

Surrounded by wilderness - Multiactivities in north of Finland

An ideal package for those who want to **experience the northern winter** and its **blue silence**, get to know **the culture**, possibly witness the dance of **the Northern Lights** and be active **surrounded by the winter wonderland**. The Wilderness lodge and the small herd of reindeer that you'll be taking care of as part of the tour provide **an authentic, Finnish setting for you to discover a way of life and spend an active, yet leisured holiday in the backwoods of Finland**.



Winter activities you have the chance to participate by this tour include **feeding our reindeer, snow-shoeing, husky-safari, ice-fishing, a snow-mobile ride and snow-building**. Sleeping outside in a snowcave is possible too. And of course you'll be enjoying from **the traditional wood-heated sauna, with a traditional bath whisk made of braches of a birch tree and all!**



You'll do just fine with moderate physical condition as the walks and the challenge will be suited according to the group, thanks to the versatile possibilities of the Hossa area. If you can normally walk 15km per day you'll do ok. **Families, groups of friends and individual passengers are all most welcome!** Here's your tailored proposal that can be fixed to meet your needs:



Day 1

Arrival to **Kuusamo, Kajaani or Oulu** airport and **transfer to Hossa**. During the transfer you'll get the idea how remote and sparsely-populated this area truly is! We'll enjoy **a welcoming dinner** at Wilderness 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 but after that but after that we'll be doing some **snow-building**. Building an igloo or a quinzee isn't just fun, it's a useful skill here in the northern wilderness. It's quite a job 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 in the quinzee we built, feel free! Good winter sleeping bags are available.

Day 3

First things in the morning are same as yesterday, then we'll head to a **dog-sledding trip** on one of the nearby kennels! 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 for app. 30 km, stopping en route to swap drivers if you wish. After the safari you'll be taken to your accommodation, sauna and dinner in the evening.

Day 4

After the same morning routines we'll have two bit more adventurous and active days as we will go for a snowshoe hike right from our door and both days have a **picnic-lunch around open fire**. Before we leave we must remember to give enough food for the reindeer so that they'll manage until tomorrow when we return! The last three nights of the tour will be spend in accommodation with a bit more **higher level of comforts**. The hikes will be about 8-10 km and they will take us through **versatile landscapes** from grand ridges covered in pine trees to spruce-dominated old forests. Making your way through the snow, enjoying the silence and observing nature will take your mind off the everyday life for sure. After we arrive to our accommodation for the night, we'll heat up the sauna and have dinner.

Day 5

This day we will do another snowshoe-hike in the surrounding area, the walk taking us about 6 hours in total with a lunch break. Making your way through the snow, **surrounded by wilderness where wolverines, lynxes and moose roam is a thing to remember**. After returning to the wilderness lodge, it's time take care for the reindeer for the last time, pack our bags and head to the heart of the Hossa National hiking area (20km distance) where we'll be spending last two nights of the tour. Sauna, supper and a good night sleep will end our two snowshoe excursion. If there's a good chance to **see the Aurora, we might go on an evening walk**.

Day 6

Last full day of the tour will be spent at the heart of the Hossa area, in Hossa reindeer park where you'll test your husbandry skills, take a **short sleigh ride with reindeer**, **take a snow-mobile ride to meet and feed our main herd of up to one hundred reindeer** and have **lunch around open fire in a Lavvu**. Before having a special **last evening dinner**, the sauna will be heated up at the accommodation. After the last active day outdoors the warm bed will lull you to sleep.



Day 7

Transfer to the airport and time to say goodbye!

Season	Friday departures:	25th December 2015 -25 th March 2016
Duration	7 days, 6 nights	
Group size	2-8 persons	
Price	945€/person, children under 13 years -30%	

What's included in my trip price?

3 nights at Wilderness Lodge, 3 nights in accommodation with modern comforts, all meal (breakfast, lunch, dinner), 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

All the departures are meant for individual passengers and couples so anyone can participate. Families and groups of friends can also request a tailored proposal, private adventure like this is a thing you remember for a long time! Individual passengers are put together with the same sex and groups are filled in order of the bookings, defining whether it's a family/friend group or a group consisting of individual passengers. Situation with the groups/departure dates is updated on the website.

How do I pay?

After receiving the booking, you need to pay a service fee of 50€/person and it needs to be paid within 7 days to confirm you're place on the tour. This is done by a bank transfer, payment and other details will follow in a message you receive within 48 hours. The full price of the tour is paid after the trip, by cash or by bank transfer.

Passenger may cancel the tour without special reason as follows:

- No later than 14 days prior to departure by paying the service fee 50€
- Later than 14 days but no later than 48 hours prior to departure by paying 50% of the total price
- .- If the tour is cancelled later than 48 hours prior to departure, the tour operator has the right to charge the full price of the tour

There's separate guidelines for a cancellation due to a major occurrence, which are listed in the Consumer agency's "General term for package tours". Hossa Travel complies with these terms and conditions.

Make sure you check out the Hossa Travel Blog at hossatravel.com where you find more information and pictures of the places and all the activities that we'll be doing on this tour!

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