



Northern Lights Village Pyhä - Follow the Northern Lights to find Father Christmas



HOLIDAY TYPE: Winter Activity Holidays
VISITING: Finland

BROCHURE CODE: 5070
DURATION: 3 nights

In Brief

Experience the ultimate festive break in Pyhä's Northern Lights village, where adventure and relaxation blend seamlessly for all ages. In this short, yet magical getaway Kids will delight in a magical visit with Father Christmas, while the entire family relish in snowy serenity taking a trip back to their youth. Enjoy nostalgic sleigh rides, local treats, and a truly unique stay in a glass-roofed Aurora suite for an unforgettable spectacle under dancing northern lights and majestic stars making this a truly unforgettable holiday for the whole family.



What's included?

- **Flights:** return flights from London to Rovaniemi (either direct or via Helsinki). Flight routes subject to change
- **Transfers:** return group airport bus transfers
- **Accommodation:** 3 nights in an Aurora Cabin or Taiga Forest Cabin
- **Meals:** 3 breakfasts, 2 lunches, 3 dinners
- **Activities:** the following activities are included in the holiday price: Searching for Father Christmas, 5km husky safari, 2hr snowmobile safari, 25-minute reindeer sleigh ride (order of activities subject to change)
- **Aurora alert service** which you can set to alert you throughout the night or end at a specific time
- **Cold weather clothing** for the duration of your stay
- **Fully qualified guides** and instructors during activities
- **24/7 assistance** from our UK-based operations team and in-destination support from our local partners

Trip Overview

Experience the ultimate festive break in the picturesque Northern Lights village, Pyhä. This holiday seamlessly blends fun and relaxation for all ages. Kids revel in a magical and unforgettable Father Christmas experience, while parents find serenity in the enchanting, snow kissed surroundings.

During this short, yet magical holiday you will see your children's faces light up as they meet Father Christmas. Meeting the man in red is just one aspect to this majestic wintery getaway. Older family members will cherish the festive cheer while reliving their youth on a nostalgic sleigh ride plus the choice of many more activities (refer to personalise section for further details).

During these 3 special nights the whole family will be under the spell of a true and authentic festive spirit, bursting with cheer as your children receive a small gift from Santa in his cosy cabin and you all enjoy local hearty treats like warm berry juice and freshly baked cookies, baked by elves nonetheless!

The magic doesn't end there! After searching for Santa and enjoying many more activities

on offer, what better than to retreat to your cabin in the glistening, blanket-white forest after an authentic dinner sampling the best local delicacies. In an Aurora Cabin, the night sky is your ceiling; opposite to the sparkly white snow-covered ground, the sky offers a jet-black backdrop to an endless performance from twinkling stars undisturbed by light pollution. Hopefully luck will be on your side and the Northern Lights will make an appearance, which bring a burst of colour and will hopefully mesmerise and entertain you in the most unique and special of light shows from your plush, cosy, bed. This unique accommodation adds an extra layer of wonder, creating an unforgettable experience.

Agenda

Please note the order of activities is subject to change

DAY
1

FLIGHTS, ARRIVALS AND TRANSFERS

After flying north, a scenic 1 hr 30 minutes journey* (approximately) will whisk you away from Rovaniemi airport to the magical Northern Lights Village in the picturesque Pyhä region. After settling you're your cosy accommodation, whether it's an inviting Aurora Cabin or if you've upgraded to a Sky View Suite, the magic continues. Make your way to the buffet restaurant, where you will get your first taste of lovely local flavours and special delicacies from Lapland and the Barnets Sea regions. After dinner, head back to your suite and get some rest before your first day of adventure tomorrow. Sink into plush bedding, and gaze upward with anticipation. With luck, you'll be serenaded to sleep by the dreamy dance of the Northern Lights.

*Please note that the transfers included are shared and grouped together to meet similar flight arrival times.

Included Meals: Dinner

DAY
2

SEARCH FOR FATHER CHRISTMAS AND HUSKY SAFARI

The special day has finally arrived! And all begins with a delightful breakfast featuring locally sourced ingredients, which will no doubt be wolfed down quickly as the children eagerly await meeting Santa.

After breakfast, you will collect your cold weather clothing and begin your hunt for Father Christmas, starting with a meeting with Santa's cheerful Elves, who will be your friendly, English-speaking tour guides. They are dedicated to ensuring that your day is brimming with joyful moments and the creation of festive memories.

To start off, the elves will lead you through a heartwarming gingerbread baking session in their snug cabin, where you'll have the chance to craft delicious cookies, which don't forget are Santa's favourites! Following your first joyful activity, you'll follow the Elves to meet Santa's splendid reindeer. Enjoy a brief, yet exhilarating, sleigh ride through the

enchancing snow-covered forest, a dream come true for the children and a nostalgic trip back to youth for the adults. This adventure lasts approximately 10 minutes. The excitement continues as you embark on a quest to discover Santa's hidden cabin. Accompanied by an Elf on a snowmobile, your family will hop into the snowmobile-pulled sleigh and journey into the snow-covered forest. Once you successfully locate the cabin, you'll be greeted with a warm welcome from Santa himself! Engage in an intimate 10-minute conversation with the jolly old man and children will receive a small gift. This magical journey promises to bring smiles to both young and old, providing an unforgettable festive experience filled with wonder and joy.

After an enchanting morning meeting Father Christmas, a pack of adorable huskies will be super excited to meet you too! Have you ever wondered what it's like to be a musher? After a short transfer, you and your family will be greeted with pure joy by your team of dogs. They love bounding over the Nordic terrain and showcasing their homeland.

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

The total duration incl. briefing and a short transfer is approximately 1 hr. We expect you to be out on the husky sledge for around 30 minutes.

Included Meals: Breakfast, Lunch, Dinner

DAY
3

SNOWMOBILING AND REINDEER SLEIGH RIDE

Following a tasty breakfast, it's time to head out into the Arctic again as you and your family embark on an exhilarating snowmobiling adventure! A must-do Arctic activity, snowmobiling is on most winter bucket-lists and what better way to experience the thrill in the hands of your expert guide? They'll give you a briefing and safety talk before heading out two people per snowmobile onto the snowy landscape. You stop along the way to take photos of you and your family and enjoy a hot drink by the fire. A great taster activity for first timers.

Please note: the driver of a snowmobile must be at least 18 years old and hold a valid driving licence. As a general rule, children (14 years and under) will travel in a sled pulled by the guide's snowmobile. Children 4 years and under must be accompanied in the sleigh by one parent. Older children (15 years and over) may be able to travel as pillion on the snowmobile, but this is at the discretion of the guide and the child must be at least 140 cm tall. Children will pay the adult price if riding on the snowmobile.

After lunch snuggle together in a cosy sleigh pulled by a majestic reindeer. Before snowmobiles, Laplanders would travel by sleigh pulled by reindeers. Get cosy and hold on tight as you travel two to four people per sled! Nothing epitomises Lapland like these magnificent creates and what a unique experience to get up close whilst taking in the enchanting wilderness. The reindeer ride starts from and end in the reindeer paddock in the Northern Lights Village and lasts approximately 25 minutes

Included Meals: Breakfast, Lunch, Dinner

DAY
4

DEPARTURE

As your unforgettable journey in Finland ends, it's time to bid farewell to the winter wonderland, after one last Scandinavian breakfast, you'll be transferred back to the airport. If your flight is particularly early, your breakfast will be boxed and ready for you to enjoy on the way. Although sad to be leaving such a magical destination, you'll take the experiences and photos and lifelong memories of your Finnish adventure with you. Finland's natural beauty, thrilling activities, and warm hospitality will surely leave a lasting impression, making it a destination to remember.

Included Meals: Breakfast

Personalise this tour

Our pick



Aurora Hunting in the Wilderness

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Step on board a minibus to a remote camp and get ready for a magical evening. Snuggle up together around the warming fire in a cozy hut with a delicious hot drink and a snack. Look up to the starry scene above and await the Northern Lights. Hopefully you'll see them twist and twirl across the night sky.

Duration: approximately 3 hours in total

Minimum age: 4 years and over

Other options

ACTIVITIES



Aurora Hunting by Heated Sleight

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Settle into a seat in the cosy heated sleigh as you glide through the breathtaking landscape. Your friendly guide will take you through the snow-capped forest and over the boundless wilderness. Once you reach your destination, your guide will build a fire and you can listen to Nordic tales whilst enjoying hot drinks. With a little bit of luck, the

Northern Lights will appear on the horizon and perform a dazzling display. Prepare to capture this phenomenon on camera or savour the experience in the moment.

Duration: approximately 3 hours in total

Minimum age: 4 years and over



Kid's Snowmobiling

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Make your child's holiday unforgettable with this unique, once-in a lifetime experience. They'll find the activity both enriching and exhilarating and remember it for years to come. A 200-metre track offers a safe environment for children to drive their own snowmobile, that have been specially built for children.

Please note: Parents must supervise this activity and are responsible to ensure their child is following the guide's instructions safely. There is no age restriction, but children must be 100cm tall or above. Parents must assess whether this activity is suitable for their child's age.

Choose from a 30-minute or 60-minute session.

Prices:

30 minutes from £33 per child

60 minutes from £66 per child



Cross-country Skiing School

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From children to grandparents, you will see almost all Finnish people cross-country skiing and this activity gives your family the chance to try it out. It's a pursuit suitable for all ages and abilities. Your expert guide will teach you all the skills needed before you glide through the snow like a true Laplander.

Duration: approximately 2 hours in total

Minimum age: 4 years and over



Snowshoeing and Ice Fishing

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Grab your snowshoes and your sense of adventure and head out into the shimmering forest to a nearby fell. You and your family will trek through the woodland and your guide will build a fire. Enjoy a hot drink while looking out for Siberian jay, a willow grouse, or a herd of reindeer roaming by. You'll then continue your trail over a frozen lake.

Here, your guide will teach you about the local wildlife and help you to drill a hole through the thick ice. You'll bait the hook and wait to see who can successfully catch the fish of the day. A great opportunity for some healthy family competition and a chance to experience another unique activity.

Duration: approximately 3 hours in total

Minimum age: 4 years and over

Included Accommodation

Other options are available - see below for details.

Pyhä Northern Lights Village - Taiga Forest Cabin (Nights: 1-3)



One of our very favourite partners, Northern Lights Village launched their brand-new destination in Pyhä in 2023. We have been privileged enough to watch this awesome team create two of our most popular destinations from the initial concept stage right through to the professional operation to which we send hundreds of happy guests each month during the Autumn and Winter seasons.

The small village of Pyhä is around 130km North of the Arctic Circle and around 90 minutes from Rovaniemi airport. The Northern Lights Village is located about 5km from the nearby downhill ski resort. The village is set in a beautiful, picturesque snowy forest and just a very short walk away you can find the frozen Lake Pyhäjärvi.

Facilities

There is a restaurant and reception building on site where all your meals will be served. At a safari house you will be issued cold weather clothing, and this is the meeting point for your activities. Please note that hot water is limited in all the accommodation types.

There will be four types of accommodation when this new destination opens in 2023.

- Just a short walk from your accommodation, you'll find the resort's brand-new restaurant serving up mouth-watering local flavours and special delicacies from Lapland and the Barents Sea regions. With a continental-buffet style breakfast, there's something for everyone. From nutritious fresh fruit, muesli and yoghurt to sweet treats like pancakes, Karelian pastries and croissants. Lunch and dinner are equally as delicious and varied and there's plenty of options for those with dietary requirements. Enjoy quality family time around the table surrounded by stylish interiors and luxury furnishings.
- Your friendly guides will be ready to welcome you at the meeting point for all activities in the reception of the main building. Throughout the programme, your guide will also take photos of your family; a special touch offered by the Northern Lights Village to ensure these precious moments are captured forever. Copies of your photographs can be purchased from reception.
- The small village centre is located nearby if you need to purchase any extra items and there's a ski resort located 5km away. If you and your family are feeling particularly active and want to take to the slopes, the team on reception will be more than happy to organise a transfer for you.
- To alleviate packing and ensure each family member is properly kitted out for the

duration of your stay, there is an onsite clothing storage providing cold weather clothing which can be collected after checking in at reception.

- For an extra charge (booked privately) you can relax in the sauna and hot tub after your day exploring the Arctic. If you're feeling especially brave, there's also the Ice Pool for you to plunge into.

Taiga Forest Cabin

These two-bedroom idyllic log cabins are nestled amongst the snowy forest. They are ideal for larger families and offer 2 bedrooms and space for 2 more guests to sleep in the lounge area on a sofa bed. There will be 10 in total.

These spacious suites are 60m² and have their own private sauna and electric fireplace. There are fewer places we can imagine being cosier to return to after one of the exciting activities available during your stay.

These cabins effortlessly combine traditional Finnish construction with stylish and modern Scandinavian style. Just steps outside the front door and you can breathe in the crisp forest air and enjoy the peace and tranquillity which is so hard to find in modern life.

Look no further for the epitome of the cosy cabin to be your base for your once-in-a-lifetime holiday to Lapland.

(Please note: The image chosen is to give an indication of the type of cabin. The finished renovation may vary). Image credit: Marijke Jansen-Peper

Other accommodation options

Contact us for a personalised quote.

Pyhä Northern Lights Village - Aurora Cabin



The tried, tested and eternally popular Aurora Cabins feature here as at all Northern Lights

Villages.

Each of the 15 cabins is 29m² and has a double or twin bed under the heated glass ceiling. Some of the cabins also have a sofa bed which allows up to 4 guests in each cabin (we would recommend a maximum of 3 adults – 4 adults would be very cosy!)

The Aurora cabins have an en-suite toilet and shower room. They have tea and coffee making facilities and a hairdryer.

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

Image Credit: Northern Lights Village

Pyhä Northern Lights Village - Sky View Suites



These are an exciting and innovative new room type for Northern Lights Village Pyhä. Their distinctive design sets them apart from traditional accommodation.

There are 10 in total and at 35 m² they are more spacious than the Aurora Cabins. They have a large, panoramic sloped glass roof looking to the Northern sky which is also heated to melt any snowfall, as well as an electric fireplace.

There is a double or twin bed situated under the glass windows and a sofa bed for 2 additional people. The suites also have a kitchenette and dining table, although all meals are served in the hotel restaurant. They have an en-suite bathroom with shower.

Pyhä Northern Lights Village - Aurora Suites



There will be 10 Aurora Suites hidden amongst the snowy forest scenery in Pyhä. These suites are more spacious at 44m² and sleep a maximum of 5 people (we would recommend a maximum of 4 adults – 5 adults would be very cosy!). They are being newly built for the Northern Lights Village's grand opening in December 2023. They will have the iconic glass roof to allow you to (hopefully) lie in bed and enjoy the Aurora dancing overhead.

Complementing the celestial magic, the Aurora Suites provide abundant space and comfort, making them perfect for families seeking an extraordinary getaway. Accommodating up to 5 people and featuring a private sauna, these suites blend luxury and practicality

The Specifics

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 and Conditions

Our full booking terms and conditions can be found on our website: <https://www.activitiesabroad.com/booking-conditions>

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

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 16 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 92 days prior to departure - 50%
- 91 to 24 days prior to departure - 75%
- 23 or less days - 100%