



Ranua - Arctic Adventure for Teenagers



HOLIDAY TYPE: Winter Activity Holidays
VISITING: Finland

BROCHURE CODE: 18032
DURATION: 3 nights

In Brief

Situated in Finnish Lapland and boasting an enchanting forest location, Ranua Holiday Village is an adventure playground guaranteed to excite the whole family.

Our Opinion

“ The kids are sure to love this three-night adventure and even brooding teens will find it hard to resist Lapland’s charm. Trying husky sledding for the first time is always an unforgettable experience and Ranua is the perfect place to make cherished family memories ”

Jade McKay



What's included?

- **Transfers:** return airport transfers
- **Accommodation:** 3 nights' villa accommodation.
- **Meals:** 3 breakfasts*
- **The following activities are included in your stay:** Dog Sledding, Aurora Snowmobiling and Snowmobile Safari to a Reindeer Farm (the order of activities is subject to change)
- Access to Ranua Wildlife Park throughout your stay
- Cold weather clothing for the duration of your stay
- Fully qualified wilderness guides and instructors for any activities
- **A note on flights:** whilst flights are not included in the holiday price, our team will happily provide a quote and arrange them for you. Simply ask one of our Travel Experts for details of the available options for you

*If you are travelling between 12th December and 6th January, you will also have 3 dinners included in the price of your holiday.

Trip Overview

Situated in Finnish Lapland and boasting an enchanting forest location, Ranua Holiday Village is an adventure playground guaranteed to excite the whole family.

Ranua is one of our favourite family locations as it combines comfy accommodation with welcoming hospitality and knowledgeable guides. A cosy and modern villa will be your home for the holiday, each with their own wonderfully equipped kitchenette which are perfect for shared family meals. The Holiday Village is also conveniently located next to the Wildlife Park and the starting point for activities, so you won't have to go far.

This exciting three-night itinerary is designed with teens in mind and showcases the best of Lapland with a thrilling dog sledding experience, an exhilarating snowmobile safari and a visit to a traditional reindeer farm. Each activity will enable you and your family to explore the snowy wilderness around Ranua at wonderful speed. Kids will particularly love the husky safari, quickly making friends with the enthusiastic dogs that pull their sleds through the great outdoors.

While breakfast is included as standard, we've left lunch and dinner up to you. There is a nearby supermarket, accessible by taxi which can be prebooked or arranged locally, to stock up on supplies for meals in. Or, for those days you'd prefer to eat out, Ranua Resort has its own buffet restaurant (with a la carte options too) on site. Alternatively, the wildlife park is home to a small Kota selling light meals and hot drinks, plus Bubo Bistro so there are plenty of options during your stay.

Experience the magic of winter in Ranua with exhilarating activities, breathtaking landscapes, and unforgettable memories to be made!

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Agenda

Please note the order of activities is subject to change

DAY
1

ARRIVAL IN LAPLAND

Upon arrival, you will be met at the airport and transferred to your accommodation at Ranua, where you can settle into your cosy apartment.

You'll receive your cold weather clothing for the duration of your stay and this evening is kept free to allow you some time to explore your surroundings.

Included Meals: None

DAY
2

DOG SLEDDING AND AURORA SNOWMOBILING

Breakfast leads into an all-round favourite of ours: the sensational husky safari. An introduction to dog sledding will open the session and shortly after, a flurry of fur and paws rockets you across the snowy landscape. The experience thrills from start to finish and is impossible to forget.

Prior to setting off, adults will be given full instructions on how to handle a team of huskies before hitting the trails travelling two people per sled. The adventure will last around an hour but you can also upgrade to a longer safari should you wish (see the 'Personalise' section for details).

All decisions are made on the day of the safari by the lead guide as to any guest's suitability to drive their own dogsled. As a general rule, those aged 15 and over are normally able to drive their own team of huskies but the guide's decision on the day will be final and in the interest of safety. Kids under the age of 15 will either travel in a sledge driven by the guide or an accompanying adult.

This evening, you will be taken on a snowmobile search for the Northern Lights, driving two per vehicle with a guide to lead you. Stopping off halfway, you will be served hot berry juice by an open fire.

Anyone wishing to drive a snowmobile must be at least 18 years old and in possession of a full driving licence. Kids usually travel in a sled pulled by the guides snowmobile but for the thrill seekers, teens can upgrade to ride pillion passenger behind an adult (and must be taller than 140cm).

Hopefully, a campfire won't be the only natural light source this evening – with luck, the Aurora should make an appearance too!

Included Meals: Breakfast

DAY
3

SNOWMOBILE SAFARI TO A REINDEER FARM

This route will take you towards Laivala, a small authentic reindeer farm, which is approximately 15km from the Holiday Village. Here you will be welcomed by the herder and taken to see his reindeer, before enjoying a short reindeer sled ride (approximately 15 minutes).

Back at the farm you will enjoy a hot snack and learn more about the life of the reindeer herders and their long history in this region. The activity will end with a snowmobile trip back to the hotel.

You will then have the afternoon free to enjoy Ranua at your own pace. Why not make the most of your unlimited entry tickets and visit to the Wildlife Park?

Included Meals: Breakfast

DAY
4

DEPARTURE

Today, your stay at Ranua draws to a close. Savour a farewell breakfast before being transferred to the airport for your flights home.

Included Meals: Breakfast

Personalise this tour

Our pick



Extended Husky Safari 2hr

For those looking to get a bit more out of their exciting husky experience, there is the option to extend your husky safari to two hours. This will give your family plenty of time to enjoy the excitement of travelling across the snow with your eager team of huskies.

Speak to one of our Travel Experts who can arrange this for you.

Other options

ACTIVITIES



Northern Lights safari with Finn horses

Wrap up warm in your horse-drawn sleigh and admire the wintry evening scenery around you. You'll hear stories about Lapland as the horses gently guide you over the snowy trails and if conditions are favourable, on the lookout for the Northern Lights.

Duration: 2 - 2.5 hours approximately

Credit Jari Romppainen



Finnish Horse Sleigh Ride

Get snug under the sleigh's warm blankets for this winter sleigh ride through the snowy forest. Listen to the sound of sleigh bells tinkling and the patter of hooves as you experience this traditional ride on a Finnhorse-pulled sleigh.

Duration: approximately 1 hour



Snowshoe and Fat Bike Rentals

If you and the family enjoy snowshoeing or cycling, you can rent the equipment for some independent exploration. Talk to the staff at the hotel for trail guides and best locations. Minimum age: 4 years old

Rental:

Snowshoes: £20 per person per day

Fatbikes: £60 per person day

SPECIAL NIGHTS



Arctic Igloo

These beautiful glass igloos add a very special accommodation experience to any stay at Ranua. There are 20 igloos in total (10 twin igloos and 10 family/lakeside igloos) which are located around 8km from Ranua Wildlife Park. They are set in an idyllic lakeside location with very little light pollution and uninterrupted views to the North, giving you an excellent chance of watching the Northern Lights from your bed, talk about a holiday memory!

Twin igloos

The igloos include a twin bed and have a small kitchenette, a bathroom with private sauna (this is Finland after all!) and a limited lake view. Guests will normally be transferred to the igloos ahead of their evening meal at the Igloo Village Restaurant and are then picked up the following morning in time for breakfast back at the main restaurant in Ranua. Whilst there is no reception building at the igloo camp, all guests receive a contact number in case of any questions or issues.

Family/lakeside igloos

These igloos have the same facilities as the twin igloos but have a double bed and space for two small extra beds for children (4-14 years old) and a lake view. Please note that the maximum occupancy is 2 adults and 2 children (4-14 years old).

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Please note, that the example price listed is based on guests spending the final night of their holiday in an igloo, and checking out of their apartment accommodation. If guests wish to spend any other night during their stay in a glass igloo, they must retain their apartment accommodation. Our Travel Experts will happily provide you with a quotation.

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Included Accommodation

Ranua Holiday Village (Nights: 1-3)



Located around 4km from the small town centre, Ranua Holiday Village is an ideal family base, boasting close proximity to the Ranua Wildlife Park which guests have unlimited access to throughout their stay.

The holiday village offers families modern comfortable apartments which are very well equipped.

HOTEL FACILITIES

- Ranua Wildlife Park offers a wonderful opportunity to observe the lives of Arctic wild animals in their natural environments. Your ticket entitles you to visit the wildlife park as many times as you wish during your stay, something that our families always love
- The simple but convivial restaurant is situated at the wildlife park itself which is just across the road from your accommodation. Here you will enjoy your breakfast and dinner*, offering a selection of traditional Finnish foods and international dishes for all the family to enjoy, including a children's menu. *Depending on your board basis. Lunch is also available to guests (payable locally)
- Free Wi-Fi is available throughout the apartments

Room Types

VILLA

The villas are beautifully decorated with all modern comforts for families. In total, there are thirty at Ranua, which are housed within fifteen semi-detached building backing onto a lovely forest landscape.

The ground floor accommodation comprises of an open-plan living room with flat screen TV, kitchen and dining area. The kitchen is well equipped with stove, microwave, dishwasher, fridge, coffee maker and kettle (you may want to take your own tea and coffee to enjoy in your apartment).

There is one twin bedroom downstairs as well as the bathroom which includes a shower, toilet and drying cabinet for clothes. There is also a private sauna which is a real treat. The accommodation also features a hairdryer and ironing facilities if required.

On the first floor, there is a second twin bedroom as well as an open loft area with two smaller extra beds (suitable for children) as well as a shower and toilet. All linen is of course provided.

These have their own decking area which can come in very handy for viewing the local wildlife or (fingers crossed!) maybe even the Northern Lights.

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