

# PURE**SCANDINAVIA**

Festive Lights under Nordic Nights Sweden, Estonia & Finland

# **FESTIVE LIGHTS UNDER NORDIC NIGHTS**

Be transported into the fantasy world of Lapland – where the festive season is filled with magic & light. We've combined visits to Copenhagen, Stockholm, Helsinki & Tallinn, a train trip to Rovaniemi (the capital of Santa Land) with a week in the Finnish countryside, creating the most spectacular of holidays. It's picture postcard perfect – snow covered landscapes, Santa, huskies & reindeer. With snowmobiling, skiing, candles flickering in the snow, hot chocolate around cosy fires & Northern Lights – this promises to be the experience of a lifetime, perfect for the young and the young at heart!

# DAY 1: COPENHAGEN

Arrive Copenhagen and transfer to your central hotel.

# DAY 2: COPENHAGEN

This morning you'll set off on your walking tour with a guide taking you to the Copenhagen 'Must Sees'. Lots to see, stories to be told and picturesque houses with their splashes of colour to photograh. And who know, you may even get a sighting of our own Princess Mary when you wander past the Palace? Afternoon at leisure.

# DAY 3: STOCKHOLM

Time to leave Copenhagen behind and travel by train to Stockholm.

# DAY 4: STOCKHOLM

Built on 14 islands, in Stockholm you're never far from the water. Sights of interest are the Vasa Museum, the Skansen Open Air Museum, City Hall, the Old Town (Gamla Stan) and much more. Join your guide after breakfast for a tour of the must see sights.

#### DAY 5: OVERNIGHT CRUISE TO TALLINN

Day at leisure for own sightseeing. Time to visit the Christmas Markets and a have a hot glögg.. Early evening departure on overnight cruise to Tallinn.

#### **DAY 6: TALLINN**

Arrive Tallinn and transfer to your hotel. Tallinn is a delightful medieval city where the fusion of glass skyscrapers, ancient church spires and baroque palaces create a vibrancy to be experienced. It's a small city and easy to get around on foot.

#### DAY 7: TALLINN

After breakfast this morning, set off with your guide on a walking tour of the old city. Afternoon at leisure to explorer the nooks and crannies which make this city as enchanting as what it is.

# DAY 8: TALLINN

Check out after breakfast and transfer to Helsinki by ferry. The festive season is a special time to visit Helsinki – it's a time where streets are illuminated with myriads of lights and store fronts dressed with beautiful festive displays. Afternoon at leisure to visit the Christmas Market.

# DAY 9: HELSINKI / OVERNIGHT TRAIN TO ROVANIEMI

Helsinki is a beautiful city – compact and easy to move around. This morning you have a audio coach 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 Temppeliaukio Church (Rock



Stockholm at Christmas time



Medieval Tallinn



Laplands Favourite Animal



Hello Santa!



Mush mush



Fatbiking in a winter wonderland



Have a roll in the snow

# Church).

Early 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.

# DAY 10: PYHÄTUNTURI, LAPLAND

Morning arrival in Rovaniemi and before we transfer to Pyhätunturi, there's time for a visit to Santa Village.

Prepare yourself for days filled with fun and magic in this winter wonderland. Activities are, where possible, arranged for the morning leaving afternoons at leisure to relax or try other wonderful activities. Bring out the child in you and go tobogganing, try downhill and cross country skiing, fat biking, ice carting, snowmobiling or snowshoe walking – it's all right there for you to enjoy. And in between all this activity don't forget to try some hot chocolate with Minttu to warm your toes!

# DAY 11: PYHÄTUNTURI

It's the festive season which means Santa's about and waiting to meet you (assuming you've been good of course). Be transported into a world of fantasy and magic with a chance to meet Santa. Prepare yourself for a sumptuous Christmas feast this evening with a sweeping selection of hot and cold buffet .

If you're visiting for New Year, after dinner, be sure to be at the bottom of the ski slope to watch the fireworks and special display by the ski instructors.

# DAY 12: PYHÄTUNTURI

Dreaming of being a husky musher? Well today is the day for the chance to give it a go with a visit to the husky farm. After meeting the hardworking huskies, who pull up to five times their weight without any effort, it's time to drive your own husky team with a passenger seated in the sleigh. Expect a speedy ride—hold on to your beanie!

After dinner this evening, join your guide on a snowshoe walk searching for the Northern Lights.

# DAY 13: PYHÄTUNTURI

Today you finally get to meet Lapland's most loved animal – reindeers. After a talk on reindeer husbandry around the fire sipping warm berry juice, 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. After lunch take a ride in the chair lift to the top of the Pyhätunturi fell for a spectacular view of the surrounding area. And, if you're feeling chilly, pop into the cosy Tsokka restaurant for a hot chocolate.

# DAY 14: PYHÄTUNTURI

Situated 20 minutes from Pyhätunturi 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 will be time for you to dig for your own lucky stone.

# DAY 15: PYHÄTUNTURI

Day at leisure for optional activities. How about snowmobiling? It's an exhilarating experience, gliding across the snow through forests and across lakes on your 'motorcycle on skis. But be warned – snowmobiling's addictive and you'll be lining up for more.

## DAY 16: PYHÄTUNTURI

Your final day in Lapland but still more fun to come your way! Try kick sledding, playing ice hockey and lassoing a 'reindeer'. Don't forget to hone your tobogganing skills – you may just be challenged to a race. In between all the activity, enjoy hot drinks and sausages grilled over the fire. Dinner this evening will be at a special venue.

## DAY 17: DEPART ROVANIEMI

Sadly the time has come to say goodbye to this magical place called Lapland. Transfer to Rovaniemi for your return train to Helsinki. Lots of sights to see along the way. Departure from Helsinki by own arrangement.

# **INCLUSIONS & HIGHLIGHTS**

- Airport transfer Copenhagen
- 2 Nights hotel accommodation in Copenhagen
- 2 Nights hotel accommodation Stockholm
- Overnight cruise Stockholm to Tallinn
- 2 Nights hotel accommodation Tallinn
- Ferry Tallinn Helsinki
- Overnight hotel accommodation Helsinki
- Sightseeing tours Copenhagen, Stockholm, Tallinn & Helsinki
- Seven nights selected accommodation in Lapland
- Visit Santa Village in Rovaniemi
- Overnight train Helsinki Rovaniemi
- Breakfast daily<sup>1</sup>
- Transfers to Lapland resort
- Arrival dinner plus special venue dinner
- Christmas or New Year Dinner<sup>2</sup>
- Meeting Santa <sup>3</sup>
- Snowshoe walking
- Search for the Northern Lights by snowshoe
- Scenic chairlift ride to top of the Fell
- Reindeer safari
- Husky safari with lunch
- Amethyst mine visit by snow tractor
- Ice Fishing
- Husky safari with lunch
- Amethyst mine visit by snow tractor

<sup>1</sup> Breakfast not included on train & for apartments stay. In Lapland this can be arranged at the hotel for a supplement or supplies can be purchased from the local supermarket to self-cater. | <sup>2</sup> Christmas & New Year dinner only on departures 21 & 28.12.2022. For other departures, these are substituted with dinner in local restaurant | <sup>3</sup> Not available for New Year Stay

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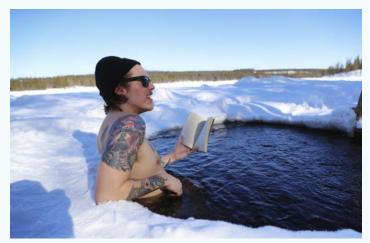
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Santa Village Rovaniemi



Pastel Winter Sky



Must be a good read



Aurora Borealis / Northern Lights

# 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. The hotel has a restaurant, bar, sauna and gym.

# **PYHÄSUITES**

Set to the back of the hotel, the PyhaSuites 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 the PyhaSuites, the family ski slopes and the Pyhä–Luosto National Park, these apartments are perfect choice for access to services.

#### Studio33

These compact studios are 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.

#### PyhäLinna93

These luxurious 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 six persons.



Standard Hotel Room



PyhäSuites 2-Bedroom



PyhäLinne33 Studio



PyhäLinne93—4 Bedroom



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