

Search for Santa amid a winter wonderland

Enjoy a pre-Christmas break packed with family fun and winter activities

IMAGINE SETTING OUT with your children in search of the real Father Christmas in the snow-filled realms of Lapland! It is an experience that will live in their memories forever. The setting is a winter wonderland, on the edge of Europe's last great wilderness. It's magical, of course ... why else would Santa make his home here? You start out on snowmobiles, then in the quiet forest, you transfer to a reindeer sleigh. Perhaps an elf will appear, to help you look for clues. Then, suddenly, you glimpse a golden glow from a lonely log cabin! Is this Santa's secret hideaway? Will you dare knock and enter?

Your search for Santa is the highlight of your short break is filled with memorable experiences. Here is a typical itinerary.

DAY ONE

After a festive flight, you land in Enontekiö in Finland and are guided to your coach. The journey (15 minutes) to our hotels in Hetta or one hour to the Davi Arctic Lodge in Karesuando) takes you through the heart of the Sámi lands. Watch out for reindeer in the woods! We stop to collect your all-in-one thermal suits and boots. After checking in at your hotel, your rep hosts a welcome meeting and during a welcome dinner, your Transun rep will answer questions.

DAY TWO

After breakfast, you head outside for Supervised Snow Fun, a day of activities that include a Snowshoe Trek, Snowball Throwing Contest, Tandem Skis and Children's Skis, Snowman Building, Tug-of-War, Snow Hockey and lots more! There will also be a supervised

kids' snowmobile ride (see page 55 for details). Activities are available throughout the day. A warming lunch will be served in the hotel. Afterwards, you might want to join in the indoor Christmas crafts. Or, just relax indoors. Outside, if you're lucky, there may be some husky puppies to befriend, or a chance to get up close to a friendly reindeer.

Then, the highlight of the day when you board a reindeer sleigh and set off In Search of Father Christmas. During a private family meeting in his cabin, each child has the chance to talk with Santa and receives a small gift.

Before dinner, join a walk to the local church. After a welcome by the local vicar and carols, you return to your hotel for a Festive Dinner. Afterwards, why not join us on an optional Northern Lights Husky Safari?

DAY THREE

Check out after breakfast, before joining your two included Santa safaris, a 40-minute Husky Experience and a 1.5-hour Snowmobile Adventure. Then, there's time for snow activities, with toboggans available free and kick sledges upon payment of a deposit. And there's plenty of family fun to be had making snowmen or enjoying snowball fights! Or you could try an optional excursions, perhaps Reindeer Herding. After lunch at the hotel, you set off by coach to Enontekiö and your flight home.

PLEASE NOTE: For operational reasons, itineraries may vary

Departures from Davi Arctic Lodge, Karesuando:

DECEMBER 19 - BIRMINGHAM

DECEMBER 21 - BRISTOL

Departures for Hetta hotels:

DECEMBER 18 - EAST MIDLANDS

DECEMBER 20 - MANCHESTER

FULL DETAILS: Pages 60-61



WHAT'S INCLUDED

- * 40-minute Husky Experience
- * 1.5hrs Snowmobile Adventure
- * Reindeer sleigh ride
- * Search for Santa
- * Private family meeting with Santa
- * Two nights full board accommodation
- * Gift for children
- * Visit to the local church
- * Free souvenirs (see below)
- * Snow activities: tobogganing, kick sledges (deposit payable), snowballing and snowman-making
- * Supervised Snow Fun
- * Christmas crafts
- * Festive Dinner

Also included: Return flights with hot meals on board, all taxes and government air passenger duty, thermal suits and boots, welcome meeting, souvenir Lapland passport.