



# MARKKINA

*Markkina used to be, as its name suggests, a significant square and market place where traders from different parts of Northern Finland met each other. There was also a church in the village, the logs of which were floated down the Muonionjoki to Palojoensuu. Nowadays, an outdoor service is organized in the old churchyard forest. The market is surrounded by vast northern marshes.*

*The Lätäseno River flowing down from the east joins the Könkämäeno River here and continues as the Muonionjoki. These big rivers, as their name suggests, always brings a new flow to the village from their journeys. Along the river, you can ascend into the heart of the wilderness; even up to Halti fell. The villagers of Markkina invite you to join the authentic Lapland way of life, where there is always something new to see.*

## LOCATION

Markkina is located on the west side of Enontekiö along highway 21, about 74 km from Hetta.

## ATTRACTIONS

In the Markkina area, there are wonderful outdoor recreation areas and routes with many attractions along the way: Lake Kuohnajärvi, Seitavuopio sacred area with "seitakivi" sacred stone. Autsanen's path and the road to Nunastunturi, a viewpoint that is excellent for birdwatching.

### Lätäseno

Lätäseno is a particularly well known fishing spot, where salmon also rise. Lätäseno is easily accessible either on foot, by boat, by bicycle or even by plane.

### The old sacrificial pine tree

Sámi sacrifice and worship place in Markkina.

### Churchyard

The site of Enontekiö's former church with a beautiful grove. There are outdoor services organized in the grove from time to time.

### Rounala church site:

Enontekiö church was located in Rounala in the years 1500-1796.

## SERVICES

There are accommodation and safari services located in the village.

**MARKKINA CHURCH SITE** was the administrative center of northern Western Lapland from the 17th century to the 1820s.

The church site, cemetery and churchyard are located on top of the hill at the joining of Lätäseno and Könkämäeno. There have been finds of artifacts from prehistoric times in the area, such as pits, huts and shelters, living fields and places of worship referring to the Sámi Iron Age.

The English archaeologist Edward Daniel Clarke has described Finland in his work series "Travels in Various Countries of Europe, Asia and Africa". During his trip to Finland in July 1799, he visited the then church village of Markkina with his expedition to fly a hot air balloon, which aroused great wonder among the locals. Edward Daniel Clarke and Erik Grape, vicar of Enontekiö, organized Lapland's first aviation days.

After the peace of 1809, the Markkina church was dismantled and put on a raft, on which it was floated to Palojoensuu, where the church was set up in 1826.

In the area of Markkina's former church land, there are trenches made during the Second World War as guard stations and observation points. Markkina served as a light field fortress for the Finns against Järämä, which was fortified by the Germans.

The hand-carved wood birds of Lauri Pappila, who lived in Markkina, are permanently housed in the Fell Lapland Visitor Centre in Hetta.

In the village, residents and travelers can get to know the colorful history of the place and the landscapes of the Lätäseno and Enontekiö wilderness. When traveling from the village to the north, the big fells soon begin, rising all the way to Norway.