

Practical information

Arctic Mining and Biodiversity Workshop in Kuusamo 11.-12.3.2019

CAFF is reaching out to the mining industry to gain a better understanding of current and future mining activities in the Arctic, raise awareness among industry representatives about CAFF's mission, and explore opportunities to learn from industry experiences and support common goals. Project website: <https://caff.is/mainstreaming>

Registration

Please register here for the workshop by 11 February:

- <https://caff.is/meetings/arctic-mining-biodiversity-workshops/individual-registration>

Workshop is free of charge. Lunch and coffee is served to all participants on both days.

Accommodation

All delegates are responsible for their own hotel reservations. For your convenience, a block booking has been made at:

Holiday Club Kuusamon Tropiikki

Address: Kylpyläntie 5, 93600 Kuusamo

Tel: +358 300 870 960

E-mail: hotelsales.kuusamo@holidayclub.fi

Website: <https://www.holidayclubresorts.com/en/resorts/kuusamon-tropiikki/>

Hotel reservations can be made at [the hotel's website](#).

Please remember to enter the code 'Arctic' in order to receive the discounted price. This code should be entered on the website into the field "code" right after the fields for arrival and departure dates. The block reservation is valid **until 11 February**. If you wish for a longer stay, please contact the hotel directly.

Room rate is 118 € / night / single room.

In case of questions or concerns, please contact the hotel at hotelsales.kuusamo@holidayclub.fi

The hotel is located 6 kilometers from the center of Kuusamo town, by the lake Petäjälampi. The hotel has a spa with sauna and wellness departments.

Kuusamon Tropiikki has two restaurants. Restaurant Mango is open for breakfast and lunch and O'Leary's is open from noon until 23:00. There is a small bakery and café (Petäjälammen Herkku) within 600 meters and a grocery store (M-Market Nilo) 2,5 km from the hotel.

Meeting venue

Day 1: Hotel Holiday Club

Day 2: (09:00 Bus leaves from the hote) Latitude 66 Cobalt Oy, Geological research station,

Transportation

Flights from the Helsinki-Vantaa Airport to Kuusamo Airport:

Sunday 10.3.2019 at 15:50, arrival to Kuusamo at 17:05 (AY487)

Sunday 10.3.2019 at 20:15, arrival to Kuusamo at 21:30 (AY497)

Monday 11.3.2019 at 11:50, arrival to Kuusamo at 13:05 (AY485)

Flights from the Kuusamo Airport to the Helsinki-Vantaa Airport:

Tuesday 12.3.2019 at 13:35, arrival to Helsinki-Vantaa at 14:45 (AY486)

Tuesday 12.3.2019 at 22:00, arrival to Helsinki-Vantaa at 23:10 (AY488)

Kuusamo Airport is located 6 kilometers from the hotel Holiday Club Kuusamon Tropic. There will be taxis waiting outside the terminal during the scheduled arrival times. If there should be no taxis in sight, please call +358 100 84200.

About Kuusamo

Kuusamo is a town and municipality at the eastern border of Finland. Kuusamo town is located 6 kilometers from the hotel and 60 kilometers south of the Arctic Circle. The town has a population of app. 15, 000 inhabitants. Kuusamo's nature is characterized by a beautiful landscape of forests, lakes, rivers. Kuusamo has multiple popular ski resorts – Ruka being one of them. Kuusamo also has multiple national parks and ninety percent of the area is covered by forest. Kuusamo's economy is based on mining, forestry and tourism. Approximately one million tourists visit Kuusamo and its surrounding areas per year.

More information on Kuusamo can be found at: <http://www.kuusamo.fi/en/kuusamo-visitors>

For more tourist information, please visit www.ruka.fi/en

Sustainable meetings

As in all Arctic Council meetings in Finland, the guidelines for environmentally sustainable meetings will be followed during the Arctic Mining and Biodiversity workshop. The guidelines are created by the Ministry for Foreign Affairs, with the expertise of WWF Finland, and are adopted also by the Ministry of the Environment of Finland. As one example, **copies of the meeting materials will not be automatically delivered at the meeting venue. Should paper copies of a document be required, the CAFF Secretariat and the local Finnish hosts will endeavor to provide them.**

Please note that the meeting badges will be collected after the meeting for reuse. Please remember to leave your badge at the registration/info desk when you leave.

More information on the sustainable meeting guidelines can be found at:

https://um.fi/current-affairs/article/-/asset_publisher/iYk2EknllmNL/content/suomen-arktiset-kokoukset-ovat-ymparistovastuullisia