

Finnish Lapland & Northern Lights

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Day 01 Helsinki

Arrive in Helsinki, meet and greet, hotel transfer, check-in and relax.



Kaivopuiho Square

Around 7:00 PM head to dinner in the Finnish country side style at restaurant **Zetor** in **Kaivopuiho Square** tucked away in the very heart of the city. The restaurant has a tasty three course set menu consisting of traditional and beloved Finnish dishes made of salmon, reindeer, potatoes and wild berries. Choose between three alternatives on each course and one soft drink or Finnish beer (included).

Afterwards we recommend a short stroll to **Kalevankatu** and **Yrjonkatu Streets**. Enjoy the picturesque sights from the roof top bar and viewing terrace, see downtown Helsinki to the sea and nearby islands. This is a great place for a night cap or a nice cup of something warm. Entrance is free, (drinks not included)

Hotel transfer, overnight Helsinki.

Day 02 Helsinki

Enjoy breakfast in the comfort of your hotel, meet your private guide and driver for a wonderful city tour around the most fantastic attractions beginning with a stroll along **Esplanade Street** to **Market Square** (*Kauppatori*), by the harbor.

Visit also the restored **Market Hall** and head to **Senate Square** and **Helsinki Cathedral** just one block away.



Kauppatori



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Present your tour ticket to the attendant at the tourist bus stop on Fabianinkatu Street in the middle of **Esplanade Park** next to Kappeli Restaurant (05mins walk from Cafe Esplanad). Take a short break at old Cafe Esplanad, taste something typically Finnish: a Korvapuusti - cinnamon bun with a cup of coffee or tea. This might be the most traditional sweet bread in Finland and beloved by locals!

On your way back to the hotel have a look at the main shopping streets should you like, with brand name shops and Aleksanterinkatu as well as Mannerheimintie where you find bigger malls like Kämp Galleria or Forum and the Stockmann department store.

Hotel transfer, overnight Helsinki.

Day 03 Helsinki – Kakslauttanen

Breakfast at hotel, check-out and, airport transfer, depart Helsinki (HEL), arrive Ivalo (IVL) (approx. flying time 01hr 35mins), transfer to **Kakslauttanen Resort** (approx. 30mins) upon arrival.

Check-in at the hotel main reception from where you will be escorted to your Glass Igloo. The small igloos are for 1-2 persons with two single beds and a private toilet. The igloos are heated during the cold season. Enjoy the peace of nature and a technological detox as there is no television or music devices in the cottages. The showers, saunas and luggage storage are in the main building within walking distance (you have to walk outdoors to reach the main building).



Kakslauttanen Resort



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The resort occupies a large area divided to East and West Villages. Please note that there is some outdoor walking between the accommodation and public areas, such as the two restaurants and the Igloo Bar. Instructions and maps are available.

Today you will have activities to explore the wild arranged by the hotel. A sightseeing tour of **Kakslauttanen Arctic Resort** will take you to see a smoke sauna, igloo area, ice bar, snow chapel and an ice pool. The snow constructions are a subject to climate conditions and exist only during the snowy period between January and early April. Your tour includes transportation and a hot drink (approx. 01hr).

Aurora Hunting by Reindeer Sleigh or Carriage will be organized in the evening weather permitting (approx. 02hrs). Check the front desk for the exact timing, public sauna baths for hotel guests are open daily from 5.00 PM – 10.00 PM.



Aurora Hunting by Reindeer Sleigh

Around 7.30 PM enjoy a three course dinner served at one of the restaurants (Aurora or Log Restaurant), do check the exact timing and place at the front desk upon arrival so they can arrange to your convenience.

Overnight Kakslauttanen Resort.

Day 04 Snowmobile Safari & Santa Claus Village

Hotel breakfast embark on a fantastic tour which covers the famous Lapland sights and try an exciting Northern activity. Begin with a brief introduction to snowmobiling after which you start driving to the wilderness, you will be invited to warm up near an open fire and enjoy grill sausages with warm drinks. Snowmobile safari with a stop takes about 03-04hrs.

*Do note: to drive a snowmobile please make sure to have your driver license with you. Due to unsuitable weather conditions, the alternative is a visit to **Arktikum Museum**.*



Santa Claus Village

Continue to **Santa Claus Village** where you have some time to visit **Snowman World** and attend a real ice bar. You may buy some traditional Finnish souvenirs and send postcards with special Arctic Circle stamps from Santa Claus main post office.

Do note: Snowman World is available only to March 31, 2018.

Hotel transfer, overnight Kakslauttanen Resort.

Day 05 The Northern Lights

After breakfast at your hotel you will be led to a husky farm to meet enthusiastic arctic sled dogs. Listen to a short instruction on safety prior to driving and enjoy a group **Guided Husky Safari**. The route of about 15km takes you through a fantastic winter landscape. During the stops you can change places as a driver and passenger. After the adventure ride (approx. 01-1.5hrs) enjoy the husky farm. Your group will be invited to gather around the camp fire to hear the mushers telling about life with the huskies.



Guided Husky Safari

Do note: Winter clothing is provided for the tour.

Enjoy the afternoon at your own leisure to explore the surrounding area on your own.



Northern Lights

In the evening you will be invited for a **Reindeer Safari** through a fairy-tale winter forest.

During the group tour learn why reindeer sleigh is a traditional mode of transport in Lapland, and get one more unique chance to catch the **Northern Lights**, as the ride takes place at night-time away from the city lights.

After about an hour ride you will arrive at a reindeer farm where you will be treated with a cup of coffee and a sweet bun, as well as stories about the lifestyle of a reindeer herder.

Do note: Winter clothing is provided for the tour.

Hotel transfer, overnight Kakslauttanen Resort.

Day 06 Kakslauttanen – Helsinki

After breakfast, airport transfer, depart Ivalo (IVL) 1355hrs on AY604, arrive Helsinki (HEL) 1525hrs, hotel transfer, rest of day at your own leisure, overnight Helsinki.

Day 07 Helsinki – Hong Kong

Morning free at leisure, airport transfer, depart Helsinki (HEL) 1655hrs on AY101, arrive Hong Kong (HKG) 0840hrs SUN 10 FEB.