



**Welcomes you
to Lake Saimaa**



**We hope you enjoy your time on
our floating raft!**



About the sauna raft

The floating sauna offers a great experience of traditional Finnish sauna rituals. Starting with heating the wood burning stove and carrying the water in from the lake, you can take a break and enjoy a drink on the large terrace. After the gentle steam of the sauna, you can take a refreshing dip in the cooling waters of Lake Saimaa.

We are happy to assist you in heating and giving you tips how you can get most of your sauna experience if you haven't done it before. You will find instructions also in the raft.

REMEMBER TO TAKE WATER / SOMETHING
TO DRINK WITH YOU



About the accommodation

Our floating raft accommodation is a haven for switching off from everyday life. Built from recycled materials and accessible by a rowing boat, the raft sleeps 1-3 and has no electricity or running water (we will bring you water for drinking). There is a gas-powered fridge, stove, BBQ and a composting toilet. The raft has a large terrace for you to enjoy the beautiful lake views surrounding you. Rental price includes a welcome drink, 2,5 hr use of the floating sauna and access to the rowing boat.

CONTACT INFORMATION

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EMERGENCY INFORMATION

Health assistance/ hospital: 116117
General emergency number: 112

Meet your hosts

Asta – owner and
entrepreneur of Uhkua

Ilkka – fisherman and
chef behind our
delicious foods



You are most welcome to
join us to explore the
finnish nature,
traditions and local
food.

Ask more about our
food, guide services and
equipment rental.

We hope to give you a
memorable experience
in nature that leaves an
imprint of Saimaa
forever in your hearts.



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Check-In

CHECK-IN TIME AFTER 3:00 PM

Send us a message when arriving. We come personally to welcome you and guide you to the raft. At the same time we tell you how everything works.



Check-Out

CHECK-OUT TIME AT 12:00 AM

Please inform us when you leave so we know and can wish you a good rest of the trip. And also get some feed back. That's important for developing the experience.

House Rules



01

NO SMOKING

Smoking is forbidden inside. Bring your own ashtray, use it and take it with you when you leave if you smoke in the area.

02

PETS ARE WELCOME

Remember that accomodation floats on a lake and you use rowing boat to get there. Swimming ladder are used when boarding.

03

SHOE POLICY

It would be nice if you leave your shoes beside the door (in if it's raining) when you go in. Helps to keep small place cleaner.

04

NATURE

We love and cherish the mother earth wherever we go. Hope you do too.

05

EXTRA BED

Ask for extra bed if needed. Raft sleeps two persons well, three if you are willing to use folding bed or mattress on the floor.

Appliances

WOOD STOVE

We give you instructions how to use the stove. In winter it's used for heating and cooking.

GAS STOVE

We give you instructions how to use the gas stove. In summertime you use it for cooking. There's also a barbecue on the terrace.

GAS REFREGIRATOR

In summer we put the fridge on for you. In colder seasons we give you a cool box to put outside.

LIGHTNING

There are led lamps (incl. batteries), candles and oil lamps in the raft. We will show you how to use them. In summer even nights are so bright that lamp is not needed.



Getting Around

BY CAR

Uhkua can be reached from two directions. Ristiina direction along the Green Gold Culture Road (Suurlahdentie). The distance from Ristiina is 30 km and from Mikkeli 60 km. When arriving from Mikkeli direction along 'Road 62' (from Mikkeli via Anttola and Puumala to Ruokolahti) you turn to right at 'Hurissalo' (after 40 km drive) and after that again right to 'Suurlahti' (after 1,5 km). Uhkua/Nikinsalmi is about 14 km from that intersection along Suurlahdentie. The roads are only partly paved.

If you come from the Ristiina direction Astuvansalmi rock paintings and Pien-Toijola Open-Air Museum are located along the route. When approaching from 'Road 62', you will pass the Tollonvuori rock, popular with climbers, about 3 km before Nikinsalmi. Climb to the top of Tollonvuori to admire some great views over Lake Saimaa. Also a little grocery store (Sale) in Hurissalo. Open daily in summertime, Ristiina has two food shops.

PUBLIC TRANSPORTATION

There is no public transport to the site, but you can take a bus/train to Mikkeli and we can pick you up from there if necessary. Between Mikkeli and Ristiina has also bus connection. You can search timetables here:
<https://mikkeli.digitransit.fi>

BIKE RENTAL

We have bikes that you can loan if you want. Or you can rent a electric bike for example from Tuukkalan Tila (Ristiina) or Sahanlahti Resort (Puumala)

<https://tuukkalantila.com/en/cycling/>
<https://www.sahanlahtiresort.fi/en/equipment-rental>

Canoes and other hiking gear you can rent from us.

Things to do

GREAT NATURAL PLACES AND NATURE EXPERIENCES

ASTUVANSALMI ROCK PAINTINGS

<https://www.visitmikkeli.fi/en/palvelut/rock-paintings>

STEEP ROCKY AREA AT TOLLONVUORI

<https://saimaageopark.fi/en/steep-rocky-area-at-tollonvuori/>

NEITVUORI HILL AND HIIDENMAA ROUTES

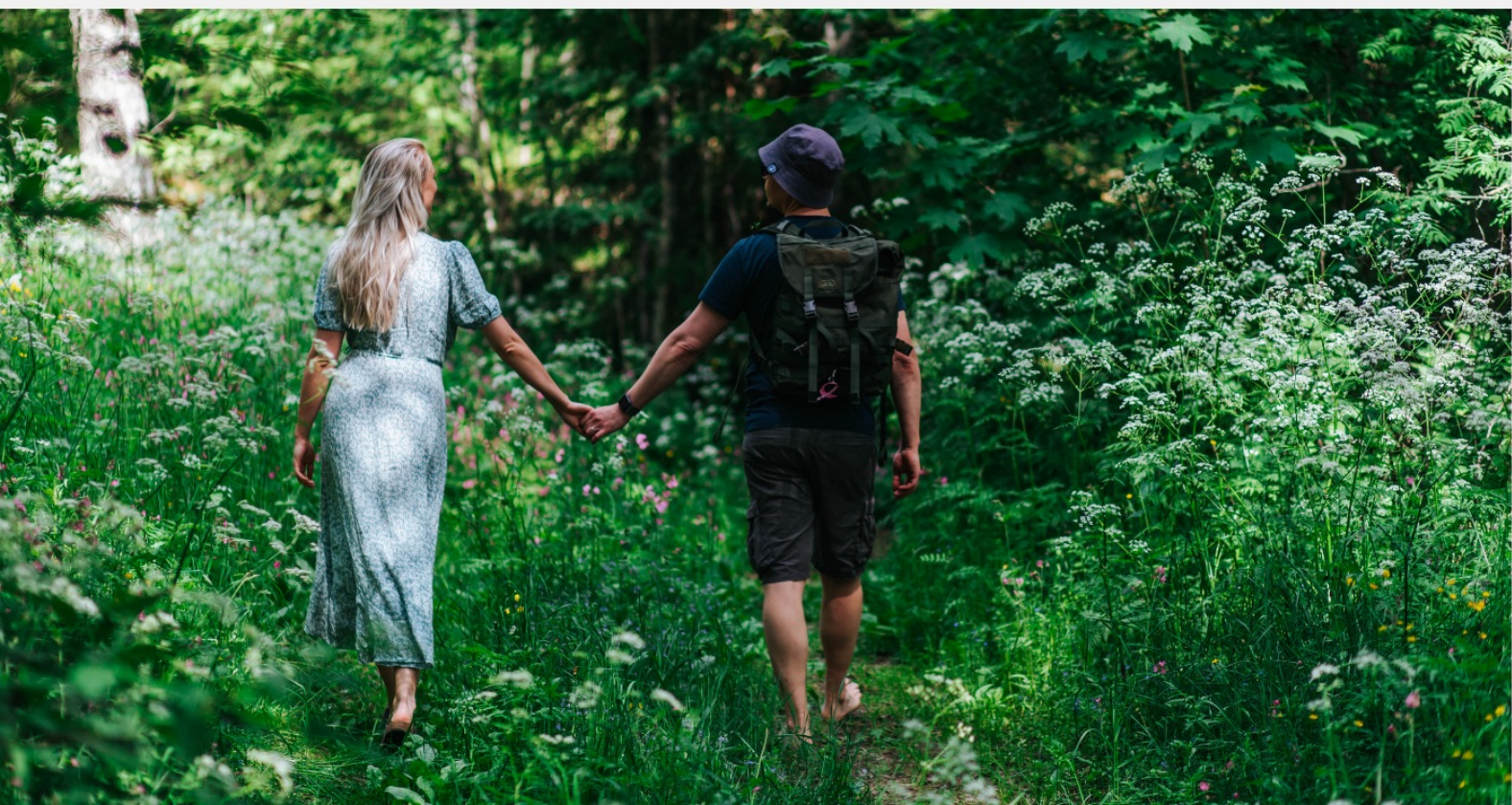
<https://www.visitmikkeli.fi/palvelut/neitvuori-ja-hiidenmaan-retkeilyreitit>

WE CAN ALSO GIVE YOU TIPS FOR GREAT PADDLING ROUTES AND FOREST FORAGING PLACES NEAR HERE.

YOU CAN FIND MORE INFO ABOUT OUR SERVICES IN OUR WEBSITE: <https://uhkua.fi/in-english/>

THESE AND MORE MY (AND OTHER LOCALS) TIPS YOU CAN FIND HERE:

<https://www.visitmikkeli.fi/en/teema/asta-aalto-nature-guide-and-entrepreneur->





Food and restaurants near

UHKUA

You can order food baskets full of local and homemade delicacies to the raft. Ask more about our breakfast basket and supper basket. Our food mission is to offer people handmade wild food from the lake, forest and land, always near and sustainably. We also use high-quality ingredients from local and small producers as much as possible.

<https://uhkua.fi/in-english/>

SAHANLAHTI, PUUMALA

Three restaurants where they make wonderful taste experiences from local producers, products and good ingredients on the shores of Lake Saimaa. <https://sahanlahtiresort.fi/en/>

DOM, MIKKELI

Great pizza and craft beers in the city of Mikkeli. <https://dommikkeli.fi>

PUUMALAN POIJU

Great simple food from fresh ingredients. <https://puumalanpoiju.fi>

LOOK ALSO:

<https://www.kenkavero.fi/english>

<https://landhauskekkola.fi/en/home/>

<https://www.nilkko.fi>

<https://www.teahouse.fi/teahouse-in-english>

Before you go



DISHES

Please wash your dishes before you leave. Notice that you maybe have to heat a little water for that. If you have ordered food baskets, you can leave serving dishes into basket. We will was them.



USED FOOD

Empty and dispose of used foods items in fridge.



GARBAGE & RECYCLING

You can find recycling info on the raft. Please recycle all the waste in right bins. We will take them further.



WINDOWS, DOOR & LIGHTS

Ensure door and windows are closed and led-light, oil lamps and candles are turned off. You don't have to lock the door.



BED LINEN

You can leave bed linen as they are. We will take care of it.



PERSONAL BELONGINGS

Don't forget your personal stuff

Thank you!

Anything else

Remember to load your mobile phone and other electric devices. There's no electricity in the raft.
If needed we can offer loading possibility in our house.

Remember to attach the rowing boat properly when in the raft. You are stuck there without it. If it happens just call and we will save you :)

We have parking place near our lake side sauna where your little rowing trip to the raft begins. We will send you coordinates to your phone before your arrival and come to meet you there.

Remember that nights are very bright here in summer and there are big windows in the raft with no curtains. So eyepatches is needed if you can't sleep in the light.





Thank you!

HOPE TO SEE YOU AGAIN