



# Rovaniemi - Autumn Auroras at Apukka



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

**BROCHURE CODE:** 20025  
**DURATION:** 3 nights

## In Brief

Though the Apukka resort sits just 15 minutes from Rovaniemi Airport, its wilderness surroundings complete with mesmerising lakes and quiet forests would have you believe otherwise. Travel in autumn to hunt for the Aurora before the big freeze sets in and enjoy Arctic activities that celebrate this delightful season.

## Our Opinion

*“ Having experienced Apukka in the winter, I couldn't imagine its landscape to look any more magical but there is something truly indescribable about autumn here. With the lakes yet to freeze, the forests shaking off their summer coats and the potential of the Northern Lights in the sky, autumn in the Arctic is a wonderfully colourful time. ”*

Jono Archer



## What's included?

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

- **Transfers:** return airport transfers
- **Accommodation:** 3 nights in an Apukka Aurora Cabin
- **Meals:** 3 breakfasts, 3 dinners
- **Activities:** a walk in the great woods, Aurora hunt by car, husky experience and a Northern Lights Finn horse carriage ride (the order of activities is subject to change)
- Cold weather clothing for the duration of your stay if required

## Trip Overview

It's not widely known that autumn is a brilliant time to go Aurora hunting but luckily for you, the Apukka resort is well clued-up. This autumn adventure has been specifically designed to show you the best of this season, from exploring its fascinating changing landscapes by daylight to searching for the Northern Lights as darkness falls.

Though Apukka sits just 15 minutes from the airport and close to the city of Rovaniemi, its wilderness surroundings make it an ideal Arctic escape.

This itinerary features many opportunities to get close to nature here. During guided walks into the forest, you can become immediately engulfed as you stroll among the tall trees. When you enter the forest in the daylight, you'll see how the season of change has started to touch the plant life here, preparing them for the freeze that's on its way. At night, the silence of the forest provides an almost ethereal experience as you search the skies for the Northern Lights and hear stories about ancient Finnish myths and legends.

You'll also gain an authentic insight into Lappish culture during visits to a husky yard, and a Finn horse carriage ride. The animals are some of the most-loved in the Arctic and you'll be able to learn all about the life of the dog sledding teams, as well as getting to meet the animals.

We've included an extra Northern Lights hunt by car to maximise your chances of witnessing a display and if you want to keep the search going long into the night, you could upgrade from your cosy apartment to one of the specialist Aurora accommodations on offer.

With exceptional Northern Lights opportunities, a landscape washed with colour and the chance to get ahead of the winter crowds, this autumn trip to Apukka provides everything you need to create lifelong memories.

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.

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## Agenda

Please note the order of activities is subject to change

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ARRIVAL

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

Once you reach the hotel, you will have time to check in and get settled before your evening meal in the restaurant. Keep an eye on the weather and Aurora forecast for tonight, as Apukka's brilliant location means you only have to walk to the lake to catch a display.

**Included Meals:** Dinner

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WALK IN THE GREAT WOODS AND AURORA HUNT BY CAR

This morning, following breakfast, it's time to get acquainted with your surroundings during a peaceful walk through the forest. Autumn is a wonderful season of change which you can see as you stroll among the impressive trees. As you travel further into the forest, the silence will only be broken as your guide points out traditional ingredients found in nature's kitchen.

As well as enjoying the peace of the forest, you will also spend some time learning essential wilderness skills before enjoying warm drinks and snacks around a campfire. Here, your guide will tell you stories about Finland and the ancient myths and fascinating history of the country. You can ask your guide any questions you may have about life in the North. The walk normally lasts around 1 hour in total (around 30 minutes each way) at a gentle, steady pace and the whole activity should last approximately 3 hours, depending on the interests and ability of the group.

After you have enjoyed dinner in the restaurant, it's time to head out on your first Northern Lights hunt.

You will meet with your guide who will take you in a car to a prime lookout location, determining the best route by using their knowledge of the Auroras and the weather forecast. Along the way, your guide will explain some of the myths, legends and science behind the magic of the Northern Lights. The car's mobility allows you to cover greater distances so even if there is localised cloud cover, you have more chance of being able to outrun it. You are normally out for around 3 hours during this activity, depending on local conditions.

Along the way, the guide will tell you more about Finland and the way of life here.

**Included Meals:** Breakfast, Dinner

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## HUSKY EXPERIENCE AND NORTHERN LIGHTS FINNHORSE CARRIAGE RIDE

Today, after breakfast you will meet one of the Arctic's most-loved animals, the dog sledding huskies.

The husky yard is just a short walk away and upon arrival, you'll meet with the local musher who will introduce you to the pack. Though these working dogs love being on the trails, they're also extremely affectionate with visitors which you'll soon find out.

You can spend some time with the dogs, petting them and taking them for a walk as the musher tells you all about dog sledding. If you are lucky, you might even have the chance to see the dogs in action! Weather dependent, you will go on a short ride on a cart (approximately 2 km with up to 5 people per cart). You can expect to visit the dogs for around 2 hours in total.

After dinner, you will head out into the wilderness for another chance to see the Northern Lights.

This evening, you will discover how Finn horses have been vital to life in Lapland and you will get to travel just as the ancestors of the area used to - by horse carriage under the night sky (for approximately 45 minutes and up to 5 people per carriage). These beautiful animals will guide you through the wilderness before you stop for a bonfire and a hot drink and search the sky for the Aurora. Whilst around the campfire, the guide will tell you stories of the cultural and economic significance of Finn horses and you will have the opportunity to feed the animals. This two-hour activity will give you a brilliant insight into the importance of the wonderful Finn horses in Finnish culture and with a bit of luck and the right weather conditions, the Northern Lights will make an appearance for your final evening.

**Included Meals:** Breakfast, Dinner

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DEPARTURE

Following breakfast, it is sadly time for your autumnal adventure to come to an end. We will transfer you to the airport and if you have an early flight time, we'll box up breakfast for you to take with you.

**Included Meals:** Breakfast

## Included Accommodation

Other options are available - see below for details.

### Apukka Aurora Borealis Resort - Autumn (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 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

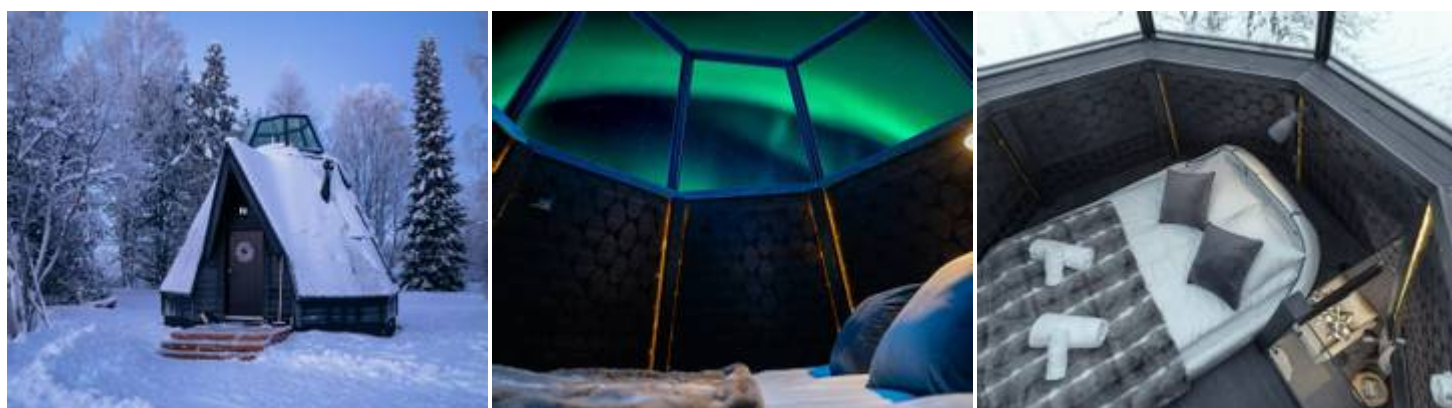
The Aurora Cabins are equipped with a double bed, convertible sofa and cosy bedding to ensure you stay toasty all night. Everything is in one place with your own private ensuite bathroom with shower and toilet, mini-fridge, hairdryer and complimentary Wi-Fi. Make sure you download the Aurora app so you'll 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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### 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](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>