



Harriniva - Best of the Northern Lights



HOLIDAY TYPE: Small Group
VISITING: Finland

BROCHURE CODE: 2222
DURATION: 7 nights

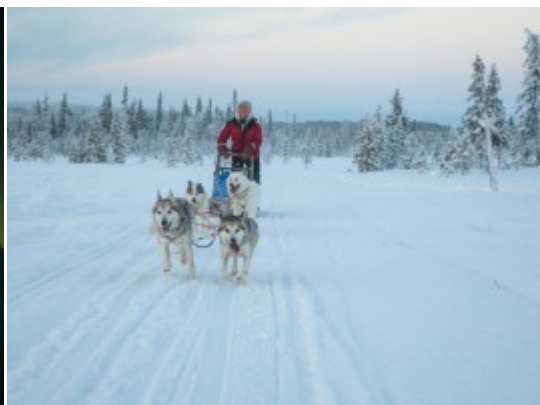
In Brief

This 7-night trip to Harriniva offers amazing opportunities to see the Northern Lights. You will be reindeer sleighing, snowshoeing and snowmobiling through the Arctic night. This means that your evenings are all about experiencing thrilling activities whilst chasing the magical Aurora.

Our Opinion

“ This holiday is perfect for anyone who is dedicated to seeing the Northern Lights and anyone who wants space for some freedom in their itinerary, as most of the activities are in the evening. Some of our best activities are included, like a reindeer sleigh ride, snowshoeing and snowmobiling, but all of them are experienced under the stars and, fingers crossed, the Northern Lights. Each activity ends with a hot drink around the open fire, so you can continue to admire the Arctic sky. There are a number of optional activities to choose from should you wish to add to your exciting itinerary. ”

Graham Hughes



What's included?

ALL OF THE ACTIVITIES AND SERVICES LISTED BELOW ARE INCLUDED IN THE HOLIDAY PRICE

- **Flights:** return flights from London Heathrow to Kittilä (via Helsinki). Direct return flights from London Gatwick are available for a supplement on certain dates. Flight routes are subject to change
- **Transfers:** return airport transfers
- **Accommodation:** 7 nights in double/twin hotel rooms
- **Meals:** 7 breakfasts, 6 lunches*, 7 dinners
- **The following activities are included in the holiday:** Northern Light snowmobiling, Secret of the Northern Lights workshop, husky safari, reindeer Aurora experience, Arctic Sauna World, Aurora snowshoeing, Aurora Snow Shuttle and daily hotel sauna (the order of activities is subject to change)
- Aurora App which you can download to your phone for the duration of the trip (normally works until 1 am)
- Warm winter clothing for the duration of the trip
- Fully qualified guides and instructors during activities
- 24/7 assistance from our UK-based operations team and in-destination support from our local partners

*If you're travelling between 7th January and 11th February on direct flights, you will receive 7 lunches.

Trip Overview

This trip offers the ultimate Northern Lights experience. Set in Harriniva, amongst the beautiful fells of Western Lapland and surrounded by the wild, rugged landscape, this is an ideal location for a week of winter activities and Northern Lights hunting.

The nights of this trip are dedicated to optimising your chances of seeing the Lights. Most activities that are included take place in the evening, to ensure that you can combine some spectacular experiences with the magic of escaping the light pollution and chasing the Aurora into the night. You

will speed over the fells on a snowmobile and reindeer sleigh ride through the forests, all in search of the Northern Lights. Also included in your holiday package is a guided snowshoe tour and an evening visit to the Arctic Elements Lakeside Spa. You will certainly not be bored with the huge variety of Aurora hunting throughout your stay!

Routes and distances for your chases will depend on the weather and Aurora activity on the day, heightening your chances of spotting the enchanting Aurora Borealis.

The days have been left free for you to tailor your trip to suit your wishes and your budget. Staying in your cosy accommodation in Harriniva, you can use this time to unwind, utilising your free daily access to the hotel sauna, trying a traditional Finnish pastime while basking in relaxation.

Or you can choose from the wide range of optional activities that are offered on this trip ([see details under the 'Personalise' tab](#)).

This seven-night holiday promises many one-of-a-kind experiences in a stunning location and the best possible chance of viewing the phenomenal Northern Lights.

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Agenda

Please note the order of activities is subject to change

DAY
1

ARRIVAL AND WELCOME

You will arrive at Kittilä Airport and be taken on a one hour transfer to your accommodation for the week at Harriniva Wilderness Hotel.

Upon arrival, you will be greeted at reception and given your Northern Lights alarm and your cold-weather clothing. You are free to decide how to spend the rest of your day.

Dinner will be served in the main hotel and you can spend the evening settling into your cosy accommodation.

Included Meals: Dinner

DAY
2

FREE DAY AND AURORA SNOWMOBILING ADVENTURE

After breakfast, the day is completely free. You might want to book an optional safari or activity (details for these can be found under the ['Personalise'](#) tab for this trip). Lunch will be served in the hotel restaurant.

After dinner, it is time to head out and hunt for the lights by snowmobile on an Aurora Adventure. You will drive two per snowmobile (assuming both are over 18 years old and have a valid driving licence). Should there be clouds then the snowmobiles will give you the best possible chance to get to a place where you may be able to see the Northern Lights, should they appear.

Warm drinks are included and you will be out and about for around two to three hours in total.

Included Meals: Breakfast, Lunch, Dinner

DAY
3

FREE DAY AND SECRETS OF THE NORTHERN LIGHTS

Today you will have breakfast and lunch in the hotel and in the afternoon, you will have your 'Secrets of the Northern Lights' workshop, where guides will explain the science behind the fascinating phenomenon of the Aurora Borealis whilst you enjoy a hot drink.

You will have a free evening to enjoy as you please. We recommend keeping an eye on the Aurora forecast or why not upgrade your night to the Arctic Firefox lodge (see our 'Personalise' tab).

Included Meals: Breakfast, Lunch, Dinner

DAY
4

FREE DAY AND REINDEER AURORA EXPERIENCE

Today, you will eat breakfast and lunch as usual in the hotel, then you will be left to your own devices once again, allowing you to tailor your day to suit your wishes and preferences.

Dinner will be served as usual and your next hunt for the Northern Lights will begin – this time, via reindeer sleigh. You will visit a local reindeer farm, where you will begin your quiet and peaceful sleigh ride through the enchanting forest, gradually arriving further and further away from the light pollution and enhancing your chances of seeing the Northern Lights.

On your return, you will enjoy hot drinks as you gaze at the stars and potentially continue to appreciate the mystical Aurora. In total, this activity will last around one and a half to two hours including transfers.

Included Meals: Breakfast, Lunch, Dinner

DAY
5

HUSKY SAFARI AND ARCTIC SAUNA WORLD

After breakfast, you will embark on an Arctic adventure as you join a husky safari. An experience that perfectly captures the essence of this remarkable region. You will venture into the wilderness, accompanied by your enthusiastic team of dogs, for an exciting 15km husky safari through the breathtaking winter wonderland that surrounds you. As usual, lunch will be served in the hotel's restaurant.

After dinner, you will head to the Arctic Sauna World in Jeris, approximately 30 minutes away. Here, you can unwind in the four saunas, each one inspired by one of the elements; earth, air, fire and water and named after Finnish gods and goddesses. The facilities include a traditional smoke sauna and plenty of areas for relaxation in the lakeside setting. There is also a special fifth sauna upgrade available, which will be of particular interest to Aurora enthusiasts. The Northern Lights sauna offers exceptional views of the dark night sky for one of the most relaxing ways to search for a wonderful display!

Talk to our Aurora Travel Experts about an upgrade. For the brave (and healthy) you can also take a dip in the ice pool - a traditional part of the Finnish sauna experience.

Included Meals: Breakfast, Lunch, Dinner

DAY
6

FREE DAY AND AURORA SNOWSHOE

After breakfast and lunch, you will enjoy another free day, so you can decide how you would like to spend it. If you enjoyed the husky safari, you could spend your morning on an even longer, 25km safari, with one person per sled, rather than two. Or, you could have another try at snowmobiling and book the snowmobile panorama safari, which takes you through the collection of fells around Harriniva.

Following dinner, you will put on your snowshoes tonight for your Northern Lights hunt and head out on a peaceful walk through thick blankets of snow and beneath the dark, star-lit sky. Your walk will end with a hot drink and, with any luck, the lights will put on a show, dancing and swirling above you. You will be out and about for around two to three hours in total.

Included Meals: Breakfast, Lunch, Dinner

DAY
7

FREE DAY AND AURORA SNOW SHUTTLE

Following breakfast, this is your final day to choose from a number of spectacular activities. You may decide to try the national obsession of ice fishing, a relaxing and rewarding activity – particularly if you make a catch. Or, you could learn more about the indigenous Sámi community on a Sámi Culture day, visit a local museum and have another chance to experience a reindeer sleigh ride.

After a special farewell dinner with special Finnish specialities, you will head out on an exciting Northern Lights hunt for your last night. Tonight's adventure is via Harriniva's Snow Shuttle – a snowmobile-pulled carriage (the type of carriage used tonight will depend on the availability and weather forecast.) You'll be taken to a campfire site which is located in a prime location to enjoy hot drinks and snacks by an open fire whilst hopefully enjoying a Northern Lights display. This activity will last around two hours in total.

Included Meals: Breakfast, Lunch, Dinner

DAY
8

DEPARTURE

Today, you will bid your holiday farewell as you are transferred to the airport in time for your flight home.

Included Meals: Breakfast

Personalise this tour

Our pick



Arctic Firefox Lodge

For an exclusive experience, guests can choose to upgrade to the exceptional Arctic Firefox Lodge at Jeris for a night during their stay. This lakeside retreat offers panoramic views across Lake Jerisjarvi. You can spend your evening unwinding in your very own private sauna, before heading upstairs to your cosy bed, where unobstructed views of the night sky and the Arctic wilderness await. You can snuggle up in bed and gaze at the sky above you and if the Northern Lights appear above you, it really will top off this magical night. Your stay in this very special accommodation includes entry to

Arctic Sauna World, bathrobes and slippers.

Prices vary depending on dates and availability. Please speak to our Travel Experts for a quotation.

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Other options

ACTIVITIES



Panorama Safari (30km Snowmobile Safari)

This safari lets you get familiar with the surrounding region, taking you through the fells around Harriniva. Travelling two people per vehicle, you will have the opportunity to swap the roles of driver and passenger during a break on the way.

Anyone wishing to drive must have a full driving licence and be over the age of 18. The total distance covered will be around 30 kilometres.

Activity level: Low

Minimum: 2 people

Available: Monday, Wednesday & Friday at 1.30 pm and Sunday at 10 am

Duration: approximately 2 hours in total

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It's a husky day (25km husky safari)

Reaching the Arctic Sled Dog Centre, you will receive full instructions on how to drive a husky sled before heading off on a 25km (approximately) husky safari, going one person per sled. This adventure will give you a real sense of the trail, as you will be out for around four to five hours.

Picnic lunch included.

Activity level: High

Minimum: 2 people

Available: Thursday at 10.30am

Duration: approximately 4 to 5 hours in total (including lunch)

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Lapland Snowmobile Safari

This is the ultimate one-day snowmobile safari, covering a total distance of 60 to 80 kilometres, with a stop for hot drinks and a picnic lunch. You will drive your own snowmobile and will be out for between five and six hours.

You must be over 18 and hold a full driving licence to drive a snowmobile.

Minimum: 2 people

Duration: approximately 5 to 6 hours in total (including lunch)

Available: Harriniva and Jeris - Saturday at 10am

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Traditional Finnish ice fishing

A national obsession in Finland, ice fishing is a must-try activity in this part of the world. You will be taking to a local fishing spot on a frozen lake. Here, you will be shown how to drill through the ice and arrange a line. As you wait for the fish to bite, you can take in the scenery with a hot drink in hand.

Activity level: Low

Minimum: 2 people

Available: Tuesday at 10 am; Saturday at 2 pm

Duration: approximately 2 hours in total



Ski like a Finn!

Cross-country skiing is a much-loved activity in the Nordic Countries. Training in the basics will be provided, so it is an ideal session for those who have never tried the sport before.

Minimum: 2 people

Duration: approximately 2 hours in total

Available:

Harriniva: Monday at 10am & Thursday and Sunday at 2pm

Jeris: Tuesday and Friday at 10am

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Local Culture and Short Reindeer Safari (3km)

Learn about the culture of the original Lappish reindeer herders at one of the oldest farms in Finland. On this activity, you will head to a local reindeer farm and find out about the herder's way of life and enjoy an enchanting reindeer sleigh ride. Lunch is served in a traditional Lappish 'kota'.

From late December, you will then enjoy a tour of the nearby Torassieppi Winter Village and a very cool restaurant (weather permitting!).

Activity level: Low

Minimum: 2 people

Available: Monday, Wednesday & Friday at 10.20 am

Duration: approximately 4 to 4.5 hour in total (including lunch and transfers)

Included Accommodation

Other options are available - see below for details.

Harriniva Wilderness Hotel (Nights: 1-7)



Ideally located in the north-west corner of Finland, high above the Arctic Circle and in the very heart of the Aurora Zone, Harriniva Wilderness Hotel serves as a perfect base for your adventure holiday.

Owned and run by the Pietikäinen family, the hotel has developed a growing reputation for its warm ambience and a large range of enjoyable activities on offer.

Hotel facilities

The hotel has a range of facilities that have been designed to make your stay here as enjoyable as possible.

- There is free Wi-Fi throughout the main building for guest use, in our experience, we have found it works best in the main reception and dining area
- The hotel restaurant has a lively, buzzing atmosphere as people excitedly discuss the adventures they have taken part in that day. The meals are served in a buffet style with two or three choices for each course. The food here is hearty and wholesome
- The hotel also has a pub serving a range of beers, wines and spirits - this is the perfect place to unwind and relax with your fellow guests in the evening
- Tea and coffee are available free of charge throughout the day in the hotel restaurant / bar area.
- In the main reception area of the hotel, you will find a small gift shop selling a range of postcards, soft toys and handcrafted products. There is also a selection of snacks that can be purchased
- A sauna is available for guest use with separate facilities for men and women. This is free of charge and is heated every evening for around three hours
- The hotel also has an Aurora Wellness Centre (situated a short walk away on the riverbank), where you can enjoy a range of therapies such as facials or massages. A real treat after a day of soaking up the pristine wilderness! During peak periods, we would strongly recommend

booking therapies in advance through reception (all payable locally and we recommend booking in advance if possible)

- Snowshoes and cross country skis are available to hire for a small charge and there are marked trails surrounding the hotel for those with some experience. For those interested in downhill skiing, reception will be able to arrange a taxi to the nearby ski resort of Olos (payable locally)

Room types

Wilderness plus rooms

Decorated in traditional Scandinavian style, these bedrooms were refurbished in 2018. The rooms include double/twin beds and an unfolding sofa suitable for 1 adult or 2 children. All rooms have an en-suite shower room and a hairdryer, as well as a small seating area.

Double/twin rooms

Harriniva has 64 guest bedrooms which consist of twin or double rooms. Triple rooms are also available on request. Decorated in traditional Scandinavian style, all rooms have an en-suite shower room and a hairdryer.

Wilderness Suite

Spacious wilderness style room, decorated in traditional Scandinavian style, these rooms were refurbished in 2018. Located on the ground floor, close to reception these rooms include double/twin beds and an unfolding sofa suitable for 1 adult or 2 children. All rooms have an en-suite shower room and a hairdryer, as well as a small seating area.

Safari House

For those travelling on our longer husky or snowmobile experiences, your nights at the hotel will be spent in shared accommodation in one of Harriniva's Safari Houses. Each has sleeping facilities, a shower room, toilet and a sauna. Some safari houses are on site, whereas others are located 3km from the hotel. If you are staying off-site, you will be transferred to and from the hotel for meals.

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Other accommodation options

Contact us for a personalised quote.

Harriniva Riverside Cabins



Set in a picturesque, riverside location and ranging from 39m² to 47m², Harriniva's Riverside Cabins are ideal for larger groups, or those wanting a little more space and privacy during their trip. Each cabin sleeps five people in total, with a main bedroom for two people, a lower ceilinged loft area (accessible by a steep ladder) sleeping a further two people and a pull out sofa bed in the lounge. Fully-equipped with kitchen facilities, including a stove, dishwasher and fridge, and with a cosy living room, you can relax and enjoy your own space in complete comfort. Each cabin even has its own private sauna, perfect for keeping warm after a long day out in the cold.

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Jeris and Torassieppi Aurora Huts

The unique Aurora Huts at Jeris and Torassieppi offer a rather different overnight experience for guests. These huts have pleasant, cosy décor, with floor to ceiling windows on one wall, allowing you to gaze at the night sky in search of the Northern Lights. The Aurora huts at Torassieppi are located close to the lakeshore, whereas the huts at Jeris are located in the woods. The exact location of your dome will be confirmed upon check-in at your hotel.

The Specifics

Holiday group size (approximate)

This holiday requires a minimum of 2 people to run, however, we require a minimum of 10 people for our flight allocation. Maximum 22 people (approximately). Please speak to our Travel Experts for further information.

Group Size

We always try to provide an approximation of the group size you can expect to be with for the duration of each of our holidays. It may be that you are joined by others for parts of your holiday (such as transfers and particular activities) but the above number reflects those you can normally expect to be with from beginning to end. If group size is something which is particularly important to you, please speak to our Travel Experts and they can suggest the best holidays for you.

Tailor-made holiday group sizes will vary for all activities as will the group size for any additional activities you book.

Minimum numbers required for a holiday to operate

Some of our holidays require a minimum number of participants to operate (as listed in the 'Group Size' section). If your holiday departure has not yet reached the minimum number, you will be told at the time of booking. In the unlikely event that your chosen date is not guaranteed by nine weeks before your scheduled departure date, we will contact you to discuss the available options as per our [booking conditions](#).

Minimum and maximum age

If a specific minimum age applies to this holiday, it can be found in the Key Facts box on the holiday Overview page.

Unless otherwise stated in the Key Facts box on the holiday Overview page, the minimum age for participation in an Aurora Zone holiday is typically 12 years old (there may be younger children in some destinations who have booked with other companies). If an adult-only environment is important to you, then please contact our Travel Experts and they will advise on the best dates and destinations for you. If you are looking for a holiday designed specifically for families then please see our sister company www.activitiesabroad.com.

Itinerary amendments

The order of activities listed in this agenda is provided for guidance only, your final and detailed itinerary will be provided either with your final travel documents (which are uploaded into your online account around a week prior to departure) or upon arrival.

Terms and Conditions

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