

Christmas in Finland

6 Days | Starts/Ends: Kuhmo



CHRISTMAS TOUR: Spend a white Christmas in the winter wonderland of Kuhmo near the Russia border. Visit Santa Claus in his home country, go sledding with horses and huskies, take a snowmobile sleigh ride and much more - guaranteed to be a Christmas to remember!

HIGHLIGHTS AND INCLUSIONS

Trip Highlights

- Spend Christmas Day in the magical winter wonderland of Kuhmo, in the north of Finland
- Meet Santa Claus, the real Finnish Joulupokki in his home country with your family
- Enjoy lots of winter activities including husky and horse sleigh rides, and an optional snowmobile ride
- Spend your free time tobogganing and sledding in the great outdoors with your family

What's Included

- 5 nights at the Hotel Kalevala (3 star)
- 5 breakfasts, 4 lunches and 5 dinners (inclusive of a Christmas Eve Traditional Gala Dinner)

- Welcome drink
- Arrival and departure transfer from Kajaani airport on days 1 and 6
- Visit to Santa Claus at his local home
- Journey to collect the Christmas tree to bring to the restaurant for the children to decorate
- Taster horse sleigh, husky sled and snowmobile safaris
- Free use of kick-sledges, toboggans, DVDs, Playstation2 and Nintendo Wii games, Wi-Fi and board games
- Daily evening saunas and jacuzzis

What's Not Included

- Items of a personal nature and additional meals
- International flights to/from our tour start/end points and visas
- Tipping - An entirely personal gesture
- Optional excursions

ITINERARY

Day 1 : Kuhmo



22nd December 2022. Upon arrival into Kajaani airport you will be met and transferred to the Hotel Kalevela. The drive takes about an hour and you'll travel through some beautiful snowy Finnish countryside on the way. On arrival at the hotel you will be greeted with a Welcome Drink before check in. This evening we will enjoy our first dinner together. **Overnight - Kuhmo (D)**

Day 2 : Visit Santa Claus



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After breakfast we get to enjoy the area around the hotel. There are kick sledges and toboggans available to use and you can make snow angels or perhaps visit and feed the hotels 2 reindeer. Hot juice will be served by the open fire after our activities.

Later on this afternoon we meet Santa Claus, known in Finnish as Joulupukki. During the visit the children can tell Santa their Christmas wishes and secrets. This evening we return to our hotel for dinner and to take advantage of the on site saunas and jacuzzis.

Overnight - Kuhmo (B, L, D)

Day 3 : Christmas Eve



This morning we take a magical journey across the snowy landscape of Kuhmo. We'll then get the special experience of heading out to fetch a Christmas tree, bringing into the restaurant we'll then decorate it together. In Finland it is a very important duty for the children to decorate the tree and today will be no different. Lunch today will be a meal of Christmas rice porridge, a very traditional dish served across Scandinavia during the festive season. In Finland rice porridge is very much enjoyed by the children especially as whoever finds the hidden almond wins a prize!

This afternoon we take a traditional visit to the churchyard at Kuhmo, we'll have the opportunity to light a candle for our loved ones near and far. This evening's dinner is an authentic Finnish buffet.

Overnight - Kuhmo (B, L, D)

Day 4 : Christmas Day



Merry Christmas everyone! Today is a free day to do as you please. There are lots of optional activities so why not go out on a husky or snowmobile safari, try your hand at snow shoeing or cross country skiing or just relax at the hotel.

After dinner this evening we have a traditional campfire evening which will include hot juice and sausages.

During one of the next 2 days you'll enjoy a fantastic Husky sleigh ride through the snowy surroundings. Guests staying at the hotel will be split into 2 groups and the exact day you do this excursion will be confirmed during your welcome meeting. **Overnight - Kuhmo** (B, L, D)

Day 5 : Boxing Day



After breakfast you'll also get the chance to enjoy a short Reindeer sleigh ride taster. There are also kick sledges and toboggans available to use. Hot juice will be served by the open fire after our activities.

The afternoon is free to do more optional activities. Tonight we have dinner and a special Finnish folklore

evening of dance, music and stories.

Overnight - Kuhmo (B, L, D)

Day 6 : Kuhmo

27th December. Our amazing Christmas in Finland comes to an end today after breakfast and hotel check out with an included transfer back to Kajaani airport. (B)

ACCOMMODATION

Highlighted below are some of the accommodation/ hotels which we frequently use on this tour. We reserve the right to substitute these stays to ones of a similar standard.

Please refer to your Tour Voucher for your confirmed arrival hotel or start point and further arrival information.

Hotel Kalevela

On the banks of Lake Lammasjarvi sits Hotel Kalevela - a beautiful family run hotel with on site spa. Guest rooms are comfortable with modern facilities. The hotel boasts a fantastic gourmet restaurant, 4 saunas and 2 hot tubs. The hotel can organise lots of activities like husky sledding, snow shoeing, cross country skiing etc. There is a lounge and fireplace for relaxing by and the hotel also provides kick sledges, toboggans and children's games to keep the whole family happy.



PRICES / DATES INFO

'Twin Share' prices are per person when there are 2 people sharing a room. 'Single Room' prices are applicable those who don't have anyone to share a room with or anyone wanting the privacy of a single room.

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Date	Twin Share	Single
22 Dec	USD 1,905	USD 2,075

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