

Building a sustainable canoe with women in Finland

Vendia materials bind carbon, save forests and do not emit microplastic into the water.

In a safe and supportive environment with tuition from a female professional boatbuilder.



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Next Easter, Ämmätsä Manor in Pälkäne, two hours north of Helsinki, will host a wooden canoe-building course for women. The course will last for ten weekdays, and on the weekend in between, you can go hiking in the wilderness of Laipanmaa or see the area's sights. The best way to build a canoe is with a partner, so bring a suitable companion!

Dates 14.4-25.4.2025



Program:

Course instructor Heike Löwenstein (Raindrop Boats) will guide you in a safe, friendly, and supportive women-only environment. She will tutor in English on the tools and their use and all the steps of building a Finnia canoe: building the keel, making and fitting the stays, joining the pre-milled boards, fixing the boards in place, fitting the rafters, making and fitting the benches, building the decks, and finishing the canoe. There are alternatives for the surface treatment: traditional tar/linen oil varnish, varnishing or painting. Advice will also be available in Finnish and German.

Course days are Monday-Friday from 8.30am-5pm; you are welcome to work ahead over the Easter weekend.

Participants will be responsible for transporting their canoes back home. One or two canoes easily fit on a car roof rack.*

Vendia will provide all the necessary materials: boards, wood materials, glues, raw materials for building benches, finishing materials and tools.

The course suits working in pairs, so even inexperienced builders can complete their canoes. During the course, participants can try canoeing in a Finnia canoe of their choice.

Accommodation is in the well-equipped guesthouse of Ämmätsä Manor. There is an opportunity to enjoy a Finnish sauna.

The price of the course for one canoe is €2553 for UK and overseas participants and €3000 for Finnish and German residents; including VAT, excluding travel, accommodation and meals.

The registration fee is 50% of the course price; the remainder is due on 1.3.2025.

If Vendia has to cancel the course for any reason, any payment made will be refunded to the participant. If the participant has to cancel before 1.3.2025, the registration payment will only be reimbursed if another participant can be signed up from the waiting list at short notice. We do not warrant reimbursement after the 1.3.25, but will do our utmost to assist if a cancellation arises.

For more info, to register and/or an informal chat, please contact Heike Löwenstein, Email heike@raindropboats.com Whatsapp +44 7711 316 210.

*For participants living overseas, we will provide tuition during the course and can freight the canoe materials to your location so you can build the canoe in your own time at home.