



Northern Lights Village Levi - Festive Fun with Father Christmas



HOLIDAY TYPE: Small Group
VISITING: Finland

BROCHURE CODE: 1124
DURATION: 4 nights

In Brief

During this four-night trip, your family will get to spend each night searching the starry skies for the Northern Lights from the warmth and comfort of your very own glass-roofed Aurora Cabin. This magical setting is the perfect place to visit the man himself, Father Christmas. You will also take part in a magical trio of safaris during your trip as you travel by husky, snowmobile, and reindeer.

Our Opinion

“ This holiday offers the perfect balance of festive family fun and modern, stylish accommodation which makes it particularly special for everyone. My family loved staying in a glass-roofed cabin while hunting for the Aurora from the comfort of our beds and we had a fantastic time meeting Father Christmas in his secret cabin, it really was a magical moment for us all. The extra activities we added on were great fun too and we truly experienced all that Lapland has to offer. ”

Amy Hope



What's included?

- **Flights:** Return flights from London to Kittila (direct or via Helsinki depending on departure date). Flight routes are subject to change
- **Transfers:** return group airport bus transfers
- **Accommodation:** 4 nights in a glass-roofed Aurora Cabin
- **Meals:** full board
- **Activities:** Searching for Father Christmas, 5km Husky Safari, 25 minute Reindeer Sleigh Ride, and 2 hour Snowmobile Safari (order 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
- Services of our expert local guides

Trip Overview

This festive short break is the perfect way to experience the beauty and magic of Lapland. Staying in the modern, partially glass-roofed Aurora Cabins is a fantastic experience for young and old alike. You can search the skies for the Northern Lights as you work your way from one constellation to the other, wondering which route Father Christmas takes through the stars.

The journey from the airport will take you through snow-covered countryside and the excitement will start to build as you get closer to the Northern Lights Village and deeper into the winter wilderness. The elegant design of the main building complements the local area and creates a welcoming and cosy atmosphere for your time here.

We have included an unmissable and unforgettable experience with Father Christmas, as you can't come to his homeland and not say hello! Firstly, your family will meet the elves, taking part in fun festive activities, including baking gingerbread cookies and enjoying a reindeer sleigh ride before searching for Father Christmas' secret cabin in the wintry forest beyond. Each family will enjoy a short, private meeting with Father Christmas and receive a small gift before returning to the main village via snowmobile-pulled sleigh. It's a lovely, authentic experience, which will no doubt create lasting memories for you all as a family.

That's not all, we are also providing a thrilling Husky Safari out into the snowy wilderness, as well as an adventurous snowmobile trip into wild Lapland and, finally, an authentic reindeer sleigh ride - a mode of transport used by locals for centuries.

Image credits: Northern Lights Village Levi, Kimmo Salminen & Visit Levi

Agenda

Please note the order of activities is subject to change

DAY
1

FLIGHTS, ARRIVALS AND TRANSFERS

Landing in the northern airport of Kittilä, you will head further north, deeper into the snowy Arctic Circle in your search for Father Christmas.

The journey will take approximately 30 minutes, travelling through the ski village of Levi, before continuing into the snow-laden forests where your home for the next few days can be found, the Northern Lights Village.

Upon arrival, you will be provided with all the information about your upcoming stay, as well as receiving your cold weather clothes, which are yours for the duration of your holiday. After checking in, dinner will be served in the hotel restaurant this evening, which is only a short walk away from your cabin.

Remember to look to the skies tonight, in case the conditions are right and the Northern Lights are hopefully shining above. Each cabin also has its own tablet with an inbuilt Aurora alert service; you can set it to alert you if the Aurora has been seen in the surrounding area, although we do recommend keeping an eye out yourself too and even taking a short walk around the Northern Lights Village to give yourself the best chance of seeing the Aurora.

Please note that the order of activities within your itinerary is subject to change and the agenda below should be used as a guide only. The exact order of your agenda will be confirmed upon arrival at the hotel.

Included Meals: Dinner

DAY
2

SEARCH FOR FATHER CHRISTMAS

Following breakfast, today is all about meeting the man himself, Father Christmas!

Your small group will meet with one of Father Christmas' elves and start the festivities off by baking some tasty gingerbread cookies, before heading outside to meet Father Christmas' reindeer. They'll need to stretch their legs in preparation for the big day, so your family will take a short sleigh ride (approximately 10 minutes), pulled by one of the

reindeer, through the winter wonderland they call home.

Undoubtedly, anticipation will be building and so you will travel by snowmobile-pulled sleigh further into the magical wilderness in search of Father Christmas' secret cabin. The twinkling lights of the cabin will invite you in and each family will enjoy a short, private meeting with Father Christmas. Your children can ask questions, share their interests and talk about their wishes for the year ahead, as well as having a photo with Father Christmas to remind you all of the magical time you spent together. Each child will be given a small gift before returning to the restaurant for lunch. The whole experience last around 3 hours.

Enjoy a free afternoon, relax, and enjoy the stunning surroundings before your day out with the animals tomorrow!

Dinner will be served in the hotel restaurant and you will have another chance this evening to search for the Northern Lights from the comfort of your cabin.

Included Meals: Breakfast, Lunch, Dinner

DAY
3

HUSKY SLEDDING AND REINDEER SAFARI

Today is all about the animals and being out in wildlife. After breakfast it's time to head out and meet a friendly pack of huskies.

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. The sled ride itself will last approximately 30 minutes, allowing 30 minutes to meet your canine companions and get to know your sled.

Today's fun doesn't stop there, it wouldn't be a trip 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.

Included Meals: Breakfast, Lunch, Dinner

DAY
4

SNOWMOBILE SAFARI

Today, it's time to rev your engines and head out snowmobiling. A thrilling treat for your last activity and full day, 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.

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.

Included Meals: Breakfast, Lunch, Dinner

DAY
5

DEPARTURE

After breakfast, it is sadly time to head home and you will have to wave goodbye to your Aurora Cabin as you are transferred back to the airport for your return flights home. If you don't have time to enjoy breakfast in the restaurant, we'll box it up for you before transferring you to the airport.

Included Meals: Breakfast

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.

Image Credit: Neil Walton & Levi Northern Lights Village

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 44m²), 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 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 15 days prior to departure - 80%
- 14 or less days - 100%

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