

LAPLAND

Experience the Magic



PURESCANDINAVIA

Magic Lapland

DEPARTURE 27 DECEMBER 2023 to 5 JANUARY 2024

Come with us to the top of the World, to Lapland in Finland 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. Picture flickering candles in frosted windows, reindeers wandering in the forest, Northern Lights colouring the sky, hot chocolate and cosy fires—the perfect Instagram moments.

27 DECEMBER: HELSINKI

Arrive Helsinki and transfer to your hotel. The festive season is a special time to visit the Daughter of the Baltic city – 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.

28 DECEMBER: HELSINKI / OVERNIGHT TRAIN TO ROVANIEMI

Helsinki is a beautiful city – compact and easy to move around. This morning you have an 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 Church). Early evening departure by overnight train to Rovaniemi. Don't forget to visit the restaurant for a drink with the locals and to try Finnish meatballs and mash. Note that breakfast is not included tomorrow morning but this can be taken in the restaurant.

29 DECEMBER: PYHÄTUNTURI, LAPLAND

Morning arrival in Rovaniemi. 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!

30 DECEMBER: PYHÄTUNTURI

Your first experience of Lapland this morning – ice fishing. After drilling a hole in the ice with a giant corkscrew, drop your line in and see what you can lure to take your bait. Hot drinks available whilst you wait for that big catch.

Afternoon at leisure. Good time to use your included tickets and take a ride by chair lift to the top of the Pyhäntunturi fell for a spectacular view of the surrounding area. If you feel chilly up there on the fell, pop into the cosy Tsokka restaurant for a hot chocolate and a waffle.

31 DECEMBER: PYHÄTUNTURI

Today you're going 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.

It's New Years Eve and dinner this evening will be festive. If you're seeing the New Year in at midnight, make sure you're at the bottom of the ski slopes to see the fireworks and the flame torch bearing skiers coming down the slopes.

1 JANUARY: PYHÄTUNTURI

Happy 2024!

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.

Free time to wander around Luosto. You may like to visit the indoor pool at the Hotel Luostotunturi for a swim. Definite must if you do this is to go into the jacuzzi designed to give the



Helsinki



Have a roll in the snow



Blue Kaamos Light



Mush mush



View from the top of Pyhä Fell



Northern Lights



Lapland's favourite animal

appearance of an Amethyst.

2 JANUARY: PYHÄTUNTURI

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

Late afternoon transfer to Luosto for a presentation and snowshoe walk searching for the Lights. Delve into the science and myths of the Aurora Borealis with a multimedia presentation by a knowledgeable guide who'll also play recordings of radio signals from space. Finally, after an update from your guide on the current Northern Lights forecast, set off in search of the Lights. Your guide will take you to a suitable spot with an open view to the Northern skies, ideal for photography. Hot drinks are available around the campfire.

3 JANUARY: PYHÄTUNTURI

Day at leisure and so many optional activities to choose from. It's the perfect opportunity to try the optional snowmobile safari. Set off following your guide on your motorcycle on skis across the lake and through forests. A thrilling and exhilarating experience. Drivers must be in possession of valid driving licence.

If snowmobiling's not for you, how about downhill skiing, cross country skiing, fat biking, snowshoe walking or ice carting. So many options, so little time.

Well worth a visit is the Nature Centre where an excellent audio visual presentation introduces you of the geology, fauna and flora of the area. The exhibits are well presented and interesting. You should also try their typical Finnish lunch – salad, soup and milk/berry juice/non-alcoholic home beer.

4 JANUARY: 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.

5 JANUARY: DEPART ROVANIEMI

Sadly the time has come to say goodbye to this magical place called Lapland. 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

- Airport transfer Helsinki
- Helsinki overnight accommodation inclusive of breakfast
- Overnight sleeper train Helsinki to Rovaniemi
- Transfer to Lapland resort
- Pure Scandinavia Representative in Lapland
- Seven nights selected accommodation in Lapland
- Breakfast daily in Lapland
- Arrival dinner plus special venue dinner
- New Year Dinner
- Presentation & search for the Northern Lights by snowshoe
- Scenic chairlift ride to top of the Fell
- Amethyst mine visit by snow tractor
- Reindeer safari
- Fun in the Snow
- Ice Fishing
- 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 trying skiing. The hotel has a restaurant, bar, sauna and gym.

The original hotel has Standard and Superior Rooms. Breakfast is included. Rooms come equipped with a drying cupboard.

Kultakero

Opening 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 the PyhäSuites, 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 three 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 from January.



Rakka Room



Kultakero Tokka29



Taivas136



PyhäSuites 2-Bedroom



PyhäLinne33 Studio



PyhäLinne93—4 Bedroom



Cottage (illustrative)



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