



Harriniva - Design Your Own Activity Week



HOLIDAY TYPE: Small Group
VISITING: Finland

BROCHURE CODE: 1003
DURATION: 7 nights

In Brief

Harriniva is one of our most popular destinations for a family pick and mix holiday. You can choose from a wide range of wonderful family-friendly activities including the likes of snowmobiling and husky sledding, snowshoeing and reindeer safaris. There are varying levels of all activities available, making sure that there is something to suit everyone.

Our Opinion

“ Harriniva was the first place we featured in Lapland that offered such a wonderful set of tailor made activity options. Few can match their weekly programme! The great thing about Harriniva is that the dog sled centre and the snowmobile departure points are all on site. It makes life really easy and also provides a great buzz around the place. For families who want to get out and explore the wilds, it is an ideal base. ”

Ali Mclean



What's included?

- **Duration:** 7 nights
- **Flights:** return flights from London to Kittilä (either direct or via Helsinki depending on the departure date). Flight routes are subject to change
- **Transfers:** return airport transfers
- **Accommodation:** 7 nights' hotel accommodation
- **Meals:** half board
- **Activities:** choose from our extensive range which is detailed in the 'Personalise' section of the holiday page (**activities are all priced individually**). The order of activities you select is subject to change
- Cold weather clothing for the duration of your stay
- Fully qualified wilderness guides and instructors for any activities
- Services of our local representative

Trip Overview

Harriniva is situated around 3km from the small Arctic town of Muonio, on the banks of the river which divides Sweden and Finland. It is an excellent location from which to explore the surrounding wilderness and offers easy access to some exceptional trails for the likes of snowmobiling and dog sledding.

The team at Harriniva are family activity specialists and they have their own sled dog centre on-site. This means that their range of activities is excellent and there is sure to be something to suit every member of the family. There are snowmobile adventures, reindeer encounters, snowshoe walks and a wealth of other options to choose from.

This is a place which offers a real sense of adventure as guests come and go on their activities and all congregate in the evenings to discuss their experiences over dinner.

You have total control over your holiday during this family pick and mix as you can choose the activities you wish to participate in. Subject to flight and accommodation availability you can usually travel at any time throughout the winter season from January onwards (do book early for any time around half term).

The price of this Lapland family activity holiday includes seven nights in a hotel room, half

board and all of your winter clothing for the duration of your stay. The price also includes your flights and transfers and on some departure dates, direct flights from Gatwick are available.

Please note that many activities require a minimum number of participants in order to run so all activities are subject to availability.

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Agenda

Please note the order of activities is subject to change

DAY
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ARRIVAL AND INTRODUCTION

You will be met at the airport and transferred to your accommodation in Harriniva. There will be time to settle into your room before dinner and a welcome meeting with your representative who will be on hand to answer any questions you may have.

The beauty of our tailor made option is that you can set the pace of your trip.

The base price includes your flights, transfers, half-board accommodation for seven nights, cold weather clothing for the duration of your stay, fully qualified wilderness guides and instructors during your chosen activities and a dedicated representative. You select the activities you would like to do from the list shown in the 'Personalise' section, ensuring your holiday can be as active or gentle as you wish.

Our Travel Experts are on hand to help you craft the ideal itinerary.

Included Meals: Dinner

DAYS
2 TO 7

DESIGN YOUR OWN HOLIDAY

Fill your days with as many or as few activities, as you wish, selecting from the options listed in the 'Personalise' section.

There's a wealth of options to choose from and should you need advice on the best options for you please speak to one of our Travel Experts. They will be able to help prepare the perfect itinerary for you.

Included Meals: Breakfast, Dinner

DAY
8

DEPARTURE

After breakfast, you will be transferred back to the airport for your flights home.

Included Meals: Breakfast

Personalise this tour

Our pick



Aurora Snow Train

Step inside the cosy Snow Train carriage for an Aurora hunt into the wilderness.

Pulled along by your expert guide on a snowmobile, the Snow Train has been cunningly designed with an all-Perspex exterior to give you constant views of the night sky. As you journey further into the darkness, keep your eye out for a potential display.

You'll also stop in a prime location to enjoy hot drinks and continue your search. Your location will be chosen based on the local weather and Aurora forecast for the evening, giving you the best possible chance of ticking the Northern Lights off your family's bucket list.

Duration: 2 hours

Available: Wednesday at 9pm and Friday at 10pm

Minimum group size: 2 adults

Other options

ACTIVITIES



Secrets of the Northern Lights

Learn about the various myths and legends surrounding the Northern Lights, as well as the science behind them. Warm drinks and snacks will be served as you are also provided with information about the local area.

Activity level: Low

Minimum age: 12 years

Minimum group size: 2 adults

Duration: 1 hours (approximately)

Available: Monday at 4 pm and Friday at 4 pm

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Tour de Olosvuoma (15km husky safari)(Harriniva only)

After a visit to the Arctic Sled Dog Centre and instruction on how to control a team and sled, you will embark on a 15km husky safari. You will travel two people per sled with opportunities to switch between driver and passenger. Guides, instruction and equipment are included.

Minimum age: 5 years old

Minimum group size: 2 adults

Duration: approximately 2.5 hours in total

Available: Monday and Tuesday at 1 pm, Friday and Saturday at 10:30 am



Ice fishing

This is a real family favourite and gives you a taste of a very traditional pastime. Ice fishing involves drilling a hole in a frozen lake and dropping your line into the waters beneath. The rods are ideal for children and adults alike. A guide will set you up and will be on hand with a warm drink before you settle in and await a bite on the line.

Minimum age: 5 years old

Minimum group size: 2 adults

Duration: 2 hours

Available: Tuesday at 10 am; Sunday at 1 pm



Northern Lights explorer by minibus

Head out in a heated minibus in search of the Aurora. Your guide will consult local weather forecasts and solar activity levels in order to determine the best possible location from which to view the Lights. Whilst we can't guarantee success, the mobility of the minibus allows you the chance to travel further into the surrounding wilderness and improve your chances.

Minimum age: 12 years old

Minimum group size: 2 adults

Tour duration: 2 hours (including transfers)

Available: Thursday night 9 pm

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Snowmobile to Torassieppi Reindeer Farm and Winter Village

You will be shown how to operate a snowmobile and given a full safety briefing before following your guide on a 40km safari through the winter landscape en route to Torassieppi Reindeer Farm and Winter Village.

On arrival at the farm, you will have the chance to meet and feed the reindeer, and of course take plenty of photos. Following on from your animal encounters you will head to the nearby Winter Village for lunch in the ice restaurant.

While this trip is based on people travelling two per vehicle and swapping the roles of driver and passenger, you can also upgrade for an additional cost to drive one person per vehicle. Anyone wishing to drive a snowmobile must be in possession of a full driving licence and be 18 years or older (supplement applies).

Children will typically travel in a sleigh pulled by the guide's snowmobile.

Minimum age: 12 years

Minimum group size: 2 adults

Duration: Around 3.5 hours

Activity level: Medium

Available: Thursday & Saturday at 10 am



Who's the meister? (9km husky safari)(Harriniva only)

Having met the many huskies of the Arctic Sled Dog Centre, you will be shown how to control a dog sled before trying out what you have learnt on a 9km route. This is a fantastic way to get introduced to husky safaris, and children will love meeting the

dogs.

You will travel two people per sled, with the opportunity to swap the roles of driver and passenger.

Minimum age: 4 years

Minimum group size: 2 adults

Duration: approximately 1.5 – 2 hours in total

Available: Wednesday at 10.30am

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Ski like a Finn!

Cross-country skiing is one of the most popular pastimes in Lapland and you will see families with very young children out on the trails together. Full instruction will be provided before you hit the trails and try out your skills.

Minimum age: 5 years old

Minimum group size: 2 adults

Duration: Approximately 2 hours

Available: Monday at 10 am; Thursday & Sunday at 2 pm



Local culture and short reindeer safari (3km)

Learn about the culture of the original Lappish reindeer herders at one of the oldest farms in Finland. On this activity, you will head to a local reindeer farm and find out about the herder's way of life, take a tour of the on-site museum to discover more of the history, and enjoy an enchanting reindeer sleigh ride. Lunch is served in a traditional Lappish 'kota' around an open fire.

From late December, you will then enjoy a tour of the nearby Torassieppi Winter Village which features snow rooms, ice sculptures and a very cool restaurant!.

Minimum age: 5 years old

Minimum group size: 2 people - please note, we do not recommend this tour for children under 5 years due to the long reindeer safari

Duration: 4-4.5 hours (including transfers)

Available: Monday, Wednesday & Saturday at 10.20am



Aurora snowshoeing

This gentle snowshoe hike is a great evening activity for families and takes you in search of the Northern Lights. The landscape takes on a very different feel in the dark and it is quite a magical place to be regardless of whether the Northern Lights appear or not.

A warm drink will be served as you wait patiently for a potential sighting of the Northern Lights.

Minimum age: 12 years

Minimum group size: 2 adults

Total duration: 2-3 hours

Available: Monday, Thursday & Saturday at 9 pm

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Snowshoes and Arctic Elements Lakeside Spa

Snowshoes provide access to areas which would otherwise be out of bounds for those on foot during the winter months. You will be transferred to the Pallas Fell area, which offers breathtaking wilderness scenery and strap on your snowshoes. You will visit the Pallas Nature Centre and a picnic lunch will be served in Jeris.

To finish, you will be taken to the lovely Arctic Elements Lakeside Spa at Hotel Jeris. Saunas are a traditional Finnish pastime and at Jeris, you can enjoy the wonderful lakeside surroundings as well as the different sauna experiences. The spa is the first of its kind in Finland, with strong eco-credentials thanks to the geothermal heating generated from the Jerisjärvi lake, 100% renewable electricity from wind, water or solar power and the shower water from the nearby under earth fountain.

The four saunas each represent the four elements; earth, air, fire and water, as these are found in all traditions and shamanic wellbeing rituals. These elements combine to create a fifth, steamy löyly, the spirit of sauna. Each element is represented by Finnish gods or

goddesses, as the protectors of the saunas:

Sauna of Tapio (Earth). Tapio is the antlered king of the forest and in this sauna, you will feel the earthly and forest surroundings of the Finnish wilderness. Created from wood, tiles and natural stone, the sauna is split into four areas, north, east, south and west, each providing a different kind of löyly from mild to hot.

Sauna of Ukko (Fire). Ukko is the king of all gods and master of lightning, fire and air. This smoke sauna is the most traditional, and a favourite among the Finns. The wood heating process carries the smoke throughout to create a dark colouring, smokey scent and if you choose, a fiery heat.

Sauna of Vellamo (Water). Vellamo is the goddess of water and the ruler of lakes and rivers. This sauna has a panoramic view over Lake Jeris, a holy place for Sámi people, with its waters reflecting light onto the sauna walls it offers an incredibly calming atmosphere. The soft and moist löyly means you can stay in for longer for extended relaxation.

Sauna of Ilmatar (Air). Ilmatar is the goddess of wind and the first mother in the beginning of times. Made from wood and natural stone, this sauna has no fire or thick walls - instead infrared heaters are situated inside a traditional kota for a soft and gentle heat. Think of this as half sauna, half relaxation room.

For the adventurous (and healthy), you can even try a dip in the ice pool!

Minimum age: 12 years old

Minimum group size: 2 adults

Duration: Approximately 5-6 hours

Available: Wednesday, Friday and Sunday at 9.20 am

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Arctic Elements Lakeside Spa

This may well be a favourite with the grownups as this trip is all about relaxation. You will head to Harriniva's sister hotel at Jeris for some time in the lakeside well-being facilities.

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You can also choose to upgrade to the private Northern Lights sauna. Tulikettu is the mystical firefox that lights up the sky and creates the Auroras. This two-storey panorama sauna is ideally situated under the open sky with a 180-degree view over Lake Jeris. The relaxing room on the second floor has an all-sky panoramic window for a clear view of the night sky and if conditions are favourable, the Northern Lights. This sauna is perfect for private relaxation and comes with its own toilets, changing room and showers. Please ask our Family Travel Experts if you wish to include the Northern Lights sauna in your package.

There's also the chance to have a go at ice swimming if you are feeling brave! Transfers and towel are included.

Minimum age: 5 years old

Minimum group size: 2 adults

Duration: 3-4 hours including transfers

Available: Tuesday and Saturday at 3:30 pm



Reindeer Aurora experience

This is a short (approximately 3km) reindeer-pulled sleigh ride through the silent forests of Lapland and offers the chance for families with older children to catch a glimpse of the Northern Lights from a unique perspective should conditions be favourable. A warm drink will be served around a campfire. You will travel two people per sled.

Minimum age: 12 years

Minimum group size: 2 adults

Duration: 1.5 hours (including transfers)

Available: Tuesday and Thursday at 8.20 pm

Image credit: Antti Pietikainen



Panorama safari (30km snowmobile safari)

During this thrilling snowmobile safari, you will explore the fells and forests around Harriniva. It provides a great introduction to the area and to snowmobiling.

You will cover around 30km and travel with two people per machine along trails which lead you through stunning scenery; children will travel in a sled pulled by the guide's snowmobile. There will be the chance to change drivers if you both have a driving licence and are over 18.

Guides, instruction and equipment included.

Minimum age: 5 years old (children will travel in a sled pulled by the guide's snowmobile)

Minimum group size: 2 adults

Duration: Approximately 2 hours

Available: Monday, Tuesday & Friday at 1:30 pm; Sunday at 10:00 am

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Aurora adventure (20km snowmobile safari)

The chances of seeing the Aurora Borealis are enhanced on this night safari by snowmobile. After a safety briefing and instruction, you will set off on your machine travelling two people per snowmobile (children will travel in a sleigh pulled by the guide's snowmobile).

Covering approximately 20km you will reach the top of a nearby fell where you will enjoy a warm

drink and gaze out at the night sky. You can change drivers as long as both have driving licences and are over 18.

Minimum age: 12 years old (children will travel in a sled pulled by the guide's

snowmobile)

Minimum group size: 2 adults

Duration: Approximately 2 hours

Available: Monday, Wednesday, Friday & Sunday at 9 pm

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It's a husky day (25km husky safari)

For those with older teenagers, this is an exciting and unforgettable day on the trails as a family. You must be 15 years or older to take part but each member of the group will get their own team of eager dogs for the day. You will cover around 25km of stunning wilderness landscape on the trails with a picnic lunch being served during the trip.

Minimum age: 15 years old

Minimum group size: 2 adults

Duration: Approximately 4 - 5 hours

Available: Thursday at 10:30 am

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LITTLE EXTRAS



Fat biking - rental

Fat biking is a real phenomenon in Lapland as it is a great way to explore further than you may get with cross-country skis or snowshoes whilst still being able to appreciate the peace and quiet of this winter wonderland. You will be able to rent a bike with special wide tyres which will allow you much better grip than a traditional bike would get in the snow and a helmet too. This is not a guided activity so we highly recommend talking to the team at reception and planning out a suitable route before you set off from the hotel.

Minimum age: 5 years old

Credit: Antti Pietikainen



Snowshoe hire

Hire snowshoes to explore the trails independently as a family and at your own pace. This is a great way to spend some free time and offers excellent value. You should always consult the hotel regarding trail conditions, maps and the weather before you leave.

Ensure you take the hotel number and your mobile phone with you and leave details of your route before departure.

Minimum age: 5 years old

Available: daily



Cross-country ski hire

Hire a set of skis and hone your technique on the tracks independently as a family and at your own pace. This is a great way to spend some free time and offers excellent value. You should always consult the hotel regarding trail conditions, maps and the weather before you leave.

Ensure you take the hotel number and your mobile phone with you and leave details of your route before departure.

Minimum age: 5 years old

Available: daily

SPECIAL NIGHTS



Aurora Glamping Overnight

You can't get a much cosier Northern Lights hunt than spending a night in an Aurora Dome! This luxury tent overlooks the beautiful wilderness with spectacular views provided by the see-through side wall.

Lay in bed and look out into the natural surroundings and up to the dark skies – if conditions are favourable you could very well see the Auroras as you and the family are tucked up in your duvets!

Toilet, sauna and shower facilities are easily accessible just 100m away.

Minimum age: 5 years old

Available: Every day from 3:20 pm

Image credit: Antti Pietikainen



Snow Igloo Overnight

Complete your winter adventure with a night in a snow igloo. These impressive structures combine an age-old design that keeps the outside elements out with modern comforts such as the Arctic grade sleeping bags to ensure you stay warm all night.

Stay cosy on your soft mattress and take a deep breath of the incredibly fresh air that fills the igloos.

Minimum age: 12 years old

Available: Every night from 8:20 pm



Overnight in the wilderness lodge

You will be transferred by minibus to the wilderness cabin (around 45 minutes' drive). Far from any light pollution and deep in the forest, this is a perfect location to hopefully catch sight of the Northern Lights. Enjoy a traditional wood-heated sauna, followed by dinner around the fire.

The cabin has shared facilities and you will sleep in dormitory-style accommodation. You will return at

around 11 am the following morning.

Minimum age: 12 years old

Minimum group size: 2 adults (including other guests)

Duration: overnight

Available: Saturday at 5 pm

Included Accommodation

Other options are available - see below for details.

Harriniva Wilderness Hotel (Nights: 1-7)



Harriniva offers families a friendly and comfortable base for an Arctic adventure. The hotel is owned and run by the Pietikäinen family who owns four hotels in the area. All their hotels offer the same warm atmosphere and Finnish charm that keeps families entertained every season and ensures they are some of our most sought-after destinations.

Hotel facilities

- The focal point of the main building is the restaurant, which consists of three dining areas. The food served here is simple but hearty, with a varied buffet for breakfast and the evening meal generally consisting of a buffet of salad starters and dessert and a set main meal (please let us know any dietary requirements in advance). Food generally consists of both local and international dishes, suiting all tastes
- Next door to the restaurant there is a small bar area which generally stays open until around 11 pm
- Tea and coffee are available free of charge throughout the day in the hotel restaurant / bar area.
- There are separate sauna facilities for male and female guests and these are free of charge in the evening and generally heated for around three hours
- Free Wi-Fi is available throughout the hotel and a PC is available at reception for guests to use
- There is a small souvenir shop in the reception area which sells a small selection of gifts and snacks
- You will find the Aurora Wellness Centre on the banks of the river which offers a wide range of therapies and treatments. Availability can be limited, so we would advise booking these in advance

Room types

- **Standard rooms:** there are 64 rooms at the hotel, all of which are en-suite with shower rooms. These are comfortably furnished in wooden Scandinavian décor. The rooms are cosy and have a hairdryer for guests' convenience. There are no televisions in the rooms but there are TV rooms available should you want to sample some Finnish TV.
- **Please note:** the hotel can usually accommodate your bed set up preference but this can't be guaranteed. Upgrades available on request

The hotel has a small number of room upgrade options available. Please contact us for a quotation and to check availability.

Wilderness plus rooms: these rooms include double/twin beds and an unfolding sofa suitable for 1 adult or 2 children. Decorated in traditional Scandinavian style, all rooms have an en-suite shower room and a hairdryer, as well as a small seating area.

Image credit: Ruth Sole

Other accommodation options

Contact us for a personalised quote.

Harriniva Riverside Cabins



Harriniva's Riverside Cabins have everything that your family needs for a fantastic and comfortable stay. Ranging in size from 39m² to 47m², each cabin has one bedroom, a loft area (accessed by a steep ladder) and a living room, offering five beds in total. Complete with a kitchenette which includes a stove, dishwasher and fridge, and a private sauna, this is the perfect space for relaxing with the whole family after a day of activities.

Upgrade to a Riverside Cabin: from £62 per night

Credit: Antti Pietikainen

The Specifics

Holiday group size (approximate)

Minimum 1 and maximum 24 people (approximately)

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.

Overnight husky safari evacuation fee

Overnight husky safari

Please note: if you choose to take part in one of our overnight safaris but discontinue the activity for reasons other than emergency evacuation, you will be charged an evacuation fee of €300.

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