



Cultural adventure in Kainuu

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Puolanka

Puolanka – since you are here already, you might as well make a stop. Empty retail spaces and an old gas station will fuel you with local power. You can also find local power at Hepoköngäs hiking area, home to one of the highest waterfalls in Finland, and at Paljakka, a dream destination for every winter sports enthusiast.

Paltamo

In Paltamo, you can experience everything from carnivals to mythical landscapes. When the summer events start, you'll have plenty to do. If you crave peace in nature, take a walk along the Autioniemi trail or hike to the mythical Kivesvaara, which also inspired one of the pioneers of Finnish poetry, Eino Leino.

Kajaani

Can you call yourself a cultural traveler if you haven't visited Kajaani yet? Kajaani Poetry Week is the summer destination for every true poetry lover. The city theatre is artistically high-class, ambitious, and cosy. Discover a historical perspective at the castle ruin!



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Suomussalmi

In Suomussalmi, culture, nature, and history meet in an impressive way. Fill the forest with music at The Musical Forest, walk amongst the Silent People, and read ancient signs at Hossa's colourful rock face.

Hyrynsalmi

Nature, traditional culture, and contemporary art – yes, please! Visit the Mustarinda Artist House, where contemporary art, science, and ecological rebuilding combine. At the Kaunislehto Farm Museum you can see traces of traditional peasant life. And when you want action, head to Ukkohalla!

Ristijärvi

In Ristijärvi, you can eat well and enjoy music and unique natural attractions! Taste traditional delicacies at the Bread Cheese Fair, experience the Hymn Singing Festival, and visit the stunning beach at Hiisijärvi lake. Stay overnight in Saukkovaara and go hiking, skiing, and sledding with the whole family!

Sotkamo

Follow stunning landscapes and fascinating traces of the past. Naapurinvaara is one of Kainuu's oldest settlement areas – there you can hike, ski, and dance at one of Finland's most famous dance pavilions. Hiidenportti National Park features high rock walls, waterfalls, and forgotten hideouts. Hiukka Light Art lights up the Hiukka Beach when it gets dark.

Kuhmo

Kuhmo is a literature town! Living connection to the Finnish epic poetry collection Kalevala is Kuhmo's treasure. The Juminkeko Cultural Center preserves the Kalevala-related cultural heritage. Kuhmo is also a music town: Kuhmo Chamber Music and the Sommelo Music Festival offer a top-notch selection for music lovers. Kuhmo Winter celebrates Kainuu's cultural heritage with various events.

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