



## Muotka - Family Short Break to Lapland



**HOLIDAY TYPE:** Small Group  
**VISITING:** Finland

**BROCHURE CODE:** 1903  
**DURATION:** 4 nights

### In Brief

Travel high above the Arctic Circle to experience authentic Lapland with your loved ones. This short break to family-friendly Muotka includes all the must-do winter activities, from dog sledding and reindeer experiences to snowshoeing and searching for the Northern Lights.



## What's included?

- **Flights:** return flights from London to Ivalo (either direct OR via Helsinki depending on departure date). Flight routes are subject to change.
- **Transfers:** return airport transfers
- **Accommodation:** four nights in a standard wilderness room (2 adults sharing with 1 child)
- **Meals:** full board
- **Activities:** gentle snowshoeing, Aurora camp, reindeer day by snowmobile, husky safari (order subject to change)
- Cold weather clothing for the duration of your stay
- Services of our local representative
- Fully qualified guides and instructors during activities
- Aurora alert

## Trip Overview

Though deep snow can cause chaos back home, in Lapland it provides the perfect playground for Arctic experiences of a lifetime.

This frozen wonderland is begging to be explored and we've included some of the most sought-after activities to get you out exploring this wonderful landscape. From gently snowshoeing over the deep snow to speeding along the trails with your sled dogs out in front, you will really make the most of these wintry surroundings. There's also a reindeer experience day, where you'll enjoy a short sleigh ride and learn all about why these animals are so important in Lapland.

Your position high above the Arctic Circle also gives you a great chance of ticking the Northern Lights off your family bucket list. During your stay, you'll have an Aurora alert system to aid you in your search, and we've also included a visit to an Aurora camp to increase your chances.

With picturesque frozen surroundings, memorable snow-based activities and the chance to witness the Northern Lights, Muotka is a brilliant destination for your unforgettable family adventure to Finland.

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**Image credits: Wilderness Hotel Muotka & Matt Robinson**

## Agenda

Please note the order of activities is subject to change

DAY 1	ARRIVAL
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Upon arrival at the airport, you will be met and transferred\* to Muotka, your friendly base for your

winter adventure.

Enjoy a welcome meal in the hotel restaurant and spend the evening settling into your snowy surroundings. You will be given your Aurora alert which will sound if the Northern Lights are present in the area.

\*Transfers are based on a scheduled group shuttle that sometimes stops at a few nearby hotels. If you would prefer to upgrade to private taxi transfers please ask our Family Travel Experts for a quotation.

Please note the order of the activities listed in the agenda is just for guidance and is subject

### **Included Meals:** Dinner

DAY  
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## GENTLE SNOWSHOEING AND AURORA CAMP

After breakfast, it's time to get out and explore the winter wilderness via snowshoeing, a popular Finnish pastime which makes travelling over the deep snow a lot easier.

During this tour, your guide will help fit you with snowshoes and then you will follow them into the frozen Taiga forest to admire the pristine wilderness and the local wildlife. Your guide will tell you all about life in Lapland before you stop to enjoy lunch around an open fire.

After dinner in the restaurant, you will head out in search of the Northern Lights. Sitting in a snowmobile-pulled sled, your guide will take you further into the wilderness and to a nearby camp, a location chosen on the weather and Aurora forecast of the evening.

You will keep warm in a hut with an open fire, enjoying hot drinks as your guide tells you everything you need to know about the incredible light display. If conditions are favourable, this a prime location to see the Northern Lights. You will be out for approximately 2.5 hours tonight.

### **Included Meals:** Breakfast, Lunch, Dinner

DAY  
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## REINDEER DAY BY SNOWMOBILE

Today, following breakfast, you will get the full Lappish experience when you meet some of their most famous residents; reindeer.

To get to the local reindeer farm, you will travel via a snowmobile to explore more of the wintery landscape. Adults will drive the snowmobile (two per machine) while children will ride in a sled pulled by the guide's snowmobile.

Upon arrival at the reindeer farm, you will meet with the local herders who will tell you all about how important these animals are in Lapland. You will learn how to lasso the animals like the herders do before enjoying a short sleigh ride, followed by warm snacks.

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

Following dinner in the restaurant, you have a free evening to enjoy as you please. Keep your Aurora alert close as the Northern Lights could appear at any time!

**Included Meals:** Breakfast, Lunch, Dinner

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## HUSKY SAFARI

After breakfast, it's time to experience dog sledding, a real family-favourite in the Arctic.

Your first meeting with the excitable huskies may be loud, as the dogs are eager to get going but as soon as you take to the trails, they will quieten down to concentrate on the job at hand.

Children will be tucked safely in the guide's sled and adults will ride two per sled (one driver and one passenger with the option to swap). You'll receive a full briefing and instructions on how to handle the sled before you set off into the wilderness.

Lunch and dinner will be served in the restaurant as usual and you have a free evening to enjoy together as a family. Be sure to keep your Aurora alert close, as the Northern Lights may want to bid you farewell!

**Included Meals:** Breakfast, Lunch, Dinner

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## DEPARTURE

Today it is sadly time for your family winter adventure to come to an end. Enjoy breakfast in the restaurant before being transferred to the airport for your flight home. If you have an early flight time, we'll box up breakfast for you.

**Included Meals:** Breakfast

## Personalise this tour

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## Our pick





## Sleep in an Aurora Kota

Muotka is renowned as an Aurora viewing destination and so the hotel has created a selection of Aurora Kotas for guests to enjoy.

These part-cabin and part-glass tepee buildings are self-contained and situated a short distance from the hotel. The idea is that you can hopefully watch the Northern Lights from the comfort of the bed.

The Kotas are all 25m<sup>2</sup> with their own private sauna, double bed and en-suite bathroom. There is also room for two extra beds for children.

**Please note:** prices are based on you spending the first or last night of your holiday in this unique accommodation and not keeping your original accommodation. If you would like to do this on any other night during your holiday you will need to keep your accommodation and supplements will apply. Please contact our Travel Experts for a quotation.

**Image credit: Anthony Oberlin**

## Included Accommodation

Other options are available - see below for details.

**Muotka Wilderness Hotel (Nights: 1-4)**



Around 40km away from Ivalo Airport, and tucked neatly in the forests and fells of North East Finland, families will find Muotka Wilderness Hotel.

Owned by our friends Jouko and Mari, the hotel offers the same warm welcome as its sister property at Nellim.

The landscape around the hotel is stunning and offers families an easily accessible escape from the every day.

There are two main buildings, one contains the majority of the rooms and the other houses the reception, restaurant and the remaining cosy bedrooms. They are just moments from each other so there are no long walks for meals. There are also superior sauna rooms in separate buildings and some very special cabin options too, again, only a short distance from the hotel's main restaurant.

## Hotel facilities

- All meals are served in the hotel's restaurant. Typically this is a buffet of options from which to choose. There tends to be a mix of international dishes alongside some local favourites. Dietary requirements can all be catered for as long as we are informed at the time of booking.
- There is a sauna in the main building which is heated daily for guest use. Saunas are not the reserve of grown-ups in Finland and so this can be a family affair.
- Free Wi-Fi is available in the main building
- The rooms do not have tea and coffee making facilities but tea and coffee are available free of charge in the restaurant area

## Room types

### STANDARD ROOMS

There are 10 rooms in the main building and 11 in the annexe building just across the courtyard. All rooms are en-suite with shower room, wardrobe, hairdryer and nightstand and can be made up as either a double or twin. We can request adjacent rooms for you if available.

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Image Credit: Matt Robinson

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## Other accommodation options

Contact us for a personalised quote.

## Muotka Wilderness Hotel - superior sauna rooms



These sauna rooms are a great upgrade and can accommodate two adults and up to two children on extra beds. The rooms are located in separate buildings (each containing four sauna rooms) and are just a short distance from the main restaurant building. Each room is 34m<sup>2</sup>.

Please contact our Travel Experts for a quotation.

**Image credits: Muotka Wilderness Hotel**

## Muotka Wilderness Hotel - panorama log cabins



These cosy log cabins are a wonderful treat for families. They have large glass windows on one side so you can look out across the landscape and hopefully up at the sky, where the Northern Lights often appear. The cabins are very well equipped and have an en-suite shower room, private sauna, and log burning stove.

There is a queen size bed in each and space for two extra beds for children. There is a small kitchenette and kettle provided and hairdryers are available at reception if needed.

The cabins are just a short walk from the main restaurant building and are around 50 m<sup>2</sup> in size.

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## The Specifics

### Holiday group size (approximate)

Minimum 4 people and maximum 28 (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.

## Terms and Conditions

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