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Lapland Resorts

Visiting Lapland is like stepping in to the pages of your favourite childhood story book.

Soft snow blankets the fir-tree forests. Reindeer graze, nosing their way through the glittering white snow-flakes to the tender shoots below. Smoke curls from the chimney of your log cabin as you watch a sled dash past, pulled by a playful team of husky dogs.

Walking through the untouched forests you look up in awe as the Northern Lights shimmer and shift, illuminating the Polar night sky with green and purple swathes of light.

In Lapland they have a different perspective on what's most important in life. Family harmony, good hearty food and a roaring log fire are the keys to happiness. It's a simpler, purer way to live.

Each resort we feature was chosen for its idyllic natural surroundings. They are the perfect places to spend time with your family away from the distractions of modern life.

As you are staying right in the heart of the forest, the activities and safaris you choose will always start either just outside your accommodation or from very nearby.

Harriniva Wilderness Hotel

Among the snow covered fir trees on the banks of the serene Muonio River is the magnificent Harriniva Wilderness Hotel. The peaceful forest enfolds the hotel's wooden buildings and reindeer can be seen timidly walking between the trees.

The river flows lazily past, bringing ice down from the Northern fells. Below the glass clear surface Arctic char and grayling fight the current.

This authentic, rustic hotel has been lovingly built using wood and stone from the surrounding forest. Using traditional building materials and techniques is still the best way to shut out the Arctic cold, keeping you toasty warm throughout your stay.

Your wonderful hosts are called Kopi and Maria. To keep the children entertained between activities, Kopi has built a giant ice igloo and a toboggan run in the hotel grounds. Many a snowman has been lovingly built on the front lawn.

Accommodation

Kopi and Maria have comfortable, spacious rooms to suit all group sizes:

If your group is between 1 and 3 people then a twin or triple room is perfect for you. If you are coming with between 4 and 6 people then a family room with loft or bunk beds for the children is ideal. If your group is over 6 people it's usually possible to book adjacent rooms.

Each delightful room is made from wood and stone, with traditional decoration and furniture. For your convenience rooms have a private WC and shower.

Rooms are on both the ground and first floors of the hotel with easy access for disabled guests. If one or more of your group is disabled then you can be accommodated on the ground floor if you'd prefer.

All rooms are non-smoking.

Meals

When you are out on your daily adventures many of your meals will be cooked over the glowing embers of a camp fire.

For meals that you eat at the hotel there is an excellent restaurant. A delicious and filling variety of traditional Lappish food and home favourites are served, preparing you for a good night's sleep followed by a day of Arctic exploration.

Evening relaxation

After you've eaten, how about a nightcap? The hotel has an inviting lounge bar with an excellent selection of wine, spirits, beers and soft drinks. The friendly, celebratory atmosphere is infectious but make sure you don't stay up too late; you have an early start in the morning!

Sauna

The sauna is a Finnish invention and a tradition adopted throughout Scandinavia and the Nordic countries. It's a purifying way of warming you from head to toe after a cold day in the snow.

There are several saunas at the Harriniva Wilderness Hotel all of which can be used when you return from your afternoon activities. It's the perfect way to relax before your evening meal. If you'd like a little more privacy you can book the separate sauna building on the edge of the river.

Shop

For snacks, drinks and forgotten essentials the hotel has a small shop in the lobby.

Your hosts

As well as Kopi, Maria and their family, Harriniva has a friendly, helpful team of staff. The only thing the team take more seriously than your enjoyment is your safety. You can rest easy knowing that each person you meet is trained to a professional standard for any activity they supervise.

Hotel Jeris

For you and your family we have chosen perhaps the most beautiful, peaceful and exclusive destination in Lapland. At Hotel Jeris you can spend a magical and relaxing time with your family in the untouched, snow covered surroundings of the Lappish wilderness. Built on the edge of Pallas-Ylläs National Park Hotel Jeris owes its popularity to the unique accommodation.

Walking through the forest towards Lake Jerisjarvi, you will see, peeking between the trees, what looks like a snow dusted storybook village. These are the smaller wooden cabins which you can stay in.

Deeper in the forest, along a winding woodland path, you'll find grand wooden houses with smoke curling from their frosted chimneys. If you have a big family then these larger cabins are perfect.

Each wonderful log cabin is made from locally sourced wood and stone, with traditional decoration and furniture. You can spend the evenings warming yourself in front of the open fireplace, or relaxing in your own private sauna, while the children build snowmen outside.

There are also comfortable en suite rooms available in the main hotel building.

Accommodation

Small forest cabins

Gathered together on the lake's tranquil shores, Hotel Jeris's 30 smaller cabins are as comfortable as they are picturesque. These cabins accommodate between 2 and 4 people (depending on whether the party includes children) and are between 200 and 400m from the main hotel.

In the lounge there is an open fireplace where the family can gather, have a mug of cocoa and reflect on the day's excitement. You will also have your own private sauna where you can relax after a day exploring the forest.

Each cosy, fully furnished cabin includes:

- bedroom with twin beds
- lounge with a small sofa bed
- kitchenette
- WC and shower
- clothes drying cupboard
- TV
- private sauna

Large forest cabins

The larger cabins are some of the best and most popular places to holiday in the whole of Lapland. Built on the edge of Pallas-Ylläs National Park, these spacious cabins are comfortable, beautifully authentic, and the perfect place to spend a magical week with your family.

Cabins vary in size between 63 and 70sqm and sleep 3-6 people (8 people can stay in the very largest if the party includes several

children). They can be found approximately 400-600m from the hotel, along a path, up a slight hill and over a footbridge.

In the lounge there is an open fireplace where the family can gather, toast marshmallows and get excited about the morning's activities. You will also have your own private sauna where you can warm up after a day playing in the snow

Each cosy, fully furnished cabin includes:

- one or two bedrooms (depending on the size of cabin) with twin beds
- a loft space with comfortable bedding for the kids to sleep on
- a lounge
- kitchenette
- WC and shower
- clothes drying cupboard
- TV
- private sauna

Hotel rooms

If a log cabin isn't for you, the main hotel has 24 twin and triple rooms for groups of between 1 and 3 people. If you are coming with a large group it's usually possible to book adjacent rooms.

Each charming room is made of wood and stone, with traditional decoration and furniture, and breathtaking views across the lake and forest. For your convenience all rooms have a private WC and shower.

Rooms are on both the ground and first floors of the hotel with easy access for disabled guests. If one or more of your group is disabled then you can be accommodated on the ground floor if you'd prefer.

All rooms are non-smoking.

Access

The walking distance and the uneven terrain may make it problematic for elderly or disabled guests to stay in the larger cabins. If this is of

concern to you then please call us and we can discuss your specific needs.

Meals

For a true taste of Lappish tradition, many of your meals will be cooked over the glowing embers of a camp fire.

When you are back at the hotel your meals will be served in the excellent restaurant. The restaurant has spectacular, panoramic views of the forest, the lake and the distant fells, and serves a delicious and filling variety of traditional Lappish food and home favourites.

Evening relaxation

Add the finishing touch to a perfect day with a drink in Hotel Jeris's cosy lounge bar. With a roaring open fire and views out over the lake, it's a great place to socialise. They serve an excellent selection of wine, spirits, beers and soft drinks but make sure you don't stay up too late; you have an early start in the morning!

Sauna

After a long and exciting day, pay a visit to the hotel's newly built lakeside spa. With Japanese style hot pools, traditional saunas and an outside ice pool that extends in to the calm waters of the lake, it's the perfect place to relax.

If you are feeling brave, a dip in freezing water is a traditional method of invigorating the body and restoring natural vitality

Your hosts

Hotel Jeris has a friendly and helpful team of staff. The only thing the team take more seriously than your enjoyment is your safety. You can rest easy knowing that each person you meet is trained to a professional standard for any activity they supervise.

Iso Syote Hotel

The view from the Iso Syote Hotel is simply breathtaking. Atop the magnificent snow capped fell known as 'the gateway to Lapland', this comfortable, modern hotel looks out over a wide, forested valley. The winter sees the forest serenely blanketed in pure white snow; during the summer months it's lushly green and full of natural wonder.

The hotel has a great balance of excellent, modern facilities and traditional Lappish décor. There is a superb a la carte restaurant, a lively bar and nightclub, saunas and a swimming pool. You can choose to stay in one of the many comfortable en suite rooms or a private log cabin. Your hosts Juha and Katarina have worked hard to make their wonderful hotel feel just like home.

Each log cabin is made from locally sourced wood and stone, with traditional decoration and furniture. You can spend the evenings warming yourself in front of the open fireplace or relaxing in your own private sauna.

At Iso Syote there are many activities and Safaris available to book all year round, including snowmobiling, husky sledding and reindeer sleigh rides.

Snow covers the majority of the countryside from September until May, and therefore Lapland has one of the longest Ski seasons in the world. With 12 pistes nearby, and a 120km network of routes through the surrounding wilderness, Iso Syote is an ideal location for downhill and cross-country skiing. There are slopes and routes for experts and beginners alike.

It's no surprise that people return to this peaceful, welcoming hotel year after year

Accommodation

Small Fell Side Cabins

There is something magical about staying in a log cabin on the edge of a idyllic, snow covered forest. A short stroll from Iso Syote's main building are the Fell Side Cabins. Traditionally built from whole pine logs, they are a truly authentic taste of the rural Finnish way of life. Each of the 20, semi-detached cabins can accommodate up to 4 people and has everything you need for a very comfortable stay.

You can eat dinner in front of the crackling log fire and, as an added luxury, you have your own private sauna to relax in after a day exploring the wonders of the Finnish landscape.

Each cosy, fully furnished cabin includes:

- bedroom with twin beds
- lounge with two additional sofa beds
- well equipped kitchenette
- WC and shower
- TV
- private sauna
- fireplace
- clothes drying cupboard

Large Fell Top Cabins

Imagine sitting out on your veranda each morning, sipping a steaming cup of tea and watching the sun rise over a snow covered valley. Stay in a Fell Top Cabin and the magnificence of nature is literally at your doorstep. The grand, luxurious wooden cabins of Iso Syote sit at the top of the fell near to the main hotel building.

These family cabins (16 in total) were built in 2007, are semi detached and have two floors. They have three bedrooms and can accommodate up to 8 guests. If you are coming with a very large group, several of the adjoining cabins have connecting doors which can be unlocked to create a double cabin for up to 16 people.

The open plan dining and lounge area is the perfect place to relax with your family after a day of adventure. Warm yourselves by the fire or leave the kids to play while you unwind in your private sauna.

Each cosy, fully furnished cabin includes:

- three bedrooms (2 twin upstairs and 1 double downstairs)
- open plan lounge and dining room
- additional sofa bed in the lounge
- well equipped kitchenette
- two WC and shower rooms
- private sauna
- fireplace
- clothes drying cupboard

Hotel rooms

If you'd prefer to stay in more conventional accommodation, the main hotel has 30 double rooms for groups of between 1 and 3 people. If you are coming with a large group it's usually possible to book adjacent rooms.

The hotel was refurbished in 2009 and every room is modern and very comfortable with breathtaking views down the snow covered slopes of the fell. For your convenience all rooms have a private WC and shower as well as a digital TV, telephone and hairdryer.

Rooms are on both the ground and first floors of the hotel with easy access for disabled guests. If one or more of your group is disabled then you can be accommodated on the ground floor if you'd prefer.

Rooms furnished with non-allergenic materials are available on request.

All rooms are non-smoking.

Access

The location of the smaller cabins towards the bottom of the fell may make it problematic for elderly or disabled guests to stay in them. If this is of concern to you then please call us and we can discuss your specific needs.

Meals

For a wonderful, romantic evening visit the superb Panorama Restaurant. As the name suggests, this sophisticated a la carte restaurant offers sweeping views across the snow covered forests and valleys of the Syote National Park. Renowned Chef Arto Posio has created a deliciously modern menu infused with traditional favourites and local delicacies.

Evening relaxation

Add the finishing touch to a perfect day with a drink in Iso Syote's Panorama Bar. It's a great place to socialise; or if you are having a romantic evening you can stand on the balcony with a glass of wine and look out over the spectacular forest valleys.

Fancy a dance? The club downstairs plays contemporary pop music and is open until the early hours. The Panorama Bar serves an excellent selection of wine, spirits, beers and soft drinks.

Sauna and swimming pool

For some well earned relaxation Iso Syote has several big saunas. It's the perfect way to warm up after a long exciting day skiing or exploring the forest. They also have a 14 meter swimming pool for aquatic fun or leisurely exercise. Guests can use all facilities free of charge.

Your hosts

There to give your hosts Juha and Katarina a helping hand are a friendly team of staff. The only thing the team take more seriously than your enjoyment is your safety. You can rest easy knowing that each person you meet is trained to a professional standard for any activity they supervise.

Personal family visit to see Santa

This is the highlight of your holiday, your Christmas and the makings of your fondest family memory.

Each Emagine travel Lapland holiday can include a private trip for you and your family to see Santa in his own cabin, deep in the woods. There are no queues and no other families to interrupt your most magical of experiences.

Santa's Elves have left a candlelit path to guide you through the forest. Arriving in a woodland clearing, you see a quaint wooden cabin with lights twinkling through the frosted windows and smoke curling from the snow capped chimney. Knocking on the door, you are welcomed in by a friendly voice. Over in the corner of the cabin, sat on a rocking chair in the glow of the Christmas tree, is Santa himself. The children sit on his knee, telling him their Christmas wishes as he gives them a present from under the beautifully decorated tree. After you've said your goodbyes it's time to get back on your sleigh and return home through the forest. Looking over your shoulder, you can see Santa framed in the doorway of his cabin, waving and wishing you seasonal joy.

The trip lasts around 45 minutes including the journey through the forest on a sleigh pulled by a snowmobile. The presents your children receive from Father Christmas are small, but will be something they treasure for the rest of their childhood. Alternatively, we offer a service where you can take your own present and a letter written by your children and arrange for Father Christmas to have these with him in time for your visit. Families that have done this in the past have always agreed that it was worth it for the look of joy on their children's faces.

If you and your family stay in Harriniva Wilderness Hotel or Hotel Jeris on Christmas Eve you will have the pleasure of Santa's company for dinner. He can also occasionally be seen walking through the forest, tending to the reindeer and making preparations for his big Christmas delivery

Activities and safaris

The fantastic quality and value of the activities and safaris that we offer is one of the main reasons you should choose Emagine Travel for your Lapland holiday. Every safari is a good length, run by professional, knowledgeable and friendly guides and can be adapted to suit the needs of you and your family.

Each activity starts from the hotel you are staying at or very close by. This means there are no long boring coach journeys before the adventure starts.

Out in the forests of Lapland there is a breathtaking sense of space and freedom. The remote and peaceful location of each resort means that all safaris take place in the untouched beauty of nature.

Winter safari clothing is provided when you arrive at your accommodation so, even though it's very cold, you will always be warm when you are out and about.

Daylight hours during December are around 4.5 hours from 10:00-14:30. Although the sun does not rise above the horizon for most of the month this only adds to the magic of the experience.

Snowmobiling

Zippering through forests and across frozen lakes, up snow covered fells and down through lush woodland valleys, snowmobiling is a thrilling way of exploring nature and seeing the Lappish countryside.

Before you set out you will have full training on how to handle a snowmobile from your professional guide. The length of your safari can be tailored to suit you. You can take a short, two hour tour of the National park, or for a real taste of adventure head deep in to the woods, stay overnight and return the next day full of tales of the wild. On a night time safari there's a chance you might see the mysterious and beautiful Northern Lights.

In Lapland there is a very strict law against drink driving. The same limit of 0.5% alcohol in the blood stream that applies in England also applies in Lapland and this includes when driving a snowmobile. Police can stop you and breathalyse you and your guides will not allow you to drive if they believe that you are intoxicated.

If you would like to drive a snowmobile you may be asked to show your driving licence so make sure you bring it along.

If you are involved in an accident while driving a snowmobile your safari operator will hold you accountable for the first 555 Euros of damage, so care is advised.

If you are taking part in safaris and activities, we encourage you to purchase additional travel insurance to cover winter sports.

If you would like advice about any of these details we will be happy to help. Please give us a call on: 0844 499 0880

Husky Safaris

Ask someone who's been on one of our fantastic Lapland holidays what their favourite part was and chances are they will enthusiastically exclaim "the husky safari!"

There's something very liberating about gliding through the snowy forest behind a team of huskies. It's not only a thrilling ride; it's also an authentic taste of Lappish life.

Before you head out in to the forest, your safari begins with a tour of the local Husky Ranch. It's one of the biggest husky breeding kennels in the world and home to hundreds of dogs. If you are lucky you might see some adorable husky puppies.

Siberian Huskies are a friendly, energetic and resilient breed of dog with a thick fur coat, triangular ears and a sickle shaped tail. Not only are they excellent working dogs, they make loving, loyal pets.

Controlling a team of huskies is very easy. The dogs are so well trained that they do the majority of the work for you. You will have a short lesson with your professional guide and then you're off sledging between the snow dusted fir trees. During your ride you will stop deep in the serene forest for a delicious, hot lunch, before you're off again through the snow.

The length of your husky safari can be tailored to suit your desires. You can choose a short, two hour round trip, or an overnight stay in the forest, returning with tales of adventure.

Reindeer Safaris

It's well known that on Christmas Eve Santa takes to the skies in a sleigh pulled by nine reindeer, to deliver presents all over the world. For young and old alike, it's a magical feeling dashing through the snow atop a sleigh pulled by reindeer. It's something you have only heard about in fairytales and Christmas carols.

Picture Lapland and you think of reindeer. These elegant, timid creatures can be seen roaming the northern fells and forests and are recognised by their stunning antlers.

Your safari includes a visit to a reindeer farm and a talk from a local herder who will carry out a traditional Arctic Circle crossing ceremony and teach you how to lasso a reindeer. Then there's the ride itself which takes you through the beautiful forest; this is one of the most enchanting experiences you can have in Lapland.

Your reindeer sleigh ride lasts around four hours. This is far longer than most other reindeer safaris offered by other companies. It means you get real value for money and really experience the traditional Lappish way of life.

Reindeer herding has been a way of life for the native Lappish people for centuries and remains one of Lapland's main industries. There are currently around 200,000 reindeer in Lapland.

Cross Country Skiing

With thousands of kilometres of forest and mountain trails, Lapland is perfect for cross country skiing. In the largest national parks you can hike for a week without seeing a road. There are trails that take you to the frosted peaks of arctic fells with breathtaking views across the peaceful forest. You can cross frozen lakes in the shadow of mighty mountain ranges and search for elusive arctic foxes and wild reindeer.

Cross country skiing is very good for you, giving your whole body an excellent work out. Experiencing nature at its purest is also a great tonic for the soul.

Trekking trails are well maintained, signposted and many are illuminated. There are cross country routes to suit all abilities; if you are new to the sport we can arrange lessons and a professional guide. If you are an experienced cross country skier we can offer advice and suggest destinations. You can stick to planned excursion routes, or strike out on your own. Equipment can be hired locally.

The length of your cross country skiing safari can be tailored to suit your desires. You can choose to go for a few hours, or camp overnight in the forest. Along the signed routes there are a network of cabins exclusively for the free use of hikers and skiers.

Snow Shoe Safaris

The guided snow shoe walks are a fun way for you and your family to experience Lapland's beautiful natural scenery. Your guide takes you along woodland paths into the National Park. Along the way he tells you about local wildlife, birds and plants, as well as Lappish culture, traditions and folktales.

During the winter the forests are rich in natural wonder. If you go during twilight hours you may be lucky enough to see the magnificent Northern Lights. The dense forests are also home to Father Christmas's Elves so keep your eyes peeled for tiny footprints.

Walking in snow shoes is an easy skill to learn. They were invented centuries ago to stop your feet sinking when walking across deep snow. Your snow shoe safari can be a couple of hours or a whole day depending on what you'd prefer. There is no need for extensive training but you will have a professional guide to help you along the way.

Ice Fishing

An afternoon of ice fishing is a fascinating and fun way to learn about Lappish lifestyle. Out on the frozen lake, you cut a hole in the ice and catch, cook and eat your own fish. Arctic char and grayling are a delicacy in Lapland and are particularly good when cooked over the smoking coals of an open campfire. The satisfaction that you caught the fish yourself makes it even more delicious.

As with most other Scandinavian and Nordic countries, Lapland has a strong fishing tradition. Fish is an essential part of an Arctic diet as it can be caught all year round, dried, cured or smoked and stored for when the winter weather closes in. It's also rich in natural oils and has kept the Lappish people healthy and well fed for thousands of years.

Ice fishing safaris generally last a few hours and are one of the more relaxing activities you can participate in.

The Northern Lights

One of the most spectacular and mysterious events in nature, the Northern Lights, or Aurora Borealis, attracts thousands of people to Lapland each year. On a clear, dark night, bright arcs and swathes of green and purple light shimmer and shift in the sky, illuminating the snow quilted forests and dancing across the cabin rooftops.

There is an old folktale that says the Northern Lights are created by a magical Arctic fox that roams the Lappish fells. With a playful swish of its bushy tail it throws sparks and snow flakes in to the air creating the beautiful swirling shapes of light we see in the night sky. The Finnish word for the Northern Lights, Revontulet, actually translates as fox fire.

If you are coming to Lapland to admire the Northern Lights, we advise a stay of 5-7 days. As they are an unpredictable, natural occurrence and can only be seen when the night sky is clear, there is no guarantee you will be able to see them when you visit. However, during the peak months of September – October and February – March the Northern Lights occur every other night on average. Throughout the rest of the year they are slightly less common but can still be seen fairly regularly.

Information

Lapland

Lapland is a place of wonder. The dramatic landscape, breathtaking natural beauty and diverse weather make it a country of spectacular experiences.

The country sits largely within the Arctic Circle, spanning the top parts of Finland and Sweden. The capital is Rovaniemi, a bustling, modern city and the country's economic and social heart. However, to discover the real Lapland you need to venture further north.

During the winter the sun stays below the horizon, leaving the country in a mystical twilight for weeks. The temperature can drop as low as -40 degrees but the air is crisp and clear so if you wrap up warm you will stay nice and toasty. Snow covers the majority of the country for between 175-225 days a year, depending on how far north you go.

Lapland is a world renowned centre for skiing, with one of the latest and longest seasons. Other popular winter activities include snowmobiling, cross-country skiing, husky and reindeer sled riding, ice-fishing and tobogganing.

With an average temperature of 20 degrees, the summer is warm and tranquil. The lush forests and verdant fells burst in to life with cloudberry, Mountain Avens flowers and playful arctic fox-cubs. At the height of summer there is a period of nightless night where the sun remains in the sky, warming the land for the return of winter.

Hiking is particularly popular in the summer and there are thousands of kilometres of routes to follow though the many stunning, National Parks. Along the way you can stay in one of the numerous log cabins specially built for hikers to use. Other popular summer activities include, white water rafting, canoeing, fishing and panning for gold.

The town of Muonio

Sleepily nestled on the banks of the river that shares its name, Muonio is a rustic, timeless place. It's 260km north of the Arctic Circle and spends much of the year covered in a blanket of pure white snow.

With the wide glacial river on one side, the Pallas-Yllanstunturi National Park on the other and snow-capped arctic fells in the distance it's a beautiful place.

The locals are friendly and welcoming as they go about their daily business.

Flights from the UK and Ireland

Flying to Lapland is surprisingly quick. Just five hours* and you are in a snow covered land of magic and adventure.

If you are staying at Harriniva Wilderness Hotel or Hotel Jeris...

The nearest airport to Harriniva Wilderness Hotel and Hotel Jeris is Kittila. There are no direct flights to Kittila from the UK; however, there are regular connecting flights from Helsinki airport (the capital of Finland which Lapland is a part of).

The flight time from the UK to Helsinki is two and a half hours approx (depending on where in the UK you fly from).

Connecting flights from Helsinki to Kittila take an average of one hour and twenty minutes.

We arrange all journeys to ensure you have a very short wait at Helsinki airport and as quick and safe a journey as possible.

If you are staying at Iso Syote Hotel...

The nearest airport to Iso Syote Hotel is Kuusomo. There are no direct flights to Kuusomo from the UK; however, there are regular connecting flights from Helsinki airport (the capital of Finland which Lapland is a part of).

The flight time from the UK to Helsinki is two and a half hours approx (depending on where in the UK you fly from).

Connecting flights from Helsinki to Kuusomo take around one hour and twenty minutes.

We arrange all journeys to ensure you have a very short wait at Helsinki airport and as quick and safe a journey as possible.

When you have arrived...

After arriving in Lapland there will be a short coach transfer to your resort of choice.

If it all seems rather complicated don't worry; flights are reliable, connections are quick and the people are all helpful, friendly and most speak good English.

Finland's best airlines

You will be pleased to hear that you will be flying with two of Scandinavia's most trusted and well loved airlines, Finnair and Blue1.

Finnair were founded in 1923 and are the Finnish equivalent of British Airways. They have a very high standard of service, a modern, technologically advanced fleet of planes and a fantastic safety record. They are the biggest and most popular airline in Finland.

Founded in 1987, Blue1 have established a reputation for reliability and excellent value. A comparatively new part of the SAS group (Scandinavian Airline Systems), Blue1 is now the second most popular airline in Finland.

If you have any questions about flights to and from Lapland please give us a call on:

0844 499 0880

*All flight time are approximate and depend on where you are flying from, where you are flying to and the length of time waiting for a connection. We use five hours as a guideline but it may take longer.

Emagine Travel: Lapland holiday experts

You will love our Lapland holidays. We know they are the best around because every family that goes on one tells us so when they get back.

We offer you a personal and reliable service based on years of experience and specialist knowledge. We do not cut corners to offer a more attractive price; we offer the highest quality Lapland holidays available. The key to a memorable Lapland holiday is the authenticity of the experience. We have sought out the best accommodation, safaris and personal Santa visit to give you and your family the holiday of a lifetime.

We are an independent direct sell tour operator with a long and happy relationship with the resorts we use. Because we speak directly to our chosen resorts, rather than through a Lappish tour operator, we can offer lower prices without sacrificing quality.

Please take a look at what other happy holiday makers have to say about what a great time they had.

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Things to know before you go: FAQs

Lapland in a nutshell

Lapland sits largely within the Arctic Circle, spanning the top parts of Finland and Sweden as well as parts of Norway and Russia. The capital is Rovaniemi, a bustling, modern city. The native people of Lapland are the Sámi, a traditionally nomadic people known for their skill at reindeer herding. These days the Sámi form an important part of modern Lappish society.

Which language do they speak in Lapland?

The most common language in Lapland is Finnish. Many people also speak Swedish and there are a number of different Sámi dialects spoken in different parts of the country.

However, you will be pleased to hear that many people speak English. This includes your resort hosts and guides.

Is there a time difference?

Lapland is two hours ahead of the UK.

Do I need to change my money?

The currency used in Lapland is the Euro. You can exchange English pounds sterling for Euros at many places along your high street or when you get to the airport.

How much daylight is there in the winter?

The length of daylight varies dramatically throughout the year. In December there's an average of four and a half hours of daylight between 10:00 and 14:30.

The brilliant whiteness of the snow covered landscape means that, even though the sky is dark, there's enough reflected light to see by.

What sort of weather can I expect?

Lapland and the Lappish people are well suited to extreme weather conditions.

Heavy snowfall is a regular occurrence and outside temperatures are known to drop severely during the winter months. Built using traditional techniques, all accommodation is warm, cosy and comfortable.

Although there is rarely a problem, please be aware that some activities may be affected by the weather and substituted for alternatives. Unfortunately the weather is one aspect of your holiday we can't guarantee.

Do I need special clothing?

As the temperature will be very cold throughout your trip, warm clothing is essential. We appreciate that you are unlikely to have professional arctic explorer gear to hand but don't worry your resort provides you with what you need.

Here are some handy tips to ensure you stay toasty at all times.

- Putting on thermal underwear, long sleeved vests and long johns will get you off to a good start.
- Trap warm air by wearing lots of thin, loose fitting layers. This will also mean you can balance your temperature by adding or removing layers.
- Thick gloves, socks and scarves are great at insulating your extremities. More than one layer for each body part is a good idea.
- If you have them, bring your own walking boots. They should be of professional hiking quality.
- If possible, wearing thermal boots two sizes too big means you can put on extra socks.
- Heat pads which you insert into your gloves and boots can be bought from most chemists and keep you very warm.

When you arrive at your resort you will be provided with the following clothing:

- Warm overall
- Warm boots, balaclava, gloves, woollen hat and a pair of woollen socks
- A sleeping bag with thick inner lining
- Ski goggles if you are going on the husky safari
- A crash helmet if you are going on the snowmobile safari

This will keep you wrapped up nice and warm for the duration of your stay.

Is this holiday suitable for young children?

Because the weather is extremely cold we strongly recommend that you do not bring children less than three years of age. Your activities include a lot of time spent outside in arctic conditions and, although your protective clothing will keep you perfectly snug, very young children are more vulnerable to the cold.

If you are a family with young children your safaris can be tailored to suit you. This includes shortening the length spent outside and changing to less strenuous routes.

Is this holiday suitable for people with disabilities?

We have previously provided many disabled people with excellent and accommodating Lapland holidays, but the best thing to do is give us a call so we can discuss your specific needs.

If you are disabled or are coming with someone with a disability we will be happy to provide as much help as we can. Although our Lapland holidays are, on the whole, suitable for people with disabilities, please be aware of the following:

Much of the landscape is covered in thick snow which can sometimes slightly restrict access and make mobility more strenuous. Some of the safaris and activities are quite tiring and therefore may be unsuitable. Because of the remote location, there are some parts of the resorts accessed by woodland paths, footbridges or up slight hills.

Is there space for my whole family?

Groups of all sizes are welcome. With large rooms and cabins, the resorts we use are ideal for family or group accommodation. Hotel Jeris, with its larger log cabins, is particularly suited to parties of more than four. Give us a call and we can talk about your family or group needs.

Do I need special insurance?

When booking travel insurance, or reviewing a policy that you may already have, it is essential to make sure that, if you plan to participate in activities like snowmobiling, you are covered for 'winter sports'. If you would like more guidance in this matter then please give us a call and we will be happy to talk you through it.

How long is the flight?

The flight time from the UK to Helsinki (Finland) is two and a half hours approx (depending on where in the UK you fly from). Connecting flights from Helsinki to Kittila airport in Lapland take an average of one hour and twenty minutes. We arrange all journeys to ensure you have a very short wait at Helsinki airport and as quick and safe a journey as possible.

Are there any special passport requirements?

Entry requirements for Lapland and Finland are the same as most other Eurozone countries.

British and Irish citizens must hold a full 10 year passport, with a 5 year passport required for each child travelling. Before booking your holiday you should check that your passport is valid for at least 6 months following your return date from Finland.

If you have any queries or if you hold a different type of passport you should seek advice from:

www.direct.gov.uk/en/TravelAndTransport/Passports

Or you can contact the Finnish Embassy:

**Embassy of Finland
38 Chesham Place
London, SW1X 8HW
tel: +44 20 7838 6200
website: www.finemb.org.uk
Opening hours: 0900-1200 (Mon-Fri)**

What about my health?

Although no specific vaccinations are required, if you have health concerns that may affect you travelling overseas it is important to consult your doctor about any necessary precautions. Some of the activities and safaris can be physically challenging and may not be suitable for all.

If you would like to talk to us about the suitability of a Lapland holiday please give us a call or send us an email and we will call you.

Is the price I see the price I pay?

The prices we show online are realistic representations of what you will pay per person based on a full programme of activities. We like to be as honest as possible and will always advise you if your particular desires will alter the price.

Many other companies will advertise a very low price which does not include any safaris or activities and does not represent the true price or good value for money.

Please bear in mind that, with the constant variation in flight costs, our online prices are as accurate as possible but are only intended as a guide. Prices will vary slightly depending on group size and the safaris you wish to take part in.

Throughout the trip there will be optional payable extras but the flat price you pay includes everything you have booked. We make sure your trip will only include pleasant surprises.

If you would like to know more about what your holiday price includes, give us a call or send us an email and we will call you.

Do I need power adapters?

The electrical voltage is 220V AC 50Hz, so if you are bringing electrical appliances like laptops or mobile phone chargers you will need a standard European 2 prong plug adapter.

Can I have an alcoholic drink?

If you fancy a nightcap during your trip you will be glad to hear that alcoholic drinks are widely available.

In Lapland the rules regarding alcohol consumption are similar to those in England. The minimum drinking age is 18 years for drinks like wine and beer but you have to be over 20 years old to drink stronger drinks like spirits.

There is a very strict and actively enforced law against drink driving which is also applied to the driving of snowmobiles.