



# Luosto - Log Cabin Taster Week



**HOLIDAY TYPE:** Small Group

**VISITING:** Finland

**BROCHURE CODE:** 5042

**DURATION:** 7 nights

## In Brief

Sample a spread of unmissable Finnish activities in Luosto and return each day to the comfort of your homely log cabin. Over a week, you'll experience Arctic favourites such as cross-country skiing, dog sledding and tracking the Northern Lights on snowshoes. There's also a snowmobiling trip to the Lampivaara Amethyst Mine for a taste of local culture.

## Our Opinion

“ *This holiday provides a fine introduction to a comprehensive spread of Finnish activities. You will have an incredible time with the grand trio of snowmobiling, dogsledding, and cross-country skiing. There's also a reindeer sleigh ride and Aurora snowshoeing for slower-paced outdoor entertainment. As for local delights, the Lampivaara Amethyst Mine is otherworldly and unforgettable.* ”

Amy Walkington-Gray



## What's included?

- **Flights:** return flights from London to Finland are included. Either direct or via Helsinki depending on your date of Travel. Regional departures may be available and subject to a supplement. Please ask our Travel Experts for more information. Flight routes are subject to change
- **Transfers:** return airport transfers
- **Accommodation:** 7 nights in log cabin accommodation
- **Meals:** half board
- **The following activities and equipment are included:** reindeer park visit and sleigh ride, cross-country skiing, snowmobile safari to Amethyst Mine, Northern Lights snowshoe safari, 10km husky safari (**the order of activities will vary depending on the departure date and are subject to availability**)
- Cold weather clothing for the duration of your stay
- Fully qualified wilderness guides and instructors during activities

## Trip Overview

Try out a complete collection of classic Finnish activities during our Taster Week in Luosto in Lapland.

We waste no time in getting you immediately acquainted with Nordic favourites and local highlights. You will snowmobile through the snowy wilderness surrounding Luosto to its famous Lampivaara Amethyst Mine. Travelling all the way to this part of the world and not visiting this location would not be right. A fascinating presentation about the gems is followed by a visit to the surface mine. You will even be given the chance to dig for your very own piece of amethyst to take home with you – if it is small enough to enclose with your fingers!

You will also enjoy the delights of cross-country skiing during a ski lesson before taking to the trails which surround Luosto. A highlight of this holiday has to be the husky safari, where bounding dogs carry you through the breathtaking surroundings. A further animal-related experience comes with a reindeer park visit, allowing you to enjoy a magical reindeer-pulled sleigh ride in the forest.

As Luosto is well within the Aurora Zone, you will also have high chances of spotting the glimmering

Northern Lights, and we will improve your chances with an Aurora snowshoe trek.

Retreating each day to your own cosy winter cottage is a joy. Each has a wood-burning stove and private sauna, making for a relaxing stay. You will also have access to the pool and well-being facilities at the nearby Tunturi Hotel, where your half board meals will be served.

**If you are travelling over the New Year then you will be joining in with the hotel's wonderful celebrations. These will normally include a celebratory meal and live music on New Year's Eve. Please ask our Travel Experts for further information.**

**Please note:** some elements of this itinerary (including transfers and some activities) are shared with our sister company [Activities Abroad](#) and are popular with families during the school holidays. If a child free holiday is important to your party when travelling, please speak to our travel experts for recommendations.

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# Agenda

Please note the order of activities is subject to change

DAY  
1

ARRIVAL IN LAPLAND

**Please note: This is a sample itinerary which will vary depending on the arrival day of your holiday. All activities are subject to availability at the time of booking.**

Upon arrival, you will be met by a driver and transferred to Luosto, where you can get settled into your cosy log cabin. Dinner will then be served in the hotel restaurant.

**Included Meals:** Dinner

DAY  
2

REINDEER PARK VISIT AND SLEIGH RIDE

Following breakfast this morning, you will be transferred to a local reindeer park to meet with some of the animals. You will learn a little about the traditions of reindeer herding, many of which still play a prominent role in the lives of herders. A reindeer-pulled sleigh ride ends this wonderful experience.

Warm drinks and snacks will be provided around a campfire.

Spend the afternoon relaxing in your cabin before dinner in the hotel restaurant.

**Included Meals:** Breakfast, Dinner

DAY  
3

FREE DAY

Finish breakfast and spend today as you wish in Luosto. You might like to try out some [local activities](#) or simply relax in your cabin. Dinner will be served in the hotel restaurant.

**Included Meals:** Breakfast, Dinner

DAY  
4

CROSS-COUNTRY SKIING

This morning you will be introduced to the world of cross-country skiing. After breakfast, an instructor will show you the best techniques before you take to the local trails. This is one of the most popular activities in Lapland and it can be very addictive.

**Included Meals:** Breakfast, Dinner

DAY  
5

SNOWMOBILE SAFARI TO THE AMETHYST MINE

After breakfast, you will drive snowmobiles to the Amethyst Mine. You will be given full instructions on how to operate the vehicles before following a guide on the marked snowy trails through forests and wild landscapes. You will travel two people per snowmobile and if you wish to drive you will need a full driving licence. If you do not wish to be on a snowmobile, you can sit in a sled pulled by the guide's snowmobile. It is also possible to upgrade to riding one person per snowmobile.

At the Lampivaara Fell, you will settle down in a warm kota and hear the story behind this fascinating destination. From there, you head to a covered section of this surface mine to hunt for your own gemstones. If you find one small enough to enclose in your hand, it's yours to keep! You will then snowmobile back to Luosto.

Dinner will be served in the hotel restaurant.

**Included Meals:** Breakfast, Dinner

DAY  
6

NORTHERN LIGHTS SNOWSHOE SAFARI

On this second free day, you can book more local activities. After the previous day's skiing, you might like to book out cross-country skis to explore at your own pace. Dinner will be served in the hotel

restaurant, leading into a Northern Lights search by snowshoe. You will be guided into the night-time countryside to search for the Aurora, stopping along the way for hot drinks.

**Included Meals:** Breakfast, Dinner

DAY  
7

10KM HUSKY SAFARI

Once you've had breakfast, there will be time to visit the hotel pool or take to the snowy trails outside.

The afternoon brings what is often seen as a highlight of a holiday in Lapland: the thrilling husky safari. You will be taken by car to a husky ranch, where you can get to know the dogs and learn how to harness them to a sled. You will then enjoy a stunning ten-kilometre ride through the great outdoors. Returning to the ranch, you can relish a hot drink by a fire while talking to the mushers about their incredible lifestyle.

Dinner will be served in the hotel restaurant.

**Included Meals:** Breakfast, Dinner

DAY  
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DEPARTURE

Tuck into a last breakfast before being transferred to the airport for your flight home.

**Included Meals:** Breakfast

## Personalise this tour

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### Our pick



## Multimedia show and Northern Lights hunt

Get fully immersed in the science, myth, and legend behind the Northern Lights with an expert-led audio-visual show. This will have you fully prepared for the Aurora hunt that follows, with a guide taking you to a special outdoor spot for watching and taking photos. Camera tripods will be available and hot drinks will be served by a campfire.

**NB:** This is a very similar presentation to the one included in the visit to the Aurora Kota; we do not, therefore, recommend booking both of these activities.

**Availability:** Monday

**Duration:** 45 minutes presentation and 2 hour Northern Lights hunt on foot

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## Other options

### ACTIVITIES



## Visit to an Aurora Kota by car

You will transfer to the Aurora Kota for an engaging presentation on the Northern Lights. A 'kota' is a typical tent used by Finland's native Sámi people and makes for a highly atmospheric venue; this version is crafted from wood so it is nice and cosy.

**NB:** This is a very similar presentation as included in the Multimedia Show and Northern Lights hunt so we do not recommend booking both of these activities.

**Availability:** Tuesday

**Duration:** 2 hours

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## Ice fishing by snowmobile

Having been shown how to safely operate a snowmobile, you will follow your guide through frozen forests and the Lapland countryside to a specially chosen spot on an icy lake. Here, you will be taught how to drill through the ice and set up a line. Then it's just a matter of patience to see whether you make a catch! Your guide will offer insider tricks and tips, and coffee will be served with a snack by a campfire.

**Availability:** Thursday and Sunday

**Duration:** Approximately 3 hours

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## Included Accommodation

Luosto Log Cabins (Nights: 1-7)



Luosto is a charming ski village in Finnish Lapland with a picturesque backdrop of forested fells and frozen lakes, making it the ideal winter retreat. With its handful of shops and cafés, the village manages to maintain a traditional Northern Finnish feel and the guests have easy access to local facilities.

The Luosto Log Cabins are owned by the Luosto Tunturi Hotel, which is one of only two hotels in Luosto. They are just a short walk from the main hotel building, so you are within easy reach of Tunturi's facilities.

## Hotel facilities

- In the main building, you will find the two hotel restaurants
- The Tunturi Restaurant (used for the majority of our packages), serves a wide range of local and international dishes in buffet style.
- The hotel also has the Bistro restaurant, which is a smaller restaurant
- The Kelo Log Cabin restaurant is an additional restaurant, situated a short walk away from the hotel, and is usually used on one night of the itineraries
- A popular feature of the Luosto Tunturi is the pool and spa area, which offers an ideal retreat after a day's activities. In addition to this, there is also a hot tub and a sauna wing where both Turkish and Finnish saunas are heated daily. These facilities are available to log cabin guests for a small supplement
- At the Amethyst Spa area, you can also book a range of massage and beauty treatments in advance or on arrival (subject to availability)
- There are seven neighbouring downhill ski slopes and ski hire is available locally. The hotel will also help you arrange ski passes. Also, cross-country skis and snowshoes can be hired locally for you to explore the variety of trails surrounding the hotel.
- Free Wi-Fi is also available throughout the hotel

## Guest bedroom types

**Log cabins:** The log cabins are situated just a short walk from the hotel and are perfect for a private retreat. The cabins are ideal for a couple. The cabins are comprised of essentially one main room with a kitchenette, dining area and a television. A cosy wood burning stove provides a warming centrepiece. The beds are arranged in a unique bunk format with the lower bunk formed of two double beds and the upper bunk housing two single beds. Each cabin is en-suite with a private sauna.

**Please note:** pool, spa and gym usage is not included when you stay in a log cabin, however, this can be added to your package. Please speak to our Travel Experts for further details.

# The Specifics

## Holiday group size (approximate)

This holiday requires a minimum of 2 participants on all dates.

You will be joined by other visitors for the activities and the maximum group size is typically around 24 people.

## Group Size

We always try to provide an approximation of the group size you can expect to be with for the duration of each of our holidays. It may be that you are joined by others for parts of your holiday (such as transfers and particular activities) but the above number reflects those you can normally expect to be with from beginning to end. If group size is something which is particularly important to you, please speak to our Travel Experts and they can suggest the best holidays for you.



Tailor-made holiday group sizes will vary for all activities as will the group size for any additional activities you book.

## Minimum and maximum age

If a specific minimum age applies to this holiday, it can be found in the Key Facts box on the holiday Overview page.

Unless otherwise stated in the in the Key Facts box on the holiday Overview page, the minimum age for participation in an Artisan holiday is typically 8 years old (there may be younger children in some destinations who have booked with other companies). If an adult-only environment is important to you, then please contact our Travel Experts and they will advise on the best dates and destinations for you. If you are looking for a holiday designed specifically for families then please see our sister company [www.activitiesabroad.com](http://www.activitiesabroad.com)

## Itinerary amendments

The order of activities listed in this agenda is provided for guidance only, your final and detailed itinerary will be provided either with your final travel documents (which are uploaded into your online account around a week prior to departure) or upon arrival.

## Terms and Conditions

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Minimum travellers 10, Maximum travellers 20