



ICY LAKE VÖRTSJÄRV!

(2 days, the product is offered during winter season from December to March, NB! Fish catch under ice is depending on ice conditions)

DESCRIPTION OF THE PROGRAMME:

I Day:

A group (an optimum number of 5-6 people) will arrive to Valma fisherman`s workshop, where they will be welcomed by a members and fishermen of Lake Vörtsjärv Fisheries Development Agency.

Under the leadership of Valma fishermen, bygone fishermen traditions will be introduced and fishing under ice will be conducted on the lake. In the course of lunch local fish prepared by the fishermen of Lake Vörtsjärv can be tasted.

Lake Vörtsjärv has been a body of water rich in fish throughout the centuries. 36 species of fish have been caught from Lake Vörtsjärv and its inflows. The main industrial fish are the zander, eel, bream and pike. The perch and roach are numerous, with permanent inhabitants being the vendace, European smelt, ide. In the fifties and sixties Lake Vörtsjärv was accompanied by the sad repute of a lake of the ruffe, since the majority of the fishery catch was the small fry of low value. Owing to the implementation of the proposals by the research fellows of the Centre for Limnology (quitting trawl fishing, intensifying fish protection, regular introduction of baby eels), large and valued fish prevail in the catch these days. The mean fishery catch of Lake Vörtsjärv is over 400 tons a year, 60-70% out of which is good foodstuff fish. The minute natural population of the eel in Lake Vörtsjärv has been replenished on a continuous basis since 1956, by introducing tiny glasseels into the lake every year.

After lunch the group will be headed to visitor centre in Rannu-Jõesuu and accepted by a game instructor of 360 Kraadi Ltd.. Instructor will conduct a hiking game, in order to introduce the fishermen traditions and natural value of the area. After the hiking game the people will drive to the Kiviranna cottage, where they will have dinner and stay for the night, while those desiring will have a chance to go to the sauna. We offer an opportunity to watch slideshows of the lake Vörtsjärv area.

II Day:

Breakfast in Kiviranna cottage. Snow-shoes hiking tour to Rakke bog will be conducted by a guidance of a game instructor of 360 Kraadi Ltd. Picnic in nature. Natural and enjoyable winter experience will be guaranteed to all participants.

As an afternoon and summarising activity at the same time, we offer to meet you with the local artist Antu Ott, who will introduce unique handicraft products made of fish skin; the visitors will have an opportunity to make a souvenir themselves or buy one.

Taking of the group to the next destination desired.

PROVIDERS: Lake Vörtsjärv Foundation, 360 kraadi Ltd., Kiviranna Ltd., FIE Antu Ott, NGO Lake Vörtsjärv Fisheries Development Agency.

PRICE for 6-pax: 900 EUR

Includes: 1 night accommodation in Kiviranna cottage with sauna and breakfast: 260 EUR

Ice fishing: 120 EUR (transport to the lake, ice-catch instruction)

Lunch in fisherman`s workshop: 72 EUR

Hiking game: 160 EUR

Dinner in I day: 72 EUR

Snow-shoes hiking tour: 184 EUR (picnic, snow-shoes renting, guide)

Fish-skin workshop 1,5 hours: 32 EUR

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