

#### Äkäslompolo Christmas Itinerary

## Day I – 23rd December

#### 07:00-12:35

(Please note Finland is 2 hours ahead of the UK)

Your flight departs from London Heathrow at approximately 07:00 (3.5-hour flight). Upon arrival, coach transfer to your cabin (approximately 40 minutes). Thermal clothing will be delivered to your cabin upon arrival.

#### 14:30-15:30

Lunch will be served in your cabin.

#### 16:30-17:00

Opportunity to change into your thermal clothing.

#### 17:30-19:30

Depart for a visit to a husky farm, home to over 100 dogs. Learn about the lives of the huskies and drive your own team of dogs through the snowy Lappish countryside (5 km). **20:00** 

Upon returning from the husky safari, dinner will be served in your cabin

## Day 2 – 24<sup>th</sup> December

## 08:00-10:00

Breakfast will be served in your cabin.

#### 10:00-15:00

Transfer to a nearby wilderness location (approximately 10 minutes by coach) for an Arctic Circle ceremony and various snow activities, including tandem skiing, snowshoe walking, kick sledging, tobogganing, and children's snowmobiling. Indoors, you can enjoy making gingerbread cookies and Christmas decorations.

Lunch will be served throughout the day. Each family will receive an invitation from Santa with your scheduled time for a visit. The visit to Santa begins with a short snowmobile ride, followed by a reindeer sleigh ride to Santa's cabin, located in a secluded forest setting. Each family will have a private audience with Santa, and each child will receive a soft toy as a gift.

This remote location does not have electricity or running water. The cabin where you have lunch is lit with lamps and candles, providing ample light, and there will be plenty of water, juice, tea, coffee, and lunch available. The outdoor area is lit with fires and candles, though there will be plenty of natural light during the day. There are also private outdoor Arctic toilets.

#### Afternoon

Free time to relax or explore.

#### 18:00-20:00

Dinner will be served in your cabin.



## Day 3 – 25<sup>th</sup> December

8:00-10:00

Breakfast will be served in your cabin.

#### 10:00

Embark on a snowmobile safari through the unspoiled Lappish wilderness. After receiving driving instructions, safety equipment, and advice, you'll set off on the safari. Two adults will share a snowmobile, while children (or those who do not wish to drive) will ride in a sleigh pulled behind the guide's snowmobiles.

The safari covers 25 km, with a stop halfway in the forest for warm drinks and snacks. As two adults share each snowmobile, you can swap drivers after the break.

#### 12:30-14:00

Lunch will be served in your cabin.

#### Afternoon

Free time to relax or explore.

## 17:00-19:30

Dinner will be served in your cabin.

## Day 4 – 26<sup>th</sup> December

#### 08:00-09:30

Breakfast will be served in your cabin.

#### 09:30-12:30

Transfer to Hyyverova for a 3 km reindeer safari through the snow-covered pine forest. A reindeer herder will share insights into their life and answer questions about reindeer. Tea, coffee, and hot berry juice will be served in a traditional kota (wooden tepee).

#### 12:30-14:00

Lunch will be served in your cabin.

#### Afternoon

Free time to enjoy additional activities or relax.

#### 18:00-20:00

Dinner will be served in your cabin.

# Day 5 – 27<sup>th</sup> December 08:00-10:00 Breakfast will be served in your cabin.

## Morning Free

Free time for optional activities or relaxation.



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#### 10:00

Check-out from your cabin.

#### 10:00-12:45

Enjoy a peaceful ice-fishing experience at Lake Luosu.

## 12:45-14:30

Lunch will be served at Poro Restaurant.

Your luggage will be stored on the coach during lunch and your safari, but you may retrieve it at any time.

#### 14:30

Transfer to Kittilä Airport (approximately 40 minutes).

#### 17:00

Return flight to the UK.

#### 18:30

Arrive in the UK.

#### Notes:

- A list of optional activities will be provided upon arrival in Lapland. Major credit and debit cards are accepted, as well as Euros in cash.
- For the enjoyment of all guests, we kindly ask that you arrive on time for activities.
- A valid driver's license is required to drive a snowmobile.
- o Itinerary and timings may vary depending on local conditions.

**Please Note:** This itinerary is provided as a guide only. Upon arrival in Lapland, you will receive an updated itinerary with exact times. Please follow the most up-to-date itinerary provided.