

Dear Parents/Guardians,

After a recent parents evening for Form 2, I became aware that not all information passed on to pupils in school reaches you, and to clarify a couple of errors on the three-year trip plan you were emailed last week, I have decided to send to you all the up-to-date information on my junior expeditions.

FINLAND TRIP FEBRUARY 2025:

This has now been opened to Form 2 pupils although we do have enough signups for the trip to go live. If you are interested, I would like to have intent before we break up for the Easter holidays as a deposit with Outlook Expeditions will be required.

DATES: 24th February-2nd March 2025

(5 nights in Finland between these dates to be confirmed once flights are booked.)

COST:

£2600 approx depending on transfer costs in the UK.

ITINERARY:

- Quinzee building
- Snow shoe orienteering
- Husky sledging
- Cross country skiing
- Fishing in the frozen lake
- Cold dip and sauna
- Snow survival
- Northern lights (if we are lucky)

ACCOMMODATION:

VERY COSY LOG CABINS:

Sleep minimum of four pupils

All self-contained but all meals served in the centre

DESTINATION:

JUST SOUTH OF THE ARCTIC CIRCLE IN THE HOSSA NATIONAL PARK.

EVERYTHING IS INCLUSIVE IN THIS PRICE OTHER THAN AIRPORT TRANSFERS IN THE UK (yet to be confirmed)

I was there with a group two years ago and the pupils had amazing and unforgettable experience.

LINK TO FINLAND TRIP INFORMATION PAGE:

<https://outlookexpeditions.com/destinations/europe-north-africa/finland>



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The Finnish culture is closely lined to nature with vast forests and glimmering lakes, which are famous for...

LINK TO FINLAND TRIP SIGN UP PAGE:

<https://basecamp.outlookexpeditions.com/sign-up>

Expedition Reference Number: 2025DCT02T

ALLADALE TRIP OCTOBER 2025:

DATES:

22nd-27th October 2024

COST: £1800 per person all inclusive

ALLADALE PROPOSED ITINERARY:

(Includes a visit to Culloden and Inverness on the way to Alladale and a dolphin boat trip on the return journey)

Tuesday:

Arrive Alladale Wilderness Reserve late afternoon/early evening, settle in, dinner, introductory talk and conservation film.

Wednesday:

4X4 Tour of the Reserve, with packed lunch, encompassing visit to Wildcat Breeding facilities and aquaponic gardens.

Tree planting

Stargazing around the fire pit

Thursday:

Mountain biking around the Reserve } With instructors from Aban Outdoors, who are AALA certified, insured and qualified for these activities.

Wild swimming } www.aban.scot

Sauna/Film night

Friday:

Clay pigeon shooting

Fence fixing

Peatland restoration

Foraging

Saturday:

All day hike to two coast views

Drumming/music session } With Henry Fosbrooke

Sunday:

Breakfast and depart

ACCOMMODATION:

5-star Victorian shooting lodge in twin rooms. We will be the only residents so will have inclusive use of all the facilities. Catered for by a private chef with a menu rich in local produce.

DESTINATION:

Alladale is a private 23,000 acre estate one hour NE of Inverness in Sutherland. It is the fore runner of "rewilding" projects in the Highlands of Scotland. The road into Alladale ends at the lodge, the rest of the estate is made up of rough tracks for mountain biking, walking and 4x4s.

I visited the estate in October 2023 to meet the staff and check the accommodation. We are privileged to be the first school to be invited to stay in the main lodge. Paul Lister (owner) believes that the future of our planet is in the hands of our young pupils, and we must educate them and build up deep ties between them and wild nature.

A good film to show to give students some background on Paul's vision for Alladale, the work that has been carried out on the Reserve over the last twenty years and the people who visit, can be found here:

https://youtu.be/s1A_f6nqQu8?si=pgfTyw1s55F80L6H

I hope that this clarifies my part of the 3 year trip plan.

If you require any information please call or email me and I will do my best to help. (I will host an information evening in the summer term once numbers are confirmed)

Once signups for Alladale are complete (preferably before we return from Easter holidays, a deposit of 25% will be required to secure your place.

I have eight pupils already signed up for this trip, so I do apologise if you are one of those for repeating information.

Kind Regards
Morag Smith
Expedition Leader