74100 Iisalmi
Tel. 017 814 211
www.vaisasenkotiliha.fi

BAR & CAFE GRACEVILLE

Kauppakatu 15, 74100 Iisalmi
Tel. 0400 355 567
www.graceville.fi

IPK CAFÉ

Iisalmi Market Place
Kauppakatu 14, 74100 Iisalmi

ELLIN GRILLI

Iisalmi Market Place
Kauppakatu 14, 74100 Iisalmi

CAFÉS

CAFÉ HILLA

Louhenkatu 2, 74100 Iisalmi
Tel. 044 989 2565
www.kahvilahilla.fi

MAXI CAFE

Meijerinkatu 3, 74120 Iisalmi
Tel. 017 823733
www.maxicafe.fi

PUBS AND NIGHTCLUBS

RUUKIN TUPA – SUMMER CAFÉ AND PUB BY THE JYRKÄNKOSKI RAPIDS

Jyrkäntie 1881, 74380 Jyrkkä
Tel. 045 859 7889
www.ruukintupa.fi
ruukinkahvila@gmail.com

NELLY'S PUBLIC CORNER

Savonkatu 20, 74100 Iisalmi

KUOHU

Savonkatu 18, 74100 Iisalmi

TUOPPIKELLARI

Pohjolankatu 5 A, 74100 Iisalmi

LOUNGE BAR SEURAHUONE

Savonkatu 24, 74100 Iisalmi

SHOPPING

SHOPPING CENTRE KEISARINKULMA

In addition to the Kisakellari leisure centre, Shopping Centre Keisarinkulma has shops specialising in beauty and interior decoration.

Kauppakatu 13, 74100 Iisalmi

IISALMI MARKET HALL

Local atmosphere and local products can be found in the Iisalmi Market Hall, designed by J. V. Strömberg and built at the market place in 1926.

Kauppakatu 14, 74100 Iisalmi

LOUHENKATU STREET

Along with Kauppakatu, Louhenkatu is the liveliest shopping street in Iisalmi. The shops on this street offer a wide range of products from delicious pastries to accessories and horse tack.

SHOPPING CENTRE IISA

Shopping Centre Iisa is the No. 1 place for fashion and clothing in the Iisalmi region. Welcome to Iisa!

Satamakatu 8, 74100 Iisalmi

K-CITYMARKET

Eteläntie 4, Iisalmi

PRISMA

Parkatintie 2, Iisalmi



SPORTS & ACTIVITIES



INDOOR ACTIVITIES AT KISAKELLARI

Experiences and physical exercise in a unique package! Kisakellari is a sporty leisure centre offering the following options: Megazone laser adventure, SimWay Hunt 3D (hunting simulator) and Indoor Curling. We also have two separate facilities which can be booked e.g. for birthday parties, employees' recreational activities, bachelor/bachelorette parties or pre-Christmas parties.

Kauppakatu 13, 74100 Iisalmi
Tel. 045 644 7577
www.megazone.fi/iisalmi



DRIVING A PEDAL CAR IN THE CHILDREN'S TRAFFIC PARK

In the traffic park, children can learn about traffic regulations with the help of an instructor, either by driving a pedal car or as pedestrians. There is also a pedal train, with level crossings and light signals. There is also a well-equipped playground. The facilities can be used free of charge and are intended for children under 10 years of age.

Luuniemenkatu 11, 74100 Iisalmi

The Children's traffic park will be open from mid of May to mid of August from Tuesday to Saturday. In July, also on Monday.

On rainy days, the traffic park will be closed.

KANGAS EXERCISE PARK IS LOCATED IN THE HEART OF IISALMI

In the park, there is an indoor swimming pool and gym, an ice arena, a football field with artificial turf, a sports hall, Fitness Club Pelixir, a parkour area and fitness equipment.

Untamonkatu 10, 74120 Iisalmi
www.iisalmi.fi/kankaanliikuntapuisto



SPLASHING IN THE INDOOR SWIMMING POOL AND ON THE BEACH

The indoor swimming pool has a 25-metre training pool, a multi-function pool with bubbles, a children's pool and a small pool for small children, with toys and an elephant-shaped slide. You can warm yourself in a Finnish sauna or in a steam sauna. There is also a café and a gym.

Joukolankatu 15, 74120 Iisalmi

Addresses of public beaches
www.iisalmi.fi/uimarannat



BOWLING AT PELIXIR

The fitness centre Pelixir has eight bowling alleys. The alleys are equipped with automatic point counters, and an option for child-friendly railings on the lanes. Furthermore, the bowling hall is equipped with "50s style" glow facility. Come and get acquainted with the comprehensive range of activities of the fitness centre!

Untamonkatu 8, 74120 Iisalmi
Puh. 017 817 800
www.pelixir.fi

BIKING

The route around Lake Paloisjärvi is suitable for easy biking, whereas the mountain bike routes in Paloisvuori offer more of a challenge.

Pick up a copy of the cycling map from the Tourist Information Office.

The convivial atmosphere of the vivid country life can be experienced e.g. by biking around Lake Haapajärvi. Route tips, food and beverages, as well as accommodation services are available from Haapaniemen Matkailu.

Bike with others

Take your bike and join a bike trip on Wednesday at 5.30 pm or on Sunday at 10 am. Departure from the end of Omakotitie street, next to the Citymarket roundabout in Iisalmi.

Further information:
www.iisalmenvisa.com

AHMO GOLF COURSE

The golf course with nine fairways in Ahmo, Iisalmi, provides challenges to beginners and experienced golfers alike, in a jovial atmosphere.

Kotaniementie 84, 74140 Iisalmi
Caddiemaster tel. 044 709 1200
www.ysg.fi
office@dysg.fi



MINIGOLF

Café Onnenosuma
Eteläinen Pohjolankatu 1, 74100 Iisalmi
Tel. 044 559 3064
www.facebook.com/Onnenosuma

FISHING AND HUNTING

Basically, no fishing licence is required for angling and ice fishing in Finland. However, angling and ice fishing are forbidden in rapids and in recreational fishing areas.

In 2017, for lure fishing with one rod, you need to pay the fishing management fee; this licence is valid in the whole of Finland. A separate licence is required in recreational fishing areas and for lure fishing with more than one rod.

Further information:
www.ahven.net/english

Fishing waters are often directly accessible from the shore of the cottage. Ask the local tourism enterprise about the licences.

Licences for the Jyrkäkoski Rapids and the River Nurmijoki are for sale at Ruukin tupa. Licences for the fishing waters of Lake Porovesi are available from Olutmestari.

At Ruukin tupa, you can also make bookings for hunting trips.

MOPED SAFARI

Genuine local offering, including a guide speaking in the Savo dialect. Get to know Iisalmi, or even other parts of Upper Savo, by riding a two-wheeler commonly used in the countryside. The excursion includes coffee served from a thermos bottle and, upon request, a moped race track.

Further information:

www.halavatunpapat.com
and tel. 050 433 0243

LAKE SCENES AND FISHING

A three-hour excursion with guaranteed catch of fish. The excursion can be combined with a meal at Restaurant Olutmestari, perhaps followed by a session of SimWay Hunting in Kisakellari?

Further information: Japen kalamatkat,
Jarmo Mäkäraäinen tel. 050 517 3428,
www.japenkalamatkat.fi

KOLJONVIRTA RIDING CENTRE

The riding centre is located right next to Koljonvirta Camping. It provides professional

instruction with qualified, suitable and well-groomed horses, which are suited for dressage and show jumping alike. Also the possibility for hacking in the summer.

Porovedentie 14, 74160 Iisalmi
www.koljonvirranratsastuskeskus.sporttisaitti.com

HANHILAMPI SHOOTING RANGE

Hanhilammentie 99, 74160 Iisalmi
www.iisalmi.fi

LUUNIEMI TENNIS COURTS

Luuniemenkatu 30, 74100 Iisalmi

EIGHT CLAY COURTS.

www.iisalmentennisseura.fi

PARKATTI MOTOR RACING CENTRE

Sonkajärventie 114, 74120 Iisalmi
www.y-smk.fi

NATURE AND HIKING

Did You know that in Finland everyone is basically entitled to walk, pick up berries and mushrooms freely in natural areas, as long as this causes no harm to property or nature? This right does not cover private yards. Everyman's right comes with restrictions also in nature conservation areas, such as national parks, nature reserves and protected areas for birds. Ask for guided nature tours from your accommodation place.

AREAS IN IISALMI

PALOISVUORI

Paloisvuori is a versatile outdoor recreation area and sports centre, located in the ridge area south of the centre of Iisalmi. From the top of Paloisvuori, there is a gorgeous view over Lake Paloisjärvi towards the town centre. The area has a comprehensive network of cross-country skiing and jogging routes and, in the winter, a downhill skiing centre. The downhill skiing centre has two slopes and one lift; there is also a small café. The latest addition is the frisbee golf course with 18 different courses. The hiking routes range from 2.3 km to 4.2 km. Terrain is variable and hilly. Come and spend some active time in Paloisvuori! Departure from Uotilanniementie 33.

Further information on the routes and areas of Paloisvuori is available at: www.iisalmi.fi/paloisvuori

KOLJONVIRTA

The History Path in Koljonvirta, with its signposts and memorials, presents life in the heart of the Savo Province and the historical events of the Finnish War 1808–1809. The length of the route is approximately 2 km, and along it, there is a campfire place. Departure from Mansikkaniemi, Koljonvirta – by the Juhani Aho Museum (Ouluntie 37, 74120 Iisalmi).

SOIDINVUORI

This hiking trail is approximately 7 km. Terrain is variable and typical for Savo area. Along the route, there are several campfire and resting places. Departure from Palosenlammintie. Turn from from Highway 5 to Sonkajärvi direction (road 87). Drive 9,4 km, turn right to Palosenlammintie and drive about 2,5 km. Departure point is next to road on right hand side.



FRYING SAUSAGES BY CAMPFIRE

What would be better than a picnic by campfire? Nice picnic destinations include the shelter at the foot of the Paloisvuori hill, the Saunaniemi shelter and the campfire place at the end of the Mansikkaniemi cape, as well as the shelter and campfire place in Sikokallio.

Maps of the hiking areas are available at www.iisalmi.fi/retkeily, www.excursionmap.fi

HIKING AREAS IN THE SURROUNDINGS

VOLOKINPOLKU

Volokinpohku is a 30-km marked wilderness trail in the variable terrain of the eastern part of Sonkajärvi. It starts from Ruukki in the Jyrkkä village, winds its way via the Kangaslampi sandbanks and Erähohti to Lake Haajaistenjärvi and continues through the canyon landscapes at the bottom of Uuranholi to Susi-Kervinen, up to the boundary of the municipality of Rautavaara. Naturally, you can take the route in the opposite direction. You can also divide the route into smaller parts, in accordance with your physical condition and available time, or walk just a part of the route. Ruukin tupa is the place where you can book guided hiking and canoeing excursions, meals and also transport services along the route.

The excursion is even more interesting when you cover part of it in a canoe: first canoeing from Jyrkkä via Lake Kiltua to Haajainen, staying overnight in a private fisherman's cottage in Savisaari. The next morning, one more small warm-up by paddling, then walking from Kiusalankangas towards the magnificent landscapes of Uuranholi and all the way to the final point of the route, Susi-Kervinen.



Along the route, there are several campfire places and lean-tos, and a wilderness hut by Pond Jussinlampi available for anyone to spend the night. Duckboards facilitate moving about on damp terrain. Their total length along this route is 6.5 km.

Jyrkän ruukki/Ruukin tupa

Tel. 045-859 7889

www.ruukintupa.fi

ruukinkahvila@gmail.com

ÄLÄNNE

The wide Lake Älänne and the River Tiilikanjoki, with its rapids, together with the valuable and impressive ridge landscape, constitute a splendid area. The landscape is further enriched by the vast swamps. The total length of the routes in this area is approximately 19 km, e.g. Huuhkajankierros (Eagle Owl Round) 6 km and

Kaivannonkierto 3 km. Along the route, there are lean-tos and campfire places. The vast lake area is well suited for paddling or rowing excursions. Those who have experience in paddling in rapids can test their skills in the numerous rapids of the River Tiilikanjoki in the spring. You can also enjoy swimming and sunbathing on the splendid beaches. Näätähiekkä (in the municipality of Lapinlahti) and Rouskunhiekkä (in the municipality of Rautavaara) are very popular beaches. However, there are no official beaches. Routes to different parts of the Älänne area start from the parking places of Vongankoski, Näätähiekkä and Rouskunhiekkä.

Koli Nature Centre Ukko

Tel. 0206 39 5654

www.luontoon.fi/alanne, www.excursionmap.fi

ukko@metsa.fi

VÄISÄLÄNMÄKI

Impressive national landscape in Lapinlahti. Signposts on Highway 5, approximately 12 km from the centre of Lapinlahti. The Culture and Nature Path of over 3 km in an old burn-beaten landscape, lookout tower. Along the route, there is the Herdsman's Hut Café and a small museum; these are open in the summer. Along the route, there are also several resting places and a shelter.

Enquiries and group reservations:

Lapinlahti 4H Association

Tel. 040 519 7305 or 040 519 7211

TALASKANGAS

The nature reserve of Talaskangas is a forest and bog area in a nearly natural state. It can be considered the southernmost wilderness area of Kainuu. Other reserves in the region are bog protection areas, so Talaskangas plays an important role in the conservation of forest nature. The area also serves natural and environmental sciences as well as education. The parking places are located in Jyleikönkangas and Talaskangas, from where the hiking route also starts. Both places have signposts. Along the routes, there are lean-tos and campfire places.

Kuhmo Nature Centre Petola

Tel. 0206 39 6380, 040 825 6060
www.luontoon.fi/talaskangas,
www.excursionmap.fi
petola@metsa.fi

TIILIKKAJÄRVI NATIONAL PARK

Peaceful shores lie in the heart of Tiilikajärvi National Park. The most splendid beach in this park is Venäjänhiekkä, literally "Russian Sands", which is no coincidence: when Sweden and Russia drew the borderline with the Peace Treaty of Teusina in 1595, a stone with a carved crown and cross, as symbols of the two nations, in Lake Tiilikajärvi remained as a reminder of this historical event. On the beaches of Lake Tiilikajärvi, in the ridges and fragrant bogs with cotton grass as well as in the soughing of the forest, you can feel the strong impact of the nature. The length of marked trails is approximately 20 km (between 3.4 km and 7 km each). Connection to "Virvatulten polku" (Will-o'-the Wisps' Trail, 19 km). In March, skiing tracks (7 km and 10 km) during the Tiilikka Ski Event. Even terrain; no services for the physically impaired. Along the routes, there is a wilderness hut, a hut that can be booked and campfire places. Sammakkotammi Information Point (Valtimontie 1095, Rautavaara) is a good place for starting to get acquainted with the national park.

Koli Nature Centre Ukko

Tel. 0206 39 5654
www.luontoon.fi/tiilikajarvi,
www.excursionmap.fi
ukko@metsa.fi

SOUTHERN KONNEVESI NATIONAL PARK

Southern Konnevesi is an area where you can go boating on an open lake or paddle in a labyrinthine archipelago between flat glaciated rocks and vertical walls of rock. In clear water, you can see deep into the realm of the wild trout. In this national park of striking contrasts, you can hike from the groves up to the tall rocky slopes, to admire the stately scenery that is the home of the osprey. On the Kalaja route (4.6 km), you can admire giant aspen trees and the landscape from the top of the Kalajanvuori hill. The Three Hills Route (14 km) goes around the entire rugged Enonniemi cape. The routes are demanding due to major differences in altitude. Pond Vuori-Kalaja can also be reached with a wheelchair and an aide, as well as by walking or mountain biking along an easy path (90 m). Along the routes, there are shelters, lean-tos and campfire places. You can get acquainted with the mainland of the national park in Enonniemi, Rautavaara, by leaving your car either in the parking area of the Törmälä Holiday and Training Centre or in the Kalaja parking area.

Seitsemäen Nature Centre

Tel. 0206 39 5270
www.luontoon.fi/etela-konnevesi,
www.excursionmap.fi
seitsemäen@metsa.fi

Mobile maps for hikers,
hunters and fishermen at:
retkikartta.fi/mobile,
m.excursionmap.fi.



MUSEUMS AND HISTORY

GATHER YOUR TROOPS TO KOLJONVIRTA!

Koljonvirta, famous for its battles and stories, is a versatile attraction for the whole family. This year, it will be offering The Unknown Soldier at the summer theatre, exhibitions on times of war, the Juhani Aho Museum, various events, delicious food and installation art.

TRAVEL BACK IN TIME

Koljonvirta is best known for the famous battle fought during the Finnish War, 1808–1809, between Sweden and Russia. As a consequence of this war, Finland was incorporated into the Russian Empire, yet conferred an autonomous position at the Diet of Porvoo in 1809. The Battle of Koljonvirta took place on 27 October 1808. On that date, the Swedish-Finnish troops, led by Colonel Sandels, defeated the Russian troops. The Finnish national poet J. L. Runeberg has written about this battle in his book "The Tales of Ensign Stål". The History Path in Koljonvirta, with its signposts, takes you back in time, into the historical events of the Finnish War and the Battle of Koljonvirta, in an environment of great natural beauty. When you follow the path, you will also see three memorials related to this war.

You can pick a copy of the History Path map from the Iisalmi Tourist Information / customer service point.

www.koljonvirta.fi/Historiapolku

JUHANI AHO MUSEUM

Writer Juhani Aho (1861–1921) lived in Mansikkaniemi in 1865–1876. Those times are described in many of his short stories of distinct style, called "chips" ("lastuja" in Finnish). Aho may be best known for his classic novel "Railroad". At the Juhani Aho Museum, you can get to know the parsonage environment of the 19th century and the life of our national writer.

Ouluntie 37, 74120 Iisalmi
Tel. 040 489 4026 (in the summer)
juhaniahonmuseo@iisalmi.fi

The museum is open during the summer (15 May to 31 August).

Mon-Sun 10.00 am – 6.00 pm
at other times: please contact the Iisalmi Cultural Centre
tel. 040 588 9074 or
sanna.marin-kainulainen@iisalmi.fi



Art Museum Eemil, Jaana Luttinen

Turn off from Highway 5 for a while and visit Art Museum Eemil. It is a place you cannot afford to miss. There is a unique collection of plaster figures created by the sculptor Eemil Halonen and Changing exhibitions.

ART MUSEUM EEMIL

Suistamontie 3, 73100 Lapinlahti
Tel. 040 187 2678
www.eemil.fi
info@eemil.fi

Please check the exceptional opening hours on public holidays:
www.eemil.fi/ajankohtaista.

INFORMATION CENTRE – MÄNTYLÄ

Summer Café and small exhibition.

The café is maintained by Metsäpirtti Catering Service.

WONDERS OF NATURE IN A MUSEUM

The Iisalmi Nature Museum aims to help people to discover, understand and cherish the diversity of nature. It encourages people to move in nature for recreation. The Iisalmi Nature Museum has a large collection of plants, a collection of approximately 35,000 mammals' skulls, a collection of small mammals' skins and thousands of insects, stones and fossils. Welcome to the museum and enjoy the nature outdoors!

Kirkkopuistonkatu 9, 74100 Iisalmi
Tel. 017 818 387

Opening hours
Mon, Wed, Thu, Fri 9 am – 2 pm
Tue 11 am – 6 pm

CHURCH MUSEUM

Kirkkotie 20, 74120 Iisalmi
Tel. 044 733 5204
www.iisalmenseurakunta.fi/kirkkomuseo

Gustav Adolf Church is open regularly during church services and ceremonies throughout the year, and in the summer (10 June to 20 August) as a roadside church
Mon-Sun 10 am – 6 pm.

The museum is open from 10 June to 20 August Mon-Sat 12 noon – 4 pm.

At other times as agreed upon.

BREWERY MUSEUM / OLVI-OLUTHALLI

Tradition of beer-making goes back thousands of years, and also in Iisalmi, beer has already been made for more than 138 years. Visit the only brewery museum in Finland open to the public. The Brewery Museum is situated beside the Olvi Brewery, in Olvi-Oluthalli. Admission free!

Luuniemenkatu 4, 74100 Iisalmi
Tel. 044 781 5154
www.olvisaatio.fi/panimomuseo
museot@olvi.fi

The museum is open
Mon-Fri 10 am – 3 pm.

UPPER SAVO MUSEUM OF LOCAL HISTORY AND CULTURE

The chimneyless main room, dating back approximately 300 years, is the heart of the museum's main building, situated in a place of great natural beauty. Storehouses, a cowhouse, a boat house, a blacksmith's workshop and a windmill have been moved here from various parts of Upper Savo.

Virrankatu 4, 74100 Iisalmi
Tel. 017 825 865
www.ylasavonkotiseutumuseo.fi
info@ylsavonkotiseutumuseo.fi

The museum is open from 15 May to 15 August.

Closed on Mondays.

FINNISH SETTLEMENT MUSEUM

The Finnish Settlement Museum in the Alapitkä village, Lapinlahti, presents post-war life in the countryside. It is a special museum focussing on the settlement of evacuated people and the construction of houses for veterans in post-war Finland.

Asutusmuseontie 52, 71910 Alapitkä
Tel. 0440 734 366

Open from 15 June to 15 August.

RUKAJÄRVI CENTRE

This centre presents the history of battles in the Rukajärvi area during the Second World War. It operates in two locations: Lieksa and Iisalmi. Both locations are important in the military history of the Rukajärvi area. The two centres complement each other.

Savonkatu 24

At Hotel Iisalmen Seurahuone.

Tickets and enquiries: Hotel Iisalmen Seurahuone, tel. 044 0207 701.

Opening hours: Mon-Fri 10 am – 3 pm.

EXHIBITION OF KARELIAN CULTURE

The exhibition consists of the collection of scale models owned by the Evacuee Foundation. The collection comprises 82 scale models of Karelian-Orthodox churches tsasounas (chapels), left in the Karelian areas ceded to the Soviet Union. There is also a multimedia presentation on these churches and chapels.

Kauppakatu 22

Iisalmi, at Restaurant Raatihuone.

Enquiries: Restaurant Raatihuone, tel. 050 408 6009.

The exhibition is open during the opening hours of Restaurant Raatihuone.

GETTING ABOUT

We love nature, physical exercise and active life. Why not park your car and experience the beautiful town of Iisalmi by foot or by bike?

TRANSPORT

Further information on public transport in Iisalmi is available at www.iisalmi.fi/paikallisliikenne.

TRAVEL AGENCY MATKASAVO

Matkasavo is a full-service private travel agency, established in 2012. Range of services and products comprises flights, hotel accommodation, travel packages, gift certificates, business and fair trips, cruises for business or for pleasure, visas, train trips, tailored package holidays and group excursions to various destinations. Matkasavo also offers chartered bus services, bus trips and its self-produced package tours in Finland and abroad.

Pohjolankatu 5, 74100 Iisalmi
Tel. 040 741 8001
www.matkasavo.fi
iisalmi@matkasavo.fi

BIKING

There are two bike rental services:

**SHOE REPAIRER
IN IISALMI MARKET HALL**
Kauppakatu 14, 74100 Iisalmi
Tel. 040 024 2724

Mon-Fri 9 am – 6 pm
Sat 9 am – 2 pm
Closed on Sundays

The shoe repairer also has a do-it-yourself bike service point.

HOTEL IISALMEN SEURAHUONE

Savonkatu 24, 74100 Iisalmi
seurahuone@haapaniemenmatkailu.fi

Reception open

Mon-Fri 7 am – 9 pm, Sat 8 am – 9 pm,
Sun and public holidays phone service
Sales: 0440 207 701
Reception: 0440 207 704

In Iisalmi, there is a stationary bicycle pump in two locations: one in Kangas Exercise Park and one close to the bus station.

With a bike or a car, you can also get acquainted with other parts of Upper Savo.

CAR RENTAL

GREEN MOTION

Savonkatu 38, 74100 Iisalmi
Tel. 020 121 3600

HERTZ

Kivirannantie 7, 74130 Iisalmi
Tel. 020 011 2233

SCANDIA RENT

Yrittäjätie 9, 74130 Iisalmi
Tel. 040 311 9400

PRACTICAL INFORMATION AND BASIC SERVICES

IISALMI TOURIST INFORMATION

Tourist information services are provided at two customer service points.

Customer service point at Town Hall

Pohjolankatu 14, 74101 Iisalmi
Tel. 040 350 4217

Customer service point at Iisalmi Cultural Centre

Kirkkopuistonkatu 9, 74100 Iisalmi
Tel. 040 830 2757

www.iisalmijatienoot.fi
sähköposti: tourism@iisalmi.fi
#iisalmijatienoot

IISALMI CULTURAL CENTRE

The Cultural Centre is located in the centre of Iisalmi, in the vicinity of accommodation and restaurant services. Together with Café Kulttuurikapusta, we can provide elegant, cosy and functional premises for various events. Be it a client meeting, negotiation, congress, training course, concert, theatre performance, exhibition or family celebration, the Cultural Centre offers not only a stylish venue but also the catering services you want, from welcome toasts and coffee servings up to sumptuous buffet meals.

Information on

events at the Cultural Centre:

www.iisalmi.fi/kulttuurikeskuksetapahtumat

Kirkkopuistonkatu 9, 74100 Iisalmi
Tel. 040 830 2757, information/
ticket sales/reservation of facilities
kulttuurikeskus@iisalmi.fi

The Cultural Centre also houses the municipal library, the Nature Museum, the Music Institute of Upper Savo and Café Kulttuurikapusta. See the Cultural Centre's programme in detail: iisalmi.fi/kulttuurikeskus

EMERGENCY NUMBERS

General emergency number (police, ambulance and fire brigade): **112**.

HOSPITAL

24-hour service.
Tel. 017 272 2346
Riistakatu 23, 74120 Iisalmi

LOST PROPERTY

Shoe repairer in Iisalmi Market Hall
Kauppakatu 14, 74100 Iisalmi
Tel. 040 024 2724

Mon-Fri 9 am – 6 pm
Sat 9 am – 2 pm
Closed on Sundays

POSTAL SERVICES

R-Kiosk by Iisalmi Market Place
Kauppakatu 17, 74100 Iisalmi
Tel. 050 341 2242

K-CITYMARKET IISALMI

Eteläntie 4, 74130 Iisalmi

ALKO (LIQUOR STORE)

Satamakatu 10, 74100 Iisalmi





NEXT VISIT IN WINTERTIME?

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Tel. 040 350 4217

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