

ARTIC WOLFLAND SANCTUARY - SUSIMAA



THE OFF-GRID WOLFLAND IN NORTHERN EUROPE,
FINNISH LAPLAND



ARCTIC WOLFLAND SANCTUARY - SUSIMAA HAS BEEN FOUNDED IN 2017

BY THE OWNERS VÁLLJU AND KAUNI SUSISYDÄN. THE OWNERS ONCE LIVED A WORLDLY LIFE IN BIG CITIES – NOW THEY RAISE THEIR FAMILY AND WORK WITH THEIR WOLFDOGS AND FARM ANIMALS ON THEIR OFF-THE-GRID FARM IN THE ARCTIC WOODS OF LAPLAND, BECOMING MORE AND MORE SELF-SUFFICIENT YEAR BY YEAR. THE FAMILY LIFE IS SIMPLE AND FOLLOWS GOD'S WILL IN JESUS CHRIST.

THE GREEN FARM – SELF-SUSTAINABLE, RESPONSIBLE

SUSIMAA (IN ENGLISH “WOLFLAND”) IS A NATURE-FRIENDLY, RESPONSIBLE, REAL FAMILY BUSINESS – SIMPLY ALREADY DUE TO THE FACT, THAT THE FARM IS OFF-GRID, POWERED BY SOLAR PANELS. IN WINTER A SMALL GENERATOR IS USED FOR BASIC NECESSARY BUSINESS RELATED EQUIPMENT (I.E. CHARGING PHONES & LAPTOPS). NO SNOWMOBILES, ATVs OR BIG MACHINERIES ARE USED. NO MASS TOURISM TAKES PLACE.

SUSIMAA HAS ITS OWN WELL, RECYCLES THE WASTE OF ANIMALS AND GUESTS. OWN FOOD IS GENERATED AND STORED THROUGHOUT THE YEAR. ON SUSIMAA THE CIRCLE OF LIFE TAKES PLACE EVERY DAY – ALMOST NO KITCHEN WASTE IS PRODUCED. THE HOUSE IS HEATED WITH LOCAL WOOD ONLY.

SINCE THE FAMILY HAS BEEN LIVING HERE, CHANGES INSIDE THE HOUSE HAVE BEEN MADE TO RESTORE TO ITS ORIGINAL FORM, THAT EVERYTHING IS WORKING WITHOUT ELECTRICITY.

DOG HOUSES, STABLES AND FURNITURE IS BUILT FROM RECYCLED OLD MATERIAL OR MATERIAL OUT OF THE OWN FOREST.



THE DOGS - ARE WOLFDOGS (EXCEPT FOR ONE)

ALL ARE 100% LEGALLY BROUGHT INTO THIS WORLD BY GOD, ALSO LEGALLY BEFORE THE HUMANS LAW. ALL THE DOGS ARE WORKING DOGS. IN SUMMER, SPRING AND AUTUMN THE NO.1 ACTIVITY IS HIKING AND (KICK)BIKING. IN WINTER ALL OF THEM PULL A SLED.

THE DOGS DIET CONSISTS OF AS MUCH AS POSSIBLE NATURAL FOOD IN FORM OF REAL MEAT, BONES AND VEGETABLES, GRAINS AND FRUITS.

THE DOGS LIVE IN EXCEPTIONAL LARGE ENCLOSURES WITH LOTS OF SPACE TO ROAM, RUN AND PLAY. BIG OPEN SPACES ARE A NUMBER ONE PRIORITY AT SUSIMAA FOR ALL ANIMALS LIVING HERE, NOT ONLY FROM AN ANIMAL WELFARE STAND OF VIEW, BUT ALSO TO ALLOW THE ANIMALS TO BEHAVE AS NATURALLY AS POSSIBLE. SUSIMAA HAS ADOPTED WOLFDOGS, BOUGHT PUPPIES AND HAS OWN PUPPIES. ALL DOGS HAVE THEIR FOREVER HOME AT SUSIMAA.

LIFETIME EXPERIENCES

ALL EXPERIENCES ARE PRIVATE & EXCLUSIVELY FOR YOUR GROUP ONLY!
SUSIMAA IS THE OPPOSITE OF MASS TOURISM - ALL YEAR AROUND!



WE, AT ARCTIC WOLFLAND SANCTUARY WANT TO EDUCATE PEOPLE IN THE RIGHT BEHAVIOR WITH ANIMALS IN GENERAL AND BRING WOLF BEHAVIOR CLOSER TO THEM WITH THE HELP OF OUR ARCTIC WOLFDogs. PEOPLE HAVE UNLEARNED PROPER HANDLING OF ANIMALS AND ARE NOT ABLE ANYMORE TO DEAL WITH THEM IN A CORRECT WAY, WHICH LEADS TO AN EVER-INCREASING NUMBER OF (DEADLY) ACCIDENTS INVOLVING ANIMALS OF ALL KINDS.

THE CUDDLY WOLF



THE TRUTH ABOUT WOLVES - A PROGRAM FROM YOUNG TO OLD

HELLO THERE,

HAVE YOU EVER WONDERED WHY THERE ARE TEDDY BEARS, CUDDLY TIGER TOYS, PLUSH LIONS AND SO ON, BUT ALMOST NO CUDDLY WOLF TOYS?

A LONG, LONG TIME AGO, WHEN GOD CREATED THE EARTH, ALL THE ANIMALS AND THE HUMANS, HE PUT FEAR OF HUMANS INTO THE HEART OF THE WILD ANIMALS, SO THAT THEY WOULD STAY AWAY FROM HUMANS. WHICH THEY DID AND STILL DO, UNTIL TODAY. ALL WILD ANIMALS ARE SHY, ESPECIALLY THE WOLF.

BACK THEN, HUMANS, THAT LIVED IN HARMONY WITH NATURE, GAINED THE TRUST OF THE WOLF, SO THAT SOME OF THEIR CHILDREN STAYED WITH THE HUMANS AND BECAME WHAT IS NOW KNOWN - DOGS - MANS BEST COMPANION. AT THE SAME TIME, HUMANS STARTED TO KILL THE WOLVES, TO SUCH AN EXTENT THAT THE WOLF NEARLY GOT EXTINCT OVER THE WHOLE EARTH. THE WOLF'S FOOTPRINT DISAPPEARED FROM THE SURFACE OF THE EARTH, THE FORESTS AND THE KNOWLEDGE OF THEIR BEHAVIOR AND THE BENEFIT WOLVES BRING FOR NATURE, OTHER ANIMALS AND HUMANS.

BOTH, WOLF AND MAN, EAT THE SAME ANIMALS: GOATS, CHICKENS, DEER AND COWS. BUT THE GREEDY HUMAN WANTS TO EAT EVERYTHING ON HIS OWN, CHASES AND HUNTS THE WOLF AND TELLS TERRIBLE STORIES AND LIES ABOUT THE ANIMAL THAT IS THE ANCESTOR OF HIS BEST FRIEND.

COME AND LEARN THE TRUTH ABOUT WOLVES IN OUR MOST CHILD-FRIENDLY, EDUCATIONAL PROGRAM.

INCLUDED

- GUIDED EDUCATIONAL TOUR BY THE OWNERS OF THE SANCTUARY
- INSIGHT INTO ARCTIC WOLFLAND SANCTUARY FOR ALL AGE GROUPS
- LEARN ABOUT DIFFERENCES BETWEEN WOLFDOGS, DOGS AND WOLVES AND SCIENTIFIC PROVEN FACTS ABOUT WOLVES & SEE WOLF TYPICAL BEHAVIOR AT SUSIMAA'S ARCTIC WOLFDOGS
- DURATION: UP TO 1,5 HOURS (NOTE - THE DURATION DEPENDS MUCH ON YOU AND YOUR INTEREST AND INCLUDES PREPARATION/INSTRUCTION TIME)

MEET TAIVAS & THE WOLVES



THE ARCTIC WOLFLAND SANCTUARY GIVES YOU THE CHANCE FOR INTIMATE MOMENTS IN THE TERRITORY OF THE ARCTIC WOLFDogs..

YOU WILL GET LOTS OF PHOTO OPPORTUNITIES WHILE LEARNING A LITTLE ABOUT THE HISTORY OF WOLFDogs AND THE DIFFERENCES FROM DOMESTICATED DOGS AND THEIR ADVANTAGES AS WORK ANIMALS.

YOU WILL WALK THROUGH THE FOREST FROM ONE ENCLOSURE TO THE FOLLOWING TO SPEND QUALITY TIME WITH THIS STUNNING ANIMALS FACE TO FACE INCLUDING DETAILED TALKS ABOUT EACH INDIVIDUAL. MINIMUM AGE FOR ENTERING THE ENCLOSURES IS 15 YEARS. UNDERAGE PERSONS MUST HAVE A PARENT OR LEGAL GUARDIAN ACCOMPANY THEM DURING THE EXPERIENCE.

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PEOPLE HAVE UNLEARNED PROPER HANDLING OF ANIMALS AND ARE NOT ABLE ANYMORE TO DEAL WITH THEM IN A CORRECT WAY, WHICH LEADS TO AN EVER-INCREASING NUMBER OF (DEADLY) ACCIDENTS INVOLVING ANIMALS OF ALL KINDS.

INCLUDED

EXCLUSIVE PRIVATE TOUR FOR YOU/YOUR GROUP ONLY!

- GUIDED TOUR TO THE ENCLOSURES BY THE OWNERS OF THE SANCTUARY
- A LITTLE EDUCATION ABOUT WOLFDogs / DOMESTICATED DOGS / WOLVES
- AN INSIGHT IN THE BEHAVIOR & INTERACTION OF WOLVES
- IMPORTANT KNOWLEDGE ABOUT THE IMPORTANCE OF WOLVES
- EXCLUSIVE ACCESS TO BE WITH THE ARCTIC WOLFDogs INSIDE THEIR TERRITORY
- STORIES ABOUT THE LIFE OF THE ARCTIC WOLFDogs IN THE WOODS OF LAPLAND
- PHOTOGRAPH THE WOLFDogs FROM OUTSIDE/ INSIDE THEIR ENCLOSURES
- DURATION: UP TO 2 HOURS
(NOTE - THE DURATION DEPENDS MUCH ON YOU AND YOUR INTEREST AND INCLUDES PREPARATION/INSTRUCTION TIME)

INTO THE WOODS...



IN THIS EXPERIENCE YOU WILL GET THE CHANCE TO SPEND SPECIAL MOMENTS WITH THE ARCTIC WOLFDOGS NOT ONLY INSIDE THEIR ENCLOSURES, BUT ALSO DURING A WALK INTO THE WOODS...

YOU WILL GET LOTS OF PHOTO OPPORTUNITIES WHILE LEARNING A LITTLE ABOUT THE HISTORY OF WOLFDOGS AND THE DIFFERENCES FROM DOMESTICATED DOGS AND THEIR ADVANTAGES AS WORK ANIMALS, WHOSE POWER YOU WILL EXPERIENCE LATER DURING THE WALK.

INSIDE THEIR TERRITORY YOU WILL GET IN TOUCH WITH THEM AND EXPERIENCE THE BEHAVIOR & INTERACTION OF WOLVES UP CLOSE, WHILE HEARING STORIES AND HAVING DETAILED TALKS WITH ONE OF THE OWNERS OF THE SANCTUARY.

YOU WILL WALK THROUGH THE FOREST FROM ONE ENCLOSURE TO THE FOLLOWING, IF INDIVIDUALS UNDER THE AGE OF 15 ATTENDING THE EXPERIENCE, THE ENCLOSURE SWITCH IS MADE FROM OUTSIDE.

THE HIGHLIGHT OF THIS EXCLUSIVE EXPERIENCE IS A WALK INTO THE WOODS WITH SOME OF THE ARCTIC WOLFDOGS WITH THE CHANCE TO TAKE SOME PHOTOS OUTSIDE THEIR ENCLOSURES.

INCLUDED

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- GUIDED TOUR TO THE ENCLOSURES & INTO THE WOODS BY THE OWNERS OF THE SANCTUARY
- KNOWLEDGE ABOUT WOLFDOGS, DOMESTICATED DOGS, WOLVES AND THE IMPORTANCE OF WOLVES IN THE WILD
- INTIMATE MOMENTS INSIDE THEIR ENCLOSURES
- AN INSIGHT IN THE BEHAVIOR & INTERACTION OF WOLVES PEPPERED WITH LOTS OF STORIES AND INSIDE KNOWLEDGE ABOUT THE LIFE OF THE ARCTIC WOLFDOGS IN THE WOODS OF LAPLAND
- A GOOD AMOUNT OF TIME TO GET YOUR QUESTIONS ANSWERED
- A HOT BEVERAGE AT THE FIREPLACE
- A WALK INTO THE WOODS
- DURATION: UP TO 2,5 HOURS
(NOTE - THE DURATION DEPENDS MUCH ON YOU AND YOUR INTEREST, WEATHER CONDITIONS AND INCLUDES PREPARATION/INSTRUCTION TIME)

A DAY AT WOLFLAND



HAVE YOU EVER WONDERED WHAT IT'S LIKE TO BE EYE TO EYE WITH AN ARCTIC WOLFDOG, TO BEFRIEND YOURSELF WITH THESE STUNNING ANIMALS THROUGHOUT AN ADVENTURES DAY TOGETHER?

ARCTIC WOLFLAND SANCTUARY GIVES YOU THE CHANCE FOR THIS UNIQUE LIFETIME EXPERIENCE!

AFTER THE FIRST GET-TOGETHER AND AN INTRODUCTION, YOU WILL FOLLOW ONE OF THE OWNERS TO MEET THE ARCTIC WOLFDOGS INSIDE THEIR ENCLOSURES, WHERE YOU GAIN KNOWLEDGE AND START TO BEFRIEND YOURSELF WITH THE DIFFERENT INDIVIDUALS.

THE HIGHLIGHT OF THIS DAY IS THE HIKE (WITH SNOWSHOES IN WINTERTIME) THROUGH THE ARCTIC WOODS AND SWAMPS OF LAPLAND.

THE ARCTIC WOLFDOGS WILL GIVE YOU THE POSSIBILITY TO SEE THEIR BEHAVIOR IN A NATURAL SURROUNDING. HIKING IS ONE OF THE BEST WAYS TO GET TO KNOW THESE MAJESTIC BEAUTIES AND TO BE IN THE MIDDLE OF UNTOUCHED NATURE.

YOU WILL WALK MAINLY CROSS COUNTRY THROUGH SWAMP LAND, JUMP OVER DITCHES – SO BE PREPARED TO GET WET FEET. THE WILD DOESN'T NEED PATHS...

INCLUDED

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- KNOWLEDGE ABOUT WOLFDOGS, DOGS, WOLVES AND THE IMPORTANCE OF WOLVES IN THE WILD
- INTIMATE MOMENTS INSIDE THEIR ENCLOSURES
- AN INSIGHT IN THE BEHAVIOR & INTERACTION OF WOLVES PEPPERED WITH LOTS OF STORIES AND INSIDE KNOWLEDGE ABOUT THE LIFE OF THE ARCTIC WOLFDOGS IN THE WOODS OF LAPLAND
- A HOT BEVERAGE AND LUNCH AT THE FIREPLACE
- AN APPROX. 1,5H LONG HIKE WITH SOME ARCTIC WOLFDOGS
- DURATION: UP TO 4 HOURS

(NOTE - THE DURATION DEPENDS MUCH ON YOU AND YOUR INTEREST, WEATHER CONDITIONS AND INCLUDES PREPARATION/INSTRUCTION TIME)



REVIEWS

UNBELIEVABLE – WHAT AN AMAZING PLACE TO VISIT. I WON'T TELL YOU TOO MUCH, BECAUSE THAT WOULD SPOIL YOUR VISIT. HOWEVER, IF YOU HAVE THE OPPORTUNITY TO VISIT HERE, DO IT. GO AND MEET THESE WONDERFUL ANIMALS, AND HEAR FROM THE FAMILY WHO DECIDED TO LIVE HERE, OFF GRID, AND SET UP THIS SANCTUARY. A VISIT YOU WILL NOT FORGET.

THE EXPERIENCE WITH THE WOLVES AND VÁLLJU WAS AMAZING! IT IS VERY CLEAR VÁLLJU AND HIS WIFE CARE VERY DEEPLY FOR THESE BEAUTIFUL ANIMALS AND WISH TO PROVIDE A HEALTHY ENVIRONMENT FOR THEM. WALKING THROUGH THE FOREST WITH THEM WAS INCREDIBLE, THE SCENERY WAS STUNNING AND VÁLLJU WAS VERY KNOWLEDGEABLE ABOUT THE LOCAL FAUNA. THE INTERACTION WITH THE WOLVES WAS SO PERSONAL, JUST A FANTASTIC DAY ALL AROUND AND WILL DEFINITELY SHARE THIS EXPERIENCE WITH OUR FRIENDS BACK IN CANADA!

UNFORGETTABLE EXPERIENCE WITH OPEN MINDED AND ENTHUSIASTIC OWNERS: I REALLY LOVED THIS DAY!

IT WAS A FANTASTIC EXPERIENCE, VERY SPECIAL, YOU SHOULD TRY IT!

AMAZING WOLFDOGS!“ – THIS TRIP IS AN AMAZING EXPERIENCE, THE WOLFDOGS ARE SO WELL LOOKED AFTER... I FOUND IT VERY INTERESTING LEARNING ALL ABOUT THEM. WE HAD A FANTASTIC TIME.”

SOME DAYS ARE ORDINARY AND SOME DAYS ARE VERY SPECIAL AND MEMORABLE – AND THIS IS ONE OF THEM WHEN YOU VISIT. ABSORB IT ALL.

FASCINATING – “WE TOOK A FAMILY OF FOUR TODAY TO MEET THE WOLF DOGS INCLUDING TWO CHILDREN AGES 10 AND 12. AS A VET I WAS PARTICULARLY INTERESTED IN THE DIFFERENCE IN THE BREED TYPES FROM DOMESTICATED DOGS OF SIMILAR BREED. IT WAS FASCINATING TO SEE AND UNDERSTAND THE BOND BETWEEN THE OWNERS AND THE DOGS, AND REMARKABLE THAT THE BOND BETWEEN THEM IS SO TRUSTING AS TO ALLOW STRANGERS TO COME IN TO THEIR ENCLOSURES WITH THEM. THE WOLF DOGS THEMSELVES ARE BEAUTIFUL, VERY WOLF LIKE IN APPEARANCE AND THE DIFFERENCE FROM OTHER DOGS IN THEIR NATURE WAS APPARENT AND WAS HIGHLIGHTED BY INFORMATION FROM THE OWNER. THEY ARE CLEARLY VERY WELL UNDERSTOOD AND CARED FOR, PART OF THE FAMILY. CHILDREN AND ADULTS WERE ALL ENCOURAGED TO HAVE CONTACT WHICH WAS VERY CLOSELY SUPERVISED AND GUIDED. NOT COMMERCIALIZED AT ALL.

YOUR LIFESTYLE IS VERY INSPIRING. IT IS EVEN MORE SPECIAL BECAUSE YOU ARE LIVING IN SUCH COLD CONDITIONS, OFF GRID WITH A YOUNG FAMILY AND OF COURSE ARE DOING IT WHILE CARING FOR/LIVING WITH WOLFDOGS.

WOLF WHISPERER – THIS WAS SUCH A SPECIAL VISIT. THESE LOVELY GENTLE PEOPLE LIVE OFF THE GRID. THEY ARE AN EXAMPLE TO US ALL. FASCINATING TALK, INTERESTING LUNCH OVER A CAMP FIRE AND THE WOLF DOGS ARE SIMPLY BEAUTIFUL. THESE PEOPLE ARE WORKING TO SAVE THE FEW REMAINING WOLVES IN FINLAND WHO HAVE A BOUNTY ON THEIR HEADS.

HIKING WITH DOGS IN THE FANTASTIC NATURAL ENVIRONMENT IS ABSOLUTELY A MEMORABLE EXPERIENCE. THE FAMILY IS REALLY NICE, THEY SHOW LOVE AND KNOW THE DOGS REALLY WELL. EATING FINNISH SOUP AROUND A WOOD FIRE IS ANOTHER AMAZING EXPERIENCE. RECOMMEND TO ALL ANIMAL (DOG) LOVERS.



