

## 4. FIS CROSS-COUNTRY WORLD CUP VENUES

### 4.1.1 KUUSAMO (FIN), 29<sup>TH</sup> NOVEMBER – 1<sup>ST</sup> DECEMBER, 2013

#### Key Facts

- First Nordic Opening was held in 2001
- The most famous athlete in Nordic disciplines who is native athlete from Kuusamo is Anssi Koivuranta
- There are 500 kilometers of skiing tracks in Ruka
- Ruka Ski Resort is one of the biggest ski centers in Finland; it includes 34 slopes and 21 skiing lifts.
- Besides Ruka Ski Resort, the most famous tourist attraction is Oulanka National Park with 80 kilometers long hiking route Karhunkierros
- There are nearly 50 safari organizers ready to make an adventure of a lifetime with snowmobiles, snowshoes, husky dogs, reindeer, fishing gear, canoes and whiter water rafts
- Spa Kuusamon Tropiikki and **Angry Birds Activity Park** guarantee a successful vacation for families with children

#### Top three 2012

	1st place	2nd place	3rd place
Ruka Triple Overall Standing Ladies	Marit Bjoergen, NOR	Justyna Kowalczyk POL	Heidi Weng NOR
Ruka Triple Overall Standing Men	Petter Northug Jr. NOR	Maxim Vylegzhanin RUS	Alexey Poltoranin

#### Competition Program

Date	Format	Distance	Remarks
29/11/2013	Sprint C	1.4km	Bonus seconds
30/11/2013	Interval Start C	5km / 10km	Bonus seconds top 3
1/12/2013	Pursuit F	10km / 15km	

#### Event Program

Date	Competition*	Training*	TCM	Other*
Thursday 28/11/2013		<b>10 :30 – 11 :45</b> Training Sprint 12 :15-14 :00 Training C	<b>19 :00</b> Press Center	
Friday 29/11/2013	<b>11 :30</b> Sprint Qualification <b>13 :30</b> Sprint Finals		<b>17 :00</b> Press Center	Prize Giving ceremony after the race
Saturday 30/11/2013	<b>11 :00</b> 5 km C Ladies <b>12 :30</b>	<b>9 :00 – 10 :00</b> Training C	<b>19 :00</b> Press Center	Prize Giving ceremony after the race

	10 km C Men			
Sunday 1/12/2013	<b>11 :30</b> Pursuit F Ladies <b>13 :15</b> Pursuit F Men	<b>9 :00 – 10 :00</b> Training pursuit C		Prize Giving ceremony after the race

\*Subject to change

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## Accreditation

### Accreditation for Print Media and Photographers:

FIS season media accreditation will be valid. Please login on your FIS account and **select the respective venues**.

For local press and photographers accreditation requests:  
www.nordicopening.com > Media > accreditation.

In urgent questions please contact Mrs. Soili Hirvonen, email:  
[soili.hirvonen@source.fi](mailto:soili.hirvonen@source.fi)

### Accreditations for TV, Radio and on line Media, etc.:

**Domestic and International** TV, radio, production and internet companies will be authorized by Infront Italy. They will have to submit their requests to film or commentate on-site directly to Infront Italy's TV & Media Rights Manager:  
[Filip.Grabowski@infrontsports.com](mailto:Filip.Grabowski@infrontsports.com).

The deadline for applications is **Friday, November 8, 2013**.

All local accreditations can be picked up at Accreditation office is in Hotel Rantasipi, opening time daily from 9:00 to 19:00.

## Race Office

Race office in/at Hotel Rantasipi Congress Centre opening time daily from 9 :00 to 19 :00

Sub Race Office (stadium building 3rd floor) open Fri-Sun from 10 :00 to 15 :00

## Media Centers

- a. Main Media Center  
The main media center is located in the Ruka Conference Center, opening times daily from 09:00 – 21:00
- b. Sub-Media Center  
The Sub-media center located in the Stadium (tent), opening times daily from 9:00 – 19:00

## Media Accommodation

The organizing committee can help you with finding accommodation for the event. Inquiries must be sent to the accommodation office by 15/11/2013.

The OC offers following accommodation (breakfast included):

Holiday Club Kuusamon Tropiikki, distance to the venue 25 km:

- 150 €/double room and 127 €/single room

Please, notice that there are limited amount of rooms available.

Additionally we can offer you holiday cottages and apartments at Ruka 2-5 km from the venue on request (accommodation only, no meals included).

## Transport

Official airport: Kuusamo Airport

There is an airport shuttle from Kuusamo Airport – Hotel Kuusamon Tropiikki – Ruka Village for the price of 10 €/one-way.

Ski Bus is available between the Hotel Kuusamon Tropiikki and Ruka Village. Bus is free of charge with the media accreditation.

## Media Events

Event	Location	Date/Time	Remarks
Finnish National team press conference	Main Press Center	TBC	
FIS Cross Country press conference	Main Press Center	TBC	
Media Evening	Will be informed later	Sat 30 <sup>th</sup> Nov / TBC	

## Regulations of Visa:

Remember that citizens of some countries will need visa for visiting Finland. Please check with your embassy if you need a visa for Finland.

For an official letter of invitation, please send a request to [seppo.linjakumpu@nordicopening.com](mailto:seppo.linjakumpu@nordicopening.com)

**Web Sites and Social Media**

[www.nordicopening.com](http://www.nordicopening.com)

[www.ruka.fi](http://www.ruka.fi)

[www.facebook.com/nordicopening](https://www.facebook.com/nordicopening)

[www.facebook.com/rukafinland](https://www.facebook.com/rukafinland)

<http://vimeo.com/nordicopening>

## Maps and Courses

