

## Local living Finland– staying at the Reindeer Lodge and winter activities by the Russian border

An ideal package for those who want to **experience the arctic winter** and its **blue silence**, get to know **the culture**, witness the dance of **the Northern Lights** and be active **surrounded by the winter wonderland**. The reindeer lodge and the small herd of reindeers that you'll be taking care of provide **an authentic setting for you to discover a way of life and spend an active yet leisured holiday in the backwoods of Finland**. Private comfort and spending time together as a group is in good balance with this package.



Winter activities you have the chance to participate by this tour include **taking care for our reindeers, snow-shoeing, husky-safari, ice-fishing, a snow-mobile ride, sledding down a hill and snow-building**. How about spending a night outside, in a quinzee you built yourself? And of course you'll be enjoying from **the traditional wood-heated sauna!**

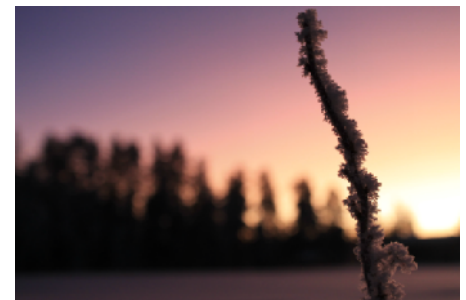


You'll do just fine with moderate physical condition as the hikes, trails and the challenge will be suited according to the group, thanks to the versatile possibilities of the Hossa area. **Families, groups of friends and individual passengers are all most welcome!** Here's your tailored proposal that can be fixed:



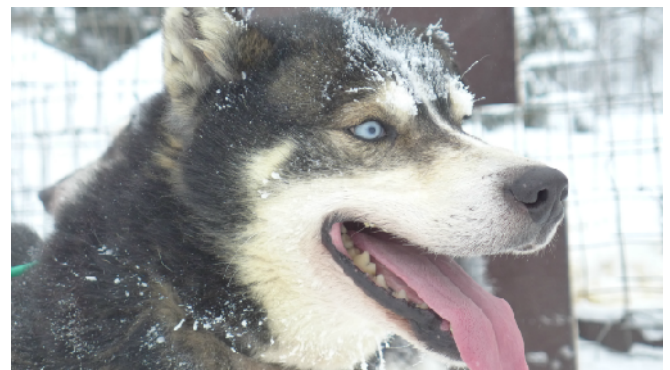
### Day 1

Arrival to Kuusamo or Oulu airport and **transfer to Hossa**. During the transfer you'll get the idea how remote and sparsely-populated this area really is! We'll enjoy **a welcoming dinner** at the Reindeer Lodge, settle in, get familiar with the surroundings and with the reindeers of course. Depending on the schedule and the weather, we might take a short snow-shoe hike on the frozen lake located nearby in **search for the Northern Lights**. Warm wood-heated sauna in the evening welcomes you to Finland.



### Day 2

After breakfast it's time to feed the reindeers, then we'll head to **a dog-sledding excursion!** After being transferred to a local husky-farm, you'll learn the basics of dog-sledding and after that mush your own team in pairs stopping en route to swap drivers if you wish. You'll enjoy lunch outdoors before returning to the Reindeer lodge. After making sure that the reindeer are alright, it's time for sauna, supper and a good night sleep. If there's a good chance to **see the Aurora, we might go on an evening hike...**



### Day 3

After the same morning routines we'll have a bit more active day as after a short transfer, we will go on a **snow-shoe hike** to explore Finland's northernmost and the most extensive stone-aged rock painting, **the Colored Rock of Hossa** where we'll also have a **picnic-lunch around open fire**. The hike will be 8-10 km, depending on the group and it will take us through **versatile landscapes** from grand ridges covered in pine trees to spruce-dominated old forests. Making your way through the snow and observing nature will take your mind off the everyday life for sure. After the hike we'll head back to our reindeer lodge, look after the reindeers, heat up the sauna and have dinner.



### Day 4

First things in the morning are same as during the first two days but after that we'll be doing some **snow-building**. Building a snow-shelter or a quinzee isn't just fun, it's a useful skill here in the northern wilderness. It's quite a chore too but teamwork will save the day! Then it's time for lunch and in the afternoon we will **try our luck with ice-fishing on a nearby lake**, the possible catch will be cooked as part of our dinner. During the evening we'll feed the reindeers, heat up the sauna and have dinner. If you feel like spending the night on a quinzee, it's up to you! Thermal sleeping bags and reindeer hides are available.



### Day 5

After breakfast you'll have to say goodbye to our small herd of reindeers as the last night of the tour will be spend in accommodation with a bit more higher level of comforts to guarantee your smooth landing back to civilization. You'll be transferred to heart of the Hossa area where you'll take a **short sleigh ride with a reindeer**, **take a snow-mobile ride to meet and feed our main herd of up to one hundred reindeers** and have **lunch around open fire in a Lavvu**. Before having a special **last evening dinner in a very special restaurant**, the sauna will be heated up at the accommodation and you'll have some free time. After the last active day outdoors and having dinner, the warm bed will lull you to sleep.



### Day 6

Transfer to the airport and time to say goodbye!



<b>Season</b>	Friday departures:	3 <sup>rd</sup> January -14 <sup>th</sup> February 2014
	Thursday departures:	6 <sup>th</sup> March – 10 <sup>th</sup> April 2014
<b>Duration</b>	6 days, 5 nights	
<b>Group size</b>	2-8 persons	
<b>Price</b>	In a group/family, first two persons 1065€/person, next two 965€/person and the rest up to the maximum of eight persons 865€/person.	

### **What's included in my trip price?**

4 nights at the Reindeer Lodge, 1 night in a wilderness cabin/old frontier guard station, all meals, all forms of transport, equipment rentals, sauna daily, admissions and the expertise of your local guide from the booking till the farewell. Tour leader has some additional thermal clothing (boots/overalls) but basic winter clothing like mittens/gloves, woolly hats, thermal boots/isolated hiking boots and overalls can be rented at the arrival. Please ask in advance!

**NOT INCLUDED:** Flights, personal travel insurance

Groups consisting of individual passengers/couples are charged with the same principle, price being determined by the final size of the group. If you're one of the first two to book and more people join afterwards, you'll get a refund according to the total amount of people.

So gather a group, tell a friend/relative to join and you'll all benefit!

Individual passengers are put together with the same sex and groups are filled in order of the bookings, defining whether it's a family group or a group consisting of individual passengers. Situation with the groups/departure dates is updated on the website.

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