



## Lappish magic at the Galleria Villa Magia

the Galleria Villa Magia! We begin our guest tour at the gate of the Villa Magia, where the lady of the house, Milla, tells of the settlement history of the village of Kaukonen, and the house's previous residents, the Hettulas. The area around the courtyard contains many beautiful old buildings, the first of which is an old smoke sauna, which nowadays serves as a ceramic workshop for Milla, the lady of the house. The old granary is now an atmospheric sauna cottage, which can accommodate friends and visitors. In the blue sauna suite, you can experience a peaceful breath of air from the fells. The red building, then again, is the domain of the lady of the house, a so-called 'place for re-charging', as the lady herself calls her home. The massive grey building is called Niittyvilla, and it used to be the main building. Nowadays it is the village's oldest building still in use, and contains the village's first ever glass windows. Milla has converted this old building into accommodation facilities, and it also contains a small shop, where Milla displays the clothes she has designed, which are dyed using the batik method, and there is jewellery to suit every pocket. The Ruusukammari (rose suite) displays handwork made by Milla's grandmother, Justina, using materials from roses, and fragrant Ruusulaakso (rose valley) products from the home of Milla's husband, Morocco. In a wonderful way, Niittyvilla combines the old Finnish handicraft traditions with the international spirit of Morocco.

In the courtyard, before going off to the gallery café, we can look at and admire the rural Lappish scenery and the neighbour's cows grazing in the fields. In the yard, there are also a couple of old river boats, as a reminder of the days when they were once rowed on the Ounasjoki River. Now Milla uses the boats, not for rowing, but as a background for her art in the summer.

In the gallery café, the pleasant crackle of a real fire awaits us, and as our lively hostess presents her personal artworks, some real smoky, 'sooty-kettle' coffee is heating up over the fire, which we enjoy with some fresh bakery products. While enjoying the coffee, we admire Milla's humour, and erotically-flavoured Raku ceramic work, which can get even the more serious visitors' cheek muscles twitching with a smile and maybe even laughter. The café also has humourously decorated toilets, which are worth visiting, even if you don't really need to! At the Villa Magia, you can buy original travel souvenirs and jewellery, and clothes individually designed by Milla.

If you are overnighing at Villa Magia, there are many other things to do, so time will definitely not drag. In the courtyard, you can throw darts, and go down to the riverbank to try your luck at traditional worm-fishing. If you are lucky and the fish bite, you can grill them over the fire and they will taste delicious! Or if you don't catch any fish, you can always grill sausages! There are also challenges at the time of evening milking, when you can go over to the cowshed and fetch a pail of milk.

A guided tour of Villa Magia, EUR 2.50/person

For groups on the guided tour, coffee and bun,  
EUR 5/person.

Additional charges:

Soup lunch for guests, EUR 14/person.

Accommodation in the sauna suite EUR 35 /  
day / 2 persons or EUR 30 / day / 1 person.

Accommodation at the Inn EUR  
15/person/day.

Porridge breakfast, EUR 5/person.

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