



Pyhä - Glass Igloo Aurora Hideaway Adventure



HOLIDAY TYPE: Flexible Dates

VISITING: Finland

BROCHURE CODE: 29023

DURATION: 4 nights

In Brief

Journey to the Sunday Morning Resort, high above the Arctic Circle and situated next to the boundless Pyhä-Luosto National Park, for four nights in the Finnish wilderness. This huge stretch of natural surroundings offers incredible winter experiences such as dog sledding and ice climbing, both included in your itinerary. As night falls, the Northern Lights become the top priority on your agenda with Aurora snowshoeing and a stay in a glass igloo.

Our Opinion

“ This trip is perfect for those who want to experience an Aurora highlight of a Glass Igloo combined with a great mix of Arctic activities. Starting with the glass-roofed Pyha Igloo, you will enjoy the comfort of searching for the Northern Lights from your own bed. Then it's onto the Sunday Morning Resort to experience snowshoeing, husky sledding and ice climbing! The log cabin has a free sauna which can be used after your action-packed days and if you would prefer a slower pace, you can upgrade to a trip to the amethyst mine for a brilliant souvenir! ”

Caitlin Varley



What's included?

ALL THE EXPERIENCES AND SERVICES LISTED BELOW ARE INCLUDED IN THE HOLIDAY PRICE

- **Flights:** direct return flights from London Gatwick to Rovaniemi (flight routes are subject to change)
- **Transfers:** return airport transfers
- **Accommodation:** 3 nights in hotel accommodation and 1 night in Pyhä glass igloo
- **Activities:** Ice climbing (option to upgrade to amethyst mine visit), husky safari and Aurora snowshoeing (order of activities is subject to change).
- **Meals:** 4 breakfasts, 3 lunches, 3 dinners
- Cold weather clothing (Sunday Morning Resort only)
- Aurora alert system

Trip Overview

The Sunday Morning Resort in Pyha Finland occupies some seriously prime real estate. Not only is it surrounded by forests and frozen lakes and right next to the incredible Pyhä-Luosto National Park, but it is also situated 100kms above the Arctic Circle - an excellent position for Northern Lights hunting.

This four-night stay makes the most of the location with an Aurora snowshoeing experience for a relaxing walk into the wilds during the dark Arctic night. Then on your last night, you will stay in a cosy glass igloo in Pyhä. Here, the bed is ideally placed under the half-glassed roof for the chance to see the Northern Lights as you lay tucked up under your duvet! What's more, throughout your trip you will be able to use the Aurora alert system app which will notify you if the Northern Lights are in the sky.

Your first three nights will be in the main lodge hotel rooms at the Sunday Morning Resort, designed as a relaxing space to retire to after a day of activities. Your itinerary features an array of excursions, including one of the most sought-after winter experiences; dog sledding. You will try your hand as a musher as you and your team of sled dogs ride through the stunning winter scenes. We have also included an ice climbing experience, to really get up close to the frozen landscape. Accompanied by experienced guides, your hard work up the frozen waterfall will be rewarded with incredible views of the landscape.

The Sunday Morning Resort prides itself on its eco-credentials. It is a fully carbon-neutral resort due to the eco-friendly heating systems and dense forest surroundings, which acts as a carbon sink. There is also a brilliant range of environmentally-friendly activities you can choose from in your spare time, such as electric snowmobiles.

With its seemingly endless wilderness surroundings, brilliant Aurora potential and commitment to preserving this beautiful landscape, the Sunday Morning Resort is an excellent choice for your Northern Lights holiday.

Credit - Daniel Ernst and Visit Finland, Jani Kärppä & Kota Collective Ltd, Alekski Mehtonen, Miika Hämäläinen, Harri Lindfors

Agenda

Please note the order of activities is subject to change

DAY
1

ARRIVAL AND AURORA SNOWSHOE

Once you arrive at Rovaniemi Airport, you will be met and transferred to the Sunday Morning Resort approximately 90 minutes away, to check into your hotel room in the main lodge.

Enjoy dinner in the restaurant ahead of your Northern Lights hunt. You will meet with your local guide who will fit you with snowshoes before leading you out into the Arctic night and on the lookout for the Aurora. Snowshoes will help you move over the deep snow with ease as you take to the trails and travel further into the wilderness, always looking up to the sky for the chance to see the Northern Lights. You will be out for approximately two hours.

Included Meals: Dinner

DAY
2

ICE CLIMBING OR VISIT TO THE AMETHYST MINE AND FREE EVENING

Fill up on breakfast ahead of your ice climbing experience.

You will travel to Pyhä and meet with professional guides who will teach you all you need to know to try ice climbing. Once you are comfortable with the techniques, you will climb the ice wall twice. The wall is approximately 20 metres high which gives you an excellent vantage point to see more of the stunning winter scenes. Please note this activity is suitable for those with moderate physical condition and at least 12 years old and you will be out for approximately 2.5 hours.

If you prefer, you could swap this experience for a visit to an amethyst mine. You will travel to Lampivaara hill via the special snowtrain where your guide will tell you about the history of the amethyst and you will be able to dig your very own stone to take with you as a brilliant souvenir.

Lunch and dinner will be served in the hotel restaurant and tonight you will have a free evening to spend as you please.

Included Meals: Breakfast, Lunch, Dinner

DAY
3

HUSKY SAFARI AND FREE EVENING

Following breakfast, you will experience one of the most sought-after Arctic activities. After meeting with your local guide, you will travel to the nearby husky farm where you will meet with the excitable dogs.

You will receive a full safety briefing before travelling into the wilds for five kilometres with your loyal team of sled dogs out in front. You will ride two people per sled with one as a passenger and one as a musher, with the option to swap. Upon return to the husky farm, you will have time to thank the dogs and take some photos of your brilliant team.

Following lunch and dinner in the restaurant, you will have a free evening to spend as you please. You could add on a dedicated Northern Lights activity such as Aurora snowmobiling, found in our ['Personalise'](#) tab.

Included Meals: Breakfast, Lunch, Dinner

DAY
4

FREE DAY AND GLASS IGLOO

Today you have a free day to spend however you like. You could visit the nearby amethyst mine for a fantastic insight into this mesmerising gemstone - details can be found in our ['Personalise'](#) tab.

Following lunch, you will transfer to your wonderful glass igloo to finish your holiday in serious style. You will have time to settle into your Aurora accommodation and our guides can recommend where to eat this evening (payable locally). Alternatively, you could go to the local supermarket, just five minutes away and make use of the kitchenette facilities in your igloo.

As night falls, your Northern Lights hunt begins, right from the comfort of your bed. Lay down and stare up at the Arctic sky through the large glass roof.

Included Meals: Breakfast, Lunch

DAY
5

DEPARTURE

Today it is sadly time for your Aurora retreat in the wilderness to come to an end. Following breakfast, we will transfer you back to the airport or if you have an early flight time, we will box up breakfast for you to enjoy on your journey.

Included Meals: Breakfast

Personalise this tour

Our pick



Aurora Electric Snowmobile Safari

Take the environmentally-friendly eSleds out into the Arctic night for an unforgettable Aurora hunt. Due to their low noise levels, these electronic versions are the only type of snowmobiles allowed in the nearby Pyhä Luosto National Park, meaning you have exclusive access to the expansive landscape.

You will meet with your local guide who will give you full instructions and a safety briefing on how to drive your electric snowmobile. Then it's time to head out into the night and search the skies for a potential Northern Lights

display.

Please note you must be at least 18 years old and hold a full driving licence to drive a snowmobile. You will ride two per snowmobile but you can upgrade to a single rider for a supplement.

Duration: 2 hours

Other options

ACTIVITIES



Electric Snowmobile Safari

The Sunday Morning Resort have a focus on sustainable tourism and a brilliant example of this is their eSled snowmobiles - electronic and environmentally-friendly and the only type of snowmobile allowed right up to the border of the Pyhä Luosto National Park. You will have exclusive access to the stunning surroundings, travelling up to the top of the fells.

You will meet with your local guide who will give you full instructions and a safety briefing before leading you out into the wilderness to explore the Arctic scenes.

Please note you must be at least 18 years old and hold a full driving licence to drive a snowmobile. You will ride two per snowmobile but you can upgrade to a single rider for a supplement.

Choose your duration:

Nature Safari: 1.5 hours

Conquest to Pyhätunturi: 3 hours



Meeting the Reindeer

Complete your Lapland experience by meeting some of the most-loved animals.

During this activity, you will meet with local herders who will introduce you to their animals and tell you why reindeer herding is so important in this region.

This authentic insight into the traditions and livelihood also includes a peaceful sleigh ride in the wilderness.

There are two different reindeer options to choose from:

30 minutes: reindeer sleigh ride with a coffee break. Price from £89pp

1 hour: reindeer sleigh ride with lunch included afterwards. Price from £126pp

Image Credit: Harri Lindfors



Aurora Reindeer Sleigh ride

Stay cosy in your reindeer-pulled sleigh as you ride out into the dark night.

You will meet with your local guide and the much-loved Lappish animals before stepping into the sleigh and wrapping up warm. The reindeer will lead you further into the wilderness as you keep an eye on the sky for a potential Northern Lights display.

Duration: 2 hours

Available: January to March



Visit to the Amethyst Mine

Travel to Lampivaara hill via the special snowtrain where you will learn all about the fascinating amethyst gemstone formed approximately 2000 million years ago.

During your visit to the mine, your guide will tell you about the history of the amethyst and you will also dig your very own stone to take with you as a brilliant souvenir.

Duration: 3 hours



Electric Fatbike Tours

Explore the stunning natural surroundings on an electrically assisted Fatbike (E-Fatbike), a unique way to travel over the Arctic terrain.

Equipped with wide well-gripping tyres, you can travel over the snow with ease. What's more, the electric assisting system means you can pedal as much or as little as you like.

Duration: 2-2.5 hours

LITTLE EXTRAS



Cross-country Ski & Snowshoe Hire

You can hire cross-country skis or snowshoes for some independent exploration. Talk to the staff at the hotel for trail guides and best locations.

Image Credit: Lappikuva - Jani Kärppä

Included Accommodation

Other options are available - see below for details.

Sunday Morning Resort (Nights: 1-3)



100kms above the Arctic Circle, in the fell scenery of one of Finland's oldest national parks, sits the peaceful Sunday Morning Resort. With its lakeside and forest surroundings, the resort is aptly named to reflect the atmosphere here - every day is like a tranquil Sunday morning and you'll feel the serenity as soon as you arrive.

The resort is ideally located just 90 minutes from the airport and Lapland's capital, Rovaniemi but is firmly situated in the heart of the wilderness. With activities available onsite, the Sunday Morning Resort is a brilliant mix of relaxing retreat with easy access to unbelievable Arctic experiences and Northern Lights opportunities.

As well as its excellent location, there is also only space for 28 people at the resort, making it one of the smallest we offer in Finland as well as adding a real exclusivity to this place. We would really recommend booking early to avoid disappointment.

HOTEL FACILITIES

- Built from old pine timber, the main lodge honours the natural surroundings, creating a wonderful log cabin feel
- The resort is carbon neutral with the help of eco-friendly heating systems and the dense forest surroundings
- Its big, bright dining area, lounge and cosy lobby bar are the perfect common areas to relax in after a day exploring the beautiful Arctic scenes
- Enjoy the delicious food made using local ingredients in the hotel restaurant
- Work out in the gym then unwind in the modern sauna downstairs
- At the lakeside, enjoy the wood-heated and traditional smoke sauna as well as a wood-fired hot tub

ROOM FACILITIES

MAIN LODGE

TWIN/DOUBLE ROOM: The main building houses four double rooms in the peaceful wing. Each room features a private balcony overlooking the lake, twin/double bed with intelligent mattress, smart TV, WiFi, shower with steam, sauna and massage features, bathrobes, slippers and hairdryer.

Pyhä Glass Igloos (Nights: 4)



Your Northern Lights hunt can continue long into the night when you stay in one of the Pyhä Igloos, equipped with glass-roof right above your cosy double bed.

The igloos are located on the pristine Pyhätunturi mountain. You will be close to all amenities yet feel like you are secluded in the peaceful Finnish wilderness in your well-equipped cabin.

Pyhä is committed to sustainable tourism which is very apparent in these glass igloos. Ground heat is the core source of energy which is also supported by solar panels on the roof. The walls are built using nine-inch thick certified local timber logs, for a cosy interior and an extremely low carbon footprint.

Facilities:

- Meals will be served in the restaurant, just a five-minute walk away
- There is a local supermarket also five minutes away
- The Naava Visitor Centre with a wonderful exhibition on the local Arctic flora and fauna sits close by, as does the nearest ski lift
- Make use of the Arctic Barbecue Hut free of charge or at a small cost if you wish to hire it privately for your group
- To unwind further, book a Finnish sauna and the outdoor hot tub

Room Facilities:

DOUBLE ROOM WITH SOFA BED - SLEEPS 2-4:

There is a motorized double bed ideally situated under the glass ceiling for two people. A sofa bed serves as an extra bed for two.

Each igloo comes equipped with a toilet, shower, TV, Wi-Fi and kitchenette which includes a fridge, cooking hobs, dishwasher, kettle and microwave oven.

Image Credit: Pyhä Igloos, Jani Kärppä & Kota Collective Ltd

Other accommodation options

Contact us for a personalised quote.

Sunday Morning Resort Apartments



Situated in the fell scenery of one of Finland's oldest national parks and 100kms above the Arctic Circle, the Sunday Morning Resort is a true wilderness escape. Complete with lakeside and forest

surroundings, every day in this peaceful resort feels like a tranquil Sunday morning.

Ideally located just 90 minutes from the airport and Lapland's capital, Rovaniemi and close to the fantastic ski slopes, you'll have access to modern amenities whilst staying firmly in the heart of the Finnish wilderness. The Sunday Morning Resort is a relaxing retreat with incredible Aurora and Arctic opportunities right on its doorstep.

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ROOM FACILITIES

AIHKI APARTMENTS

SLEEPS 2-5: Located in two duplex houses in the courtyard, each apartment has a bedroom for two people, living room with fireplace, kitchen, bathroom and private sauna. There is also a spacious loft upstairs where three more beds can be set up. The apartments come with a smart TV, Wi-Fi and minibar.

The Specifics

Holiday group size (approximate)

This holiday requires a minimum of 2 people to run; maximum 28 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

Our full booking terms and conditions can be found on our website: <https://www.theaurorazone.com/booking-conditions>