



HAPPY VILLAGES

On the shores of happiness



KEMIJÄRVI

LAPLAND

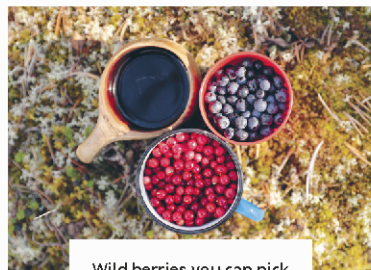
LAPLAND
Above Ordinary



KEMIJÄRVI

ON THE SHORES OF HAPPINESS

Kemijärvi beckons you to immerse yourself in Lapland's magnificent lake district, rugged highlands, handsome fells and calming wilderness. Happiness in Kemijärvi lies in its pure nature and local way of life, that concentrates on the true essence of quality living. Fresh fish, pike, pikeperch and perch are brought to the dinner table right from your own shore, and you can pick bilberries from your surroundings to bake a delicious bilberry pie. Whether it's food or living in general, life in Kemijärvi is uncomplicated and this creates happiness, naturally.



Wild berries you can pick yourself are the best packed lunches ever.



Happiness on the jetty
surrounded by water and
highlands.

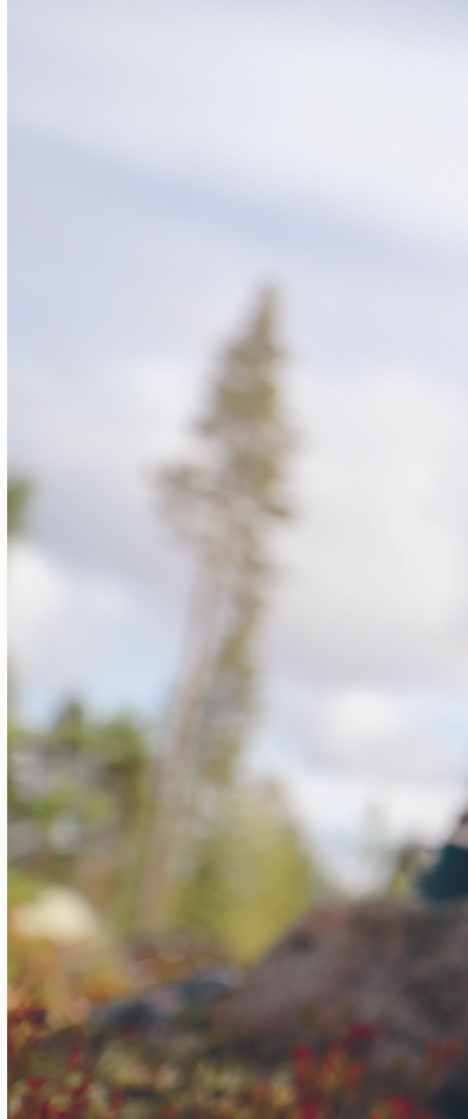




HAPPY VILLAGES

AUTHENTIC LOCAL EXPERIENCES

Already 7,000 years of happy living. The closeness of water and forests and the elements of good living they provide: fishing, hunting and berry-picking opportunities and other natural produce have attracted people to the Happy Villages since the Stone Age times to today. The long and rich history is evident in the housing, culture and various events of the Happy Villages.






Late summer and autumn are the best times for experiencing natural produce.

Kemijärvi's Happy Villages are all located in Lapland's Lake District right by the water. Sandy shores invite you to relax as the sun heats the sand you step on, while lakes invite you to fish and enjoy the gentle sound of rippling water as you sail with a boat. The lakes freeze over in the winter and are covered with snow, creating a magical snowscape. Wintertime moments of happiness in Lapland's Lake District are the liberating feeling skiing over frozen lakes and ice fishing moments.

Each Happy Village has its own peculiarities and idyllic characteristics, best experienced by visiting the villages yourself.





Warm summer evenings
are enjoyed on sandy
shores with friends.



HAPPY VILLAGE FEATURES

HIKING OPPORTUNITIES

FISHING, HUNTING AND BERRY-PICKING OPPORTUNITIES

LAKE SHORES

ROUTES

- Nature trails
- Hiking routes
- Snowmobile routes
- Cycling routes
- Boating routes
- Boat launching places





BIRDWATCHING

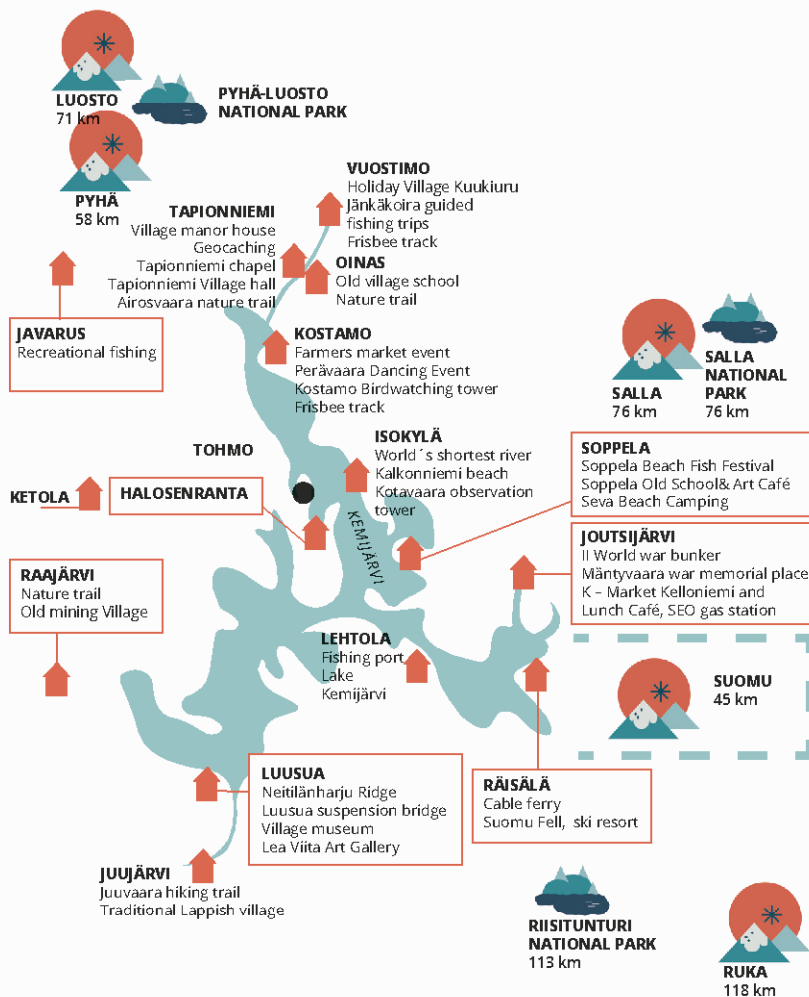
OUTDOOR RECREATION STRUCTURES AND RECREATIONAL AREAS



WELCOME TO LAPLAND'S *lake district*

SURROUNDED BY SKI RESORTS!

-  TOWN CENTRE
-  VILLAGE
-  SKI RESORT
-  NATIONAL PARK





Begin a journey into authentic local experiences. The Happy Villages shoreline route is full of delightful experiences in Lapland's Lake District. Lake sceneries, highlands, fells and wilderness highlighted by the quaint local cultures make the Happy Villages shoreline route the idyllic way to go.



The Juuvaara hiking route traverses fragmented rock fields and provides beautiful scenery to admire.



HAPPY VILLAGES – PRIDE AND JOY OF THE SHORELINE ROUTE

Kotavaara Panoramic Tower in Isokylä

Hirvenhiihdon Hankicup Skiing Competition in Javarus

Lapland's only remaining Cable Ferry and wintertime Frozen Road in Räisälä

Canoeing trips on the Javarusjoki River in Tapionniemi



Rural market event and Perävaara Dance in Kostamo

Geocaching sites and Kalkonninemi Swimming Beach in Isokylä

Hunajalampi Recreational Area in Joutsijärvi

Otsavaara Cave in Lehtola

Raajärvi Geological Nature Trail

Räisälä – Suomotunturi Fell

Pyhä-Luosto National Park

Salpa Line Concrete Bunkers in Joutsijärvi

Stone Age dwelling site in Ämmänvaara





This is the start of the Happy Villages shoreline route adventure. Each Happy Village is presented individually and each village has its own characteristic things to see and do.

Experience something local and authentic and fall in love!



KETOLA

VILLAGE FULL OF HISTORY



The village of Ketola has an airfield, built during the war in 1941, that is still used to this day.



**PIECES OF
HAPPINESS**

**SMALL AIRFIELD
SARRION SHOOTING RANGE**



TOHMO

CLOSE TO TOWN



Located near the town centre, the village offers a wide range of nature pursuits to take your fancy. The Peurakangas Ski Trails and fishing jetty are Tohmo's special features.



**PIECES OF
HAPPINESS**

PEURAKANGAS SKI TRAILS
BOAT DOCK
FISHING JETTY
MIAN POROTILA REINDEER FARM
OUTINEN RIDING CENTRE



**FIND
FROM THE
PICTURE?**

Recognise the
horse breed?
The Finnhorse is
a docile companion
on a trip.

Outinen Riding Centre
offers horse-riding and
reindeer sleigh ride
experiences throughout
the year.



JAVARUS

VILLAGE BETWEEN LAKES



Hiking trips and lake district scenery viewed from the hilltop, that is Javarus at its best. Javarus also happens to be the most internationally renowned of the villages, thanks to its annual Hirvenhiihdon Hankicup Skiing Competition and Dog Show.



**PIECES OF
HAPPINESS**

**MÄNNIKÖHARJU AND
KOMIO CAMPFIRE SHELTERS
KYLÄTALO VILLAGE HALL
(FORMER SCHOOL, BUILT
IN 1928)**



Prize-winning ceremony at the village ice fishing competition.



The Village Hall is a meeting place and venue for village events.



TAPIONNIEMI

LAPPISH VILLAGE OF THE YEAR 2019
VILLAGE EMBRACED BY TWO RIVERS



Tapionniemi with its excellent connections facilitates easy access to the wonders of the Pyhä-Luosto National Park. Flowing into the Kemijoki River, the Javarusjoki River with its rapid water sections, offers a wide range of opportunities for fishing and activities. Tapionniemi's old school, built in 1932, is a site of high interest in terms of building style, cultural heritage and surrounding landscapes.

www.tapionniemi.fi



**PIECES OF
HAPPINESS**

**VILLAGE MANOS ACCOMMODATION
ACCOMMODATION, SUMMER CAFÉ
BOAT LAUNCHING PLACES AND JETTY FOR SWIMMERS
ICE ROAD (TAPIONNIEMI – OINAS-KALKIAINEN)
PARISH CHAPEL
NATUREPATH, GEO CATCHING AND EVENTS**



Untouched snow and well-maintained ski slopes make you want to ski.



PYHÄ

FELL OF ADVENTURE

The Pyhä ski resort offers a wide range of pastimes to experience, as well as restaurants and plenty of events throughout the year. Pyhä Express Lift taking you to the fell summit, is a must experience in Pyhä.

READ MORE AT pyha.fi



**PIECES OF
HAPPINESS**

**NATIONAL PARK
DISC GOLF
VISITOR CENTRE
NAAVA**





VUOSTIMO

NORTHERNMOST VILLAGE



Take a peek inside the Second Hand Store located in the former Village School, make some northern discoveries and chat over a cup of coffee about the many events of the Vuostimo Village Association, such as its ice fishing competitions and village festivities.



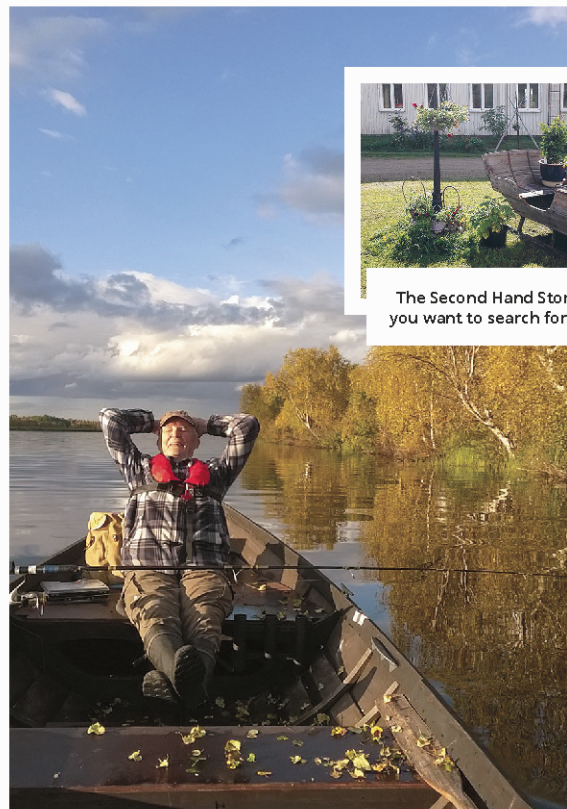
**PIECES OF
HAPPINESS**

**VUOSTIMON NUORISOSEURANTALO
(YOUTH CLUB)**

**JAVARUSVASTUU PICNIC AREA
AT THE PYHÄTUNTURI JUNCTION**

**KALASTUSMATKAILU JÄNKÄKOIRA
(FISHING)**

DISC GOLF COURSE



The Second Hand Store makes
you want to search for treasure.



OINAS- KALKIAINEN



SHORE RELAXATION

Beaches for swimming and campfire spots invite you to relax on the Oinas shores. Oinas is also the location of Kemijärvi's third oldest school. The school now functions as a part-time school museum and due to its age, it's definitely worth a visit.



**PIECES OF
HAPPINESS**

**ICE ROAD
BIRDWATCHING TOWER
NATURE TRAIL
OINAS SCHOOL**



A bunch of flowers
picked from the
meadow.



Perävaaran Huvikeskus
offers breathtaking
views over the town of
Kemijärvi.



KOSTAMO

CHERISHING TRADITIONS



Kostamo is renowned for its traditions, distinctly evident in its buildings and village sights – with the Wilhelm Cabin and Isonvihan Monument. Get those dancing shoes on and head for the traditional summertime Perävaara Dance, for more traditional styles of dance. In October, the Rural Market Event takes hold of the village.



**PIECES OF
HAPPINESS**

**FRISBEEGOLF TRAIL
KARINIEMI BOAT DOCK,
SWIMMING BEACH AND
PICNIC AREA
PERÄVAARAN HUVIKESKUS**



ISOKYLÄ

SEE & EXPERIENCE BIG



Isokylä provides a whole range of things to do, from geocaching to fishing. Kotavaara Panoramic Tower is a favoured spot for outstanding views over Kemijärvi. The village is full of great fishing spots both in summer and winter. In early spring, you will not want to miss the turmoil at Piilopato as the ice on the frozen waterway begins to break up, and in the summertime the Kalkonniemi Sands.

Seine Fishing Gang in Ämmänselkä. Ämmänvaara in the background, the top of which holds an ancient sacrificial site.



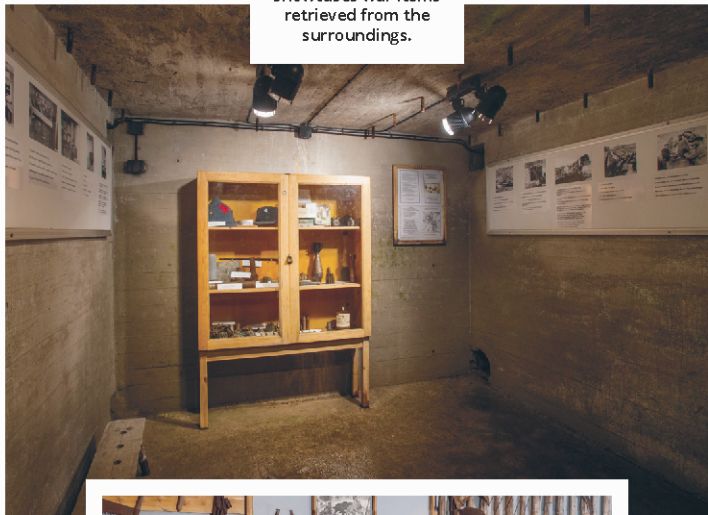
**PIECES OF
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KOTAVAARA PANORAMIC TOWER
KALKONNIEMI SANDY SWIMMING BEACH
KALKONNIEMI HIDDEN DAM
BOAT DOCK AT VÄLIKANGAS
THREE BOAT LAUNCHING PLACES





The Concrete Bunker showcases war items retrieved from the surroundings.



JOUTSIJÄRVI

VISIT THE VILLAGE SHOP



Pop in for a spot of shopping at the only village shop of the Happy Villages and have a bite to eat at the lunchtime cafeteria. After filling your tummy with delicious treats, what better that to continue to Hunajalampi recreational Area for some refreshment, and see the Salpa Line Concrete Bunker and Mäntyvaara War Memorial to pay homage to and respect the war history of the region. Joutsijärvi was also the filming location for M.A. Numminen's Herra Huu movie. The movie was filmed in Kemijärvi's first poorhouse located in Hautaniemi, which is also the oldest building in the village, dating back to 1905. The shore by the building is the village swimming beach.



**PIECES OF
HAPPINESS**

**HUNAJAMÄKI
M.A. NUMMISEN HERRA HUU
-ELOKUVAN KUVAUSPAIKKA
KYLÄKAUPPA, SEO- REFUELLING POINT
UIMARANTA
VIRKISTYSKALASTUSALUE**



The locals also visit the historical areas of the village to remember the history of the area.



RÄISÄLÄ



LAPLAND'S CABLE FERRY

You can't miss a trip on Lapland's only cable ferry in Räisälä. The Räisälä Cable Ferry was chosen in 2017 as Finland's best cable ferry site. In addition to offering excellent skiing and hiking opportunities, the many events organised in the village of Räisälä keep providing visitors with new experiences. The Riutukas Cabin is located in the Tonkopuro Stream area, where you can explore old stream trolling traditions. Hotel Suomotunturi Restaurant World is a great place to stop for a rest and enjoy some good food.



**PIECES OF
HAPPINESS**

TONKOPURO STREAM

ICE ROAD

**SWIMMING BEACH AND BOAT
DOCK ON CABLE FERRY SHORE**

PARISH CHAPEL



SUOMU

ARCTIC CIRCLE LEGEND



The ski resort and surroundings provide outstanding settings for visitors to enjoy pastimes. Accommodation in the area's cabins or hotels is handled with ease. In the summertime, the Suomu Birdwatching Tower and Käämäjoki Suspension Bridge make you want to head outdoors.

READ MORE AT suomutunturi.fi



**PIECES OF
HAPPINESS**

**SNOWMOBILE ROUTES
CROSS-COUNTRY SKIING TRACKS
HUSKY SAFARIS**



In the glistening
springtime snowscapes,
skiers bathe in the sun
on the terrace.





LEHTOLA

FISHING VILLAGE

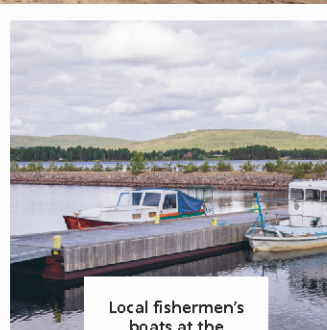


Lehtola has excellent fishing spots set in the heart of the lake district scenery. The village has a fishing harbour built by the Finnish Maritime Administration that is used by fishermen. The village swimming beach is also located near the harbour.



**PIECES OF
HAPPINESS**

**BOAT LAUNCHING PLACE
AILANKA SANDY SHORES
OTSAVAARA CAVE
ARCTIC CIRCLE SIGN**



Local fishermen's
boats at the
boating harbour.



SOPPELA

REINDEER HERDERS' VILLAGE

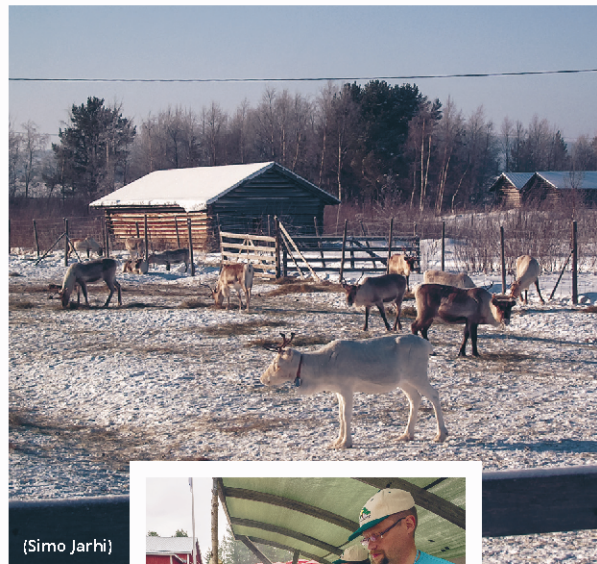


Archaeological excavations were initiated in Soppela in 2005, and the village does indeed have a long history. Soppela's current agriculturally based settlements first started back in the last quarter of the eighteenth century. The farm work ranged from cultivating crops and cattle husbandry, but was especially focused on reindeer herding. Compared to the size of the village, Soppela is a significant hub for reindeer herding and reindeer husbandry professionals.



**PIECES OF
HAPPINESS**

**LINTUJÄRVI LAKE
KAISAKANGAS HUNTING PITS
RANTAKALAJUHLA FESTIVITIES
ÄMMÄNVAARA NATURE TRAIL**

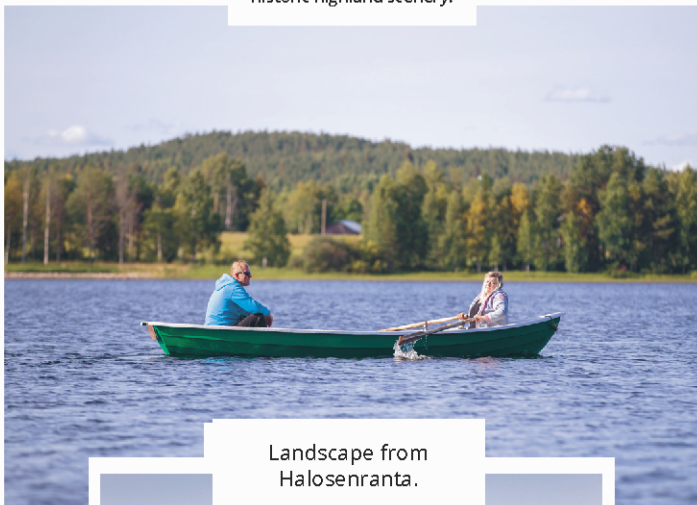


(Simo Jarhi)





Sailing through old and
historic highland scenery.



Landscape from
Halosenranta.



HALOSEN RANTA

CRADLE OF LIFE



Halosenranta is the oldest Finnish-inhabited village of Kemijärvi, which is commemorated with the Paavali Halonen Monument. Rising up from the eastern shore of the bay, the Termusvaara Hill has been regarded as a holy site for the indigenous Sámi, and it is rumoured that a hidden cache of silver was found here in the nineteenth century.



**PIECES OF
HAPPINESS**

**PÖYLIÖVAARA HIKING TRAIL
PAAVALI HALONEN MONUMENT**



LUUSUA

VILLAGE OF CULTURE



Art Gallery, Village Museum and Neitiharju that has evidence of dwellings dating back thousands of years – these are what Luusua is made of. Neitiharju is indeed one of Lapland's oldest known settlements. The Luusua village is also a good spot for accessing the hiking trail and perhaps the Luusuan Luomu half marathon and ten-kilometre race.



A day trip to the Luusua Village Museum.



**PIECES OF
HAPPINESS**

PARISH CHAPEL

VILLAGE MUSEUM: SOME OF LAPLAND'S FEW EXISTING BUILDINGS DATING BACK TO THE EIGHTEENTH CENTURY.

MATKATUPA AND NIITTYWILLA

LUUSUA SUSPENSION BRIDGE AND DAM EMBANKMENTS





JUUJÄRVI

NATIONALLY
RENOWNED



The village of Juujärvi has been classed as being set in a valuable landscape region and being an important cultural environment. The village has old buildings, farmhouses and barns, and summertime sheds. Fleamarket Events, Summertime Dance, Christmas Bazaar and Ice Fishing Competitions provide plenty to do in the village whatever the season.



**PIECES OF
HAPPINESS**

**JUUVAARA
HIKING ROUTE**

**SEITAKORVA
POWER PLANT**

**JUUJÄRVI
HANDICRAFT ARTISTS**



Take a cycling tour of the Juujärvi village to admire old buildings and barns.



Old
Mining Village
Tower



**PIECES OF
HAPPINESS**

**GEOLOGICAL NATURE TRAIL
LEVEÄSELKÄ REINDEER ENCLOSURE
LEVEÄSELKÄ MINE TOWER**



RAAJÄRVI



OLD MINING VILLAGE IN THE HEART OF WILDERNESS

Raajärvi provides a wide range of pastimes for hunting and nature people alike. Those after extreme experiences will be pleased with the activities provided in Raajärvi, including off-road routes and deep diving. The Old Mining Village and geologically fascinating surroundings tells once more of minerals discovered and the Katisko Wilderness offers you peace and tranquillity.





VILLAGES FULL OF HAPPINESS

Happiness is river shores, glistening snowscapes,
history and life ahead. Make sure you're happy. The villages are.

**VIEW
ONLINE
VERSIO**



Euroopan maaseudun
kehittämisen maatalousrahasio:
Eurooppa investoi maaseutualueisiin



LEADER

Pohjoisin Lappi