



Arctic ice paddling in the Bay of Bothnia

Join us on a unique ice paddling adventure in the Bay of Bothnia, on the shores of Kalajoki. Experience the arctic spring sea, taste the salty water on your lips, feel a connection with the sea when paddling amongst the floating ice. You might even see a seal enjoying spring sun amongst the ice. All this will be done under the supervision of skilled and experienced paddling guides as well as a safety vessel DMS Matilda, securing the paddling excursion out on the arctic sea.

Our goal is to find the best possible conditions for ice paddling, even if this means a longer boat ride out to the sea. The arctic sea in the Bay of Bothnia and the weather conditions are always unpredictable. The piles of ice float around. If the nature is on our side, we will find suitable paddling conditions easily, but we will also prepare ourselves in travelling a bit further on DMS Matilda and go paddling from the safety vessel. If weather conditions are suitable, we will also visit Maakalla island, 18 km from the mainland Kalajoki, and meet the hospitality of the islanders. The history and arctic nature make this little island unique and well worth visiting.

Our base on the mainland is Leppikarvo cottage in the heart of the Rahja archipelago and home port is Konikarvo. Our adventure is secured by DMS Matilda, a boat registered for 10 persons. Matilda works as a safety vessel during paddling and ensures a comfortable stay out on the sea when needed, due to a warm cabin and a toilet.

During our adventurous excursion in Kalajoki, the accommodation has been organized in new, well-equipped apartments in the heart of the holiday area. The distance from the holiday area to our paddling base Leppikarvo is approximately 8 km (10 minutes by car).

All the meals mentioned in the program have been planned with our catering service with local ingredients and flavours in mind.

PROGRAM

Day 1

15.00 onwards	Arrival in Kalajoki, check-in. Accommodation in apartments.
17.00	Pick-up from the apartments, transfer to Leppikarvo cottage.
17.15	Welcome, coffee/tea, refreshments and sandwiches. Our guides go through the program, safety issues and share the needed equipment.
18.00	Basic paddling technique – check-up and safety procedures in Rahja archipelago, from the Leppikarvo cottage.
20.00	Evening snack in Leppikarvo cottage.
21.00	Transfer back to the holiday area.

Day 2

8.00	Breakfast in the apartments, delivered.
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10.00	Transfer to Konikarvo port, departure on the paddling excursion. The safety vessel takes us further out to the sea. We will start paddling from the vessel or from the Maakalla island. Our goal is to find the safest and best possible ice paddling conditions.
12.00	Lunch out on the sea, onboard on DMS Matilda or in Maakalla island.
17.00	Return to Konikarvo port, transfer to the holiday area. Free time to freshen up after our day of paddling.
18.45	Transfer back to Leppikarvo cottage.
19.00	Dinner in Leppikarvo cottage. During dinner we exchange our thoughts on the days excursion. Going through the next days program.
22.00	Transfer to the holiday area.

Day 3

8.00	Breakfast in the apartments, delivered. Check-out will be by 12.00, so all luggages should be packed and taken along.
10.30	Transfer to Konikarvo port, departure on the day 2 paddling excursion. The safety vessel takes us further out to the sea. We will start paddling from the vessel or from the Maakalla island. Another option for the days paddling is Rahja archipelago.
12.30	Lunch out on the sea, onboard on DMS Matilda.
14.30	Return to Konikarvo port. Conclusion of ice paddling excursion in Leppikarvo cottage, where we go through our thoughts and experiences. All participants will be given a certificate. It is possible to wash up or go to sauna in Leppikarvo cottage before departure.

Duration:	3 days, 2 nights
Group size:	min 4 persons, max 6 persons
Availability:	April - May

Price starting from 2200 €/ person, when 6 persons participating:

- ✓ Accommodation in apartments for 2 nights
- ✓ Meals and transfers according to the program
- ✓ Paddling guide services and boat transfers according to the program
- ✓ Dry suit
- ✓ Kayak, including a life jacket, paddle, kayak cover

For extra fee:

- ✓ Extra nights in the accommodation 89 €/ hlö
- ✓ Other possible extra services



Please note:

Participants should have the basic skills in paddling. For more information concerning this issue: timo@lappis.fi

Ice paddling is a unique product, which is available during a limited time in the spring and is made possible thanks to skilled and professional paddling guides and a good safety vessel.

Please ask for other paddling excursions in the Bay of Bothnia!

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