

EXPERIENCES IN LAKELAND BOMBA

Programs available between June 1st and August 31st unless otherwise noted, we reserve the right to make changes. Find out more about the programs at visitbomba.fi/en/summer.

In the **Karelian Pie Workshop** at the Bomba Summer Cafe, you can learn how to make your own Karelian pies easily with the help of a video on a non-stop basis! At the Bomba Summer Market cafe, you can bake pies daily from June 14 to August 4, from 11 am to 3 pm. The Karelian Pie Workshop via video costs 10 €/person, incl. 2 pie shells and a choice of coffee/tea/juice. Bomba Summer Market. Video guidance FI/EN

At the **Valamo Wine Tasting** in Bomba's Oluttupa you can taste the delicious Valamo berry wines! The tasting session includes an aperitif and three wines, stories about Valamo and its wine production, and a delicious tasting plate designed by Bomba's head chef. Available from June 21 to August 3, Fridays and Saturdays starting at 7 pm. Price 34 €/person, lasting about 1 h, ages 18 and up. Reservations can be made at raffaamo.fi or at the Break Sokos Hotel Bomba reception until 2 pm on the same day. Guidance FI/EN

On the **E-Fatbike Tour**, we head towards Ellun Kallio, admire the beautiful landscapes of Pielinen, and enjoy snacks in a hut. The tour is organized every Wednesday from June 26 to July 31 at 4 pm. Duration approx. 2 h. Tour at a special price at 60 €/person, incl. E-fatbike rental, helmet, guide, and snacks at the campfire hut. The tour requires a minimum of 2 participants. Departure from Kalevanhovi. Guidance FI/EN. Learn more: sokoshotels.fi

On the **Coopop Electric Scooter Tour**, we explore the beautiful lake and hill scenery of lake Pielinen and head towards Ellun Kallio. The tour is organized every Friday from June 28 to August 2 at 4 pm. The duration is about 2 h. Tour at a special price at 70 €/person, incl. the rental of a Coopop electric scooter, helmet, guide, and snacks at the campfire hut. The tour requires a minimum of 2 participants. Departure from Kalevanhovi. Guidance FI/EN. Learn more: sokoshotels.fi

Self-guided SUP-trip, or canoeing trip with a two-seater canoe on the river. Before the trip, you will be given guidance to the route, equipment and techniques. Duration 2 h. Price 20 €/adult, 15 €/4–11 yrs, Laitalan Lomat, Laitalantie 85. More information and bookings: aksytammat.fi/en, tel. +358 50 477 2570. Guidance: FI/EN

Try on some clothes and accessories with your friends in a **private visit in Laitala Shop**. After shopping enjoy cake with coffee in the silence of countryside. Price 6 €/person. Laitalan Lomat, Laitalantie 85. More information and bookings: aksytammat.fi/en, tel. +358 50 477 2570. Guidance: FI/EN

Atmospheric hut dinner by the open fire with local delicacies. 35 €/adult, 17,50 €/4–11 yrs. Laitalan Lomat, Laitalantie 85. More information and bookings: aksytammat.fi/en, tel. +358 50 477 2570. Guidance: FI/EN

Beach sauna by river Neitivirta. Relax in the wood-heated sauna and refresh yourself by swimming in the fresh Karhujoki River. 15 €/adult, 7,5 €/4–11 yrs per hour. Laitalan Lomat, Laitalantie 85. More information and bookings: aksytammat.fi/en, tel. +358 50 477 2570. Guidance: FI/EN

Guided tour of the Yläpiha farm, which dates back to the 17th century, in the hilly landscapes of Sivakka. On the tour, you'll hear some stories from the past and take a peek into the farm's old buildings. After the tour, you will have a cup of tea or coffee with a homemade pastry. You can shop at Yläpiha's farms small boutique or flea market. Bookings one day before by phone or WhatsApp: +358 50 599 4630. Equip yourself for the tour with weather-appropriate clothing and rubber boots. Duration 1 h. Price 10 €/adult, 5 €/4–14 yrs. Available for Monday-Friday June-July at 13.00. Bookings tel.

+358 50 599 4630. Yläpihan tila, Peri-Sivakan-tie 250. Guidance: FI/EN

At SonLepo Alpakatarha's **alpaca meeting**, you'll get to know alpacas as animals and individuals. In the midst of the animals, you can hear the alpaca's hum, admire their pawing and munching on pieces of carrot, and you might also get to experience an alpaca kiss and touch the alpaca's soft wool. The alpaca meeting is suitable for the whole family. Puroontie 63, next to the Kivikkola farm. Duration 1 h. Prices 20 €/person, 50 €/family. Bookings tel. +358 45 783 719 54. Guidance: FI/EN

SonLepo Alpakatarha's **walk with the alpacas** stops you for the present and you get to enjoy the peace of nature in a rural environment. The alpaca handler must be over 12 years old, younger people can handle the alpaca together with an older person. At the end of about half an hour of farming, you get to know the other alpacas of the shelter and, if you wish, you can enjoy your own snacks in the company of the animals. Puroontie 63, next to the Kivikkola farm. Duration 1,5–2 h. Price 90 €/group (1–8 people). Bookings tel. +358 45 783 719 54. Guidance: FI/EN

At the **Karelian pie workshop** in Guesthouse Männikkölä Pirtti, pies are baked under the guidance of a well-known Karelian pie expert. After baking you get to enjoy the self-made Karelian pies with soup lunch and coffee. Available for Thursdays. Duration 2 h. Price 55 €/adult, 25 €/child under 14 yrs. Workshop includes soup lunch, guidance and Karelian pies. Bookings tel. +358 400 889 845. Männikkölä pirtti. Pellikanlahdentie 1. Guidance: FI/EN

On the **Forest macrame hike** at Pielinen beach, you'll learn the basics of macrame handicraft technique and enjoy the beautiful forest and lake nature of Lakeland Bomba in a new and unique way! When the wall hanging is ready, we will enjoy some local delicacies while admiring nature. Price 95 €/person incl. all accessories needed for macrame work, snacks and transports. The trip can be booked from 1 June to 30 August. Departures on Tuesdays

and Wednesdays at 12 noon or at separately agreed time. Duration approx. 2–3 h. Departure from Break Sokos Hotel Bomba parking area. Tuulentie 10. More information and bookings: aksytammat.fi/en, tel. +358 50 477 2570. Guidance: FI/EN

A lovely summer evening sauna and boat trip to Nurmesniemi is full of relaxing vibes.

In the wood-heated beach sauna, you can enjoy sauna coffees and admire the sunset of Nurmesniemi. A dip in the lake crowns the summer sauna experience. During the trip, you will hear a presentation of Puu-Nurmes (wooden Nurmes) and Vanha Kauppala (old market town) on the boat. Pick-up for the trip either from the harbor of Bomba or Puu-Nurmes. Bookable: June 27 to July 27 and August 5 to 30 on Mondays and Thursdays at 6 pm. Duration 2,5 h. Price: 100 €/person. For families 270 € (2 adult and 1–2 child) and 290 € (2 adult and 3–4 child). More information and bookings: aksytammat.fi/en, tel. +358 50 477 2570. Guidance: FI/EN

A summer evening boat trip to Nurmesniemi offers a great opportunity to take your feet off the ground and enjoy the sunset with an evening coffee. During the trip, you will hear a presentation of Puu-Nurmes (wooden Nurmes) and Vanha Kauppala (old market town) on the boat. Pick-up for the trip either from the harbor of Bomba or Puu-Nurmes. Bookable: June 27 to July 27 and August 5 to 30 on Mondays and Thursdays at 6 pm. Duration: 1,5 h. Price: 60 €/adult, 35 €/child 5–12 yrs. More information and bookings: aksytammat.fi/en, tel. +358 50 477 2570. Guidance: FI/EN

Männikkölä Pirtti's traditional Finnish **Karelian à la carte dinner** is served on Thursdays at 7 pm. from July 1 to August 30. At dinner, we feast and enjoy authentic Karelian delicacies without haste. Price: 39 €/adult, 19,50 €/child 5–12 yrs. More information and bookings: aksytammat.fi/en, tel. +358 50 477 2570. Männikkölä pirtti. Pellikanlahdentie 1. Guidance: FI/EN

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31 May – 6 September. Stage dances at Kajaste every Friday.

8–9 June. Pielinen fair - Municipalities, companies and services of the Pielinen Karelia region are on display.

29 June – 7 July. Nurmes Summer Music - Top musicians gather together to play classical music from all eras. Enjoy concerts in unique venues on different places of Nurmes region.

15–21 July. Valtimon kesäpäivät - Traditional Valtimo Summer Days brings together people for enjoying summer days, music and sports. The event culminates in Summer Day Rock "Kesäpäivärock", a festival-type music event on 19–20 July.

13 July. Nurmes town 50 years: Mojova lisä - concert.

20 July. The steam locomotive runs from Nurmes to Valtimo.

1–2 August. Ikkavaa them – Rakas kotimaamme – Romani culture event.

2–4 August. Rompepäivät (flea market) - Second-hand item sellings and hobby vehicles.

10 August. Vanhan Kauppalan avoimet ovet - Explore the old wooden houses and gardens and meet inhabitants of Puu-Nurmes and Itäkauppala. Locals operate pop-up cafes, restaurants and second-hand shops during the day.

10–11 August. East Finland Wool Festival 2024 - Wool festival gathers knitters, crocheters and spinners to enjoy workshops, vendors of original Finnish yarns and designer dyes and lively atmosphere at cozy Old city hall of Nurmes.

16–17 August. Drive-In & Rock - A Finnish festival in American style offers rock n' roll music, American cars, and a drive-in film.

31 August. North Karelia Provincial Day food feast.

Summer markets
Kauppatori: 10 June, 17 June, 24 June, 1 July, 10 July, 29 July, 10 August

Porokylä tori: 15 July
Valtimo: 6 July, 13 July, 3 August, 31 August

Bomba summer market: 29 June, 6 July

More events at: visitbomba.fi/tapahtumat

Contact information: NURMES TOURIST INFORMATION in Bomba summer market, 75500 Nurmes. Open during summer: June 3 – August 2 Mon–Fri 10 am – 4 pm, August 3–31 Fri–Sat 10 am – 4 pm. Customer service during office hours: tel. +358 46 922 3511 | lakelandbomba@pikes.fi | visitbomba.fi/en

1 hour driving distance from Vuokatti and Tahko travel destinations, and Koli, Hiidenportti and Tiilikajärvi national parks.
1,5 hour driving distance from Kuopio, Joensuu and Kajaani cities and Patvinsuo National Park.



SUMMER



Lakeland Bomba 2024

In North Karelia region, on the shore of lake Pielinen, in the middle of three national parks is Lakeland Bomba. With us you will experience silence, pure nature and peace of mind. We are known for the Karelian Bomba house and Karelian village, an atmospheric wooden house area Puu-Nurmes and beautiful lake and forest landscapes. Untouched nature, national cultural heritage and genuine, unhurried encounters are tourism that cannot be duplicated. It has to be experienced where it is real.



PLACES TO VISIT



Spend time at the **Bomba House** getting acquainted with history, visiting the handicraft shop, and enjoying the delicious summer buffet and menus. We recommend exploring the **Karelian village, the chapel**, and the monuments, for which you can find more information on the guideboards around the area. In the second floor of the Bomba Summer Café, you can explore the *Karhutarinat* exhibition by Kirsti Timonen and the *Virrentakojat* exhibition by Ukko Alatalo. Drop by to relax at the **Spa Bomba** or enjoy Karelian pies and coffee at the summer café in the **Bomba Summer Market**. Bomba House is open daily from June 10 to August 17, from 12 pm to 10 pm. The summer buffet is available from 12 pm to 6 pm and the Bomba House menus from 5 pm to 10 pm. The handicraft shop is open from June 10 to August 17, from 12 pm to 6 pm. Suojärvenkatu 1.

The area of **Puu-Nurmes** and Vanha Kauppala is charming with its lake landscape in full view from the top of the ridge. Wooden houses built between the 1880s and 1930s. Walk along the fire alleys to see the monuments, the former Town hall, the harbour and the fifth largest church in Finland. Kirkkokatu 17.

The Nurmes House (Nurmes-talo) is a local culture center, which contains the city library, Tyko art gallery, Kötsi Museum and cinema. The Nurmes House offers a magnificent lake view of Nurmesjärvi. Kötsintie 2, Nurmes

The renovated **Kötsi Museum** presents the history of the Nurmes and Valtimo regions. You can also spend time in the museum viewing historic feature films and documentaries. The museum is open Mon-Fri 10 am – 4 pm, free admission. Nurmes-talo, Kötsintie 2, Nurmes

At the **Ikola Museum**, you can learn about the history of Nurmes town by visiting the buildings in the open-air museum area dating back to the 18th and 20th centuries and visiting various exhibitions. There are also goats to pet in the area. In the main building, there is a café and an exhibition presenting Romani culture. The museum is open from 17 June until 9 August. Mon-Fri 10 am – 4 pm, tickets 6 €/adult, 3 €/child or with a Museum Card. Kotiniementie 2, Nurmes.

The Murtovaara House Museum offers you a glimpse into the life of a family of forest rangers. You can sense the special atmosphere already upon arrival. The half kilometer long



footpath lingers through the woods opening up to the meadows which are surrounding the traditional Eastern Finnish courtyard. Tickets 9 € / adult, child under 15 yrs free entrance. Open from 21 June to 31 July: in June Fri-Sun at 11 am to 5 pm, July Wed-Sun at 12 to 6 pm. Murtovaarantie 260A. Guided tours 12 €/adult, 3 €/child (incl. entrance, coffee or a juice, bun). Guidance FI/EN/DE.

Valtimo Puukoulu is a former school building which has been converted for museum purposes. After exploring the exhibitions it is a great time to enjoy coffee at Puukoulu summer café. Open: 25 June – 3 August Tue-Fri 11 am – 5 pm and Sat 10 am – 2 pm. Free entry. Jukolankuja 10

Viljamakasiini or the grain warehouse displays peasant artefacts from the early 20th century. The summer guide introduces the exhibition and warehouse. Open June 25 – August 3, Tue-Fri 11 am – 5 pm and Sat 10 am - 2 pm. Free entry. Keskuskatu 60.

Omatöimimuseo presents the history of Valtimo through different traditional professions. The painter, shoemaker and the head of the

municipality have their own department. Open weekdays 9 am – 3 pm. Free entry. Kunnantie 1, Valtimo.

Höyryraide Oy has been involved in preserving valuable Finnish railway historical cultural heritage for 30 years. The exhibition “Raiteen varrelta” can be seen at the Nurmes locomotive stable from 19 June to 10 August. The exhibition introduces e.g. about the preservation of the train stock removed from the active use of the railways and its restoration for museum train traffic, as well as the journey on the museum train, memorable nostalgic trips. Kirkkokatu 34. More detailed information at: steamrail.fi/en/

During **Idän Kehräämö (spinning mill) tour** you will hear about the journey of wool through sorting and washing into yarn. On the tour, the owner shows a modern wool processing technique and tells some interesting facts about wool. Price 10 €/person. A Visit to manufactory’s shop is free of charge. Tour duration approx. 30–45 min. Bookings for the tour or manufactory visit the day before at anniina@idankehramo.fi or +358 45 1304 211. Mottikatu 3. Guidance: FI/EN.

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NATURE



The Joukon polku trail is a short path on the shore to a birdwatching tower, which has views of the famous Puu-Nurmes. The starting point is Vinkerlahti marina, where the ‘Girl’s park’ is located as well. Vajatie, Nurmes.

The Ellun lenkki trail is great for hiking or e-fat-bike cycling due to its sawdust covering route. The trail winds through pine forest and spruce forest terrain to Ellun kota hut. You can shorten the route by taking a trail to Kartanonkierros (3 km) or Kotilanvaaran route (11 km).

Kohtavaara nature and history trail leads you to Toivontorni tower to admire similar sights as Koli has to offer. At the top of the hill, you can see the natural stone foundations remains from the buildings of the Sarkkinen family farm from the 18th and 19th centuries, representing the typical North Karelian hill settlement. There are information signs about the history and nature of the area on the path in Finnish. The signs also have QR codes for additional information. 2,4 kilometers long path runs through varying terrain. Opistontie 7, Nurmes.

Jurttivaara ascent is steep, but worthwhile to climb, as the scenery from the top of the hill is absolutely stunning. On top there is a hut and campfire place for a snack break. Haarakiventie, Nurmes.

Tavikoski old mill is located by the rapids and has a campfire place. Verkkojoentie 381A. In the same trip, combine a visit to the Pertunvaara lookout tower, where you can see a nationally valuable landscape area. Signs from Ylä-Valtimontie, opposite the Ylikylä intersection.

Raesärkät outdoor area has easy-to-reach routes with many rest stops and they are well suited for families with children. Ridges, swamps, lakes and old forests adorn the landscape. Raesärkät, Nurmes.

Peurajärvi hiking trails in ridge landscapes connect to Hiidenportti National Park. Porttijoentie 136.

Sivakka’s Village trail meanders through the village roads of Valtimo’s Sivakkavaara, which has been inhabited since the 16th century. You can walk or cycle the approx. 6 km long route over varying terrain. The route starts at the Yläpiha family farm located in a valuable cultural environment. A beautiful hilly landscape opens up from the courtyard area, which you can admire from the farm’s cottage cafe. Peri-Sivakantie 250.

Explore also other nature attractions at visitbomba.fi/en/natural-attractions



OTHER ATTRACTIONS IN THE AREA



In **Hyvärilä area**, there’s something for everyone! A beach, beach volleyball, an outdoor sports field, and a traditional Finnish game called “kyykkä” invite you to be active. Children can enjoy their own playground, which also features a parkour track. Try “Hyrlinki” or padel in the same courtyard area. In the summer of 2024, a 18-hole disc golf course and a multi-golf point will open. Equipment rental offers rowing boats, canoes, kayaks, SUP boards, and trek fatbikes, Lomatie 12. There is also a 9-hole Pielis-golf course in the area, Lomatie 10.

The beach at Break Sokos Hotel Bomba is well-suited for families with children. In the summer of 2024, you will also find a comprehensive selection of rental equipment at Bomba. Learn more at sokoshotels.fi or ask for more information at our reception. Tuulentie 10.

There are changing cubicles and campfire places on **Lokkiharju** beach. There is also a play area, orthodox church, discgolf course and sawdust covered track in the surrounding area. Lokkiharjuntie, Valtimo.

The beach track Rantaraitti goes in the coastal terrain of Pielinen and Nurmesjärvi and goes along the sidewalks around the Puu-Nurmes. The beach track can be reached from the harbor, for example, where are also two summer kiosks, children’s playground and water activities equipment rentals. Regattakatu 8.

Bike or drive through the **Landscape Villages** while enjoying the rural scenery. There are four nationwide valuable landscape areas: Rasimäki river valley village, Ylä-Valtimo’s agricultural landscape, Karhunpää beach village and Ylikylä agricultural landscape.