



# Rovaniemi - Aurora Adventure at Apukka



**HOLIDAY TYPE:** Small Group  
**VISITING:** Finland

**BROCHURE CODE:** 20020  
**DURATION:** 3 nights

## In Brief

Just 15-minutes from Rovaniemi, the Apukka Resort offers a true Arctic adventure filled with bucket list experiences. Over 3 nights, you'll search for the Aurora in unforgettable ways, such as a ride on the innovative Snowtrain. Dog sledding is also included to complete your stay!

## Our Opinion

“ *The Apukka Resort is just a short journey from the airport and downtown Rovaniemi so you can start enjoying your holiday straight away. All the activities start pretty much from your doorstep, so you'll waste no time at all getting stuck in here. You have easy access to the city and, the knowledgeable guides give you every opportunity possible to see the incredible Northern Lights. As ever though, the lights are really just the cherry on top of what is an already amazing holiday packed full of once-in-a-lifetime activities.* ”

Graham Hughes



## What's included?

**ALL 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 departure date). Flight routes are subject to change.
- **Transfers:** return airport transfers
- **Accommodation:** 3 nights in a 1-bedroom Apukka Apartment (options to upgrade, supplements apply)
- **Meals:** 3 breakfasts, 3 dinners
- **The following activities and equipment are included:** husky safari, Aurora hunt on the Snowtrain, Aurora hunt by car (the order of activities is subject to change)
- **Cold weather clothing for the duration of your stay**
- Free use of cross-country skis and snowshoes (subject to availability)

## Trip Overview

The Apukka Resort is just a short ride from the airport but takes you into its own piece of wilderness for a getaway like no other.

We're thrilled to offer our guests three nights in the Apukka Apartments which are furnished in a classic Scandinavian style. You may well be able to see the Northern Lights from the frozen lake on site. However, to enhance your chances of a sighting, we have included some fun Aurora safaris. From a relaxing ride on the Snowtrain to an Aurora hunt by car, we offer even more options to get you on the hunt for the green dancing lights above. Our local guides will use their expert knowledge of the Northern Lights and the area to maximise your chances of seeing this astonishing natural wonder.

Throughout your stay here, you'll also enjoy some true Arctic adventures during the day. Take the reins as you try your hand as a musher, being pulled by a team of eager sled-dogs across the brilliantly-white Arctic. You can also explore the winter white environment via a variety of innovative snow-based activities you could never try at home. Whether you want to unleash your adventurous side on a snowmobile or you want to explore the scenic landscape by snowshoe, we have the activity to suit you. Please note, most activities start just a short walk away from your accommodation. You will

need to cross a road, but a guide will be with you at all times to help you cross. Vehicles do pass along this main road, however, it is not a busy route.

The Apukka Resort is ideally situated so you can enjoy the wintery wilderness of Lapland whilst also basing yourself in prime Aurora territory, all with easy access to the city and airport. What's more, as a centre for ice building you can choose to upgrade to spend a night in an Ice Cabin, which is a truly unique experience. With so many things to discover from the Apukka Resort, this is a captivating Finnish escape.

Image credits: Apukka Resort, Juho Kuva, Visit Rovaniemi Tourism & Marketing Ltd

# Agenda

Please note the order of activities is subject to change

DAY  
1

## ARRIVAL AND WELCOME

On arrival at Rovaniemi, our transfer vehicle will be waiting to take you on the 15-minute drive to Apukka. It's a short journey but one that gets you into Apukka's wilderness and in Aurora hunting territory.

You'll check into your accommodation before enjoying a 3-course dinner buffet in the restaurant. You'll also be given your warm winter clothes to use for the duration of your trip.

Depending on your flight times, you may want to start searching for the Northern Lights as soon as you arrive. See our '[Personalise](#)' tab for a range of Aurora hunting activities.

**Included Meals:** Dinner

DAY  
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## HUSKY SAFARI AND AURORA HUNT ON THE SNOWTRAIN

After breakfast, you'll get to test your skills as a musher as your new canine chums pull the sled along a 5-10km trail across the wintry landscape and through the snowy forests. The tour lasts approximately two hours with around one hour on the sled and plenty of time to pet and take photos with the dogs (2 people per sled).

After dinner, you'll head out into the night for a unique way to try and see the Northern Lights – in a Snowtrain carriage pulled along by our guide's snowmobile. You'll head into the dark, still and silent wilderness until you reach camp.

The camp is a traditional Lappish "Kota" (teepee), essentially a wilderness hut with a blazing fire, ideal for preparing warm drinks. It also provides the opportunity for your Aurora expert to help you with

your camera settings in preparation for what will hopefully be an amazing celestial light show. The Snowtrain tour lasts approximately three hours in total.

**Included Meals:** Breakfast, Dinner

DAY  
3

## FREE DAY AND AURORA HUNT BY CAR

Fill up on breakfast then it's up to you how you want to spend the daylight hours before the Aurora hunting begins again. The '[Personalise](#)' tab will help you choose an experience which will really make the most of your time here.

As night falls, it's time to head out for another evening in search of the Aurora. Tonight, you will travel by car, which gives you the opportunity to outrun any cloud cover and head further afield in search of the Northern Lights. Your knowledgeable guide will lead the way, using their expertise to pick the best route and location to maximise your chances of spotting the Aurora.

Prior to heading out, you'll enjoy a short presentation on the science and myths behind the Northern Lights. If you have your own camera, your guide will also explain the best camera settings for you to use, should the lights make an appearance. You will be out for approximately three hours in total tonight.

**Included Meals:** Breakfast, Dinner

DAY  
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## DEPARTURE

After breakfast, it's time for your Finnish wonderland escape to come to an end as we transfer you to the airport and you take your memories home. If you have an early flight time, we'll box up breakfast to take with you.

**Included Meals:** Breakfast

# Personalise this tour

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## Our pick



## 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, hair dryer 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.

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**Image credits: Apukka Resort**

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## Other options

ACTIVITIES





## Reindeer Night Safari

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:** daily 20:30pm



## 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



## 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



## 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



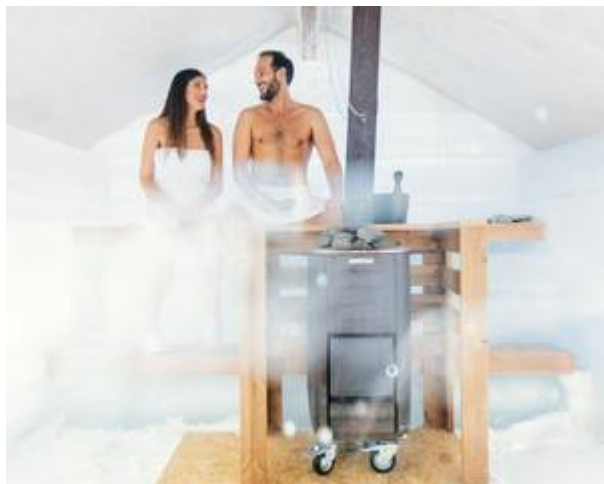
## Snowshoe adventure

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





## 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



## 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

## 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



## 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.

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

Image Credit: Apukka Resort

## 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.

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**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

Speak to us on 01670 785 012  
bookings@theaurorazone.com



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>