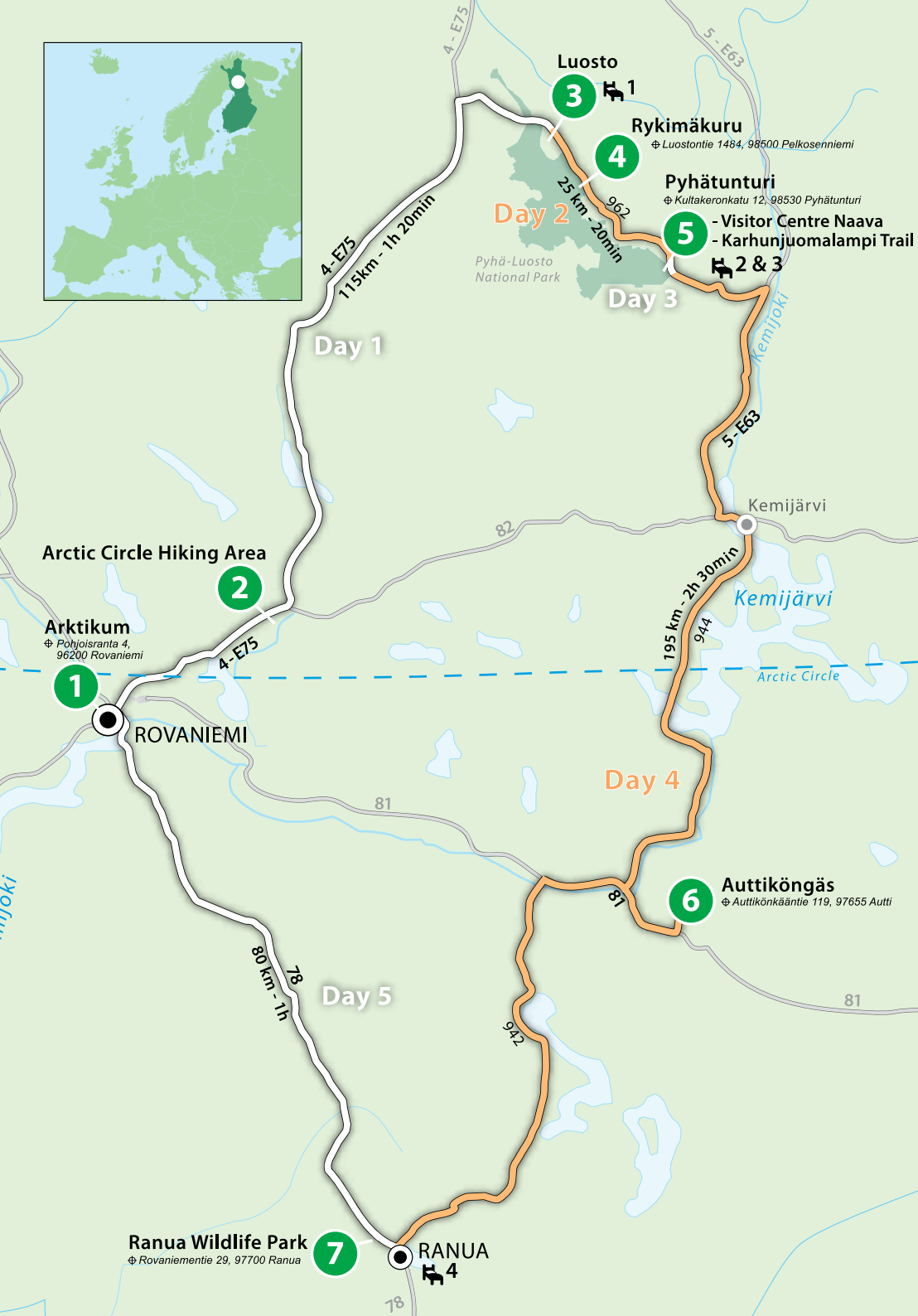


5 DAYS ACCESSIBLE WILDERNESS – IN CENTRAL FINNISH LAPLAND



Mighty rivers, ancient forests, rugged fells, cultural history and animals of the wild north.

Experience the windswept fells, untouched wilderness and cultural history of Lapland within easy reach of Rovaniemi on this 5-day round trip.

Would you like to be surrounded by Lapland's untouched nature, learn about old logging traditions, see age-old geological formations, and spot wild animals in their northern habitat? All this is possible within reasonable driving distances and along easy, well-kept trails. Take this five-day tour to experience Central Lapland's top natural attraction.

you can try whitewater rafting or a riverside walk on the short Könkänsaari nature trail. Then travel on to the fell resort of Luosto for dinner and overnight accommodation.

Activities & attractions:

Rovaniemi:

North Camp Vaattunkilampi www.santasadventures.fi

Arktikum Museum www.arktikum.fi

Science Centre Pilke www.tiedekeskus-pilke.fi

Forestry Museum of Lapland www.lapinmetsamuseo.fi

Luosto:

Amethyst spa www.laplandhotels.com

Evening walk around Ahvenlampi pond

Accommodation: Luosto www.luosto.fi

Tourist information: www.visitrovaniemi.fi

www.nationalparks.fi/pyha-luostovisitorcentre

DAY 1

1 2 3 **A city where two great rivers meet**



Rovaniemi lies close to nature by a confluence where two mighty rivers meet. Start the day by discovering the Arktikum Museum, the Science Centre Pilke, or the Forestry Museum of Lapland. After lunch, head out of town to the Arctic Circle Hiking Area, where

DAY 2

4 5 **Ancient forests and natural gems in Pyhä-Luosto National Park**



Listen as the wind blows through the age-old trees around you. After breakfast take a short journey to Rykimäkuru, where a 12-km trail to the ancient forest starts from the car park. The trail passes many campfire places and shelters, and at the highest point of the route you can visit an amethyst mine and find your own gemstones. After the trek, head for the nearby fell resort Pyhä, where you might have a relaxing sauna and a refreshing swim in the lake before having dinner and a good night's sleep.



Activities, relaxation & attractions: www.pyha.fi
sauna and swimming: to ask for available hours contact
 Kairosmaja: tel. + 358 (0)207 681 730,
kairosmaja@sana.fi
www.kairosmaja.fi
www.amethystmine.fi
Accommodation: Pyhätunturi www.pyha.fi
Tourist information:
www.nationalparks.fi/pyha-luostovisitorcentre

DAY 3

5 High fells and ancient rocks



Explore Finland's deepest gorge, whose walls rise around you. The indigenous Sámi people earlier used these same trails for hunting and foraging. Start the day at Visitor Centre Naava, where you can ask for tips and learn about the area and its wildlife from a fascinating exhibition. Pick up a packed lunch from the hotel or a homemade lunch at Naava to take when you head off on the Karhunjuomalampi Trail through Pyhä-Luosto

National Park. In the evening, if you have any energy left after the 10-km trek, you can walk or take the ski-lift up to the fell-top, go rowing on Lake Pyhäjärvi or perhaps rent a fatbike. To finish the day, have a relaxing dinner and sleep well in the shadow of Pyhätunturi Fell.



Activities & places to visit:
 for lunch: www.cafeloimu.fi
 for dinner: www.huttu-uula.fi
 Scenery lift: www.pyha.fi
 Bike and rowboat rentals: www.pyhahippu.fi

DAY 4

6 The history of backwoods logging



How on earth could loggers get huge felled trees out of these impenetrable forests and on to the sawmills? After a hearty breakfast drive to Auttiköngäs, where a pleasant 3.5-km nature trail awaits you. The forests of Auttiköngäs are conserved through the Northern Finland old-growth forest protection programme. After your woodland walk, enjoy coffee and local delicacies in an old logger's cabin by the riverside, and before you leave find out about local logging traditions in the Auttiköngäs Museum.

Drive on to Ranua, where you can dine and stay overnight in close proximity to the wild animal residents of Ranua Zoo. In the evening you can take a walk to the nearby birdwatching tower.

Activities & attractions:
Ranua:
 Wild Arctic Restaurant

Evening walk along Papinpalo Nature Trail, Papinpalontie, 97700 Ranua
 Wildlife Safaris www.wildlifefaris.fi
 Ranua Church, Kirkkotie 10, 97700 Ranua
 Vicarage and Parish Museum, Pappilantie 11, 97700 Ranua



Accommodation: Ranua
 Holiday Village Gulo Gulo english.ranuazoo.com
 Hotel Ilveslinna www.hotelliilveslinna.fi
 Ranuanjärvi Camping, RanuaZoo Camping
www.ranuazoo.com
Tourist information: www.ranuazoo.com

DAY 5

7 Animals of the wilderness



Watch a polar bear playing and wonder at how owls can turn their heads almost 360 degrees. Today you

can enjoy close encounters with the wild animals of Lapland, and a few of their arctic friends too. After lunch at the zoo drive back to Rovaniemi. In the evening you can think over everything you've seen, or maybe do a bit of shopping. You can even take a dip in the river just outside the town centre. Enjoy dinner and a comfortable night's stay in the capital of Finnish Lapland.

Activities & attractions:

Riverboat cruise to see where log-floaters used to work
www.laplandsafaris.com
 Santa Claus Village www.santaclausvillage.info
 Midnight Sun Special www.laplandwelcome.fi
Accommodation: hotels in Rovaniemi
Tourist information: www.visitroviemi.fi



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 VisitFinland.com
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 Outdoorsfinland.com
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