



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 1, 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**, we head to the Ellu's Rock, admire the beautiful scenery of Lake Pielinen and enjoy a snack by the campfire after the ride. Departures are available weekly. Duration approx. 2 hours. Price 69 €/person incl. E-fatbike rental, helmet, guidance and snacks at the hut. Minimum number of participants: 1 person. Departure from the Kalevanhovi Safari House. Guidance 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 local guide. Tour departures weekly. Duration approx. 1 hour. Tour 59 €/person incl. Coopop electric scooter rental, helmet and guidance. Minimum number of participants: 1. Departure from Kalevanhovi Safari House. Guidance FI/EN. Read more bombasafaris.fi

Jet Ski Tour Around Kynsisaari Island. Set off to explore the stunning scenery of Lake Pielinen on a jet ski. As you ride, the landscape unfolds around you, offering both breathtaking views and the thrill of speed. During the tour, we stop to admire the scenery and enjoy snacks. Departures available weekly. Duration approx. 2,5 hours. Price: 250 €/person, including jet ski rental, life jackets, snacks, and guidance. Additional passenger: 70 €/person. Minimum group size: 1 person. Departure from the Kalevanhovi safari house. Guidance: FI/EN. Read more at 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

The canoeing excursion in two-person Inca canoes follows the Karhujoki River toward Neitivirta and on to Lake Karhujärvi. During the trip, we stop at a wilderness hut to enjoy snacks by the campfire. Paddling distance: approx. 6 km. The tour is also suitable for beginners. Transport from Nurmes is available separately upon request. Duration: approx. 2–2,5 hours. Price: 85 €/person, including equipment, guidance, and snacks. Registration no later than 3 days in advance: aksytammat.fi, 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 10 €/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. 39 €/adult, 19,50 €/4–11 yrs. Minimum group size: 2 persons. 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

The Guesthouse's Karelian à la carte dinner is served on Thursdays at 7 PM between July 1 and August 30. Enjoy authentic Karelian delicacies in a relaxed, unhurried atmosphere. Price: €39 per adult, €19.50 for children aged 5–12. More information and bookings: aksytammat.fi, tel. +358 50 477 2570.

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 Alpaca Farm 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. Puiroontie 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 Alpaca Farm opens its gates to **picnic visitors** on Wednesdays in July from 3 PM to 5 PM. Enjoy your picnic treats in the delightful company of alpacas! Please register by 10 AM on the same day. Participation fee: 10 € / person; free for children under 4 yrs. Puiroontie 63, located at Kivikkola Farm. Weather permitting. Bookings tel. +358 45 783 719 54. 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 44 590 0406 or +358 45 3248031. Kivikkolan tila, Puiroontie 63. Guidance: EN/FI

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EVENTS

29 May – 4 September. Dance events at Kajaste – on Fridays (+ 20 June)

6 June. Tohakka Club at Bomba House: Loimolan Voima – Karelian-language folk-rock music

27 June, 11 AM – 4 PM – Kauppala 150th Anniversary Picnic, Nurmes Harbour

26–27 June, 3–5 July. Bomba summer theater – Musical play 'Sisko' (in Finnish)

29 June, 12 PM – 6 PM – Kauppala 150th Anniversary Summer Market, Nurmes Market Square

27 June – 5 July. Nurmes Summer Music: Natura - Top musicians gather together to play classical music from all eras. Enjoy concerts in unique venues on different places of Nurmes region

6–12 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 10–11 July

31 July – 2 August. Rompepäivät – Come and find treasures to buy in the marketplace. A hobby vehicle exhibition

8 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

21–23 August. East Finland Wool Festival - Friends of the wool get-together: yarn market, workshop, live music and fun

14–15 August. Drive-In & Rock - Rock n' roll music, American cars and a drive-in movie

29 August. Tohakka Club at Bomba House: Surento – Karelian-language lament singing and traditional rune singing

Summer markets
Kauppatori: 15 June, 22 June, 29 June, 6 July, 20 July, 8 August

Porokylän tori: 13 July

Valtimo: 27 July

Bomba 'kesätori' summer square – Karelian handicrafts' summer boutique and flea market is open 29 June – 9 August from 11:00 AM to 5:00 PM. The Ylä-Karjala Craftsmen's Shop is open from June 12 to August 30, daily from 12:00 PM to 6:00 PM. At the Karelian café, you can enjoy a Kalevala-themed exhibition by the artist Alma Pääkkönen.

More events at: visitbomba.fi/tapahtumat

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



SUMMER



Bomba 2026

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**, **Orthodox chapel**, the monuments and **Kalevala Film Village**, 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 (old market town) 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

At **Kötsi Museum**, you can explore the history of the Nurmes region through a variety of exhibitions, as well as archival amateur films and short documentary films that shed light

on local life. The museum's permanent exhibition covers Karelian evacuees, the Palm Roma family, the development of transport and commerce in Nurmes, and the cultural life of the area. The exhibition *'Strong Women of the Market Town'*, celebrating the 150th anniversary of the Nurmes market town, is on display from 25 May to 25 September. Opening hours: Mon, Wed 10 am – 7 pm & Tue, Thu, Fri 10 am – 4 pm. Free admission. Nurmes-talo, Kötsintie 2, Nurmes

At **Ikola Open-Air Museum**, you can immerse yourself in the atmosphere of buildings dating from the 18th to the 20th century. The smokehouse cottage and the Rantola house illustrate everyday life in the rural areas of Eastern Finland. In the cowshed of the Ikola farm, exhibitions present the history of the Kuokkastenkoski ironworks, the development of fire services, and the activities of the Nurmes cooperative dairy. On display are animal-themed concrete sculptures by the artist Alma Pääkkönen. The Vinkeli storehouse houses Uddin kauppa (family Udd's shop). The pygmy goats Opri and Jemi live at the end of the cowshed. The main cottage also features a summer café, a museum shop, and an exhibition on the history of the Ikola farm. Opening hours: 15 June – 7 August, Mon–Fri



10 am – 4 pm. Tickets: 8 / 4 € or with the Museum Card. Kotiniementie 2, Nurmes.

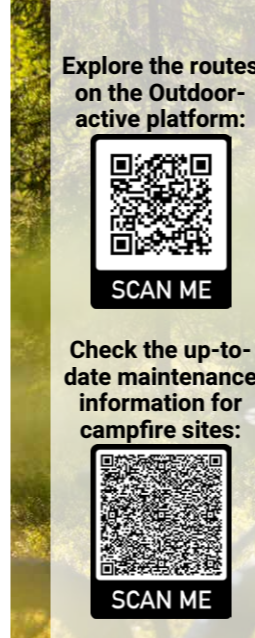
At **Murtovaara**, Finland's only hill settlement museum, visitors can explore the history of the farm on a guided tour led by an expert guide. The half-kilometre walk from the parking area to the courtyard, surrounded by log buildings with birch-bark roofs, feels like a step back in time. Open 27 June – 2 August, Wed–Sun 12 pm – 6 pm. Guided tour package 12 / 4 €, including the tour + coffee and bun (juice and a bun for children). Open for groups by appointment at other times. For more information and bookings: +358 45 138 2705 / Wilma Klippel. Murtovaarantie 260A. Guidance FI/EN/DE.

In the **Valtimon Puukoulu** or Valtimo Wooden School, exhibitions present the history of the cooperative movement, the Martta organisation, and the local fire brigade. This summer, the woodwork classroom features an exhibition about schools in Valtimo. The experience is completed by a newly renovated summer café, showcasing artwork created by pupils of Valtimo School. Open 23 June – 8 August 2026, Tue–Fri 11 am – 5 pm and Sat 10 am – 2 pm. Free admission. Jukolankuja 10.



Viljamakasiini or **Granary Museum** displays peasant artefacts from the early 20th century, including old chainsaws from the forestry machine school. The summer guide introduces the exhibition and granary. Open 30 June – 18 July, Tue–Fri 11 am – 5 pm and Sat 10 am – 2 pm. Free admission. Keskuskatu 60.

Omatoimimuseo 'self-service museum' presents the history of Valtimo through different traditional professions. The painter, shoemaker and the head of the municipality have their own department. New: a versatile pharmacy section. Open Mon–Thu 9 am – 3 pm and Fri 9 am – 2 pm or whenever the library is open. Free entry. Kunnantie 1, Valtimo.



Explore the routes on the Outdoor-active platform:



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Check the up-to-date maintenance information for campfire sites:



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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-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. Verkkajoentie 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-Valtimoentie, 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.

The **Sivakka village trail** winds through the village roads of Sivakkavaara, which has been inhabited since the 16th century. You can complete the 6-kilometer route on foot or by bike. There are signs from the village road to the ancient cemetery of Vastasmännikö and the Weeping Stone. It is also worth stopping at the Autiotampi lean-to on Salmijärventie 191, from where you can hike to the Hiidenportti National Park. The trail to the Murtovaara House Museum also starts from the lean-to shelter. 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 Youth and Holiday Centre!** 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, Karhunkäähä beach village and Ylikylä agricultural landscape.

Step into the region's stories through free immersive route powered by **AR technology!** The **'Footprints of the Kalevala' experience** route from Hyvärilä to Ritonieniemi takes you into the mythical world of Finland's national epic. **Read more about the route at: visitbomba.fi/en.**

