

LAPLAND HOTEL PALLAS SUMMER WEEK PROGRAM

16.6.-31.8.2015

In the summer, you can go on an outing whenever you feel like it. Some people like to get up early and enjoy the morning whereas others like to stay in bed and sleep late. That's why we have planned our summer outings so that you can explore nature whenever you want. Do remember that the mail bus leaves from the hotel for Pyhäjoki on Thursdays at 10 am.

MONDAY

Pallastunturi Nature Centre

The week starts with a visit to the Pallastunturi Nature Centre. The shorter Pallas routes start at the corner of the Nature Centre and the hotel. The free exhibition at the Nature Centre presents the geology, vegetation, fauna and culture of Pallas-Yllästunturi. You will receive information on hiking possibilities and travel services. At the Nature Centre, you can get hiking maps and fishing equipment for Lake Pallas. You can visit the Nature Centre between 9 am and 4 pm.

TUESDAY

Vatikuru Nature Trail 3 km

The Nature Trail shows you the life of the fell and the history of Pallas. The three kilometres long eight-figure starts between the hotel and the Nature Centre. This route will also take you to the ruins of the old hotel. By going anticlockwise, the uphill slopes are not quite so steep. A part of the upper route trails Vatikuru towards Taivaskero. You can get a map and the story about the old hotel from the reception. You can go for the hike at any time you wish to.

WEDNESDAY

Pancake party at the Kota

About 1.5 kilometres from the hotel, at the end of Orava Avenue, there is a Kota upheld by Metsähallitus (National Board of Forestry) where you can make pancakes and have coffee at the side of the hill, admiring the view. Fresh water for the coffee can be fetched from the fell brook streaming by the kota. You can get a backpack with all the necessary equipment for the hike from the reception. Backpack contents for two 10€ and for four 15€. Do return the backpack to the reception after the pancake party, please. You can make pancakes at any time you wish to.





THURSDAY

Pyhäjoki Nature Trail 3.5 km

Due to its versatility, this Nature Trail is definitely one of the best day trips in all of Western Lapland. By the trail, there is a fir three grove bursting with ferns, old giant trees, a cloudberry bog, a juniper field and a stunning rapid. En route, there are information boards that contain facts about the surrounding nature. The Nature Trail starts at the road between Lake Jeris and Raattama, near the shore of Lake Pallas. You can get there easily by either your own car, or you can get a ride on the mail bus at 10 am. With the bus, you can get to the beginning of the path and hike back to the hotel skirting Palkaskero. In this case, the whole hike is about 10 km. A small hike guide and map from the reception 10€. Ride on the mail bus about 5€/person.



FRIDAY

Old films at Pallas

Friday is a day of rest and it is spent by enjoying old films. Get comfortable, order a fresh drink from the bar and you're set! Old films are played at 4 pm and 8 pm. And we're not fussy about the schedule. If you'd like to watch the films before or after the predetermined times, just ask the personnel to play the films for you.



SATURDAY

Packed lunch at a Kota

About 1.5 kilometres from the hotel, at the end of Orava Avenue, there is a Kota upheld by Metsähallitus (National Board of Forestry) where you can enjoy sitting at the fire and roast sausages. The packed lunch backpack includes e.g. coffee making materials, mustard and sausages, and the local sweet pastry mettäkakko. Backpack contents for two 10€ and for four 15€. Do return the backpack to the reception after the trip, please. You can roast sausages at any time you wish to.



SUNDAY

Palkaskero hike and a visit to a gnome gate, approx. 7km

You can easily reach the rocky top by taking the marked route that starts at the corner of the hotel. The climb takes you 700 m above sea level. The treeless top of the fell is even, so it's a good idea to make a round at the top to get a view all the way down to the bottom of the valley. From the top, you won't see a peek of Lake Pallas, but you only need to walk 50 metres east and you'll behold a gorgeous view of the lake that is teeming with fish. There is a gushing spring between Pallaskero and Palkaskero. The water of the spring appears to be boiling since groundwater is spurting up with air bubbles from the bottom of the puddle. This spring is said to be a gnome gate. The Palkaskero marked route intentionally bypasses the spring but you can get a map and pointers on how to find the spring from the reception. Please appreciate what you see and do behave accordingly. The gnomes don't like if stones are thrown into the spring... A small hike guide and map from the reception 10€.





TAIVASKERO - THE TALLEST AND MOST BEAUTIFUL

In the summery fells, time stops and you can fully enjoy the peace of nature and the beauty of the Finnish scenery. In Pallas, the week is easily eight days long. So if you'd like to hike on the fells and have a true hiker's day trip, you can head for Taivaskero which is the tallest fell of Pallastunturi, i.e. 809 metres above sea level. Taivaskero is the highest fell in Western Lapland, only Kilpisjärvi has higher ones. The top of Taivaskero is wide, so if you make a round at the top you'll be able to see in all directions and the fells Olos, Ylläs and Levi. During the Summer Olympic Games held in Helsinki in 1952, a second symbolic flame was lit at the top of Taivaskero with the sunbeams of the midnight sun. At the top of Taivaskero, there is a plaque commemorating the lighting of the torch. The hike from the corner of the hotel to the top of Taivaskero is four kilometres long and you can return to the hotel through the marked Laukukero summer route. The length of the route is then 9 kilometres. A small hike guide and map from the reception 10€.