



SPEED IN SAARISELKÄ

* 4 NIGHTS, 5 DAYS IN SAARISELKÄ



Saariselkä, located in the Northern Lapland, is a lively village offering a wide variety of services. Start the unique Northern experience right from the airport by snowmobiles and fill your days with exciting and memorable activities. Have you ever catch a fish from the frozen lake or sat back on the sleigh pulled by a strong husky team? Dare to take the chance and we guarantee that you will return home with a smile on your face.

DAY 1- WELCOME TO LAPLAND!

Snowmobile safari from airport to hotel

Lunch in Kaamoskammi

Welcome dinner at hotel

DAY 2 - WINTER DRIVING SCHOOL

Driving school and lunch in Action Park

Dinner at hotel

DAY 3 - HIGHLIGHTS OF AN ADVENTURE

Snowmobiles, huskies and reindeers

Lunch in Reindeer Farm, dinner at hotel

DAY 4 - SECRETS OF FROZEN LAKE

Snowmobiles, ice fishing

Outdoor lunch, dinner at hotel

DAY 5 - GOODBYE TO LAPLAND!

Departure & transfer to airport



DAY 1 - On snowmobiles from airport to hotel

This safari could be a surprise! Get dressed in the special thermal clothing in the terminal of Ivalo Airport. After a short but thorough instruction by the safari guides you start your snowmobile safari right from the airport to Saariselkä, some 40 km southwards.

It is amazingly easy to ride on a snowmobile along the trail that follows ancient routes of Sámi people over snow-covered fells. Your luggage will be transported directly to your Lapland Hotel Riekkonlinna.



Lunch will be served at Kaamoskammi, approximately half way through your safari.

Lunch sample:

Creamy Salmon soup

Coffee / tea with cake

Bread & butter, as beverages ice water, are included

Safari ends to Saariselkä ski resort area in the afternoon.

Return the helmets to Safari Club and transportation to the hotel. Upon arrival at your hotel, pre-registered check-in and your luggage will be taken to your room by hotel porters.

In the afternoon hotel saunas are at guests' disposal (non-exclusive basis).

Welcome dinner is served at Hotel Riekkonlinna Restaurant.





Sample menu:

Deep fried cod tongues, chili mayonnaise

King crab gratinated with Hollandaise sauce, rice and vegetables

Arctic cloudberry – white chocolate bavaroise

Overnight in Lapland Hotel Riekkonlinna, which is a stylish four-star hotel in [Saariselkä](#), Finland. Our location in the far north in the old goldfields of Lapland, where Sami culture and the proximity of the Arctic Ocean have added their own spice over the centuries - makes us ideal for a holiday.

DAY 2 & DAY 3 - Snow Combo & Highlights of an adventure

Finnish buffet breakfast is served in hotel restaurant. Shortly after breakfast, meet your guide in hotel lobby. Group will be divided in two teams. Team A does on day 2 the Snow Combo at Action Park and Team B Highlights of an adventure. On the day 3, the teams will swap the activity. (If the group is less than 40 persons, programs can be operated whole group together on a same day) .

SNOW COMBO AT ACTION PARK:

Transfer by coach to Action Park.

Introduction

First we get together in the class room for a short safety briefing and program description. After the briefing people will be divided in to three groups. Each stage lasts approx 50 min and every group will participate in each stage. At the beginning of each stage the instructor will demonstrate the driving skill required for the stage then the participants will have their turn. Exercises are built on a closed ice and snow tracks where it is very safe to drive.

Stage 1, Winter driving program options

In the beginning of this stage the instructor will give basic tips for winter driving. There will be three persons in each car.

Stage options



- Breaking and avoiding an obstacle
- Slalom
- 360 degrees turn on ice
- Snow circle
- Acceleration contest
- Hand break turn

Stage 2, Ice karting

Clients will be kitted out with thermal overalls, helmets, boots and gloves. The karting takes place on specially built lighted ice circuit. They will experience an unforgettable ride.

Stage 3, Co-piloting

Clients will be strapped into 300 horsepower Subaru Impreza rally car. Professional drivers will take them through Action Parks's amazing rally stage. They will be able to talk to pilot through the helmet radio as snow flies and trees rush past.



Lunch is served during the day at the tracks.

Return to Hotel Riekonlinna by coach.

HIGHLIGHTS OF AN ADVENTURE:

Meet guide at the lobby of the hotel and dressed in Safari Clothing, short walk to Safari Club to pick up the helmets and meet snowmobiles.

Finnish Lapland is one of the world's most untouched regions, primeval snow-capped fells rising majestically above unmeasured wilderness. Living in the constantly changing climate of Finnish Lapland means that its inhabitants have a healthy respect for the nature and all that living in such conditions and demands. Perhaps that's why Lapps are known for steadfast and persevering attitudes as well as most famous attribute of caring for other people. During today's programme you will be shown distinctive land and way of life.



This is a safari combining two top arctic experiences in winter Lapland –snowmobiles and husky-teams. First Group will be divided in two teams. Team 1 begins with a snowmobile safari speeding along the trail through narrow valleys and over the treeless tops of the fells. Team 2 will be whisked more tranquilly on a safari in sleighs pulled by husky-dogs. Both are modern ways of moving in the snow-covered forests and especially snowmobiles have become also a part of an everyday life for the Lapps. Each person has an own snowmobile, but sharing a husky sledge, taking turns in controlling the Husky team.



Both Teams will end to a Local Reindeer Farm.

In old times the most important domesticated animal for Lapps was reindeer. Reindeer was used as a vehicle, food and raw material for clothes. Before start, Lapps harnessed their reindeers in front of the sledge so that animal was controlled by man and couldn't make its own decisions deciding the routes. At the farm, as instructed by your host, you will take a reindeer driving test — and receive your own personal reindeer driving licence!



The lunch of the day is served at the reindeer herders over 100 years old cabin and introduces a typical reindeer herder's meal;

Reindeer stew and mashed potatoes

Berry pie and coffee/tea

After lunch the teams change their mode of transportation and start to return to Saariselkä; Team 2 on snowmobiles and Team 1 huskies.

Duration of the program is approx. 4 hours.



In the afternoon hotel saunas are at guests' disposal (non-exclusive basis).

Half board dinner is served at Hotel Riekonlinna.

Overnight in Hotel Riekonlinna.

DAY 4 - Secrets of frozen lake

Finnish buffet breakfast is served in hotel restaurant. Shortly after breakfast, meet your guide in hotel lobby, and dressed in Safari Clothing, short walk to Safari Club to pick up the helmets and meet snowmobiles.

The trail on this snowmobile safari takes you north of Saariselkä to a remote lake. Bore a hole through the ice and try your fisherman's skill on ice-fishing! The catch may even be the beauty of Lapland's crystal waters, the trout. Warm yourself around a campfire while having lunch prepared by your guide. Listen to the silence of the nature before starting back. The return track leads all the way up to the top of the Kaunispää fell, the fell closest to Saariselkä Resort. On a clear day even the fell-tops over Russian border are visible in the far distance.



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DAY 5 - GOODBYE TO LAPLAND!

Finnish buffet breakfast is served in hotel restaurant.

Check-out and luggage handling in hotel. Return your safari outfit to reception.

Transfer by private coach to Ivalo airport for departure – farewells to your guide!



ALTERNATIVES FOR EVENING PROGRAM:

Hotel And Igloo Village Kakslauttanen

Upon arrival at Kakslauttanen (ca 10 km from Saariselkä) visit first Ice Gallery, Ice Chapel and Ice Restaurant. Hot welcome drinks are served while admiring the ice sculptures. The Ice Chapel is an exotic place for many weddings during the winter. Before dinner it's time to relax in traditional smoke sauna – this one is the biggest in the world, accommodating over 100 persons in two separate saunas. Both saunas have its own fireplace lounge, and for those with courage the hole in the ice awaits for a refreshing swim. Dinner is served in “Smoke sauna” Restaurant or in Snow restaurant.



Restaurant Huippu

At the top of Kaunispää fell there is Restaurant Huippu.

Upon arrival at Kaunispää fell (ca 5 min drive from Saariselkä) admire the beautiful scenery before stepping inside this cosy restaurant, which is located 437 meters above the sea level. Big fireplace in the middle of the restaurant and candles in tables give warmth and atmosphere - added with the panorama view and excellent local food, the evening is perfect.

After dinner you experience yet another way of moving in Lapland - toboggan transfer down the hill. The track is app. one kilometre long, and you will be provided with plastic sleds as well as a warm night cap served from the snow bar before walk to your hotel.





Revontuli Court

Revontuli court (Revontuli = Northern Lights) situates in the middle of forest, short drive from Saariselkä. The unbroken peace of the wilderness surrounds you, the shimmer if of the Northern Lights. Relax and dine by open fire - and if you are lucky, you can admire the Northern Lights on the Arctic sky.



HOTEL ROOMS

- 196 rooms
- 4 mini suites
- Sauna in 48 of the rooms
- Internet access in 72 of the rooms
- 38 of the rooms are family rooms

- All Equipped with:
 - Shower
 - WC
 - Hairdryer
 - Minibar
 - Kettle
 - Satellite-TV
 - Drying closet for clothes
 - Telephone
 - Radio
 - Balcony