

Christmas Adventure in Finnish Karelia

20th to 27th December 2009



Sun 20th Arrival at Joensuu or Kuopio airport and transfer to Nurmes. Welcome dinner and overnight in twin/double rooms or bungalow. Spa, sauna and dinner.

Mon 21st Today you get to meet and learn all about the reindeers and Sami herdsman. The tour starts at Forest Folk Safari house at Bomba, where you will meet the guide and get equipped for the programme. Transfer to local farm (20 km). Reindeer sleigh ride safari of about half km. Lunch in tepee. At the end of the tour reindeer driving licences are handed out. Transfer to Bomba. Spa, sauna and dinner.



Tue 22nd Ice-fishing day! Transfer to Lokinlampi, which is situated about 7 km from Bomba. Local fisherman welcomes us and gives us the fishing equipment needed. A rainbow trout is the catch on this jigging tour and fish guarantee is provided. During the tour we will have coffee with a lunch by tepee or cottage. Return transfer to Bomba. Duration of this safari is about 4 hours. Sauna and dinner at Bomba.

Wed 23rd Full day husky safari starting at the Bomba. You will be given instruction and some time to practise handling your team of huskies. After harnessing the dogs we leave for a safari of perhaps 40km through white forests and across frozen lakes, each person driving their own team of 4 dogs. Delicious lunch is included. In the afternoon we return back to the Bomba, where hot sauna bath and dinner are awaiting.

Thu 24th Christmas programme at Bomba; making Christmas decorations, bringing in the Christmas tree, lighting up the Christmas candles and lights. Lunch at Bomba house. Festive Christmas dinner with special programme at Bomba restaurant. The highlight of the day is of course Santa!



Fri 25th Snowshoe hiking tour starts at Forest Folk Safari house at Bomba with tour info and distribution of the equipment needed. Transfer to local hill. The technique and basic manoeuvres of snowshoe hike will be shown by experienced guide and after that the "mounting" can start. On the top of the hill you can enjoy the picturesque vistas. Tasty snack will be offered round the campfire. After the break the hike downhill goes easier! Duration of this safari is about 5 hours. Return back to Bomba, where hot sauna bath and dinner are awaiting.



Sat 26th Full day snowmobile safari. After having equipped ourselves in warm thermal suits at Forest Folk's Safari house the driving instructions will be given by experienced Forest Folk guide. The safari will take you to snowy forests and ice-covered Lake Pielinen. Along the way we will stop for a break and enjoy a tasty lunch at tepee or cottage. The distance covered is about 100 km. Return back to Bomba, where hot sauna bath and dinner are awaiting.

Sun 27th Time to say goodbye to snowy Karelian forest and its friendly people! Transfer to the airport.

Group size: min. 2 persons

Cost: £1650 per adult in Bomba Karelian Village double/twin rooms
£1750 per person in Soiva bungalow for 2 persons
£1825 per person in bungalow with sauna
Children 4 to 14 years - £1050 Under 4 years old – free of charge

Included: transfers from/to Kuopio/Joensuu airport, accommodation at Bomba hotel Karelian Village twin/double rooms or in Soiva bungalows, (7 nights) meals and snacks during the outdoor activities mentioned in the programme, free use of spa and gym, use of thermal clothing (overalls, boots, woollen socks, head gear and gloves), activities mentioned in the programme, English speaking professional guides. We reserve the right to change programme and price.

Not included: Flights, travel insurance, costs of personal nature (ie alcoholic drinks and souvenirs)

