



Rovaniemi - Arctic Aurora Hunt at Apukka



HOLIDAY TYPE: Small Group
VISITING: Finland

BROCHURE CODE: 20021
DURATION: 4 nights

In Brief

Apukka Resort, Finland is the ideal place for an Arctic and Aurora experience. During your 4 nights here, you will take advantage of the dark skies with dedicated Aurora activities. Your days will be spent exploring the Lappish landscapes via dog sled and snowmobile.

Our Opinion

“ The guided activities during the day offer brilliant chances to explore the snowy landscapes and the night-time tours are always exciting adventures into the pitch-black Arctic night in search of the Northern Lights. Yes, I was lucky enough to see the lights but it was the entire Apukka experience that made my visit absolutely unforgettable. ”

Graham Hughes



What's included?

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

- **Transfers:** return airport transfers
- **Accommodation:** 4 nights in an Apukka Aurora Cabin
- **Meals:** 4 breakfasts, 4 dinners
- **The following activities and equipment are included:** husky safari, Aurora hunt on the Snowtrain, snowmobiling safari, Aurora hunt by car (the order of activities is subject to change)
- **Cold weather clothing for the duration of your stay**

A note on flights: while flights are not included in the holiday price, our team will happily provide a quote and arrange them for you. Simply ask one of our Travel Experts for details of the available options

Trip Overview

Journey across the Arctic Circle and give yourself an exceptional chance of seeing an amazing Northern Lights display. Easily accessible from the airport, you won't have to travel far to reach Apukka's beautiful winter environment complete with frozen lakes and snowy forests.

Your stay is based in one of the fabulous north-facing Aurora Cabins, where you can star gaze from the comfort of your bed each night.

We include key Aurora activities to take advantage of the excellent field of vision here at Apukka where unobstructed views of the night sky are the order of the day (night!). From the Snowtrain to the Aurora car/minibus, on every outing into the Arctic night, our expert local guides will do everything they can to help you see nature's incredible light display.

Our holidays offer you the full Lappish experience during the day too and with activities starting just across the road, you'll waste no time getting stuck in. The adventure seekers among you will love our dog sledding activity. You'll find yourself taking the helm of a sled pulled by a team of eager canines and experience what it's like to be a real "musher".

You'll also jump onto a snowmobile and explore the picture-perfect landscapes, expertly chosen by our local guides. In a location like this, we want to give you every opportunity to enjoy the scenery and get a real taste of the snowy winter expanses. Travelling by snowmobile is the very best way to see as much as possible within a short timeframe.

Snowshoes and skis are available to rent (subject to availability) so you can get out and explore under your own steam. Alternatively, hop on board the Snowtrain and enjoy the brilliant-white landscapes in heated comfort. Please note, most activities start just a short walk away from your accommodation. You will need to cross a road, and while vehicles do pass along this main road (by Lapland's standards), it is not a busy route.

The Apukka Resort is famed as being one of the top locations around Rovaniemi for seeing the Northern Lights. The landscape is largely composed of open lakes and snowy fields which means that views of the sky are rarely interrupted. Our Aurora hunting tours are specially designed and guided, by local experts to give you the best chance of ticking the Northern Lights off your bucket list. What's more, using our own travel experience in partnership with excellent local guides, we've designed a holiday to ensure you fall in love with Finland's incredible countryside by day and by night.

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Agenda

Please note the order of activities is subject to change

DAY
1

ARRIVAL AND TRANSFER TO APUKKA

Once you've collected your luggage at Rovaniemi Airport, our transfer vehicle will be ready and waiting to take you to your accommodation which is just a short drive away. Once there, you'll be given your warm winter clothing to use for the duration of your stay.

Drop your bags off and settle in before filling up on a hearty three-course buffet meal in the restaurant. Depending on flight times, you may have the option to start your Northern Lights hunting straight away. See our '[Personalise](#)' tab for a range of Aurora searching activities.

Included Meals: Dinner

DAY
2

HUSKY SAFARI AND AURORA HUNT ON SNOWTRAIN

After breakfast, it's time to meet some famous locals – the eager dogs who will be waiting impatiently to guide your sled along the snowy trails. The tour lasts approximately two hours in total as you're pulled along a 5-10km track for around an hour and then given time to pet and take photos with your sled-dogs.

You'll have some free time before dinner after which, the night-time hunt begins. Get comfortable in a Snowtrain carriage pulled by your guide's snowmobile. This unique way to hunt for the Aurora will take you further into the wilds and beneath dark skies. It's then down to Mother Nature, so keep your eyes peeled for green light as it starts to emerge from the darkness.

During your journey, you'll stop at a traditional Finnish Kota (teepee) where hot drinks will keep you warm while our Aurora Expert explains the science behind the magic. This tour lasts approximately three hours in total.

Included Meals: Breakfast, Dinner

DAY
3

FREE DAY AND AURORA HUNT BY CAR

The day is yours to do as you please and our '[Personalise](#)' tab will give you some great ideas for additional activities. In the evening, you'll have a relaxing dinner followed by a briefing by your local guide before you take to the roads to hunt down the Aurora. The guide will also be able to help and advise any budding photographers with some top tips to capture any Auroras you are lucky enough to see. The activity normally starts around 20:30 (your exact activity schedule will be provided to you upon arrival) and lasts around 3 hours. You will have a hot drink and snack during one of your stops.

Included Meals: Breakfast, Dinner

DAY
4

SNOWMOBILE SAFARI AND FREE EVENING

After your lunch, you'll be given a full safety briefing before you head out on your snowmobile into the wilderness. This form of transport is a thrilling way to travel through the wilds of Lapland. The trip lasts approximately two and a half hours and you must be over 18 years old and hold a full driving licence to take part in this activity. Two people will share a snowmobile or you can drive your own snowmobile for an extra charge.

Included Meals: Breakfast, Dinner

DAY
5

DEPARTURE

Sadly, it's one last breakfast before our transfer takes you and your memories of Lapland home. If you have an early flight time, we'll box up breakfast to take with you.

Included Meals: Breakfast

Personalise this tour

Our pick



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 10:00 and 14:00

Other options

ACTIVITIES



Reindeer Sleigh Ride by Night

Go on a peaceful search for the Northern Lights as you travel into the Arctic night on a reindeer-pulled sleigh.

You will ride through the snow-laden forest and out to a traditional Lappish Kota tepee in a prime setting for Aurora viewing. Here, you can enjoy warm drinks and a light snack as the guide tells you stories of the Northern Lights and you keep an eye on the sky for a potential display.

Duration: approximately 3 hours in total

Available: Monday, Wednesday and Friday at 20:30



Horse Sleigh Ride in the Arctic

Experience a horse-drawn sleigh ride through the wilderness. Through the wintry forest to the frozen lake, sit back, relax and let the horses lead the way.

Half way, you will stop for a hot drink and campfire where you can enjoy the beauty of your surroundings before heading back to the resort.

Duration: approximately 2 hours

Availability: Monday, Wednesday and Friday at 16.30



Snowy Nature by Horseback

Immerse yourself in the nature of Lapland as you explore the wilderness by horseback. Just hold on and enjoy the slow-paced ride through the frost-covered landscape.

There are two separate start times, one for beginners and one for those with previous experience so that any level of experience can participate.

Duration: approximately 2 hours

Availability: Tuesday, Thursday and Saturday at 10.00 for experienced riders and at 12.00 for beginners



Snowmobiling and Ice Fishing

Combine two customary Finnish pastimes as you travel across the frozen lake on snowmobiles to find a spot for fishing.

Your guide will drill a hole into the ice and show you how to fish like the locals and with any luck there will be a catch.

You will also enjoy hot drinks and snacks around a campfire before heading back on the snowmobiles.

Duration: approximately 2.5 hours

Availability: Tuesday, Thursday and Saturday at 12.00



Lappish Culture

Learn about the Lappish lifestyle and culture with a visit to the home and workshop of local handicraft artisans, Irene and Ari. The pair will tell tales of the legends of Lapland and the Lappish way of life.

You'll be shown how to craft your very own souvenirs made of local materials, such as reindeer antler and bone, wood and leather to create the perfect keepsake for your Arctic adventure. No previous experience is required.

Afterwards, you can enjoy Finnish hospitality, with hot

drinks and homemade pastries.

Duration: approximately 2.5 hours

Availability: Thursday 13.00

Minimum group size: 4 adults



Ice Fishing

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: Monday, Wednesday, Friday and Sunday at

12:00



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



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 7-10km) 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: Tuesday, Thursday to Saturday at 20:30

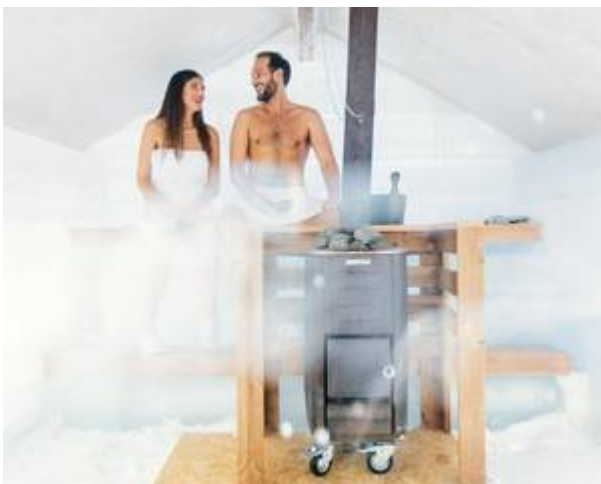


Snowshoe adventure

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 hours in total

Available: Monday, Wednesday Friday at 12:00



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 (10:30 - 19:30)

Maximum occupancy: 6 people

Price: 1-2 people - £214; additional people - £19 per person

SPECIAL NIGHTS



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

Please speak to our Travel Experts who will provide you with a quotation for an overnight stay in an Ice Cabin.



Overnight in an Aurora Wagon

Take your escape in the Arctic wilderness even further as we drive you to your Aurora Wagon. The Aurora Wagon is equipped with a panorama window to give you the best chance of seeing the Northern Lights, a double bed and warm sleeping bags and liners.

Please note that the Aurora Wagon is in the wilderness and has its own toilet, but no shower and no running water. A morning sauna at Apukka is included, however.

Please speak to our Travel Experts who will provide you

with a quotation.

Included Accommodation

Other options are available - see below for details.

Apukka Aurora Borealis Resort (Nights: 1-4)



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 glass-roofed Aurora Cabins as well as the chance to have a special night in an 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

AURORA CABIN

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.

Double room with convertible sofa

The Aurora Cabins are 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).

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Other accommodation options

Contact us for a personalised quote.

Apukka Komsio Glass Igloo



Immerse yourself in the natural surroundings when you stay in a Komsio Suite. The design is based on a traditional Sámi cradle, 'Komsio' 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

This self-contained accommodation comes equipped with a small sitting area, a private bathroom with a shower and toilet, a mini-fridge, a hairdryer and complimentary Wi-Fi.

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Apukka Kammi Suite



Brand new to Apukka Resort are the enchanting Kammi Suites. Built in 2021, these suites offer a mix of sleek Scandi design and relaxing home comforts.

Comprised of two floors, the ground floor has a kitchenette, a generous living and dining space

and a private bathroom, and on the second floor sits the double bed which lays beneath the 360° panorama glass roof – the perfect spot for night-sky gazing.

You can also upgrade to a Lakeview Suite, which has a larger kitchen, two bedrooms and is located by the shore of the lake. Please speak to one of our Travel Experts if you'd like a quote.



Aurora Cabin King

Brand new to 2023, Apukka Resort have introduced a premium upgrade of their standard Aurora Cabins. The new Aurora Cabin King offers a stylish place to relax after a day of snow activities to sit back and enjoy atmospheric scandi décor. Each King Cabin has a private bathroom, small living space with a sofa and electric fireplace, and a comfortable king sized bed.

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.

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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