

Ilomantsi- the center of Karelian culture and food

The bardic village of Parppeinvaara invites you to explore the rich tapestry of Karelian culture. Spend an enchanting moment listening to Finnish kantele music and see the diverse exhibitions of Parppeinvaara led by a guide. The exhibition at the Mesikkä Animal Museum centers around the relationship between people and nature; the traditions, hunting and the special features of the local flora and fauna. The Border General's Cabin served as the headquarters of Major General Erkki Raappana in the war years 1941-1944 at Rukajärvi. In the renewed exhibition you can learn more about Erkki Raappana and his action during the war.

Museum building of Mateli Kuivalatar can also be seen in Parppeinvaara Bardic Village. Kuivalatar was a bard from Ilomantsi and some of her poems can be found in Kanteletar, a well-known collection of Finnish folk poetry. Karelian cuisine is cherished at Restaurant Parppeinpiirti. Traditional Karelian pastries and other delicacies are made in the restaurant. For lunch we will enjoy the Modern Karelian Buffet. After lunch a sightseeing tour at the village of Ilomantsi. We will see both the Orthodox and Lutheran churches of Ilomantsi. We will stop for shopping at the handicraft center Piirolan Piha.

At the end of the day a visit to the eldest berry- vinery in Finland Hermannin Viinitila. Guided tour at the vinery and winetasting. Possibility for shopping. Return to the place of accommodation.

Price of the excursion and group size:
105 €/ person, group size 6-12 persons.

The price includes the above-mentioned programme with meals, guidance and transfer, liability insurance, and VAT 10–24%.

Duration of the programme:
with transfers about 6-7 hours.

Availability of the excursion:
Round the year.

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