

HOLIDAY ACTIVITIES IN SAARISELKÄ AND INARI

SAARISELKÄ

Saariselkä holiday resort is located in Northern Lapland, in Inari municipality. It is a compact village surrounded by fells close to Urho Kekkonen National Park. The most well-known of the fells in Saariselkä is the 438 metres high Kaunispää, which you can easily conquer on foot or by car in summer.

Saariselkä is a centre of services and activities situated only one step from the tranquillity of wilderness. In Saariselkä you do not need a car: everything from a skiing resort and nature trails to a spa, hotels and restaurants can be found within walking distance. Thanks to good connections you can effortlessly reach other unique destinations of Northern Lapland.

Urho Kekkonen National Park

Urho Kekkonen National Park was established in 1983 and it is the second largest national park in Finland. The northern part of the park is wilderness which consists of numerous fells that are over 500 metres high. In the southwestern part there are forests and string bogs and in the southern part there are wilderness forests. There are wilderness huts, an extensive network of routes as well as campfire and resting sites for hikers. The nature, landscapes and cultural history of the national park are displayed in three customer service points that also serve as sales points for permits. Koilliskaira Visitor Centre is located in Tankavaara, Customer Service Kiehininen in Saariselkä and Visitor Centre in Savukoski village.

Sompio Strict Nature Reserve

Sompio Strict Nature Reserve is located in Saariselkä, on the southern side of Raututunturi fell near Lokka reservoir. Its highest fells include Nattaset fells among which Terävä-Nattanen is 544 metres and Pyhä-Nattanen 508 metres high. Roaming in the reserve is allowed in any season, but only along the trails marked on the terrain.

Koilliskaira Visitor Centre

In the close vicinity of Tankavaara and Urho Kekkonen National Park there is the Koilliskaira Visitor Centre which is located circa 30 km southward from Saariselkä. Three experiential nature trails can be accessed from the visitor centre and its exhibitions display the Urho Kekkonen National Park and nature in the area. There you can also get fishing permits, information on routes and reservations to huts in the park.

Kiilopää

Kiilopää is one of the fells in Saariselkä and it is located in the area of Urho Kekkonen National Park. Because of the unique nature of the national park it is one of the Natura protection areas. Often hikers in the national park start their trek from Kiilopää from where you can access three nature trails of different lengths.





Kaunispää

Kaunispää is perhaps the most famous among the fells of Saariselkä. You can easily conquer its 438 metres high peak on foot or by car in summer. Kaunispää is especially popular for family visits. In summer it belongs to the extensive network of hiking routes in Saariselkä.

Destination Northernmost Europe Exhibition

The exhibition at Siula located in the centre of Saariselkä takes you on a journey to the Arctic Ocean and northernmost Lapland. Destination Northernmost Europe presents visitors the fascinating culture, history, nature and travelling in the area of northernmost Europe.

Hammastunturi Wilderness Area

Hammastunturi Wilderness Area, located between Lemmenjoki National Park and Urho Kekkonen National Park, is one of the largest roadless backwoods in Finland. The area has been significant because of the beginning of the culture of reindeer husbandry and gold rush. There are two marked routes in Hammastunturi but the terrain enables hiking along your own routes as well. River Ivalojoiki that runs through the area is an excellent canoeing route and fishing destination.

Gold Prospector Museum

The only international gold museum in the world is located in Tankavaara, Sodankylä close to the gold village and Urho Kekkonen National Park Customer Service. The permanent exhibition presents the colourful gold prospecting history of Lapland. The goldpan-shaped Golden World building shelters exhibition departments from over 20 countries.



INARI

Inari village is the second largest population centre in Inari municipality and the centre of Sámi culture. In addition to services the traveller can have a closer look on the roots of genuine Sámi tradition at the the Sámi Museum Siida and get familiar with e.g. the culture of local handicraft and reindeer husbandry.

Inari Hiking Area

Located in the vicinity of Inari village, there is Inari Hiking Area which is suitable also for fishing enthusiasts. Marked trails take you from a lake to another through wilderness and there are marked camping and campfire sites. Ideal daytrip destinations include Pielpajärvi Wilderness Church (9 km) and Otsamotunturi fell (20 km).

Lake Inarijärvi

Lake Inarijärvi is the third largest and the second deepest lake in Finland. Its width is 50 and length 80 kilometres. The deepest point is 92 metres. The amount of water could cover the whole Finland as a five centimetre water bed. It has shoreline of 3 308 kilometres and 3 318 islands in total. The waters of Inarijärvi run through Luusua, located in its eastern side, to River Paatsjoki and finally to Arctic Ocean. The Lake Inarijärvi region offers a good chance to get familiar with the nature of wilderness lake in the





northernmost Lapland. Also the local people use the area for recreation and fishing for household use. Programme services and accommodation providers take their customers to Inari year-round.

Ukonsaari

Ukonsaari island located in the western part of the lake is its most famous island. What makes it such a popular attraction is Ukonkivi rock that used to be a sacred place for Sámi people. The height of the island is 30 metres, the width 50 metres and length 100 metres. In summer there is a cruise ship that operates daily to Ukonsaari from the Inari village.



Siida

Siida has established itself as the national museum for Sámi people so it provides an extensive presentation on the Sámi culture and history. The whole range of seasons of Lapland with their mystical natural phenomena is presented at Siida, its Open-Air Museum and the Nature Centre in the connection to them. Siida is located in Inari village with the daily bus connection from Saariselkä and Ivalo.



Pielpajärvi Wilderness Church

The cultural historically significant church was built in 1752-1760 and it was in service until the end of the 19th century. There is a 5 kilometres long hiking trail that goes from couple of kilometres from Siida to Pielpajärvi Wilderness Church. There is also a trail that goes from the church to Pielpavuono in the distance of 3 km. In summer there is a riverbus operating to Pielpavuono.

Karhunpesäkivi

Karhunpesäkivi is a natural attraction in Myössäjärvi, ca. 25 km northward from Ivalo. In the virgin forest area of Myössäjärvi there is the only giant's kettle-like tafoni in the world, moved from its place during the Ice Age. Karhunpesäkivi is also the biggest hollow boulder in Finland. There is a cafe that serves in summertime in Karhunpesäkivi.



Sámi Cultural Centre Sajos

Sajos, located in Inari village by River Juutuanjoki, is a cultural and administrative centre for Sámi people in Finland. Sajos is an interesting and attractive multicultural meeting point. It is also a house of events as well as a conference and meeting centre.



IVALO

Ivalo is the administrative centre of Inari municipality and the biggest population centre where the tourist can find everything from conventional shopping to fishing permits, local handicrafts and programme services. The northernmost airport of Finland is also located in Ivalo with good connections to Saariselkä and elsewhere to Lapland. Popular attractions Nellim, Sevettijärvi and Raja-Jooseppi are located near Ivalo, without forgetting the foams of River Ivalojoiki.

In Ivalo you can find the most extensive services – and all you need from fishing permits to handicrafts, accommodation to programme services.





Doing business is easy and flexible, the atmosphere is relaxed and parking in the village is free. Grocery shops with an extensive range of products are open every day – from early morning to late evening and even on Sundays.

Raja-Jooseppi

From Ivalo you can access the border crossing point with a homestead built by Josef Sallila located in its close vicinity. Nowadays this building complex situated in the area of Urho Kekkonen National Park is a cultural historical attraction.



River Ivalojoiki

River Ivalojoiki, widely famous for its magnificent landscapes, is suitable for canoeing, fishing and in wintertime also for snowmobiling. Water flowing force and sceneries are variable and there are plenty of places to go ashore. Other attractions include Kultala Gold Mining Village, a renovated 'Crown Station' from the 19th century. A popular hiking route goes from Pahaoja to Ivalojoiki Kultala Gold Mining Village, 12 km.



Sovintovaara

On the top of the Sovintovaara hill located on the southern shore of Lake Ukonjärvi you can find a scenic café open in summer with fantastic views on Lake Inarijärvi from its terrace. You drive by car following signs to the top along a very alpine-like serpentine road which is excitingly steep, especially in the end of the route. There is also an exhibition on Lake Inarijärvi in the café and its yard.



NELLIM

Nellim is called a meeting point of three cultures for a reason since the Inari Sámi who originally inhabited the area found company from Finnish lumberjacks and the Skolt Sámi of Petsamo in 1920s and 1930s. Nellim is located in Inari municipality, close to the Russian border and ca. 40 km from Ivalo. The attraction of the village is the magnificent Orthodox Church built of logs. The location of Nellim on the shore of Lake Inarijärvi guarantees wonderful hiking terrains in the area.



Orthodox Church

Nellim Orthodox Church is dedicated to the Holy Trinity and Trifon Petsamolainen. The church was originally built in 1987 to serve as a prayerhouse and one year later metropolitan Leo consecrated it as a church. The church was designed by Seppo Latvala. The pattern in its design was based on the old part of Petsamo convent church. The church belongs to the so-called reconstruction churches and it is also used for ecumenical services.





Russian border and Paatsjoki Bridge

The Finnish-Russian border is a part of every day life in the village also from the viewpoint of the Virtaniemi check point. It pays to go for a visit on the Paatsjoki Bridge located in the couple of kilometres distance and admire the wonderful river scenery and see Finnish and Russian watchtowers in the both sides of the border.

Log flume

In the Nellim region there have been big logging sites in 1930s as well as straight after the war. Along with them Finnish habitation spread to the area. Atif Forest Company built the log flume in 1929 from Lake Keskimöjärvi over shallow middle parts to Lake Nellimjärvi from where logs continued their journey to Inari and along River Paatsjoki to the sawmill located in Elven, Norway on the shore of Arctic Ocean. The renovated log flume is a suitable day trip destination for the entire family. You can access the log flume by car or on foot along a marked trail from Paksuvuono. There is a campfire site for making a campfire and enjoy your provisions.



LEMMENJOKI

Lemmenjoki village is located by the river and national park with the same name ca. 50 kilometres westward from Inari. River Lemmenjoki runs over 70 kilometres through the largest national park of Finland and thus boat trips in the beautiful river valley are very popular and an experiential holiday activity. The river has also a history as the home for gold panning and even today people go there to seek their fortune with gold pans.



Lemmenjoki National Park

The largest national park in Finland is a guaranteed destination for nature lovers: Roaming in the basic part of the park, the valley of River Lemmenjoki is facilitated by clearly marked routes with wilderness and reservation huts, and various campfire sites. If you wish to go to real wilderness there are untouched terrains further from habitation. The variable terrain where bogs and fells alternate between water systems gives a multifaceted experience to the visitor.



Ravadas Falls

The imposing waterfalls situated in the area of Lemmenjoki National Park and surrounded by rugged rock walls are a magnificent view. The falls are located along the marked route of Ravadasköngäs which is one of the ring routes of Lemmenjoki.



Joenkielinen

Joenkielinen is a fell located ca. 9 km from Njurkulahti village which can be accessed along a marked trail. Fabulous views open up from the fell on the river valley of Lemmenjoki and surrounding fells.



RENTAL AND OTHER SERVICES:

Lapland Hotel Riekonlinna:

You can rent walking poles (5€/day) and bicycles (20€/3h) at the hotel reception.

HealthEx Gym at Riekonlinna is open daily at 8.00 - 20.00. Summer route maps to Saariselkä region are on sale at the reception.

The reception rents out a Luondu navigator device.

Luondu helps the entire hiking group to discover nature in a completely new way. Samsung Galaxy Xcover device is the core of ready made experience package which consists of pre-uploaded route alternatives that combine experiential routes, unique Lapland experiences and safety. The marked exercise and quiz points along the route tell their own story of Lapland. You do not need to be afraid of getting lost since with the alarm button you can contact the person who helps you and your group in problematic situations.

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EVENTS IN SUMMER

Midnight Sun Agility 5.6-7.6.15

Agility competition for dogs in the yard of Santa's Hotel Tunturi organized by Pohjois-Lapin koirakerho.

Taiga Festival in Tankavaara 5.6-7.6.15

Taiga festival is arranged at the beginning of summer to start the short and relatively warm Lapland's summer. The festival provides a wide range of music and other events from suopunkki throwing competition to children's Saturday for kids and families where the whole family has a good time together.

XXI Midsummer Gold Panning Competition 19.-20.6.15

A gold panning competition in the yard of Saariselän Panimo organized by Kultaperinne ry.

Kuttura Gold Panning Competition in Kutturán kioski 11.7.15

A gold panning competition organized by Kultaperinne ry.

Inari Weeks 16 - 26.7.2015

Plenty of summer events in Inari municipality during this period. Further information: www.inariviikot.fi.

Goldpanning Finnish Open in Tankavaara 17-19.7.15

The Goldpanning Finnish Open is the oldest and the most famous event in Tankavaara. The gold panning competition has been organized in Tankavaara since 1973 and this tradition is becoming more and more popular with new goldpanners and goldpanning enthusiasts.

Ivalo Rock 24 - 25.7.15 in Ivalo River Camping

Performers include e.g. Solid Base, Pelle Miljoona, Raaka-Aine and Cat Cat.

Watercross 25.7.15

Again in the end of July, on Saturday 25.7, the traditional Watercross competition is organized on the shore of the Hotelli Kultahippu. Speedy competition, good atmosphere and nice weather guaranteed. Remember to bring your best friends with you and have fun at the site on the bank.

Tunturisuunnistus 2015 1.-2.8.15

The biggest orienteering event in Lapland is organized this year in Saariselkä region. Lapland Hotel Riekonlinna is the official partner!

Jänkhällä jytisee motorcycle event 12.-16.8.15

The biggest motorcycle event in the Northern Finland is now organized for 17th time. In 2014 there were 2007 motorists! The event is organized in cooperation between Rumakuru MC and Santa's Hotel Tunturi.



Rautaa Rajalle - American car meeting 22. - 24.8.15

An American car meeting organized by Santa's Hotel Tunturi. In 2014 there were 71 motorists.

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