

Northern Lights Village Levi - Activity Pick and Mix



HOLIDAY TYPE: Pick and Mix VISITING: Finland

BROCHURE CODE: 1103 **DURATION:** 3 or more nights

In Brief

Take the family on an unforgettable winter wonderland trip to Levi, Finland, where your home for the duration of your stay will be a spectacular glass-roofed Aurora Cabin. This pick and mix trip means you can choose the Arctic experiences to suit your family and ensure your holiday is a winter adventure of a lifetime.

Our Opinion

The Northern Lights Village offers a stunning setting for a family holiday. There is no experience quite like cosying up in your Aurora Cabin to watch the night sky – and with any luck, catch a glimpse of the Northern Lights! The pick and mix activities allow you to craft your holiday to your own personal preference, from exciting snowmobile safaris to gentle reindeer rides, Levi has something for

everyone. //

Graham Hughes







What's included?

- **Flights**: return flights from London to Kittilä Airport (via Helsinki). Subject to change and availability
- Transfers: return group airport bus transfers
- Accommodation: a minimum of 3 nights in an Aurora Cabin (but you can stay for as long as you wish. Extra night costs are listed in the 'Dates & Prices' section)
- Meals: full board
- Aurora alert service which you can set to alert you throughout the night or mute at any time
- Cold weather clothing is provided for the duration of your stay
- Fully qualified guides and instructors during activities

TAILOR YOUR TRIP

A selection of winter activities can be added to your trip at an additional cost. Once you have chosen when you want to travel and for how long (we recommend a minimum stay of three nights) you can select as many or as few activities as you wish from the extensive range on the "Activities" tab and tailor your trip as required. All activities are individually priced and our Travel Experts can assist you with your selection and will then provide a personalised itinerary quotation for you.

Trip Overview

From the brilliant minds that brought us the Northern Lights Village in Saariselkä, this destination in Levi offers the same incredible Aurora Cabins for the duration of your family winter holiday.

The cabins all come equipped with a partially glassed roof which means you can lay in bed and still keep an eye on the wonderful Arctic surroundings. What's more, as night falls, you could have the brilliant chance of witnessing the Northern Lights right from your cosy cabin. This may be the only time you will encourage the children to stay up past bedtime!

A pick and mix holiday offers you the freedom to choose the activities that best suit your



Click on the 'Activities' tab to see the full list of experiences. We've ensured that we offer a wide range to suit every family member. If you have any queries, contact our Family Travel Experts on 01670 789 991 who will be happy to help you choose the right activities.

You could spend the daylight hours exploring the snowy landscape by dog sled, snowshoe and even by reindeer sleigh ride for a true Lappish experience. As darkness falls, you can spend your evenings on dedicated Northern Lights activities, or you could simply enjoy your accommodation and search the skies from there. If you're a family who loves the slopes, you'll also be around 14km away from Levi fell - the largest ski resort in Lapland.

This pick and mix trip to Levi gives you complete flexibility to design your perfect family winter getaway with a fantastic Aurora Cabin as your base.

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Agenda

Please note the order of activities is subject to change



Included Meals: Breakfast

Personalise this tour



Our pick



Aurora Hunting in the Wilderness

Travelling on a bus gives you the wonderful advantage of mobility as your guide drives further north to give you the best chance of seeing the Northern Lights.

You and your family can stay warm on the bus as you travel to reach the optimum location, stopping along the way to take photos.

Once you reach a prime Northern Lights viewpoint, you will enjoy warm drinks and snacks as you wait in anticipation for the light show to appear.

Duration: approximately 3 hours in total

Minimum age: 4 years old

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Other options

ACTIVITIES





Snowshoe Hike

You may have noticed that walking over the deep snow can prove to be quite tricky. Well, with snowshoes, you can travel with ease and explore more of the winter surroundings without worrying about falling over. During this peaceful hike, you will follow your guide through the snow-capped forest to a nearby fell. Your guide will point out the different flora and fauna in the area on the way and you will enjoy a hot drink. You may even see some of the Arctic wildlife wandering by!

Duration: approximately 2 hours in total

Minimum age: 4 years old



Cross-Country Ski School

From children to grandparents, in this part of the world you will see almost everyone cross-country skiing and this activity gives your family the chance to try it out. You don't need any previous skiing experience as your expert guide will teach you the skills needed. Then you will all glide along the forest trail to explore more of the stunning surroundings.

Duration: approximately 2 hours in total

Minimum age: 4 years old

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Raekallio Art Gallery Visit

Reijo Raekallio has spent 50 years bringing the Lappish culture to life through his paintings and this activity gives you a unique look into his home gallery. The wonderfully designed building (by Reijo himself) is a sight in its own right but you'll also see a beautiful exhibition of paintings inside.

You will be transferred to and from the gallery approximately 2km away.

Duration: approximately 1-2 hours in total

(depending on the group)

Minimum age: 4 years old



Husky Safari (5km)

Dog sledding is a must-do activity in the Arctic. Nothing beats the feeling of gliding over snowy trails with your trusty team of dogs leading the way.

Chances are when you first meet the sled dogs they will be excitable and barking, ready to get going on their adventure. You'll find though, as soon as you set off and they settle into their pace, the only sounds you'll hear is soft panting and paws on the snow.

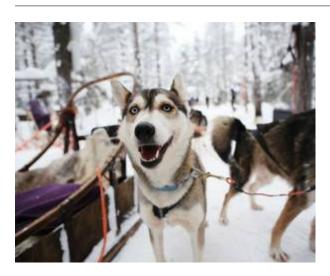
You will usually travel two per sled (one driving and one as a passenger in the sled). Children will ride as passengers.

Duration: Approximately 1 hour in total (5km or around 30-minute sled ride) including short transfers and briefing.

Minimum age: 4 years old







Husky Safari (10km)

For families who want a longer dog sledding adventure, this 10km track takes you further into the wilderness with your team of huskies.

You will usually travel two per sled (one driving and one as a passenger in the sled). Children will ride as passengers.

Duration: Approximately 2 hours in total (10km or around a 1-hour sled ride) including short transfers and briefing.

Minimum age: 4 years old

Reindeer Sleigh Ride

It wouldn't be a trip to Lapland without seeing some reindeer. And today, you will enjoy a short reindeer sleigh ride and travel the way people have done here for centuries. A reindeer sleigh ride is an experience that can be hard to comprehend until you actually do it.

Duration and price:

25 minutes (approximately): adult £70; child £34

1.5 hours in total (sleigh ride last around 1 hour, approximately): adult £123; child £62

Minimum age: 4 years and over

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Reindeer Day

Meeting the reindeer and learning about herding as a way of life is a particular highlight for children.

The reindeer herder will tell you stories about the life in Lapland and you will have the opportunity to feed the animals, which proves to be particularly enjoyable, as well as a one-hour sleigh ride. The activity will also include lunch.

Duration: approximately 3 hours in total including lunch; sleigh ride lasts approx. 1 hour

Minimum age: 4 years and over



Snowmobiling and Ice Fishing

Experience two of the most popular Arctic activities on this family day out that includes snowmobiling and ice fishing.

Adults will ride two per snowmobile and children will sit comfortably in a sleigh pulled by the guide's snowmobile as you travel over fells and through snowy forests until you reach a frozen lake in the wilderness.

Once you arrive, the guide will help you drill a hole through the thick ice and then you will bait the hook and wait as a family for the fish to take a bite.

You will also enjoy a light lunch by the fire – if you're lucky enough to catch any fish then this will be served at lunch.

Please note, you will travel two per snowmobile with the option to swap drivers however, you must be at least 18 years old and hold a full driving licence to drive a snowmobile. Children aged 13 and under will travel in a sleigh pulled by the guide's snowmobile. Children who are 13-14 years old and 140cm tall can choose to travel pillion on their parent's snowmobile but will be charged as an adult.

Duration: approximately 4 hours in total including lunch

Minimum age: 4 years old





Snowmobile Safari (2 hours)

Snowmobiling is a vital form of transport in Lapland but during your stay, it offers an exciting family adventure to explore the snowy surroundings. Adults will ride two per snowmobile and children will sit wrapped up in a sleigh pulled by the guide's snowmobile.

You will stop along the way to take photographs of the stunning scenery and there will also be time to

warm up with hot drinks and snacks.

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Duration: approximately 2 hours in total

Minimum age: 4 years old

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Snowmobile Safari (4 hours)

For those wanting a longer snowmobiling adventure, this safari takes you further into the wilderness to see more of the winter wonderland.

Adults will ride two per snowmobile and children will sit snuggly in a sleigh pulled by the guide's snowmobile as you travel through wintery forests, powdery snowdrifts and admire the beauty around you. There will be several stops to take

photographs and enjoy hot drinks and a light lunch.

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Children who are 13-14 years old and 140cm tall can choose to travel pillion on their parent's snowmobile but will be charged as an adult.

Duration: approximately 4 hours in total including lunch

Minimum age: 4 years old

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Aurora Photography Workshop

If the Northern Lights is high on your family bucket list, then this photography workshop will help you capture the special moment on camera if they make an appearance during your stay.

Your expert instructor has many years of experience in Aurora photography so you'll be in great hands as you learn everything you need to know to get that perfect shot.

Please note: you will need to bring your own equipment (camera, ideally SLR, and tripod)

Duration: approximately 1 hour in total

Minimum age: 4 years old

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Aurora Snowshoeing

Snowshoeing is a brilliant activity that helps you and the family enjoy a walk into the wilderness and on the search for the Northern Lights.

Follow your guide on a gentle walk into the forest and make your way to a cosy hut where you will warm by the fire with snacks and hot drinks. Listen to stories of the Northern Lights as you look out for a potential display.

Duration: approximately 2 hours in total

Minimum age: 4 years old

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Aurora Hunting by Heated Sleigh

Enjoy a heated sleigh ride to the top of a fell for an excellent viewpoint for searching for the Northern Lights.

You will keep warm by the fire with snacks and hot drinks while your guide will tell stories of the Northern Lights. Make sure you and the family are keeping an eye on the sky at all times for a potential display!

Duration: approximately 3 hours in total

Minimum age: 4 years old







Aurora Hunting by Snowmobile

Speed into the Arctic night as you travel via snowmobile up a snowy fell and to a wonderful Northern Lights location. Adults will ride two per snowmobile and children will sit snuggly in a sleigh pulled by the guide's snowmobile.

Once you have reached the lookout, you will warm by an open fire and enjoy snacks and hot drinks as you watch the skies for the Auroras.

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Duration: approximately 3 hours in total

Minimum age: 4 years old

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Searching for Father Christmas

For an unforgettable Christmas experience, this search for the man in red is a wonderful activity for both children and adults alike.

You will be met by one of Father Christmas's elves who will be your guide. The day starts with baking some delicious gingerbread and then you'll meet the reindeer and enjoy a short reindeer sleigh ride (approximately10 minutes).

The elf will then guide you and your family on a snowmobile-pulled sleigh into the forest where you will all be on the lookout for Father Christmas's hidden cabin. Once you find it, you will be invited in for a private meeting with the man himself (approximately 10 minutes) and the children may even receive a small gift.

Duration: 3 hours in total

Minimum age: 4 years old

Photography by Kimmo SyväRi And Visit Finland

LITTLE EXTRAS



Sauna Cabin & Hot Tub 1 hr

Unwind Finnish style with a sauna session and hot tub. Choose from a public ticket or private slot for up to 10, 15 or 20 people.

Duration: 1 hour (approximately)

© Matt Robinson







Cross-Country Skis and Snowshoe Rentals

If you and the family enjoy cross-country skiing or snowshoeing, you can rent the equipment for some independent exploration. Talk to the staff at the hotel for trail guides and best locations.

Minimum age: 4 years old

Rental:

Snowshoes: £29 per person per day

Cross-country skis: £33 per person per day

Included Accommodation

Other options are available - see below for details.

Levi Northern Lights Village (Nights: 1-3)



Located in the far north of Finland, 16km away from the centre of Levi and approximately 14km away from the ski resort, the Northern Lights Village sits tucked away in a brilliant location for a family holiday.

The village is made up of 40 Aurora Cabins, which you'll have for the duration of your stay. Each cabin comes equipped with a half-glass roof for the incredible opportunity to see the Northern Lights right from your bed!

All cabins are within walking distance of the restaurant which serves local food and Lappish delicacies.



Facilities

The village restaurant, Buffet is designed to look like a traditional wooden Finnish tipi and serves local food and special delicacies.

Breakfast is a buffet of continental options and some hot dishes. Evening meals are a buffet with starters of soups and salad, and then a choice of local meat or fish will follow. Dietary requirements are all well-catered for as long as we are informed at the time of booking.

All activities start from The Northern Lights Village (except the husky safaris and art gallery) to make your holiday as easy as possible.

Aurora Cabins

All Aurora Cabins face north and out into the wilderness to increase your chances of seeing the Northern Lights through the half-glass roof. The windows are also laser heated to melt the snow so that you have clear views at all times.

Inside, you'll find twin beds which can be made into a double and there is also a sofa bed (suitable for an additional adult or two children). There is a shower room, toilet and luggage storage area (please note that hot water is limited). You also have tea and coffee making facilities, a hairdryer, minibar and unlimited Wi-Fi.

Cabins are not cleaned between arrival and departure unless requested from reception. Additionally, towels can be exchanged at reception if required.

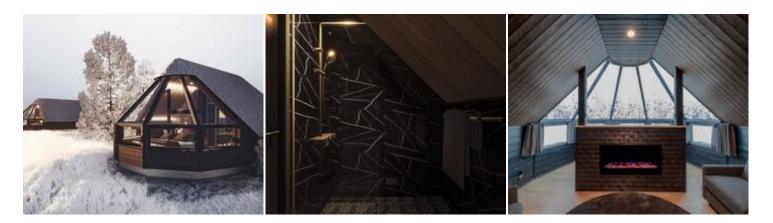
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Other accommodation options

Contact us for a personalised quote.

Levi Northern Lights Village - Aurora Suite





If you are travelling with children or as a family and are looking for more space or simply want the added luxury of a private sauna then why not consider upgrading to one of the Northern Lights Village's Aurora Suites.

Brand new for winter 2023, with the same innovative design and laser-heated glass as the standard Aurora Cabins but with a bigger footprint (approximately $44m^{2}$), the suites can accommodate 4-5 people depending on the make-up of your group, although please note that the sleeping space is all in one room.

Within walking distance of the restaurant and activity meeting point, each suite has its own private sauna, air conditioning and heating, a hairdryer, a minibar (charges apply locally), safe and tea and coffee-making facilities.

Please speak to one of our Family Travel Experts for more details.

The Specifics

Holiday group size (approximate)

This holiday requires a minimum of 2 people to run, however, on some dates we require a minimum of 10 people for our flight allocation. Maximum 30 people (approximately). Please speak to our Family Travel Experts for further information.

Group Size

We always try to provide an approximation of the group size you can expect to be with for the duration of each of our holidays. It may be that you are joined by others for parts of your holiday (such as transfers and particular activities) but the above number reflects those you can normally expect to be with from beginning to end. If group size is something which is particularly important to you, please speak to our Travel Experts and they can suggest the best holidays for you.

Tailor-made holiday group sizes will vary for all activities as will the group size for any



additional activities you book.

Minimum numbers required for a holiday to operate

Some of our holidays require a minimum number of participants to operate (as listed in the 'Group Size' section). If your holiday departure has not yet reached the minimum number, you will be told at the time of booking. In the unlikely event that your chosen date is not guaranteed by nine weeks before your scheduled departure date, we will contact you to discuss the available options as per our booking conditions.

Minimum and maximum age

The minimum age for this holiday can be found in the 'Key Facts' section of the holiday overview.

Younger family members may be able to participate but may not be able to take part in all activities. Please contact one of our Travel Experts if you have any questions.

Itinerary amendments

The order of activities listed in this agenda is provided for guidance only, your final and detailed itinerary will be provided either with your final travel documents (which are uploaded into your online account around a week prior to departure) or upon arrival.

Specific Payment and Cancellation Terms -Northern Lights Villages

Please note that the following cancellation terms supersede in part those mentioned in Section 7 of our general booking terms and conditions.

- Up to balance due date (This is normally 12 weeks prior to departure however some holidays differ. If this applies to your holiday you will be advised at the time of booking) -Loss of deposit (including the full cost of flights or other services where paid at the time of booking)

- between balance due date and 43 days prior to departure 50%
- 42 to 16 days prior to departure 80%
- 15 or less days 100%



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Please note: our payment and cancellation terms will be unique to each booking - they will be confirmed with you at the time of quotation. The terms listed above are noted as a guide only

