

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 at visitbomba.fi/en.

At the **Valamo Wine Tasting** in Bomba House you can taste the delicious Valamo berry wines! The tasting experience includes an aperitif and three wines, stories about Valamo and its wine production, as well as a delicious tasting platter designed by Bomba's head of kitchen operations. Available from June 27 to August 2, Fridays and Saturdays starting at 7 pm. Price 34 €/person, duration approx 1 h, age limit 18+. Bookings via raflaamo.fi or at the Break Sokos Hotel Bomba reception by 2 pm on the same day. Guidance FI/EN

On the **E-Fatbike tour (1 hour)**, we head to the varied terrain of Nurmes and admire the beautiful landscapes of Pielinen. Tours depart daily. Duration approx. 1 hour. Tour 49 €/person incl. E-fatbike rental, helmet, guidance. Minimum number of participants: 1. Departure from Kalevanhovi Safari House. Guidance FI/EN. Read more bombasafaris.fi

On the **E-Fatbike tour (2 hours)**, we head towards Ellu crag, admire the beautiful scenery of Lake Pielinen and enjoy a snack at the lodge after the tour. Tours depart daily. Duration approx. 2 hours. Tour 69 €/person incl. E-fatbike rental, helmet, guide, and snacks at the lodge. Minimum number of participants: 1. Departure from Kalevanhovi Safari House. Guide FI/EN. Read more bombasafaris.fi

Coopop – electric scooter tour to Puu-Nurmes. Enjoy and relax on a trendy Coopop electric vehicle! On the tour with a guide, you will drive along the coastal route towards Puu-Nurmes, which is one of the best-preserved wooden house areas in Finland. While you are riding, you will admire the traditional landscapes as well as the well-kept houses, narrow streets and idyllic atmosphere of Puu-Nurmes. During the tour, you will hear stories about the history of Nurmes told by the guide. Tour departures daily. Duration approx. 1 hour. Tour 59 €/person incl. Coopop electric scooter rental, helmet and guide. Minimum number of participants: 1. Departure from Kalevanhovi Safari House. Guide FI/EN. Read more bombasafaris.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

At the guest **house's local flavors dinner**, you will enjoy a relaxed evening in the warm atmosphere! Our dinner table serves the best seasonal ingredients from the surrounding area - authentic, fresh and local flavor. Mon-Thu at 7 pm. Price: 30 €/person. Bookings at least 2 days in advance: aksytammat.fi, tel. +358 50 477 2570. Guidance: FI/EN/DE

Guided **tour of the Yläpiha farm**. On the one hour-long tour, you will hear stories about life in the past and take a peek into the old buildings of the farm. At the end of the tour, you will enjoy afternoon coffee in the old cottage. Shopping is possible in the farm shop. Prices 10 €/adult, 5 €/4–14 years old, under 4 years old free of charge, including guidance and coffee with bun. Bookings by phone or WhatsApp: +358 50 599 4630. Yläpiha farm, Peri-Sivakantie 250. Guide: FI/EN

At SonLepo Alpakkatarha'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. Puuroontie 63, next to the Kivikkola farm. Duration 1 h. Prices 20 €/person, 50 €/family. Bookings tel. +358 45 783 719 54. Guidance: FI/EN

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SonLepo Alpakkatarha'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. Puuroontie 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

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

Experience the North Karelian nature on horseback. Take a **personal riding tour** by lovely hills and lakes. Enjoy the serenity with the calm and patient Finn horse and get to know the Kivikkola farm. Some previous horse riding experience required. The riding is approx. 1 hour. Entire duration approx. 2 hours - including meeting the horses. Group size 1–4. Price: 75 €/person. Bookings via phone/Whatsapp +358 40 826 1061. Kivikkolan tila, Puuroontie 63. Guidance: EN/HU/FI



30 May – 5 September. Stage dances at Kajaste - every week

6–13 July. Nurmes Summer Music: SanatOn - Top musicians gather together to play classical music from all eras. Enjoy concerts in unique venues on different places of Nurmes region

7–13 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 11–12 July

1–3 August. Rompepäivät – Come and find treasures to buy in the marketplace. A hobby vehicle exhibition

9 August. Vanha Kauppala Open Doors - Explore the old wooden houses and gardens and meet inhabitants of Puu-Nurmes (Wooden Nurmes) and Itäkauppala. Locals operate pop-up cafes, restaurants and second-hand shops during the day

23–24 August. East Finland Wool Festival - Friends of the wool get-together: yarn market, workshop, live music and fun

16–17 August. Drive-In & Rock - Rock n' roll music, American cars and a drive-in movie

Summer markets

Kauppatori: 16 June, 23 June, 30 June, 7 July, 21 July, 28 July, 9 August

Porokylä tori: 14 July

Valtimo: 28 June

Bomba summer market: Karelian handicrafts' summer boutique, open 23 June – 10 August from 11 am to 5 pm. Flea market open Tue-Sun 23 June – 10 August from 12 to 5 pm.

More events at: visitbomba.fi/tapahtumat

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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



Bomba 2025

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. Drop by to relax at the **Spa Bomba** or enjoy the atmosphere at **Bomba Summer Market**. Suojärvenkatu 1.

The area of **Puu-Nurmes (Wooden 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 Childhood in Lahdentausta-Ahola "Lapsuus Lahdentausta-Ahola". The museum is open from 16 June until 8 August. Mon-Fri 10 am – 4 pm, tickets 8 €/adult, 4 €/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 18 yrs free entrance. Open from 22 June to 8 August at 12 to 6 pm. Guided tours 12 €/adult, 3 €/child (incl. entrance, coffee or a juice, bun). Murtovaarantie 260A. 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: 16 June – 9 August Tue-Fri 11 am – 5 pm and Sat 10 am – 2 pm. Free entry. Guided tours in English/German on Tuesdays from 15 July to 5 August at 3 pm, optional fee. 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 24 – August 2, Tue-Fri 11 am – 5 pm and Sat 10 am - 2 pm. Free entry. Keskuskatu 60.

Omatoimimuseo 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 – 2 pm. Free entry. Kunnantie 1, Valtimo.

More attractions at visitbomba.fi/en



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 Vinkelahti marina, where the 'Girl's park' is located as well. Vajatie, Nurmes.

The **Ellun lenkki trail** is great for hiking or e-fatbike 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 winds through the village roads of Sivakkavaara, which has been inhabited since the 16th century. You can go the 6-kilometer route on foot or by bike. There are signs from the village road to the ancient cemetery of Vastasmännikö and the stone for mourning for the deaths ('Itkukivi'). It is also worth stopping at the Autiotampi lean-to on Salmijärventie 291, from where you can hike to the Hiidenportti National Park. Parking area Yläpiha farm, Peri-Sivakantie 250.

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



OTHER ATTRACTIONS IN THE AREA

There is plenty to do for everyone in the **Hyvärilä area!** A beach, beach volleyball court, outdoor playground and an 18-hole frisbee golf course invite you to exercise. Children will enjoy their own playground with a parkour track. Try Hyrlinki or padel in the same courtyard area. Equipment rental offers SUP boards, rowing boats, canoes, kayaks, sit on top- mini kayaks and fatbikes. You can also play ball games or do bouldering in the PielisAreena sports hall. Lomatie 12. The Hyvärilä area is also home to Pielis-Golf's 9-hole golf course, Lomatie 10.

The beach at **Break Sokos Hotel Bomba** is well-suited for families with children. You will also find some 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 e.g. two summer kiosks, and children's playground. 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.