

Kolin Ryynänen - Artist residence

Kolin Ryynänen is situated in the village of Koli next to a national park. Koli is about 70 kilometres from Joensuu which is the main town in the region of North Karelia, Eastern Finland.

The village has about 300 inhabitants. For those seeking peace and quiet Koli is ideal. Also Koli is a good place for nature lovers as Koli village is surrounded by lakes and forest in the national park.

Kolin Ryynänen provides a residence for artists. The studio and the apartment are situated upstairs in a traditional old wooden building. The working space is well-suited for artists working in visual arts. The studio is about 58 square meters with windows on all 3 sides, a sink and running water.

The living accommodation is a self-contained fully equipped apartment: living room and bedroom, kitchen and bathroom. There is linen, internet, TV, washing machine and a fully equipped kitchen with a dishwasher, a fridge, coffee maker and an electric kettle. There is a double bed in the bedroom and a sofa bed in the living room which also sleeps 2.

There is also a bar/cafe shop downstairs in the same building.

Rent

You are required to pay a monthly rent of 200 € for your stay at the residence. (Extra person 100 € / each / month) That includes all the bills. Visitors may stay up to 2 months maximum.

Any travelling and living expenses must be covered by the artist him/herself. Those needing financial assistance are asked to turn to the authorities in their own country for help. Unfortunately Koli Cultural Society is unable to help.

Applications

Kolin Ryynänen accepts artists from all over the world, there are no restrictions.

To apply you need to send us a letter with a plan as to how you intend to spend your time in Kolin Ryynänen: what will you be working on etc. You are also requested to include your CV in the application. Pictures of your work would also be greatly appreciated.

Could you also please state any dates you find preferable and the desired length of your stay. Visitors may stay up to 2 months maximum.

The application deadline for the year 2017 is 30.4. 2016.

All enquiries and applications should be addressed to: koliresidence@gmail.com

Art courses and art workshops

It is possible to arrange art courses and workshops for professionals and for amateurs at Kolin Ryynänen. Koli village welcomes all forms of activities which involve visiting artists and the local community.

Café and other activities

Visiting artists can organize exhibitions of their work in the café. The café has old fashioned wallpapers with floral pattern so please bear that in mind.

There is also a two-storied outbuilding in the yard. It is in use only in the summertime. It can accommodate single travellers who are just passing through, as well as big groups. There is room for 24 people in the outbuilding.

Next to it there is also a local history museum (only open in the summer) and sauna. Across the road you will find the tourist info and the local shop.

Connections

There is a regular train service from Helsinki to Joensuu . The journey takes 4-5 hours.
www.vr.fi/eng/

Coaches also run to Joensuu from Helsinki.
www.matkahuolto.fi/en/

You can also fly to Joensuu from Helsinki.
www.finnair.com

There is a regular shared taxi service to and from Koli village a few times a day but you must book it one day before travelling. It is called kimpakyyti (Shuttle Taxi) and it acts as the local transport. It costs about 30 euros one way from Joensuu.

http://koli.fi/In_English/Find_us/Traffic_Connections.iw3

Koli's nature and cultural history

The nature in Koli is outstandingly beautiful with lake Pielinen and forest covered hills. Koli's hills are remnants of the ancient mountain range Karelidit. The highest point of the range of hills is Ukko-Koli, rising about 347 meters above sea level.

Koli is famous for the great inspiration it provided for the many famous Finnish writers, painters and composers during the National Romantic Period of the 19th century. Hence it is called the Finnish national landscape.

Koli Cultural Society supports the Kolin Rynnänen residence for the Artists.
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