

Authentic Finnish Christmas

22nd to 28th December 2011



The hotel we have chosen for you is the perfect place for the whole family to enjoy an authentic Finnish Christmas – a landscape of snow, Finnish Christmas traditions, traditional Christmas cuisine. Christmas land - with Santa and his elves, cross-country skiing, dog-sledge drive, snowmobile safaris... The former Christmas traditions are still taken care of and appreciated in our Christmas programme; fresh baked cookies, a promenade in the forest to find a Christmas tree, singing Christmas songs.

22nd December Arrival Day

Evening-flight to Kajaani airport. Santa's friendly elf is awaiting you there. Transfer to your hotel (approximately 1.5 hours). On the way "Glögi" and gingerbread will be served. Accommodation in double rooms decorated for Christmas. Dinner in the restaurant

23rd December The Fairytale Continues

After breakfast get-together with your Christmas host with a few words about your Christmas programme, optional activities, introducing the Christmas team at the hotel. Spend the morning with outdoor activities: tobogganing, kick-sledding. Light lunch.



After lunch we will have a Fairytale Christmas tour in the Christmas Village. Join us for an adventure of a lifetime. Experience the spirit of Christmas and meet the real Santa! The magic begins in snowy white surroundings, to the backdrop of candles and open fires framing the area. In this winter wonderland children can play with elves, who will guide them through a number of unforgettable experiences. The best Christmas presents are made in Santa's workshop. Guests can join in to try their hand at baking and of course tasting cookies, as well as in decorating the Pohjola House for the festivities.

A hot Christmas beverage is served around an open fire, and while sipping it, we can listen to stories about the great, jolly man – Santa Claus. The shop offers a range of authentic Finnish Christmas presents. The Christmas adventure ends with every kid's dream come true: a meeting with Santa himself. Just look as their eyes twinkle with wonder and amazement! Make the wishes come true this year, and knock on the door that leads to a real, genuine Christmas. Small gift is included for the children.

Evening sauna and Jacuzzi. Christmas concert at the Kuhmo Arts Centre; young musicians from Kuhmo music school play the most famous Christmas songs. Bus transfer. Dinner in the hotel restaurant.

24th December Christmas Eve

After breakfast we'll make a magical journey across the snowy landscape and bring the Christmas tree and decorate it. There will also be baking Christmas pastries with the elves. Traditional Christmas rice-porridge and lunch at the hotel, whoever finds the almond hidden into the porridge will get a prize.

In the afternoon we go by bus to visit Kuhmo Church. Everyone can light a candle for their loved ones far away. Santa Claus comes today with Rudolf the Reindeer (if wanted parents can give their own presents before to the reception). Christmas sauna and Jacuzzi. There will be a special Christmas Eve buffet table and traditional Finnish Christmas get-together by the fireplace in the evening. Transfer to Christmas night church and evening snack at midnight.



25th December **Christmas Day**

After breakfast Christmas day is yours to spend at your leisure with optional activities or resting. Lunch, evening sauna and Jacuzzi. Dinner and dancing in the restaurant.

26th December **Boxing Day**

After breakfast traditional "Boxing Day" by the lake: enjoy the taster of the short husky dog sleigh ride, reindeer sledge, horse sleigh drive and a taster snowmobile sleigh drive. Hot juice will be served by an open fire. Lunch in restaurant. The afternoon is free for relaxing or optional activities such as cross-country skiing... evening sauna and dinner.



Late night outside by the fire place where coffee, tea and juice will be served. Later in the evening, there will be a Sampo rite. During this fascinating Sampo rite you'll hear a story of Sampo – the unknown thing which brought a lot of happiness and richness to the people in Northland. Story is based on Finnish National Epic Kalevala and in this programme told by Kalevala Shaman. During the rite

you'll get one piece of this Sampo – what this peace could bring to you, you will find out after the shaman has gone.

27th December **Day for relaxing**

After breakfast this is a day for optional activities, shopping, relaxing... Light lunch, evening sauna and dinner with folklore programme.

28th December **Goodbye Finland**

After breakfast transfer to Kajaani airport

2011 Cost: **£1145 per person in a double room**
 £1265 per person in a single room
 £1340 per person in a suite for two persons

Cost for children: **4 to 12 years 50% discount if sharing double room with parents.**
 0 to 3 years free of charge.

Included: 6 nights accommodation, breakfast, evening sauna & jacuzzi daily, 5 x dinner, 1 x Christmas Eve Gala Dinner, 5 x lunch, all activities as described in the programme. There is a children's menu available.

Not included: Flights, travel insurance, alcoholic drinks.

Available free of charge: kick-sledges, sledges, DVD-movies, Playstation 2 and Nintendo WII games, children's playroom, wireless internet, board games and library.

Extra day: £135 per person in double room with full-board
 £156 per person in single room with full-board
 £165 per person in suite with full-board



Wishing you a Very Happy Christmas!