

RUKA SAFARIS SUMMER WEEKLY PROGRAM 2026

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	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday	Sunday
River rafting							
River rafting fun for families	09.30	09.30	09.30	09.30	09.30	09.30	
River rafting through the National Park		14.00	14.00		14.00	14.00	
Fatbike adventures							
Into the forest with fatbikes	14.00			14.00		14.00	
Nature Hike & Bike experience			09.30	09.30			
Wellbeing & Local lifestyle							
Summer evening canoeing on the lake Rukajärvi	20.00			20.00			
Midnight sun hike to Valtavaara		20.00			20.00		
A day as a reindeer herder – on request							
Meet the king of the forest – Bear watching evening				17.20			
Sauna Tour – Finnish sauna experience			15.00			15.00	
Summer River Floating	10.00				10.00		



**River rafting fun for families
(Monday – Saturday at 9.30)**

While meeting the guide in the safari center you receive the necessary equipment for the rafting. Afterwards you leave together to the starting point of the river rafting adventure. You will get a short safety instruction that prepares you for the 7 rapids of the Kitka River (categories I-III). Between the rapids your guide will tell you nice stories about the nature and the different animals in the region. You will also have a relaxing break on the riverside where you will get coffee, tea and a sweet bun. The total distance on the river is 14 kilometers.

Duration: 3,5 - 4 h including transportation
Price: 88 €/adult, 53 €/child 5-11 years
Minimum age is 5 years

**River rafting through the National Park
(Juuma – Jyrävä Tuesday, Friday at 14.00
Juuma – Jelestimä Wednesday, Saturday at 14.00)**

Challenge yourself in the great rapids of Ruka-Kuusamo! This tour is safe but fullfilled with excitement and joy! Tour starts from the safari center where you get the equipment for this adventure. After that we take about 20 minutes transfer to Juuma together with the guide. Before heading to the raft boats you will get the safety instructions for the rafting so you are fully prepared for this tour.

There are two choices for your tour:

Rafting Juuma - Jyrävä

Conquer the 3 biggest and best rapids in Finland (categories II-IV) and after short hike back to the car. Duration about 3 hours with transfers.

OR →

Rafting Juuma - Jelestimä

After the biggest rapids there is a short walk passing the the Jyrävä waterfall where the boats will raft through without passengers. After Jyrävä, the rest of the rafting tour is relaxing though the beautiful rocky canyon of the Oulanka National Park. During this longer tour you will take a break where you can grill sausages, get a sweet bun and coffee or tea. Duration 6-7 hours including transfers.

Price Juuma – Jyrävä (3h) 90 € / person
Price Juuma – Jelestimä (6-7h) 125 €/person

Minimum age for participating is 18 years



**Into the forest with fatbikes
(Monday, Thursday, Saturday at 14.00)**

Discover the nature of Ruka on a fatbike. The guide will take you through Iisakki Village and its surrounding nature. While being on these fun bikes you can enjoy the beauty of the area and listen to the nature sounds. You will stop at a koto where you will enjoy a snack by a relaxing fire. The distance is about 6-8 kilometers.

**Duration: 2,5 - 3 h
Price: 72 €/person**

Minimum age is 12 years and 150 cm height.

**Nature hike & bike experience
(Wednesday and Thursday at 9.30)**

Join us for an unforgettable summer experience that combines the thrill of biking and the beauty of hiking in the heart of Finnish nature. Our Bike & Hike program starts at Iisakki Village. After an instruction and the needed extra equipment, we hop on bikes and ride scenic forest trails towards the Pyhävaara Hill. After the biking, we continue on foot, trekking up the peaceful path to the peak of Pyhävaara, where breathtaking panoramic views await. Along the way, your guide will share stories about the area's nature and local heritage. At the top – or in a sheltered scenic spot – we'll prepare a delicious outdoor lunch over an open fire.

**Duration: 4 h
Price: 105 €/adult**

Minimum age is 12 years and 150 cm height.

**Summer evening canoeing on the lake Rukajärvi
(Monday, Thursday at 20.00,
from September at 18.00)**

The guide welcomes you at the reception of Iisakki Village and gives you the needed equipment. After a short walk you are at the lake where you will get a safety lesson before entering your canoe. On the lake you will learn how to get acquainted with paddling and steering a canoe together with your guide. Afterwards you will enjoy a break where you will get hot juice and a sausage.

**Duration: 2-3 h
Price: 69 €/person, 48 €/child 4-11 years old**

**Midnight sun hike to Valtavaara (Tuesday,
Friday at 20.00,
from September at 18.00)**

Experience the beauty of hill Valtavaara on a guided hiking trip through the picturesque landscapes. This 3-4 hour adventure, takes you through serene forests and rolling hills, offering breathtaking views from the top of Valtavaara. Along the trail, we'll enjoy tasty snacks and refreshing drinks in the peaceful surroundings. This tour requires good physical condition as the hike is taking place in hill surroundings. Hiking distance about 6 km.

**Duration: 3-4 h incl. transfers
Price: 80 €/person
Minimum age for participation 12 years.**



**Meet the king of the forest – Bear watching evening
(Thursday at 17.20)**

This safari starts with a transfer from Iisakki Village in Ruka to the bear watching place, east of Kuusamo. The guide will take you safely to the hut where you will spend the whole evening. There is a 99% chance of seeing bears, but there might also be other wild animals such as eagles. Around midnight you will be back in Iisakki Village. This safari is from June until the end of August.

Duration: 6 hours
Price: 162 €/person NET

**A day as a reindeer herder
(On request)**

Have you always wondered how life in the North is like as a reindeer herder? This is your chance to discover the daily tasks as a local. During this safari you go out with local reindeer herders and learn the ins and outs of one of the oldest professions in our region. Every day is different, and you will be instructed how to do various tasks concerning reindeer herding in the summer. Included in the price are transfers, lunch and a snack.

Duration: 6 hours
Price: 169 €/adult



Sauna Tour – Finnish sauna experience (Wednesday & Saturday at 15.00)

Experience the traditional Finnish sauna at Iisakki's lakeside sauna. Iisakki's sauna is one of the first saunas awarded with the Authentic Finnish Sauna Experience-certificate. For the special saunatour event sauna heats up with wood. It takes 3-4 hours to heat the sauna, but it will be rewarded with gentle and moist steam. This means that sauna enthusiasts can experience the best and real Finnish sauna. This experience is guided by a local sauna guide who will break all the myths of Finnish sauna and tells you about the original sauna culture and why it's so important to Finns. The sauna guide also joins you in the sauna and shows you the best ways of enjoying the sauna. No one is naked during this experience; you can wear a bathing suit. Also, children can participate in the sauna experience as it is an experience for all. During the program, juice and water is served as well as small snacks.

Duration: 2-3 h

Price: 82 €/person, 55 €/child 5-11 years

Spice up your experience with local wild food dinner
50 € / adult, net & 35 € / child, net

Summer River Floating (Monday & Friday at 10.00)

Experience the pure joy of floating effortlessly along the gentle currents of the river Kiveskoski — a truly unique Arctic adventure you'll never forget. Dressed in a warm, waterproof floating suit, helmet, and life jacket, you'll stay completely dry as you relax and let the river carry you through stunning natural scenery. Your friendly guide will provide easy instructions before you set off on this peaceful, one-of-a-kind journey. After your float, refresh with a berry drink and relive the moment surrounded by serene wilderness.

Duration: 2,5-3 h including transfers to the river

Price: 104 €/person



TERMS & CONDITIONS IMPORTANT INFORMATION

GENERAL INFORMATION

Value Added Tax (or marginal tax) are included in the price. In case that the applicable VAT undergoes change during the validity of this price period we keep the right to adjust the prices accordingly. All activities include needed transfers from/to Ruka Safaris' safari house. We also have free pick-up service from certain pick-up points (more information below).

Bookings need to be made no later than 24 hours before the start of the program.

Cancellations must happen latest 21 days before the start of the safari to be refundable. In cancellations 20-14 days before the start of the safari we keep the right to charge 50 % of the value of the booking. Cancellations 13 days or less before the start of the safari are non-refundable.

Ruka Safaris' summer activities are planned and operated subject to change due to weather conditions, which are out of our control. The duration of the program may vary due to weather conditions and group sizes. We keep the right to change the programs and timetables for clients' safety. Clients are not allowed to be under the influence of alcohol or drugs during the programs. If they are under the influence, the guide can deny you access with no rights for a refund.

CLOTHING

Ruka Safaris provides rainwear, rubber boots and safety equipment for the rafting and floating safaris. For hiking / biking programs client need proper clothing and shoes on their own. In case of rain there are rain clothes available from Ruka Safaris. Fishing and water activities includes all needed equipment and safety gears.

PICK UP

Ruka Safaris offers private shuttle service to the activities from certain pick up points. Shuttle service require pre-booking. Pick-up times will be informed 2 weeks before arrival. Pick up places are Ruka Center Ski Bus Stop, MastonAitio Bus Stop and Ruka Valley Ski Bus Stop. Other place agreed separately case by case.

BOOKINGS

You can make a booking latest 24 hours before departure by sending an email to sales@rukasafaris.fi or by phone at +358 8 852 1610.

We can not guarantee availability for last minute bookings, so we recommend do book the safaris well ahead.