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FINLAND



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LAPLAND FANTASY

9-DAY TOUR to FINLAND DEPARTING 19 DECEMBER 2024

Come with us to the top of the World, to Lapland in Finland for a white Christmas, for days of magic and fun in the land of the Northern Lights and Midnight Sun. Winter is a time of unbelievable beauty when the air is filled with magic and the fantasy of Christmas comes to life. Picture flickering candles in frosted windows, reindeers wandering in the forest, Northern Lights colouring the sky, hot chocolate and cosy fires—the perfect Instagram moment.

THURSDAY, 19th DECEMBER 2024: HELSINKI

Arrive Helsinki and transfer to your hotel. The festive season is a special time to visit Helsinki – streets are illuminated with myriads of lights, store fronts are dressed with beautiful festive displays and you can feel Christmas is in the air. Optional activity this evening: Attend an ice hockey game (subject to availability)

FRIDAY, 20th DECEMBER 2024: HELSINKI / OVERNIGHT TRAIN TO ROVANIEMI

Helsinki is a beautiful city – compact and easy to move around. This morning you have a sightseeing tour past the most interesting parts of Helsinki – the historical centre, City Hall, The Parliament buildings, Finlandia Hall and the Opera House. See the Sibelius Monuments and the Tempeliahaukio Church (Rock Church).

Evening departure by overnight train to Rovaniemi. Don't forget to visit the on board restaurant for a drink with the locals and to try Finnish meatballs and mash.

SATURDAY, 21st DECEMBER 2024: PYHÄTUNTURI, LAPLAND

Morning arrival in Rovaniemi. Before we head off to Pyhäntunturi, you'll have a chance to visit the well known Santa Village and if you have young children, a visit to Santa Park's going to bring the magic of Christmas to life.

Next stop Pyhäntunturi, one and a half hours away. Prepare yourself for days of fun and magic over the next few days in this winter wonderland. Activities are usually arranged for mornings to leave afternoons free to relax or try other wonderful activities in your resort. Bring out the child in you and go tobogganing, try downhill and cross country skiing, fat biking, ice carting or snowshoe walking – it's all right there for you to enjoy. In between all this activity don't forget to try some hot chocolate and for the adults, with a dash of Minttu to warm your toes!

Dinner is included this evening.

SUNDAY, 22nd DECEMBER 2024: PYHÄTUNTURI

It's the festive season and we're straight into the Christmas spirit with biscuit baking for the children. Santa does love a good biscuit kids so be sure to make one special biscuit for him. But don't worry, you'll have the Baker Elves on hand to give you tips on how Santa likes his biscuits. While the biscuits are baking to a toasty brown in the oven (under the care of the elves), we'll head off to the lake for fun in the snow.

Kids still full of energy? Then tobogganing's the best way to burn off that energy (and your energy going up the hill!)

Pyhä has good ski slopes so if you've never skied before, it's a great opportunity during your stay to learn how to ski. If speeding down ski slopes isn't your thing and you prefer something more energetic, try cross country skiing. The ski shop is well equipped with everything you need and if you need instructions, for either activity, English speaking ski instructors are on hand. Slopes are also floodlit so you can ski away through the day.

Dinner in a special venue this evening.

MONDAY, 23rd DECEMBER 2024: PYHÄTUNTURI

Good chance this morning to take a ride by chair lift to the top of the Pyhäntunturi. It's the perfect place to take those jaw dropping Instagram pictures with spectacular views of the surrounding





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area. When you start to feel chilly, pop into the cosy Tsokka restaurant for a hot chocolate and a waffle.

Situated 20 minutes from Pyhäntunturi in the village of Luosto, is the worlds' northernmost Amethyst Mine. It's a very special place on top of the fell (small mountain) providing a spectacular view of the surrounding countryside. Even the transfer to the Mine is unusual – in a carriage behind a snow tractor. After a presentation on the Mine, it'll be time for you to dig for your own lucky stone. This one's another winner with the kids.

TUESDAY, 24th DECEMBER 2024: PYHÄTUNTURI

This special day has to be the highlight of your tour—it's time to meet Santa! Be transported into a world of fantasy and meet Santa in a secret place where he's taking time out to relax before setting out to deliver presents around the world. He'll be expecting you and probably knows what you've been up to this year. How—it's the elves of course who wander the world checking the boys and girls, young and old. But he's a kindly fellow and he won't leave you without a special reminder of the day you got to meet him.

Get ready for the most sumptuous of Christmas feasts this evening. It's a sweeping selection of hot and cold buffet with dessert to follow. Best save your appetite!

WEDNESDAY, 25th DECEMBER 2024: PYHÄTUNTURI

Time to meet Lapland's most famous animal – reindeers. After a talk on reindeer husbandry set off on a sedate sleigh ride through the snow laden forest. Sit back, relax and absorb the silence and beauty of your pristine surroundings. Round your experience off with a lunch of steaming soup.

This evening, accompanied by a guide, we set off in search of the Northern Lights.

THURSDAY, 26th DECEMBER 2024: PYHÄTUNTURI

Dreaming of being a husky musher? They're a strong spirited bunch these huskies who pull up to five times their weight without any effort. After an introduction to the huskies and driving instructions, it's time to test your skills when you set off with a passenger in the sleigh pulled by your own husky team. Expect a speedy ride—hold on to your beanie!

Optional activity: Snowmobiling. Set off on your motorcycle on skis following your guide across the lake and through snow laden forests. A thrilling and exhilarating experience. Drivers must be in possession of valid driving licence.

Dinner this evening will be in a special venue beside a lake. Before dinner, it's your once-in-a-lifetime opportunity to have a sauna and take a dip in the lake through a hole cut out of the ice. Come on – give it a go!

FRIDAY, 27th DECEMBER 2024: PYHÄTUNTURI

Sadly the time has come to say goodbye to this magical place called Lapland. Your time in Lapland may be over but your memories will last a lifetime. Transfer to Rovaniemi and travel by day train to Helsinki. If you prefer to fly to take the overnight train, this can be arranged for your account.

INCLUSIONS & HIGHLIGHTS

- Transfer to Helsinki hotel
- Helsinki overnight accommodation inclusive of breakfast
- Sightseeing tour of Helsinki
- Overnight sleeper train Helsinki to Rovaniemi
- Visit Santa Village
- Transfer to Lapland resort
- Pure Scandinavia Representative
- Six nights selected accommodation in Lapland
- Six breakfasts
- Two buffet dinners
- Special Venue Dinner & Christmas Dinner
- Meeting Santa
- Present from Santa
- Biscuit baking with the elves
- Search for the Northern Lights
- Scenic chairlift ride to top of the Fell
- Amethyst mine visit by snow tractor
- Reindeer safari
- Fun in the Snow
- Husky safari with lunch
- Outdoor suit and boots
- Day train Rovaniemi - Helsinki

ACCOMMODATION—PYHÄTUNTURI

Pyhätunturi is a 1.5 hour transfer from Rovaniemi, capital of Finnish Lapland. With a flying time of two hours and on the major train route, it's easily accessible. This is a well known ski resort, popular with the Finns. The village has a hotel, cottages, supermarket, post office, restaurants, souvenir shops and an impressive Nature Centre. Being situated in the countryside away from city light pollution, opens clearer views of the Northern Lights when they choose to reveal themselves. This is a resort with activities to suit everyone – husky and reindeer safaris, snowmobiling, ice fishing, downhill and cross country skiing, snowshoe walking, tobogganing, snow karting, fatbiking and more.

HOTEL

The location of Hotel Pyhatunturi, nestled on the side of the mountain, provides spectacular views of the surrounding area and, placed right beside the ski slope, makes this a perfect ski-in ski-out location if you would like to try skiing. The hotel has a restaurant, bar, sauna and gym. The hotel has Standard and Superior Rooms. Breakfast is included. Rooms come equipped with a drying cupboard.

Kultakero

Opened in December 2022, the newly built stylish hotel rooms and apartments are joined to the main hotel by a walkway. Rooms and apartments come in different sizes: Rakka Rooms for two persons, Tokka29 studio apartments perfect for families of up to four; the luxurious corner Pore55 apartment sleeping up to five persons with a magnificent sauna section and jacuzzi; and the Taivas136 penthouse apartment sleeping up to 10 persons has a hot tub and floor to ceiling windows providing unhindered views of the Northern Lights. Residents have access to the gym and sauna in the hotel, free of charge. Breakfast is included at the hotel.

PYHÄSUITES

Set to the back of the hotel, the PyhäSuites have all you need for a comfortable stay. With two or three bedrooms – these apartments come with a fully equipped kitchen, lounge, bathroom and sauna and easy access to the on-site laundromat. Breakfast and dinner at the hotel can be arranged on request.

PYHÄLINNE LUXURY APARTMENTS

Inspired by the nature of Lapland, the interiors of PyhäLinna are decorated in darker wood shades, with just one apartment having lighter shades from snowy winter scenes. Whichever colour it may be, the touch of luxury is evident and, with the location beside PyhäSuites, the family ski slopes and the Pyhä–Luosto National Park, these apartments are perfect choice for access to services.

Studio33

Compact studios, cosy and romantic, but still with a feeling of space and light. Perfect choice for couples. Equipped with modern kitchen, fireplace, sauna and drying cupboard and access to on-site laundromat. Firewood is provided and internet is free. Couch can be converted to third bed. Family studio also available with nest with two bunk beds for children.

PyhäLinna93

These deluxe spacious apartments have four bedrooms making them ideal for large families or a group of friends. The heart of the apartment is the high and light-filled dining and living room area. Beside the fireplace, the floor to ceiling windows provide lovely views of the area. Apartments have a fully equipped kitchen, sauna, washing machine and drying cupboard. Firewood and internet are included. Minimum four persons.

COTTAGES

A limited number of cottages are available on request.



Rakka Room



Kultakero Tokka29



Taivas136



PyhäSuites 2-Bedroom



PyhäLinne33 Studio



PyhäLinne93—4 Bedroom



Cottage (illustrative)

Have a Question?

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