

The Magic of Christmas

Lapland is Finland's northernmost region, a sparsely populated area bordering Sweden, Norway, Russia and the Baltic Sea. It is known for its vast subarctic wilderness, ski resorts and natural phenomena including the midnight sun and the Northern Lights. Capital Rovaniemi is the gateway to the region and Kittila is the main starting point for holidays in the snow.



A visit to Lapland is the ultimate Christmas treat for the children or grandchildren.

Lapland will no doubt also awaken the inner child in any parent or grandparent, never mind the excitement a child will feel. We are suggesting a 4-day trip staying in the Levi Panorama Hotel, high above the resort of Levi. With a regular gondola to take guests to the resort, there are cafés, shops and restaurants as well as wonderful toboggan areas.

Day 1 | UK to Levi

Guests will join a flight like no other when we depart to beyond the arctic circle to snowbound Lapland. At this time of the year days are virtually dark for 24 hours creating a surreal but exciting environment.

Upon arrival guests will be met and transferred to the Levi Panorama Hotel where they will collect their winter gear.

There is a welcome briefing this evening followed by dinner.



Day 2 | Toboggan and meet Father Christmas

Enjoy a hearty breakfast, put on winter weather clothes and start the fun. The itinerary is totally flexible (apart from when guests visit Father Christmas as he is a busy man!) so individuals can decide what to do. We suggest taking the gondola down to Levi Resort to the toboggan area. There are ample toboggans available where guests can try them out and enjoy racing others down the snowy slopes. Afterwards it will be time for a hot chocolate for sure!

After lunch, it'll be a visit to Santa Village to meet the man himself. The village offers a range of winter pursuits, the opportunity to make gingerbread men, visit a wintery ice gallery and see the reindeer. Guests will be met with friendly elfish smiles at the Santa Claus Post Office when posting their Christmas letters. And for a thrilling experience a race down a slope in an inner tyre tube is unbeatable fun.

At a designated time guests will be invited to enter the house where Father Christmas resides and he will want to know if any children visiting have been good!

Day 3 | Reindeer and husky ride

This morning guests travel to meet with the indigenous Sami herders and learn about the reindeer and husky sled dogs they care for. Hop aboard a sleigh for a reindeer ride through a magical winter wonderland of snow-frosted trees. After a hot local drink next on the agenda is to meet the huskies.



The dogs' excitement is palatable as they pull the sleds through the snow and this unique experience will definitely be a memorable one.

Returning to the hotel this afternoon we suggest guests find the "secret" hut tucked away in the snow near the hotel and cook sausage on an open fire with flames reflecting in the pristine snow outside. This is true winter bliss.

This evening join fellow travellers for a farewell Christmas dinner with a special guest appearance. And if we are lucky, we may get to witness the spectacular display of the shimmering Aurora Borealis.



Day 4 | Return home

All good things come to an end and after returning winter gear guests will be taken back to Kittila airport for the flight home, taking with them a truly unforgettable experience.

The detail

- Flights on a private aircraft.
- Stay in a family room at the Levi Panorama Hotel.
- Breakfast and dinner included
- The order of excursions, as well as the time to visit Father Christmas, may vary

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