



Apukka - Pick & Mix



HOLIDAY TYPE: Pick and Mix
VISITING: Finland

BROCHURE CODE: 1102
DURATION: 3 or more nights

In Brief

Situated close to Rovaniemi, Father Christmas' official hometown, but in its own wilderness setting, Apukka is a wonderful family-friendly resort that gives you the best of both worlds. Design your own itinerary by choosing from a wealth of activities on offer. From dog sledding to Northern Lights hunting, there's plenty for the whole family to enjoy.

Our Opinion

“ There are so many elements of this holiday which make it appeal to families! Firstly, it starts with a very short airport transfer after your flight; it also has a fantastic variety of activities on offer which start right on-site and the accommodation is spacious and well equipped with a kitchenette. Apukka provides an ideal base for your holiday so you can focus on having fun and making some awesome memories! ”

Jono Archer



What's included?

- **Flights:** return flights from London to Rovaniemi (either direct or via Helsinki depending on departure date). Flight routes are subject to change
- **Transfers:** return airport transfers
- **Accommodation:** Minimum 3 nights in an Apukka Aurora Cabin
- **Meals:** 3 breakfasts, 3 dinners
- Cold weather clothing for the duration of your stay

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

The Apukka Resort is arguably in one of the most ideal locations for a family winter holiday. Just 15 minutes from Rovaniemi, Lapland's capital and the official hometown of Father Christmas, you'll have easy access to the full festive Lappish experience. Apukka itself, however, sits far enough away from the city lights to enjoy a Finnish winter wonderland, complete with frozen lakes and snow-laden forests. What's more, the airport transfer is only 15 minutes, so your Arctic adventure can begin almost as soon as you land!

During this pick and mix break, you're in complete control of your dream itinerary. From the duration of your stay to the Arctic activities on offer, you decide how you want to make the most of this brilliant destination. You could enjoy a dog sledding safari through the wilds, try snowmobiling or complete your Lapland experience with a reindeer sleigh ride, the choice is yours.

As night falls, your location away from the city lights puts you in prime Northern Lights territory. You could walk down to the resort's frozen lake to spot a potential display or you could choose a

dedicated Aurora activity such as riding in the cosy Snowtrain, searching by car or even on a snowmobile. All of our options can be found in the ['Activities'](#) section.

With access to both brilliant winter wilderness activities and exploring Father Christmas' hometown, the Apukka Resort is an impeccable choice for a family holiday to Lapland.

Please note, that most activities start just a walk away from your accommodation. You will need to cross a road, but a guide will be with you at all times to help you cross. Vehicles do pass along this main road, however, it is not a busy route.

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Agenda

Please note the order of activities is subject to change

DAY
1

ARRIVAL, TRANSFERS AND WELCOME

Included Meals: Dinner

DAYS
2 TO 3

DESIGN YOUR OWN HOLIDAY

Included Meals: Breakfast, Dinner

DAY
4

DEPARTURE

Included Meals: Breakfast

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Our pick

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Visit Santa Park

Complete your festive Lappish experience with a magical visit to Father Christmas' official home at the Santa Park in Rovaniemi. After a short transfer of 15 minutes, you will reach the park where you will travel underneath the Arctic Circle (and even cross the famous Arctic Circle line) to Santa's secret cavern.

You will be welcomed by Father Christmas' trusty elves who will show you all around the indoor park. Take the magic train, bake gingerbread and send special letters to

loved ones from Lapland. Attend elf workshops and school to earn your very own elf diploma and trainee hat - and don't miss the stage show on three times a day! There's also the chance to visit the wonderful home of the Ice Princess complete with Ice Gallery and Bar.

Of course, you will also have the unforgettable opportunity to meet the famous man in red. You and the family can tell Father Christmas all of your festive wishes before taking photos with him for a brilliant souvenir from your holiday to Lapland.

You can decide how long you wish to stay at Santa Park for but please inform reception at least the day before to arrange your pick up and drop off times. Price includes return transfer (based on a family of 4 sharing a taxi) and entrance ticket.

Upgrade option

Dream of Joulukka

If you prefer, you can upgrade your Santa Park Father Christmas experience to the Dream of Joulukka activity and journey to the secret forest with Father Christmas's very own elves leading the way. This enchanting experience starts with a short transfer to Santa Park, followed by a transfer deep into the snow-laden forest to immediately set the scene for your magical experience. Here you will meet with the elves, who are excited to show you around their wintry home. They will teach you all about what it takes to be Santa's helper and after gingerbread decorating and some training, you will even receive your very own Santa's helper diploma!

After some outdoor fun in the snow, you will walk to find Father Christmas' secret cabin in the woods. Then, one family at a time, you will have a private meeting with the famous man in red, who will tell you all about life in Lapland and you can tell him your Christmas wishes! Each child will also receive a small gift to have something to take home from this truly magical encounter.

Duration: approximately 3.5 - 4 hours in total including transfers

Please speak to one of our travel experts for a quote.

Image Credit: Santa Park Arctic World

Other options

ACTIVITIES



Aurora Reindeer Journey

Ride through the Arctic night on a reindeer-pulled sleigh as you go in search of the Northern Lights.

This tranquil journey will take you through the wintery forest and to a traditional Lappish kota tepee. Here, you can enjoy warm drinks and snacks as your expert guide tells you all about the life of a reindeer herder and stories of the magical Auroras.

Everyone will be keeping their eye on the sky and if conditions are favourable, you'll get to witness a Northern Lights display out in the wilderness.

Duration: approximately 3 hours in total

Available: Tuesday, Thursday and Saturday at 8:30pm

Image Credit: Apukka Resort



Apukka - Northern Lights Horse Sleigh Ride

Search the night sky whilst you sit snuggled up in a horse-drawn sleigh. You'll travel through the wilderness, keeping an eye on the sky for the Northern Lights, to a traditional Lappish Kota tepee where you can enjoy a hot drink around the campfire.

Whilst keeping warm around the fire, you can hear stories of Finnish Lapland and the Northern Lights, keeping

check of the sky for a potential Aurora display.

Duration: approximately 3 hours

Availability: Monday, Wednesday and Friday at 20.30



Apukka - Horse Sleigh Ride in the Arctic

Experience a horse-drawn sleigh ride through the wilderness. Through the wintry forest to the frozen lake, sit back, relax and let the horses lead the way.

Halfway, you will stop for a hot drink and campfire where you can enjoy the beauty of your surroundings before heading back to the resort.

Duration: approximately 2 hours

Availability: Monday, Wednesday and Friday at 16.30



Aurora Hunt on the Snowtrain

All aboard the Snowtrain for a unique way to hunt for the Northern Lights.

After dinner, it's time to head inside one of the cosy Snowtrain carriages and cross the stunning snowy landscape, searching the skies as you go.

You'll arrive at a traditional Lappish 'kota' tepee in a beautiful wilderness setting, where your guide will teach you how to build a fire. Once lit, you will gather around to enjoy snacks and hot drinks, looking up at the skies to search for the Northern Lights. Your expert guide will also help you with your camera settings, should the Aurora start to appear.

Duration: approximately 3 hours in total

Available: Daily from 8:30pm

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Meet the Arctic Animals – Ranua Wildlife Park Visit

Get up close to some of the most famous Arctic animals during a visit to Ranua Wildlife Park.

After approximately an hour's transfer, you'll arrive at the wildlife park where over 50 different species live. See polar bears, moose, wolves, bears and much more in their snowy surroundings and learn all about how these animals live in Lapland. Lunch is included today.

Duration: 5 hours in total (including transfers and lunch)

Available: Monday, Wednesday, Friday and Sunday at 8.45am

Image Credit: Gulo Gulo Holiday Village



In the Footsteps of Bigfoot

You may have noticed that walking in the deep snow can be rather tricky! Luckily, you can use snowshoes to help you walk onto the soft powder and explore more of your surroundings.

Your guide will help fit the family with snowshoes before leading the way into the wintry forest. Here, you'll learn all about the traditional ingredients found in nature, as well as spotting any animal footprints along the way.

This is a slow-paced activity that is the perfect opportunity to take some great family photos. You'll stop along the way and the guide will teach you how to build a fire. Once successful, you can all enjoy warm drinks and snacks before heading back to the hotel.

Duration: 2 hours

Available: Monday, Wednesday and Saturday at 2pm

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Ice Fishing like a Finn

Ice fishing is a popular Finnish pastime and is a relaxing way to enjoy the wintry surroundings.

Help the local guide pack the fishing gear and choose the right lure to attract the fish. Then you and the family will make your way down to the frozen lake and help to drill a hole in the thick ice, before lowering the bait.

As you wait to see who might get the catch of the day, keep warm by the fire and enjoy the stunning

environment around you.

Duration: approximately 2.5 hours in total

Available: Tuesday, Friday and Sunday at 10am

Image Credit: Apukka Resort



Peek to the Wilderness by Snowmobile

Snowmobiles are widely used as a form of transport in these regions but for those of us who don't use them day-to-day, they are a brilliant adventure to see more of the snowy surroundings.

This activity is the perfect introduction into snowmobiling, as adults get to experience driving and children ride in a sled pulled by the guide's snowmobile.

After full instructions and a safety briefing, you'll set off along the trails. You'll drive through the pine tree forests and across frozen marshlands, stopping along the way to enjoy a warm drink in the wilderness.

You will drive two per snowmobile. Please note, you must be at least 18 years old and hold a full driving licence to drive a snowmobile.

Duration: approximately 2.5 hours in total

Available: Daily 2pm

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Apukka Reindeer Journey

Travel through the forests on a magical reindeer sleigh ride – a peaceful way to complete your Lapland experience.

Along the way, the local guide will tell you all about the life of a reindeer herder and their animals in Lapland. Your ride will last for approximately one hour and you will enjoy a hot drink and snack.

Duration: approximately 2 hours in total (1 hour sleigh

ride)

Available: Daily at 10am and 2pm

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Aurora Husky Tour in Apukka

Combine your Northern Lights quest with an adventurous evening husky safari.

As you sit on the sled, your expert guide will drive your pack of dogs into the wilderness and to a prime lookout location. Here, your guide will make a fire to sit around and enjoy some hot drinks and snacks.

As you wait for a potential display, the guide will tell you stories about the Northern Lights and life in Lapland.

Duration: approximately 3 hours in total

Available: Tuesday and Sunday at 8:30pm

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Husky Adventure

Meet with the Apukka pack and go on a dog sledding adventure to discover why this is one of the most sought-after winter experiences.

Upon arrival at the husky camp, you'll meet with an expert musher, who will tell you all about the lives of the dogs and give you full instructions on how to drive a dog sled.

Then it's time to step onto the sled and let the dogs lead the way as you embark on a 5-10km safari. The adults will mush with the children riding as a passenger in the sled, admiring the winter scenes as they unfold around you.

Upon your return, you'll have time to thank the dogs and take some photos with your loyal team.

Duration: approximately 2 hours in total

Available: Daily at 10am, 12pm and 2pm

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Snow and Fun

Make the most out of the snowy surroundings and get a taste of the top winter activities on offer. From two short sleigh rides with both huskies and reindeer to learning how to snowshoe and cross-country ski, you'll get to try the most popular activities in Lapland.

You can let your creativity flow when you try ice sculpting, unleash your competitive side when you race on toboggans and put the children in the driver's seat as they ride a mini snowmobile. Lunch will be served in

between before finishing the activity with an epic snowball fight!

Duration: approximately 4 hours

Available: Tuesday, Thursday and Saturday at 10am

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Aurora Hunt by Car

Hop into a cosy warm car with a knowledgeable guide and go in search of the Northern Lights. Using the mobility of the car to your advantage, you can travel further distances which can help outrun any localised cloud cover.

As you travel to a prime lookout location, your guide will tell you all about life in Finland and help you search the skies for a potential Aurora display. Don't worry if you don't have a camera with you, your guide will share their

photos of the night (charges may apply). A hot drink and a snack are included.

Duration: approximately 3 hours in total

Available: Daily from 8:30pm

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Included Accommodation

Other options are available - see below for details.

Apukka Aurora Borealis Resort (Nights: 1-3)



The Apukka Resort is the perfect place to shake the snow off your shoes and relax after a day exploring the Arctic.

Hotel Facilities:

- Fuel up on breakfast in the hotel restaurant before each Arctic activity and return for your evening meal to discuss the day's epic adventures.
- Take some of your holiday of a lifetime home with you when you visit the Apukka souvenir shop which is full of Finnish treasures.

Room Types:

APUKKA AURORA CABIN

Return from your adventures in the Arctic to a cosy Aurora Cabin where you can search for the Northern Lights right from the comfort of your bed.

With a heated glass roof to give you a brilliant look out to the dark sky, this will be one of the few places where the kids will be allowed to stay up late – especially if the Auroras start to appear!

Double Room with Convertible Sofa:

The Aurora Cabins are equipped with a double bed and a convertible sofa for two children. Everything is in one place with your own private ensuite bathroom with shower and toilet, mini fridge, hairdryer and complimentary Wi-Fi. Make sure you download the Aurora app so you'll know if you can expect to see the Northern Lights above your bed (a charge applies).

Other accommodation options

Contact us for a personalised quote.

Apukka Komsio Suite



Based on a traditional Sámi cradle, the Komsio Suite is a peaceful retreat for families after a day exploring the winter wilderness.

The accommodation is spread over two levels. Downstairs, you'll find the bathroom and convertible sofa, with long windows to give you a brilliant lookout to the Arctic.

The top tier features a double bed with a stunning panoramic glass roof, which means you can search for the Northern Lights as you're tucked up in your duvet.

This self-contained accommodation comes equipped with a small sitting area, a private bathroom with a shower and toilet, and mini fridge, a hair dryer and complimentary Wi-Fi.

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Apukka Kammi Suite



Brand new to Apukka Resort are the enchanting Kammi Suites. Built in 2021, these suites offer a mix of sleek Scandi design and relaxing home comforts.

Comprised of two floors, the ground floor has a kitchenette, a generous living and dining space and a private bathroom, and on the second floor sits the double bed which lays beneath the 360° panorama glass roof – the perfect spot for night-sky gazing.

You can also upgrade to a Family Kammi Suite, which has a larger kitchen and two bedrooms and is located by the shore of the lake. Please speak to one of our Travel Experts if you'd like a quote.

The Specifics

Holiday group size (approximate)

This holiday requires a minimum of 2 people to run, however, we require a minimum of 8 people for our flight allocation. Maximum 35 people (approximately). Please speak to our 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.

Terms - Apukka payment and cancellation terms

Payment and cancellation terms:

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

- More than 63 days prior to departure - Loss of deposit (including the full cost of flights or other services where paid at the time of booking)
- 63 to 43 days prior to departure - 40%
- 42 to 30 days prior to departure - 60%
- 29 to 15 days prior to departure - 80%
- 14 or less days - 100%

Terms and Conditions

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Swim stops

There are plenty of opportunities during our cruises for refreshing swim stops in some beautiful spots en route. Please note that this is not a supervised or guided activity and whilst safety equipment is provided on board and staff members will be present, each passenger is responsible for their own safety whilst in the water.