

Activities at Koli 4.3.-10.3.



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| <p>Monday to Friday</p> | <p>Snowshoeing excursion to Ukko-Koli at 10 am. To the enchanting wintry forest of the Koli national landscape and the oldest rock in Europe. On this excursion the guide will introduce the hikers to the technique of snowshoeing and tell stories about Koli on the way. The terrain on the fells is variable, but we will go slow, admiring the views. We meet at the Nature Centre Ukko. Price: 20 €/person, persons 1-20 years 1 € per year. Sign-ups by 3 pm the day before. kolisales@koliactiv.fi, tel. +358 400 857 557, Koli Activ Oy, Ylä-Kolintie 39, Koli, www.koliactiv.fi.</p> |
| <p>Monday to Sunday</p> | <p>Karu trip to Hells Gate at 10 am to 2 pm. Join us for a half-day snowshoe adventure to one of the most magical nature destinations in Joensuu area. Our trip starts from meeting point at Botania (10 am), botanical garden where you will meet your guide. From the meeting point there will be a short (45 min) drive to starting point of the trip. The hike is roughly 2,5 km and terrain is moderate and there are some steeper up and down hills. During the hike we will have several short breaks to enjoy the breathtaking nature and views. Group size: 2-8 persons. The trip includes guide, transportation from Joensuu, Botania botanical garden to Hell's Gate and back, the second meeting point is in ABC gas station, Uurolantie 4 Kontiolahti where we go after Botania, snowshoes and ski poles (if you want, you can bring your own snowshoes), hot tea and coffee with small snack. Booking: 24h before the activity mikko@karusurvival.com. Price: 50 €/person (we accept credit card payment before activity). Karu Survival Oy, mikko@karusurvival.com, www.karusurvival.com.</p> |
| <p>Monday, Wednesday and Friday</p> | <p>Call of the Sliding-step Snowshoes at 3 pm. Get acquainted with the ultimate vehicle, a fantastic way to move about in wintry nature. This sport combines the best features of snowshoes and traditional forest skis. The traction wings on the ski bottoms provide traction when you are going uphill and the shortness of the skis makes it easier to control your slide down. We first practice the downhill slide on a gentle open slope to get a feeling for the functioning of sliding snowshoes. After the initial practice session we head for the woods to test the techniques we have just learnt. Come along, acquaint yourself with this exhilarating winter sport and be charmed! Duration: 1.5 hours. Departure: Koli Safari House, Häkinniementie 14, Koli. Price: 35 € per person. kolisales@koliactiv.fi, +358 400 857 557, www.koliactiv.fi.</p> |
| <p>Monday, Wednesday and Friday</p> | <p>Koli, 1 hour snowmobile safaris at 12.30 pm. Price: 110 €/person, the second person on the two seater snowmobile 30 €. Inquiries and reservations: Koli Safari House, Häkinniementie 14, Koli, tel. +358 400 857 557, kolisales@koliactiv.fi, www.koliactiv.fi.</p> |
| <p>Tuesday and Wednesday</p> | <p>Snowshoeing excursion to Rintasenvaara Tuesdays at 3 pm in Loma-Koli. The top of the hill is lower than Ukko-Koli, but the views are equally grand and are well in sight because of the ski slope clearings. On this excursion you'll see a piece of unknown Koli. You don't need previous experience in snowshoeing, it's enough that you are in normal walking condition. The guide will explain the techniques, and you polish them up as you go. Departure: Koli Safari House, Häkinniementie 14, Koli. Price: 20 €/person, persons 6-20 years 1 € per year. Sign-ups by 3 pm the day before. kolisales@koliactiv.fi, tel. +358 400 857 557, www.koliactiv.fi. Koli Activ Oy/Kolin Safaritalo, Häkinniementie 14, Koli.</p> |
| <p>Tuesday and Thursday</p> | <p>Koli, 2 hour snowmobile safaris Tue and Thu at 12.30 pm. Price 125 €/person, the second person on the two seater snowmobile 40 €. Inquiries and reservations: Koli Safari House, Häkinniementie 14, 83960 Koli, tel. +358 400 857 557, kolisales@koliactiv.fi, www.koliactiv.fi.</p> |
| <p>Wednesday March 6</p> | <p>Dogsledge rides on Wednesdays from 11 am to 1 pm, non-stop at Merilänranta, Loma-Koli. The trail is about 1 kilometre long. The price: 25 €/adult and 10 €/child, includes getting acquainted with the sledge dogs and a short ride sitting in a dogsledge steered by the guide. Inquiries and bookings: KoliHusky, tel. +358 408 766 587, kolihusky@racinghusky.com, www.kolihusky.com.</p> |
| <p>Wednesday March 6</p> | <p>FeelKoli Snowshoe Tour on Wednesdays at 11.30 am. 2-hour guided snowshoe tour to the best scenic tops in Koli. On the tour you explore the wintry forest, see beautiful scenery, snow-covered trees, and small ice falls. Price includes hot juice. You are also welcome to join with your own snowshoes. Departure: Koli Shop Retkitupa (In Koli Nature Centre Ukko). Languages of the guide: Finnish and English. Price: excursion 20 € + snowshoe rental 10 €/person, children (10-12 yrs) 10 € + 5 €, respectively. Minimum age: 10 years old. Sign-ups by 5 pm on the day before. Koli Shop Retkitupa, Ylä-Kolintie 39, Koli, +358 400 231 332, info@feelkoli.fi, www.feelkoli.fi.</p> |
| <p>Thursday March 7</p> | <p>Sleigh rides and in-hand riding without appointment on the field from 10 am to 11 am. Paimentupa Tourist Farm, Kotaniementie 1, Koli, tel. +358 400 802 709, info@paimentupa.fi, www.paimentupa.fi.</p> |
| <p>Saturday March 9</p> | <p>FeelKoli Snowshoe Tour at 11.30 am. 2-hour guided snowshoe tour to the best scenic tops in Koli. On the tour you explore the wintry forest, see beautiful scenery, snow-covered trees, and small ice falls. Price includes hot juice. You are also welcome to join with your own snowshoes. Departure: Koli Shop Retkitupa (In Koli Nature Centre Ukko). Languages: Finnish and English. Duration: approx. 2 hrs. Price: guided tour €20 €/adult + snowshoe rental €10 €, children (10-12 yrs. old) €10 € + €5. Minimum age 10 years old. Sign-ups by 5 pm on the day before. Koli Shop Retkitupa Ylä-Kolintie 39, Koli, tel. +358 400 231 332, info@feelkoli.fi, www.feelkoli.fi.</p> |

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Hot sauna and a refreshing dip in the swimming-hole

Private sauna, **starting at** 20 €/hour/2 persons (additional persons 5 €/person). The swimming-hole is illuminated. Towel rent 2 €. **Further information:** Koli Freetime Oy Ltd, Kopravaarantie 27, Ahmovaara, Juuka, tel. +358 103 223 040, koli@kolifreetime.fi, www.kolifreetime.fi.

FeelKoli Snowshoeing Excursion to order for groups. Minimum group size: 1 person.

This 2.5-hour excursion takes us into the wintry forest, to scenic spots, to ice-falls, and into the shadows of mighty spruce trees. On this wintry adventure tour the guide will tell us about Koli, and time is also spared for observing nature in peace and quiet. We also get a hot drink and a light snack en route. **Departure and return:** Koli Shop Retkitupa. **Languages of the guide:** Finnish, English, German, and French. **Price:** excursion 35 € + snowshoe rental 10 €/person, children (10–12 yrs) 20 € + 5 €, respectively. **Age limit:** 10. **Bookings and further information:** Koli Shop Retkitupa Ylä-Kolintie 39, Koli, tel. +358 400 231 332, info@feelkoli.fi, www.feelkoli.fi.

Haapalahti, visit to a reindeer farm. Get acquainted with the reindeer on the farm and feed them lichen.

Price: 13 €/person. The reindeer will eat out of your hand, and you can even take a selfie with a reindeer. The price includes coffee or tea. Inquiries and reservations: **Reservations in advance** by e-mail or WhatsApp Santa's Reindeers, Haapalahdentie 171, Haapalahti, tel. +358 505 924 252, reception@santasreindeers.fi, www.santasreindeers.fi.

Koli, cross-country treks and eventing on Icelandic horses daily. We arrange cross-country treks on good-natured Icelandic horses amidst the magnificent Koli landscapes. The treks are well suited even for first-timers in the saddle. **The durations** of the treks are 1-2 hours. In addition, we offer eventing and in-hand riding for kids. For cross-country treks, the **minimum group size** is 2 persons and the maximum, 6 persons. The recommended age limit for cross-country treks is 12 (unless you go horseback riding regularly), and the **weight limit** is 100 kilos. The temperature limit is -18c.

Do not hesitate to contact us even if you are coming alone (we can often fit in one more to a group) or with a big group. **We start the day's first cross-country trek at 10 am, and it lasts 1-2 hours.** In the afternoon we arrange riding according to demand. **Price:** starting at 35 €/person. Outfit: clothing according to weather plus shoes with thick soles. We will lend you a helmet and leather chaps for the ride. **Advance bookings** for all riding excursions by 6 pm the day before at the latest. **Further information and bookings:** Matkailutila Paimentupa Tourist Farm, Kotaniementie 1, Koli, tel. +358 400 802 709, info@paimentupa.fi, www.paimentupa.fi.

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