

# WILD SUMMER TOUR

PHOTOGRAPHIC JOURNEY TO FINLAND + WORKSHOP



WITH

ALEXANDRA **SURKOVA**

DATES

July 14 - 20, 2024

Group of 6 people max

## GENERAL DESCRIPTION

2.450 euros

Finland, 'the land of a thousand lakes', boasts of its breathtaking nature and overflows with biodiversity. Its stunning forests hide Europe's wildest animal species: bears, wolves, wolverines, capercaillies, black grouse, as well as elusive boreal lynxes, moose, and reindeer.

During this trip, we explore the Kuhmo region, a premier destination for wildlife photographers. We travel through its endless forests and countless lakes, focusing on bear and wolverine photography.

We've selected the best time for bear photography, capturing them as they visit the lakes to cool off. Multiple sessions are conducted in comfortable hides, designed for an immersive nature experience. All hides are equipped with double bunk beds to have a rest during dark hours.

Midway, we'll conduct a photographic editing workshop with Alexandra Surkova, enhancing our captured images and elevating them to a new aesthetic dimension.



# TRIP ITINERARY

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## DAY 1

(July 14th)

Arrival in Helsinki in the morning, transfer to Kuopio, overnight in Kuopio.

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## DAY 2

(July 15th)

Transfer to the bear hide at the lake, bear hide at the lake.

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## DAY 3

(July 16th)

Hide of bears in the lake.

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## DAY 4

(July 17th)

Transfer to the bear hide in the forest, editing workshop with Alexandra Surkova.

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## DAY 5

(July 18th)

Hide of bears in the forest.

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## DAY 6

(July 19th)

Hide of bears in the forest.

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## DAY 7

(July 20th)

Return to Helsinki airport.

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# ITINERARY

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## DAY 1 / JULY 14th

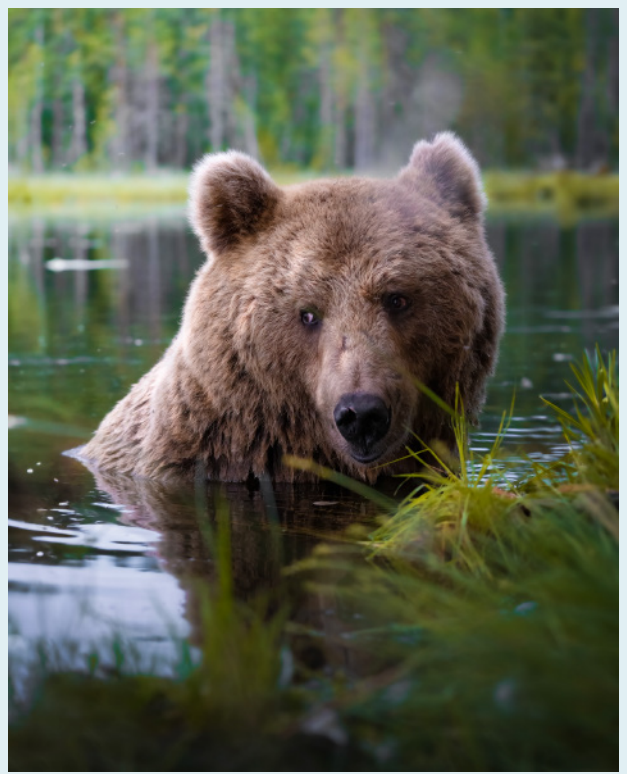
Morning arrival in Helsinki, transfer to Kuopio, overnight in Kuopio.

## DAY 2 / JULY 15th

In the morning after breakfast, we drive for about 5 hours to the region of Kuhmo near the border with Russia. There, we find the hides dedicated to bears and wolverines in a wild environment. Upon our arrival, we can have lunch, settle into our accommodation, and in the early afternoon, we go to the hides where we spend the night.

### **Night – Bear Photography at the Lake.**

We spend the night in the hide to photograph at dusk and dawn. A unique experience where we fully enjoy Finnish wild nature.



## DAY 3 / JULY 16th

Around 8 am, we leave the hides and head to the base camp for lunch. Afterwards, we have free time to rest or photograph in the surroundings of the accommodation. In the early afternoon, we go to the hides where we will spend the night.

### **Night – Bear Photography at the Lake.**

We spend the night in the hide to photograph at dusk and dawn.

## DAY 4 / JULY 17th

Around 8 am, we leave the hides and head to the base camp for lunch. We collect our luggage from the accommodation and head to our new destination, arriving at our accommodation by noon.

### **Afternoon – PHOTO EDITING WORKSHOP with Alexandra Surkova.**

We conduct a theoretical and practical class with Alexandra, where you will learn how to get the most out of the photographs taken during the sessions and she will give you tips to make the most of the upcoming days in the hide.



## DAY 5 / JULY 18th

In the morning, we have free time to rest or photograph in the surroundings of the accommodation. In the early afternoon, we go to the hides where we spend the night.

### **Night – Bear Photography in the forest.**

We spend the night in the hide to photograph at dusk and dawn, where we can observe various specimens of bears and wolverines and, hopefully, a pack of wolves.

## DAY 6 / JULY 19th

Around 8 am, we leave the hides and head to the base camp for lunch. Afterwards, we have free time to rest or photograph in the surroundings of the accommodation. In the early afternoon, we go to the hides where we will spend the night.

### **Night – Bear Photography in the Meadow.**

We spend the night in the hide to photograph at dusk and dawn, where we can observe various specimens of bears and wolverines and, hopefully, a pack of wolves.

## DAY 7 / JULY 20th

Return to Helsinki airport.

*\* Itinerary subject to change based on local guide recommendations, animal activity, and flight schedules.*

*\* Optional activities available at extra cost.*



## ALEXANDRA SURKOVA

Professional wildlife photographer, winner of several prestigious international contests. Her photos have been highlighted in multiple international exhibitions and have been published in renowned magazines and newspapers. She offers unique adventures through exclusive photographic trips and shares her experience through individual lessons and specialized editing workshops.

## OMAR ALONSO BAUTISTA

Dedicated nature photographer, environmental educator, and forestry technician with decades of experience in wildlife and landscape photography in the Lozoya Valley.



## INCLUDED IN THE PRICE

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01

Helsinki airport pick-up and drop-off to match group flight times

02

Van transfers across Finland

03

Shared accommodation for 5 nights in two base camps

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SHARED ROOM accommodation at camp base. Full board

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Photographic editing workshop with Alexandra Surkova

07

Photographic guidance by Alexandra Surkova and Omar Alonso

## NOT INCLUDED

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01

Flights (assistance available at no extra cost).

02

Meals other than those specified in the program

03

First day dinner

04

Alcoholic and/or soft drinks during meals.

05

Accident and cancellation insurance (available through our agency).





# GENERAL RECOMMENDATIONS: \_\_\_\_\_

- Recommend telephoto lens (500-600mm) and a zoom lens like a 70-200mm. Wide-angle lenses for landscapes and close bear encounters.
- Tripods aren't necessary but recommended for landscape shots.
- Mosquito repellent advised.



*\* Destinations carefully chosen for high success rates, but wildlife sightings can't be guaranteed. Nature follows its own rules.*



# PAYMENT INSTRUCTIONS

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Payment should be made via bank transfer. Please include in the 'CONCEPT' field of the transfer form the name of the destination country, the surnames of the travelers making the payment, and the departure date (e.g., FINLAND + GARCIA; RUIZ + 08JUL). Transfer to the following account:

Bank: LA CAIXA

Account Holder: ELAND EXPEDICIONES S.L.

IBAN: ES61 2100 2281 1602 0034 8337

A bank transfer receipt serves as a legal document, acting as both a payment voucher and a receipt.

As an alternative, payments can be processed via VISA/MASTERCARD by calling us to provide your details over the phone for direct charging. For security reasons, do not email us your card details.

Note: All bank fees incurred by the transfer are the responsibility of the client.



# CANCELLATION POLICY

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Should a client cancel their trip **after the reservation** deposit has been paid, they are required to compensate the travel agency. This includes **covering management fees** (incurred by the selling agency), **cancellation fees** (incurred by the organizing agency and service providers), and a penalty fee calculated as a percentage of the trip's total cost, as follows:

**5%** for cancellations made from **15 to 10 days** before the trip's start date,  
**15%** for cancellations made from **10 to 3 days** before,  
**25%** for cancellations made within **48 hours** of the start date,  
**100% for no-shows** at the departure time.

These penalties do not apply if the client arranges for a substitution more than 5 days before departure, if service providers allow the change. In such cases, the agency is entitled to a compensation fee of 5% of the trip's total price, plus any costs incurred for the substitution.

WANT MORE  
INFORMATION?

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THANK YOU FOR YOUR INTEREST

*Alexandra Surkova*

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