

Koli, Finland





The Koli area is located in the municipality of Lieksa in North Karelia. Koli is famous for its slopes which are the predecessors of the Karelian fold mountains Karelides dating back about 2 000 million years. The Koli mountain cliffs have a characteristic smooth, rounded shape as a result of glaciation during the ice age. The Koli area is surrounded by lush green pine forests. Lake Pielinen is located right next to Koli. The views from the summit of Koli is a gateway into the Finnish soulscape. Koli is considered as one of the national sceneries in Finland.

Koli boasts a number of possibilities in the heart of pristine Finnish nature. The nature experience can be complemented with commercial and tourism-based service concepts. There are existing year-round services and activities in the Koli area which can be included in the concepts but there is also room and demand for more services. A part of Finnish lifestyle are summer cottages which also provide an additional user base for new services. The city of Lieksa is committed to developing Koli area.

This is a unique opportunity for you to invest or operate in the Koli area. I am looking forward to collaborating with you!

Tuomo Räsänen

#### Welcome to Koli

## In the heart of the lake district



#### Nearest airports:

Nearest railroad stations: Kuopio, Joensuu, Vuonislahti

International flights to Helsinki and from there 1h flight to Joensuu or Kuopio or Kaiaani



#### Bus:

Connections from Joensuu to Koli



#### Car:

Joensuu (1h), Kuopio (2h), Helsinki (6h)

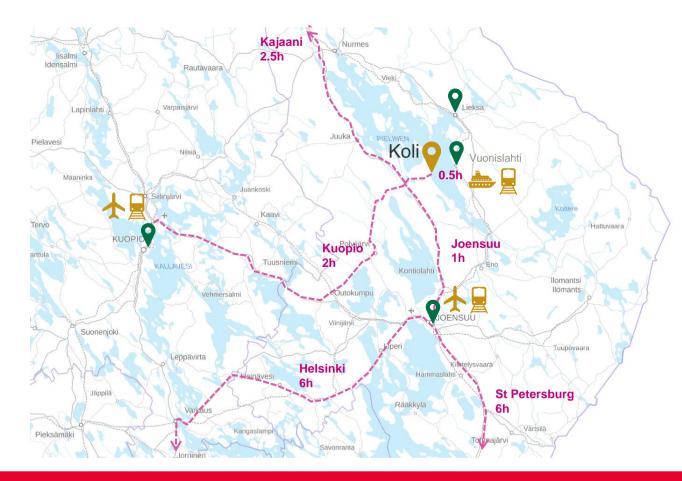


#### Boat:

Vuonislahti to Koli (0.5h, during Summer)



Koli is located in North Karelia region in eastern Finland. Koli is accessible via different modes of transport and the nearest cities with airports are Joensuu, Kuopio and Kajaani.



## **Market size**



Koli can be reached from all over Europe and Asia via Helsinki or St Petersburg.

The metropolitan area of St. Petersburg (5.5 million inhabitants) is located within 6 h car drive or rail connection.

Estimated market sizes within different flight connections via Helsinki \*:

- 4 h travel time (cities such as: Helsinki, Riga, St Petersburg, Stockholm): 14 million inhabitants
- 6 h travel time (cities such as: Berlin, London, Moscow, Paris): 530 million inhabitants
- 8 h travel time (cities such as: Istanbul, Madrid, Rome): 740 million inhabitants

<sup>\*</sup> Travel time estimations include direct flights from European cities to Helsinki and 2 h flight+car travel between Helsinki-Joensuu-Koli.

### Koli is ...

# ... Tranquility and purity of nature

# Communality...

Experiences and quality
Koli is synonymous for quality



Travelers are interested in destinations which offer **genuine experiences**. They want to experience the **local lifestyle**.

International level destination Koli is inviting and attractive Wellness and Mindfulness Koli is a place to charge the mind and body



Growth of **Asian travel share**.

Travelers want to **participate and learn new** in destinations.



**Ageing** population affecting future travel. **Wellness and health** related travel increasing.

Nature experiences
Koli has respect for sustainability



Ethical and responsible travel and nature-based travel increased popularity.

... Safety and mysticism

# ... Responding to the megatrends in travel

# Sustainability and responsible travel and tourism



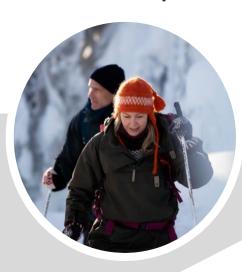
Ecological travel
Local travel, local food
Ethical tourism
Socially aware travel
Safe travel

# Genuine, unique places and cultural experiences



Importance of genuine experiences
Interest towards nature and outdoors
Smaller, unique destinations
Cultural experiences
'Edutainment' and self-education

# Quality, health, wellbeing and sustainable lifestyle



Wellness and mindfulness More holistic travel experiences Quality, comfort and genuinity Shorter but quality-packed trips Combination of work and play

# Finding memorable and individual experiences



Something new and memorable
Individual and unique travel concepts
Comprehensive wellness concepts
Activities and doing as the focus
Combination of work and leisure time

#### Koli

#### Quality of life

Living right next to the nature. New living concepts. Combinations of living, working and leisure time.

#### Koli

#### In the middle of Lakeland Finland

Holiday homes and leisure activities. Water sports, fishing, trekking, camping.

#### Koli

#### Unique nature destination

Nature retreat in which one's soul and body is at rest. Genuine operators and services who understand the uniqueness of Koli.

# **Unique Finnish Nature Destination**

Forests, lakes, winter experience, summer vacations

Health, wellness, natural setting, good food

Sports, activities, leisure and entertainment



# ... Multifaceted, exciting 4-season travel destination

Pentinniemi

Larinsaari

Hattuselkä



Loma-Koli and Kärankälampi

Lake resort

oma-Koli

Focused on water sports & activities

Kotaniemi

Hiking, mountain bike

Summer camps, winter classes

· Cottage life in nature

· Lakes and forest

Winter ski trails

Vuonislahti

Mantina

Romonsaaret

Sammal

Jauhiainen

Mellitsa

**Unique Nature** 

experience

Pyvsaari



Lahnalampi

· Quality natural / organic local food

Events & cultural experiences

Regional gathering place

Talvivaara

Koli experience

Koli

Purnulahti

New Harbor &

Holiday village zone

· Koli main holiday village destination

· Finnish Forest village near the lake

Harbour / pier and activities

· Hotels, hostels, B&B, cottages

· Restaurant, café

Supplies, equipment, services

Kelvänsaari

Pykäläko

Niemelä

Ruottila

Haukilampi

Ryynäs



**Koli Mountain** National Park

- Focused on quality life & leisure
- National park
- Ukko-Koli high viewpoints / climbing
- Impressive lakes and leisure in forest
- · 4 seasons enjoyment

Iso-Korppi

Puriesel

Ski resort & wintersports

- · Established ski resort & hotel
- Nature Interpretation center



Läpikäytävä

Lake Pielinen

Ala-Kelvä

Murtosaari

Kelvaniärvi

Jero

# Development opportunities at Koli

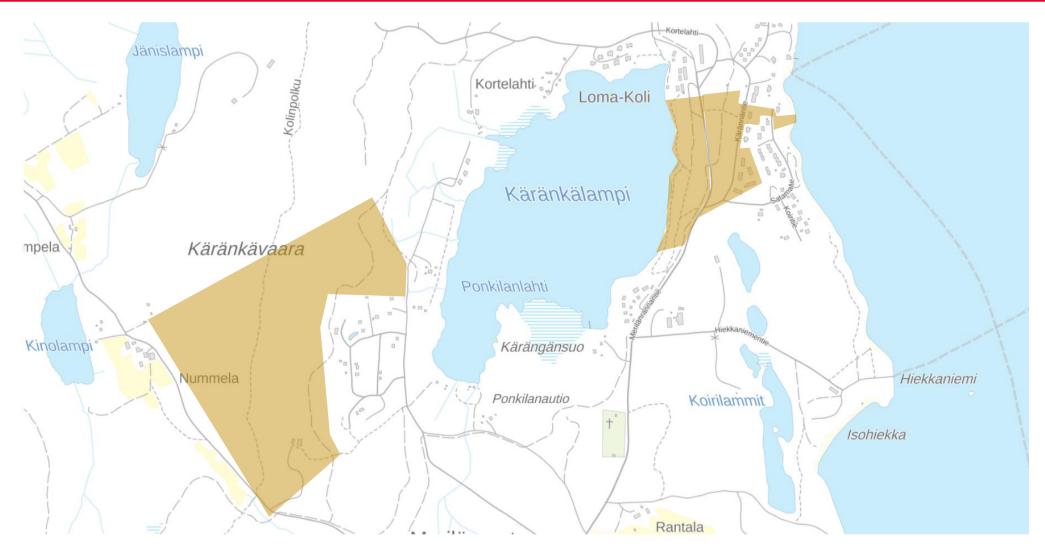
There is a substantial demand for high-quality accommodation and hospitality especially for larger tour operators

High domestic visitor potential: Koli was one of the few areas in Finland which had an increase of visitors during COVID-19 pandemic

High international visitor potential: Helsinki and St Petersburg airports are hubs between Europe and Asia. Railway connection from St Petersburg

**Existing interest from the Russian and St Petersburg market** 

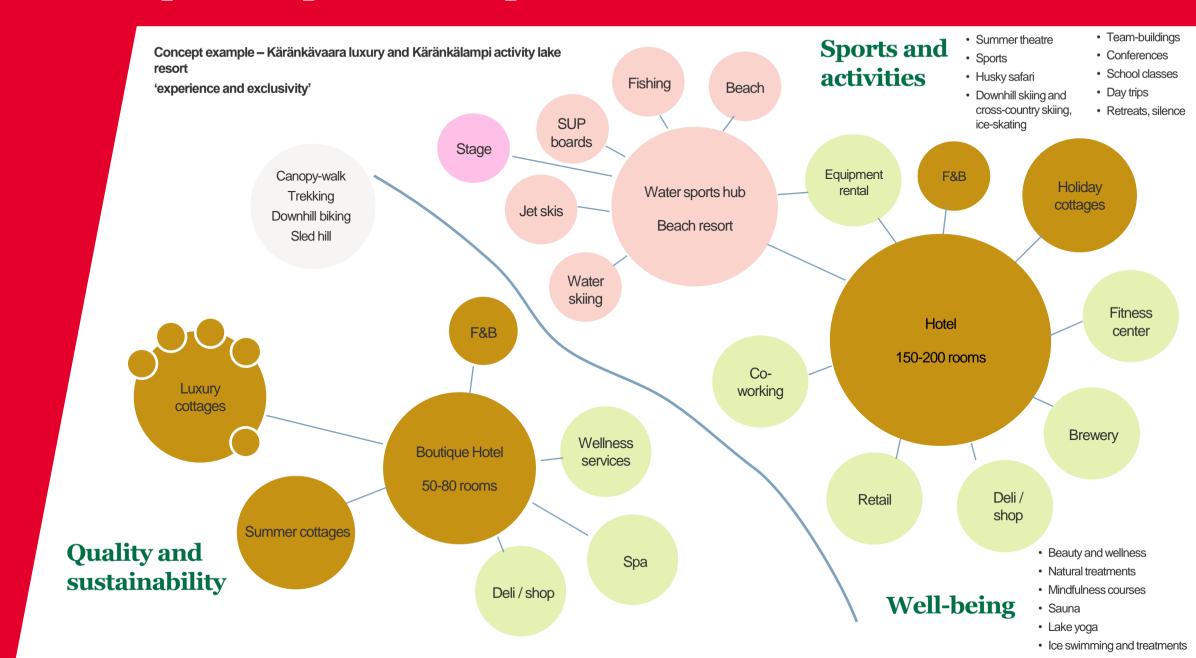
# Käränkävaara and Käränkälampi areas



• Käränkävaara area requires zoning plan before construction.

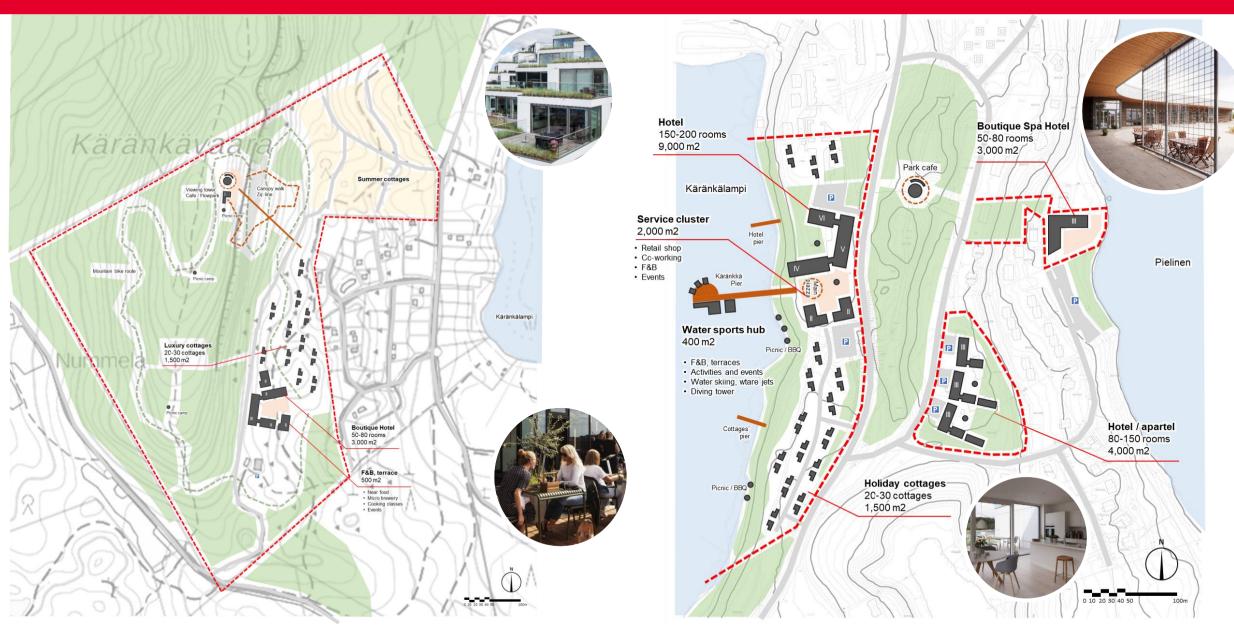
 Käränkälampi has an existing zoning plan which allows flexible building positioning according to the site developers needs. Construction can be started immediately.

# Käränkälampi development concept

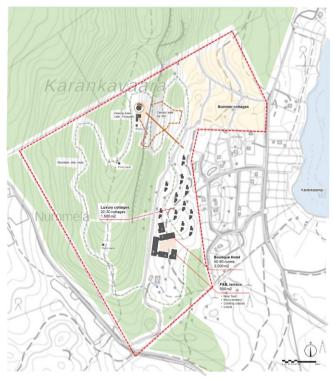


# Käränkävaara

# Käränkälampi

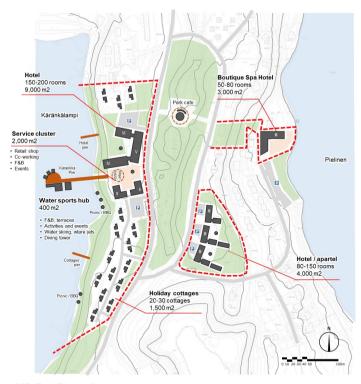


<sup>\*</sup> These concept maps are indicative and there is flexibility for different plot and construction combinations



#### Käränkävaara

- Site area: appx. 4,500 m2 and 5,700 m2
- Boutique hotel, luxury and summer cottages
- Floors: 1-2, total size of property appx. 3,500 m2
- 50-80 rooms, average room size 20 m2
- Luxury cottages: total size of property appx. 1,500 m2
- Summer cottages: total size of land area appx. 5,700 m2
- · Parking on/off site
- Area requires zoning plan before construction



#### Käränkälampi

- Site area: appx. 40,000 m2, 11,000 m2 and 7,000 m2
- · Multiple areas available
- Initial focus on main hotel and service cluster area
- Floors: 2-6, total size of property appx. 11,000 m2
- 150-200 rooms, average room size 20 m2
- Appx. 500 m of beachline
- Holiday cottages: total size of property appx. 1,500 m2
- Hotel/Apartel: total size of property appx. 4,000 m2
- Boutique Spa Hotel: total size of property appx. 3,000 m2
- · Parking on/off site

# **Opportunities at Koli**

# Strong commitment from the municipality to develop Koli as a new major destination

City of Lieksa is committed to the development of Koli

Long-term strategic development vision until 2050

Truly ecological tourism destination with requirement for sustainable development

Flexibility in land use planning

Support for infrastructure construction in Koli area



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#### Link to promotional video of Koli

Image sources: Development Lieksa, VisitKarelia and Ramboll Finland

Map sources: National Land Survey of Finland, Background map series 5/2021











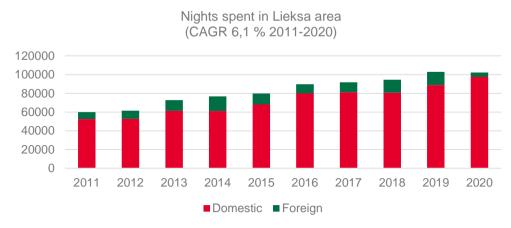




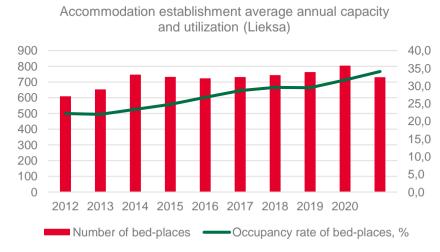
Contact us at Koli

Contact us to secure a suitable plot for your business needs at a fast-growing travel destination in Koli area

#### Facts about tourism in Koli



Overall domestic and foreign visitors nights spent in Lieksa area have been steadily growing since 2011. Even during COVID-19 pandemic there was a slight growth in nights spent due to domestic travel increase.



Overall number of bed-places in Lieksa area has been stagnant or growing slowly since 2011. The occupancy rate has increased faster during the same period.

Nights spent	%
88 971	86,4 %
13 961	13,6 %
102 932	
7 122	51,0 %
366	2,6 %
208	1,5 %
19	0,1 %
8	0,1 %
159	1,1 %
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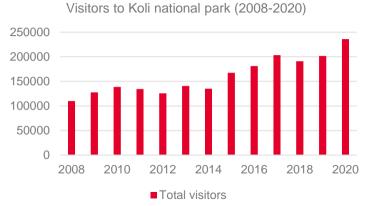
Breakdown of nights spent by domestic and foreign visitors in 2019 in Lieksa area.

82 % of travelers thin	k
that sustainable trave	l is
important	
*Booking Holdings 2020	
Sustainability report	

37% of the global travellers said the pandemic has made them consider working remotely from a different destination.
\*Booking.com Future of travel research

Foreign visitor spending in North	
Karelia	2019
Total foreign visitor spending	29 927 678 €
Total foreign visitors	324 108
Spending/foreign visitor	92,3 €
Source: visitory.io	

Foreign visitor spending in 2019 in North Karelia region.



Total visitors to Koli national park (2008-2020) has been growing steadily.

In Finland 60 % of the professionals started working from home as a result of the COVID-19 pandemic \*Eurofound

Flexible combination of work and holidays.
Nature and spaciousness and safe services are competitive advantages
\*Visit Finland workshops
2020

# Action highlights in Koli











# Koli year clock

#### **Autumn**

- Harvest festival
- "Gather your own food from the forest" activities
- Trekking, biking
- Fishing
- · Swimming, kayaking, water activities
- Lake cruises
- Horse riding
- Wilderness and adventure trips
- Brewery day
- · Mini and frisbee golf

#### Autumn

#### Winter

#### Winter

- Ice-fishing
- · Ice-swimming & sauna
- Winter-themed trips/events
- Downhill skiing and cross-country skiing, iceskating
- Fat-biking
- Spa and wellness services
- Christmas and New Year's festival
- Husky safari
- Horse riding
- Nature museum

#### Summer

- Summer theatre
- Koli midsummer
- Fishing
- Trekking, biking
- · Swimming, kayaking, water activities
- Restaurant day
- Lake cruises
- · Mini and frisbee golf
- Wilderness and adventure trips
- Sculpture museum

#### Summer

#### **Spring**

#### **Spring**

- Fishing
- · Downhill skiing and cross-country-skiing
- · Trekking, biking
- Lake cruises
- Spa and wellness services
- Wilderness and adventure trips
- Nature museum

# **Action highlights in Koli**















