

An aerial photograph of a vast, snow-covered forest in Lapland. The trees are densely packed and covered in a thick layer of snow. In the background, a large, rounded mountain peak is visible under a clear, light blue sky. The overall scene is serene and wintry.

White Escapade in Lapland

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Welcome to Arctic Escapades

Would you like to bring your family and friends to experience a custom holiday in Lapland? Surrounded by pristine snowy landscapes, your time with Arctic Escapades is an escape from everyday life. We specialise in creating bespoke, all-inclusive winter retreats and adventures for private groups.

Located in the charming village of Äkäslompolo, just 45 minutes from Kittilä airport, 200 kilometers above the Arctic Circle in the breathtaking Seven Fells area of Finland, we offer a range of accommodations to suit your preferences. Choose from luxury igloos, private villas, or traditional lumberjack cabins, and savor the finest Lapland cuisine made from pure local ingredients.

Our activities take you to our winter wonderland. Explore the area through husky and reindeer rides, snowmobile adventures, snowshoe hiking, back-country and cross-country skiing, or fat biking. Unwind in traditional saunas, relax in hot tubs surrounded by snow or challenge yourself with an ice-dip! We also offer private tours to the magnificent Snow Village, Santa Claus Village, the Arctic Circle, and other stunning Lapland locations. Traditional Nordic culture is part of all our experiences and you will learn many new skills. Our team is 100% local from Finland.

Ready for the adventure? Let's start planning...

Example Itinerary



5 activity days, plus travels

Arrival

WELCOME TO LAPLAND!

Just so you know, you have crossed the 67° parallel north and are now about 200 kms above the Arctic Circle!

We will meet you at the Kittilä airport and take your villa in the heart of the Akäslompolo village (approx. 50 min drive).

Once settled at your accommodation, there's time to explore the winter wonderland around you, enjoy your first sauna and dinner in Lapland style.

If the weather is clear, you maybe able to spot the Northern Lights!



24.3.2024 Sun

Day 1

SNOWSHOE HIKE TO THE FROZEN NARNIA

After enjoying a hearty breakfast, we'll strap on our snowshoes and venture into the pristine white wilderness of Pallas-Ylläs National Park. As we hike through the soft, powdery snow, you'll have the opportunity to explore the breathtaking scenery of the 7 Fells in detail.

We'll pause for lunch at a cozy wilderness café or a traditional kota (a fireplace hut).

In the afternoon, we'll return to the villa where you can relax and enjoy the sauna, before a dinner at a traditional Lapland restaurant.



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26.3.2024 Tue

Day 2 - morning

BACK-COUNTRY SKIING

Backcountry-skiing is one of the best ways to glide through soft, untouched snow. We'll explore the frozen wetlands and forests in the heart of reindeer herder territory.

Expect gentle slopes and the occasional soft tumble, accompanied by plenty of laughter, as backcountry skiing is perfect for beginners.

We'll have our lunch break in the wilderness.



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25.3.2024 Mon

Day 2 - evening

LUMBERJACK SAUNA

In the afternoon / evening you can experience the charm of a traditional lumberjack sauna and a smoke sauna at Rönölä, an old lumberjack base nestled by the frozen Luosu lake. You can also try an icy dip, if you dare!

While you enjoy dinner and warm drinks, the owners will share with you with tales from the old lumberjack days and the history of Lapland.



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Day 3

HUSKY DOG SLEDDING

Today, you'll embark on an adventure steering a sleigh led by Siberian huskies through approximately 20 kilometers of pristine winter wilderness in the Pallas Fell area. Your day begins with an introduction to the husky farm and these incredible dogs, followed by a quick briefing. Then, it's time to hit the trail!

Each sled is shared by two people, allowing for about an hour of mushing per person while the other can relax in the sled, enjoying views and taking photos. After the exhilarating ride, there's time to enjoy a steaming cup of hot berry juice, some snacks, and the comforting warmth of a bonfire.

The dinner tonight will be at Navetta galleria, one of the most historic and traditional houses in Äkäslompolo.



Day 4

SNOWMOBILE RIDE ACROSS YLLÄS & NIGHT HIKE

Today we'll explore the Arctic nature by snowmobiles. After everyone is briefed on safety and driving instructions, we'll set off on our journey, covering approximately 30 km across the stunning Ylläs landscape.

Throughout the 3-hour trip, we'll pause to enjoy the frozen flora and fauna and enjoy a hot drink and snack, while we will try to entice the Siberian jays to come and feed.

Depending on your energy levels, a night hike and a dinner at a Kota fireplace hut can be an added adventure for the evening!



Day 5

REINDEER FARM VISIT & RIDE

Your morning is reserved for relaxation, and perhaps some souvenir shopping, before we meet the legends of Lapland.

At a local reindeer farm in Lainio, herders will share insights into their way of life, and you'll have the chance to feed the reindeer. It's then time to hop on for a 4km ride, relax and enjoy the scenery. You can enjoy hot drinks and snacks after the ride.

Our final dinner is served at the Poro restaurant, which means reindeer in Finnish.



Departure

Enjoy your last breakfast at the villa. Depending on your flights, there maybe time to visit the Lainio Ice Village, Samiland exhibition or another place of interest.

We will then take you to the Kittilä Airport for your journey home. Wishing you a pleasant flight, and we hope to welcome you back soon.



See you soon!

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Additional things you may like

Samiland exhibition Learn more about the indigenous Sámi people

Lainio Snow village. A stunning hand-crafted ice complex with an ice village and a snow hotel, just on our way to / from the airport.

Arkandia Adventure Park in Levi

Learn to cross-country ski – 0 to hero style

Visit to Rovaniemi to the Santa Claus Village and the Arctic Circle

Notes

- All days are hosted by us and activities are by our own guide / safari guide. We will give full instructions and look after you throughout the week.
- Activities are always weather dependent: If it's very cold, the route maybe shorter. If strong wind and snow is forecasted, we may change the itinerary to avoid open / higher places.
- Star / Aurora gazing at any night when the forecast looks good. You can download an Aurora App on your phones but we can also alert you.
- Sauna at your cabin is available every day. A traditional smoke sauna can be part of your program too.
- F&B arrangements are tailored to your group, for instance breakfast at the villa, lunches at wilderness café or Kota fireplace huts, dinners at Lapland restaurants, local homes or prepared for you by a private chefs.
- Transportation throughout the week is included.

Lodge info

Generally available

- Modern rooms with central heating
- Bedlinen and towels
- Sauna
- Well-equipped kitchen; Microwave, fridge, coffee-machine, electric kettle and stove.
- Soap & shampoo and sauna amenities
- Fireplace
- WC and showers
- Hair dryer
- A drying cabinet for clothes
- Wi-Fi, Tv and music players
- Storage for fire woods and outdoor equipment on the veranda and heat socket plug-in for cars
- Travel cots, kick-sleighs, cribs, prams, sledges and potties are available for families with children