

Rendez-vous with Reindeer at Kössi Kentura Reindeer Management Area

What is the best place to learn about reindeer and reindeer management? Salla Reindeer Park, of course!

We will start our tour at the auditorium of the main building, where the guide will illustrate the course of one year of reindeer management with a one-hour slide show. One of our experts will be there to answer your questions about reindeer and reindeer management.

Then we will move on to the exhibition area where you will see interesting illustrations of the flora, fauna and soil of the region. You will also learn about the old woodlands and the encounters of reindeer and predators. The exhibition is an impressive experience with its natural sounds and stuffed animals. The watercolour art exhibition of the Reindeer Park will offer you more enchantment of the nature of Lapland.

After the slide show and the exhibition, you will be able to experience real reindeer life outdoors. The Reindeer Park consists of an age-old reindeer pastureland of some 200 hectares. It belongs to the naturally managed woodland area of Kaunisharju ridge: the park is managed according to the old natural values.

We will drive the 1.5-kilometre (0.9-mile) distance to Kössin Kentura reindeer management area in the participants' bus or car. The reindeer will come to their feeding spot as the guide calls them, and you will be able to feed them yourself. The reindeer are used to being fed daily.

We will also see how the ancient hunters and reindeer herds used to live in the wilderness. There are various wilderness huts and peat shelters in the park.

At the end of the tour, we will gather in a Kota shelter or at a campfire to enjoy coffee or tea prepared over open fire and served in wooden Kuksa. You will also have a chance to taste the delicious local Kampanisu cookies. At the campfire, the guide will tell you stories about life in Lapland. At the end of the coffee break, the guide will tell you about the beliefs related to reindeer bones and give you a small reindeer-bone amulet as a souvenir of the tour.

After the coffee, we will return to the main building of the Reindeer Park.

Venue: Salla Reindeer Park, 3.5 km (2.2 miles) from Sallatunturi Fell tourist centre in the direction of Kuusamo

Transfer: Reindeer Park will organize transfer for the programs from Sallatunturi to the Reindeer Park. Transfer costs 5 €/ person

Rates: Adults 31 € (including transfer costs), children 3-13 years -50 %, under 3 years free admission. The rates include the guided tour and coffee at the campfire.

Duration: 2 hours

Min/max: 4/130 persons