



## Rovaniemi - Apukka at Leisure



**HOLIDAY TYPE:** Small Group

**VISITING:** Finland

**BROCHURE CODE:** 20031

**DURATION:** 3 nights

### In Brief

Journey to the Apukka Resort, just 15-minutes from Lapland's capital but in its own wilderness and dark sky setting for a 3-night winter retreat. With two dedicated Aurora hunts included and your days left free for you to tailor your time, this Northern Lights holiday can be as relaxed or adventurous as you like.

### Our Opinion

“ I was a little nervous travelling to the Arctic for the first time but Apukka gave me the warmest of welcomes - even with all the snow! It's hard to believe you're just 15 minutes from the city with such beautiful wilderness surroundings and the chance to spot the Northern Lights from right outside the resort! ”

Katharina Rogalski



## What's included?

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

- **Flights:** return flights from London to Rovaniemi (either direct or via Helsinki depending on the departure date). Flight routes are subject to change.
- **Transfers:** return airport transfers
- **Accommodation:** 3 nights in a 1-bedroom Apukka Apartment (options to upgrade at a charge)
- **Meals:** 3 breakfasts, 3 dinners
- **The following activities are included:** Northern Lights Snowtrain, Aurora hunt by car (order subject to change)
- Cold weather clothing for the duration of your stay if required
- Free use of cross-country and snowshoes (subject to availability)

## Trip Overview

Travel just 15 minutes away from the city lights and bustling centre of Rovaniemi, Lapland's capital, to find a much more peaceful retreat. The Apukka Resort is easily accessible but sits in its own wilderness setting, complete with frozen lake, snow-laden surroundings and of course, excellent Northern Lights potential.

We have included two dedicated Aurora activities to increase your chances of seeing a display. During one evening's search, you'll ride in a cosy carriage onboard the Snowtrain. Your guide will pull the train using their snowmobile, taking you further into the wilderness to a prime lookout location where you will in hopes for the green dancing lights. You'll also search by car, making the most of the mobility of the vehicle for an adventurous hunt into the dark night.

Apukka's ethos is to create a 'home away from home' and their apartments are perfect examples of this. After a day exploring the Arctic and an evening in pursuit of the Northern Lights, these are an extremely relaxing place to retire to. You could also upgrade to a memorable night's stay in one of the spectacular north-facing Aurora Cabins.

Your days have been left free for you to tailor your time to suit you. From unwinding in the on-site sauna facilities (charges apply) to enjoying the free use of the snowshoe and cross-country ski equipment, there is plenty to do right from your doorstep. Please see the '[Personalise](#)' tab for options. Apukka is also home to husky and reindeer farms, just across the road, so you can easily add on exceptional Arctic experiences such as dog sledding and a reindeer sleigh ride.

Just a short drive from the airport and Lapland's capital, but surrounded by nature, this short break to Apukka is the perfect introduction to the Finnish wilderness and with any luck, the Northern Lights.

Image credits: Apukka Resort

# Agenda

Please note the order of activities is subject to change

DAY  
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ARRIVAL

Upon arrival at Rovaniemi airport, you will be met and transferred to the Apukka Resort, just 15 minutes away.

You'll check into your accommodation and receive your warm winter clothes before enjoying a dinner buffet in the restaurant.

Depending on flight times, you could start your Aurora search tonight with a dedicated activity. See our '[Personalise](#)' tab for a range of activities.

**Included Meals:** Dinner

DAY  
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FREE DAY AND NORTHERN LIGHTS HUNT VIA SNOWTRAIN

Breakfast will be served in the restaurant and then today has been left free for you to enjoy as you please. You could add to your Arctic adventure with a dog sledding safari - see our '[Personalise](#)' tab for more information. Alternatively, you could make use of the hotel's equipment, such as snowshoes and cross-country skiing.

After dinner, it's time to board the Snowtrain carriage and let your guide take you out into the dark and silent night to reach a wilderness camp. Upon arrival, you will keep warm inside a traditional Lappish 'Kota' (teepee) with an open fire.

Here, you will have snacks and hot drinks by the fire as your expert guide tells you about the science and magic behind the Northern Lights, all the while keeping an eye on the sky for a potential display. You will be out for approximately three hours in total tonight.

**Included Meals:** Breakfast, Dinner

DAY  
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## FREE DAY AND NORTHERN LIGHTS HUNT BY CAR

Following breakfast, you have another free day to tailor your time. You could add to your Lappish experience a reindeer sleigh ride or relax further in the onsite sauna facilities (charges apply). See our ['Personalise'](#) tab for more information.

Tonight, after dinner, you will head out once more into the Arctic night. You will step inside the warm car with your knowledgeable guide taking you to the best location based on the local weather and Aurora forecast.

For the more active guests, you can upgrade to a Northern Lights snowmobile safari instead (you must be over 18 years old and hold a full driving licence to drive a snowmobile). Please talk to our Aurora Travel Experts at the time of booking.

**Included Meals:** Breakfast, Dinner

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## DEPARTURE

Unfortunately, it is time for your Arctic retreat to come to an end. Enjoy breakfast in the restaurant before heading to the airport for your flight home.

**Included Meals:** Breakfast

# Personalise this tour

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## Our pick



## Apukka Ice Cabins

Really put the icing on your winter escape with a night in an Ice Cabin. It's hard to believe you'll have a cosy night in a building made of 100% pure ice (except the roof) but, with thermal sleeping bags and a structural design that keeps the interior between 0 and -5 degrees no matter what the temperature is outside, you'll be nice and warm in this incredible cabin. Apukka is a centre for ice building, so make the most of your stay here and enjoy a truly unforgettable night.

### Facilities:

Capacity for two people - a double bed with two single sleeping bags

- All bedding provided to keep you nice and toasty through the night
- Luggage storage available

## Other options

### ACTIVITIES



## Peek to the Wilderness by Snowmobile

Take your snowmobile to places you'd never be able to reach by foot. You will drive through the snowy forest and frozen marshlands and enjoy a hot drink during a short break.

A full safety briefing will be given before the trip and you must be over 18 years old and hold a full driving licence to drive a snowmobile (price based on 2 sharing), however, children can take part as they ride in a sledge pulled by the guide.

**Duration:** 2.5 hours approximately

**Available:** Daily at 14:00





## Husky Adventure

Let Apukka's dog sledding pack take you on an adventure to explore more of the winter landscape.

Dog sledding is one of the most sought-after Arctic experiences and you'll soon see why when you step onto the sled and embark a 5-10km safari (depending on weather and snow conditions).

Before you set off, the local expert musher will give you a full safety briefing and instructions on how to drive a dog sled.

Upon your return, you'll have time to thank the dogs and take some photos with your loyal team. The expert musher can also answer any questions you may have about these wonderful animals.

**Duration:** approximately 2 hours in total

**Available:** daily at 10am, 12pm and 2pm



## Aurora Husky Tour

This trip combines one of the most popular activities in the Arctic with a night of Aurora hunting. You'll sit on the sled as your expert guide drives your pack of sled dogs through the wilderness (approximately 5-10km) on the lookout for the Northern Lights. There will be a stop off at a traditional Lappish hut where an open fire, grilled sausages and hot juice will keep you warm as you search the sky for the Aurora.

**Duration:** 3 hours in total (approximately)

**Available:** Daily at 20:30



## Snowmobile Ride into the Wild

Make tracks in the untouched snow as you ride into the wilds on a snowmobiling adventure.

This day-long activity will see you cover a large distance as you travel further into the wilderness. You will stop for lunch and your guide will help you prepare it and make coffee by the open fire.

This is an exciting way to explore more of the Lappish landscape and experience this much-loved form of transport. A full safety briefing will be given before the

trip and you must be over 18 years old and hold a full driving licence to drive a snowmobile (price based on 2 sharing).

**Duration:** approximately 6 hours in total including lunch

**Available:** 10am on Mondays, Wednesdays and Saturdays



## Aurora Hunt on the Snowtrain

Apukka's Snowtrain is a unique and cosy way to search for the Northern Lights.

This evening, you will board the Snowtrain, relaxing in one of the cosy carriages as you're pulled by the guide's snowmobile.

You will travel further into the wilderness, searching the skies along the way, before stopping at a traditional Lappish 'kota' tepee where your guide will teach you how to build a fire. Once lit, you will gather around to warm

up with hot drinks and snacks, all the while keeping an eye on the sky for the Northern Lights.

Your expert guide will also help you with your camera settings so should the Auroras start to appear, you will be able to capture the moment.

**Duration:** approximately 3 hours in total

**Available:** daily at 8:30pm



## Apukka Reindeer Journey

Enjoy a traditional form of Arctic transport as you ride through the wilderness in a sleigh pulled by local reindeer. With the gentle pace of the reindeer and the serenity of the surroundings, this is a peaceful way to see more of the brilliant landscape during the hour-long ride. You will travel out to a charming Lappish hut in the wilderness and enjoy a hot drink and a light snack. On the journey, you'll learn all about the life of the reindeer and herders in Finnish Lapland.

**Duration:** Approximately 2 hours in total

**Available:** daily at 14:00



## Aurora Hunt by Car

Stepping into a warm car with a knowledgeable guide, this mode of transport means you're able to cover longer distances as you search for the Northern Lights.

If you have a camera, you will also be shown the optimal settings but don't worry if you don't have one as the guide will bring theirs and send you any pictures after the activity.

On the road, the expert guide will talk more about the Northern Lights as well as all about life in Finland. They'll use their local knowledge to determine the route and location that will give you the best chance of seeing an Aurora display.

**Included:** winter clothing, guiding, hot drink and a light snack

**Duration:** approximately 3 hours in total

**Available:** daily at 20:30





## Ice Fishing Experience

Local guides will take you to the best fishing spot on the frozen lake next to the resort where you'll sit back and admire the nature around you and wait to see if you get the catch of the day. No previous experience is needed and hot drinks by the open fire will keep you warm.

**Included:** Winter clothing, guiding, ice fishing, hot drink

**Duration:** 2.5 hours in total

**Available:** at 10:00 on Mondays, Wednesdays, Fridays

and Saturdays



## Snowshoe adventure

Snowshoes allow you to walk on thick snow without sinking so you can access amazing landscapes that would be hard to reach by foot. Going at a slow pace, you'll enjoy the nature of the Arctic Circle around you, breathing in its fresh air with only the sounds of the crunchy powder below you. You'll also stop to enjoy a hot drink to warm you up.

**Duration:** approximately 2.5 hours in total

**Available:** Tuesdays at 14:00 and Thursdays at 10:00



## Northern Lights Snowmobiling

Go on an adventure to find the Northern Lights during this Aurora snowmobile safari. A snowmobile allows you to get to locations that would be hard to reach by foot and can help you outrun any cloud cover that may be standing in your way of seeing the Aurora. You'll ride out to a suitable location, will have a hot drink and sausages by an open fire and you'll learn more about nature's amazing light show and with any luck, see them for yourself.

A full safety briefing will be given before the trip and you must be over 18 years old and hold a full driving licence to drive a snowmobile (price based on 2 sharing).

**Duration:** 3 hours approximately

**Available:** Daily at 20:30



## Meet the Arctic Animals - Ranua Wildlife Park Visit

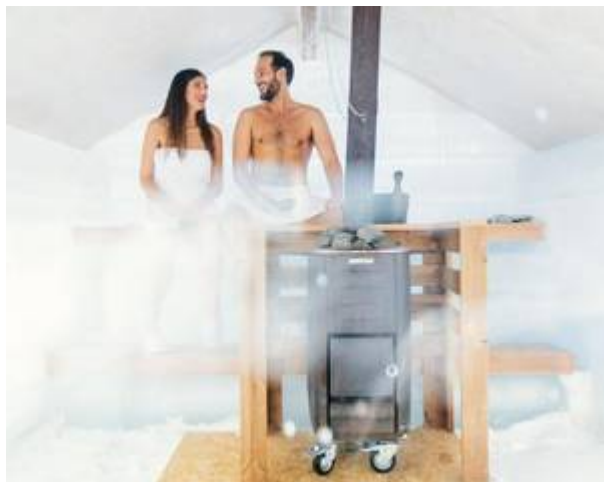
See some of the Arctic's most-loved animals during a visit to Ranua Wildlife Park.

You will be transferred to the park, approximately an hour away, where you can spot over 50 different species who live here. See polar bears, moose, wolves, bears and much more, all while learning about the animals' way of life in Lapland. Lunch is included today.

**Duration:** 4.5 hours in total (including transfers and lunch)

**Available:** 9 am departure. On request

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## Arctic Sauna Experience

There's nothing a Finn enjoys more than a relaxing sauna. This Arctic Sauna Experience will show you what the fuss is all about.

Making use of the sauna complex on-site and with the guidance of a host, you'll have the opportunity to try three different types of sauna.

After a day exploring the Arctic, there is no better place to unwind than in a traditional sauna. At Apukka, you can relax in the large electric heated sauna as well as in the outside small wooden heated saunas or in the ice sauna.

However, your holiday is all about trying new experiences and with the Ice Sauna, you'll be hard pushed to find a more unlikely experience. Though the concept seems impossible, you can actually enjoy the steam from the hot stove as you're surrounded by thick ice walls!

To really get into the Finnish spirit, why not try rolling in the deep snow between your sauna sessions? It may sound bizarre, but it is actually a wellness technique used frequently in these parts.

A word of warning, however. Snow holds the temperature of the air so, if it's -15C, that snow roll will be invigorating to say the least!

**Included:** Ice sauna and traditional sauna, towels, seat cover and bathrobe

**Duration:** Max 1.5 hour (10 min Ice Sauna + traditional sauna & shower) operated daily

**Available:** Daily (10:00 - 22:00)

**Maximum occupancy:** 6 people

**Price:** 1-2 people - £202; additional people - £14 per person

SPECIAL NIGHTS



## Overnight in an Aurora Wagon

Take your escape in the Arctic wilderness even further as we drive you and your Aurora Wagon to a private spot of your choice for the night. Choose from the huge area of natural wilderness to get even better views of the night sky. You can even park on the frozen lake for uninterrupted 360° views of the Arctic sky. All cabins are equipped with panorama window to give you the best chance of seeing the Northern Lights.

Image credits: Apukka Resort

## Included Accommodation

Other options are available - see below for details.

### Apukka Aurora Borealis Resort (Nights: 1-3)



Close to Lapland's capital Rovaniemi but in its own wilderness setting, the Apukka Aurora Borealis Resort is your comfortable haven in the Arctic.

With Scandi-style décor, the resort offers modern and stylish Apartments and Holidays Homes as well as the chance to have a special night in an Aurora Cabin and Ice Cabin.

## Hotel facilities

- The staff at the resort's reception area will welcome you in and provide you with all the information you need for your Arctic escape
- Fuel up on breakfast in the main restaurant and café area, just a short walk from your

accommodation before your day of adventure begins. Once you're ready to come back inside, you can dine in Lappish style to really make your stay here complete

- Make sure you take some of your trip home with you and visit the Apukka souvenir shop which is full of authentic Finnish and Lappish treasures

## Room types

### APUKKA APARTMENTS

After a day out in the winter wonderland, these relaxing apartments are the perfect place to shake the snow off your shoes and unwind. There is one bedroom with twin beds and three fold-out sofas.

- One-bedroom apartments sleep up to five people (two in twin beds and three on convertible sofas)
- Dining and kitchenette facilities equipped with kettle, microwave, oven, electric stove and fridge
- Flat-screen TV and Wi-Fi
- Some apartments have lakeside views

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Image Credit: Apukka Resort

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## Other accommodation options

Contact us for a personalised quote.





## Apukka Holiday Home

These comfortable holiday homes are a great option for those who want to make their stay feel a bit more like home. You have your own private entrance into your welcoming accommodation which is equipped with a TV and Wi-Fi so you can relax after your adventures out in the Arctic.

- Two-bedroom holiday homes sleep up to 6 people (four in the two bedrooms on twin beds and two on a convertible sofa)
- Dining and kitchen facilities with oven, fridge, microwave

and electric stove

- TV and Wi-Fi

Image Credit: Apukka Resort

## Apukka Aurora Cabin



Close to Lapland's capital Rovaniemi but far removed from city life, the Apukka Aurora Borealis Resort is your comfortable haven in the Arctic.

Staying in an Aurora Cabin, this cosy retreat with a heated glass roof gives you the opportunity to see the Arctic sky at all times and hopefully, the Northern Lights from the comfort of your own bed.

After a day in Finland's incredible landscape, you'll be able to relax in your own private cabin while still keeping an eye on the night sky.

## Room types

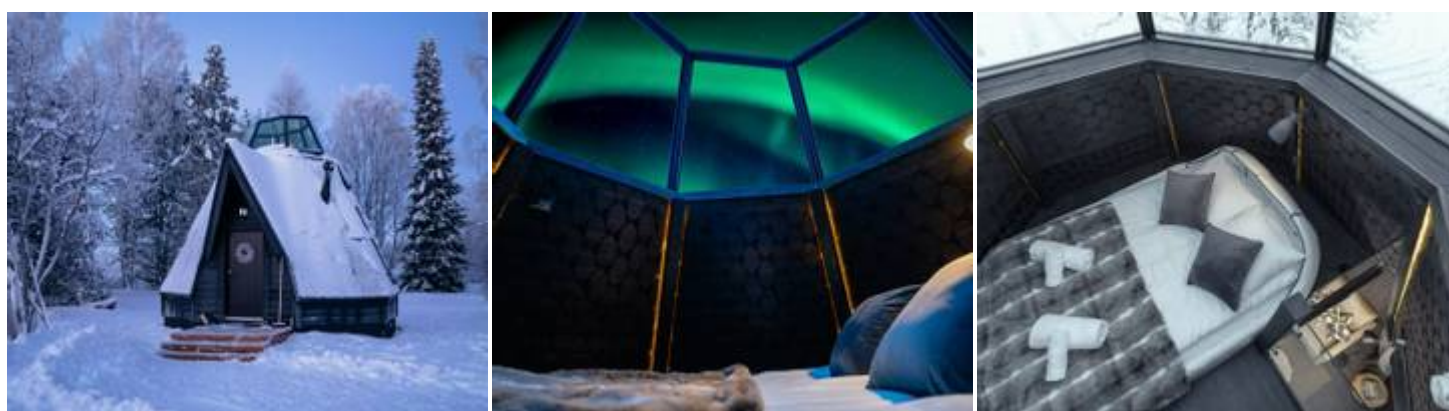
DOUBLE ROOM WITH CONVERTIBLE SOFA

**SLEEPS 2+2 PERSONS:** There are 30 Aurora Cabins on-site equipped with a double bed, convertible sofa and cosy bedding to ensure you stay toasty all night. Everything is in one place with your own private ensuite bathroom with shower and toilet, mini fridge, hairdryer and complimentary Wi-Fi. Make sure you download the Aurora app so you'll know if you can expect the amazing light show to be dancing above (a charge applies).

You can also upgrade to one of the superior Aurora Cabins, which are located closer to the lake and offer a lake view. Please speak to our Travel Experts for a full quotation.

Image credit: Apukka Resort

## Apukka Aurora 360 Cabin



Situated just a short drive from Rovaniemi but set in wilderness surroundings away from light pollution, the Apukka Resort is an ideal location for both Arctic and Aurora adventures.

Immerse yourself in the natural surroundings when you stay in an Aurora 360 Cabin. The design is based on a 'Komsio' which means a traditional Sámi cradle, and this boutique hut certainly makes you feel comfortable and cosy.

The accommodation covers two levels, with the top tier being of particular interest for Northern Lights enthusiasts. Here, you can lay in bed with a 360° view of the Arctic sky, and if conditions are favourable, you'll see the Aurora Borealis above as you stay tucked up.

## Room types

### DOUBLE ROOM WITH CONVERTIBLE SOFA

**SLEEPS 2 + 2 PERSONS:** This self-contained accommodation comes equipped with a private bathroom with a shower and toilet, mini-fridge, hairdryer and complimentary Wi-Fi.

You can also upgrade to an Aurora 360 Suite Cabin, which is slightly bigger and located by the shore of the lake.

Credit Apukka Resort

# The Specifics

## Holiday group size (approximate)

This holiday requires a minimum of 2 people to run, however, we require a minimum of 8 people for our flight allocation. Maximum 35 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](http://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>