



Winter week in Kukkolaforsen

DAY 1. We will pick you up from airport in Rovaniemi, Kemi or Luleå. If you fly to Rovaniemi, we will Visit Arctic circle and Santa Claus on arrival or departure day. Transfer to Kukkola and Check in to your accommodation. We have a welcoming meeting in the restaurant with an introduction to the wonderful experiences you will get during your holiday. We also get to know each other already a little and enjoy the dinner at the restaurant.

DAY 2. Transfer towards the reindeer farm starts at 10 and we will cross the border to Finland. Visit the Ruotsalainen family and their farm, Päivi tells us about the reindeer and how the daily work at the farm is. After getting to know the reindeer, they take us out on a sledge ride. We are having a good lunch in their Sapmi wooden house and afterwards there is time to play in the slopes and learn how to throw the lasso.

After a short transfer we will arrive to see Snow, ice and light in Kemi Snow Castle. SnowExperience365 introduces real snow & ice 365 days a year. In the SnowExperience365 exhibition room you can step into a winter wonderland any day of the year. You can walk on the snowy floors and admire the beautiful ice sculptures. SnowExperience365 consists of ice



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sculptures, ice slide, ice bar and ice tables. Theme for this year is The Fairytale Castle. SnowCastle Winter Park is open 15.1.-6.4.2024 (weather permitting). It is totally made of snow and it offers traditional Finnish snow activities for visitors. It will consist of the ice tube slide, another slide for tobogganing, snow labyrinth, traditional Finnish carousel sleigh and an indoor area with a couple of ice sculptures.

You will have a few hours of free time after getting back to Kukkolaforseen before the delicious dinner in the view restaurant. Every evening there is a chance to spot the Northern Lights from the restaurant or from your room and we advise to dress warmly and go out to our culture village to get the best experience -and pictures of course!

DAY 3. At 10 when the day light is here, we start the Snowshoe walking in our yard and walk through the culture village to the forest. You will be walking with snowshoes in the deep snow where you can admire the beautiful winter scenery. If you are lucky, you may even see some animal prints in the snow.

After snowshoeing, we start Baking in timber hut at 12. One of the oldest buildings in the Kukkola cultural village is the Timber Smoke Hut, where you can bake bread on an open fire. While baking, you will hear about the food traditions and the culture of Kukkola village. After the baking you will enjoy the bread with delicious whitefish filling. Warm glögg is also cooked and served from traditional Sami drinking cup, kuksa.

You will have free time in the afternoon and dinner in the restaurant in the evening.

DAY 4. Snowmobiling Wilderness-safari in the snowy forests starts at 10 from the yard of Kukkolaforseen. The safari route runs along traditional forest tracks, winter roads, and frozen river. You will have a fantastic opportunity to experience the unique countryside of the North and learn how to master the art of driving a snowmobile. During the safari we stop for a break to enjoy lunch and the silence of the wilderness, a great time to take some photographs. Safari takes around 3 hours.

In the afternoon it is great to warm up in the Sauna and outside hot-tub for couple of hours before the dinner. Dinner is served either in the relax area in the sauna or in the restaurant.



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DAY 5. After breakfast we will drive to Helenés Sled dogs, meet the dogs, have a one-hour husky ride in the beautiful forest and the lake ice. After the ride we can warm up by the fire in a hut and enjoy salmon soup and coffee cooked on the fire. Helene will tell you about the dogs, their nature and their training program. Total duration of the activity with transfers is 5 hours.

Dinner in the restaurant in the evening.

DAY 6. Optional activities

Sauna Spa with Johannah is a wellness activity. After Spa you can continue enjoying the sauna and have dinner in the Sauna restaurant.

DAY 7. Ice fishing activity starts at 10 from Kukkolaforsen yard with a sleigh ride pulled by a snowmobile. Torne River is the biggest free-flowing river in Europe. As all the big rivers in the old times they have been providing much of every day food to people living in the surrounding area. During the program, you will get to see two methods of fishing. First you get to go ice fishing. A guide will teach you how to drill a hole in the ice and prepare the ice-fishing rod and baits. Then it's time to test your skills. It is usually done during the hours of day light because it's the warmest time of the day. In theory, this is when fish can see well and search for food. On the way back you will see how burbot are caught. Duration 2 hours.

After ice fishing we head to lunch that is grilling White Fish in the Timber Smoke Hut. Kukkola village is known for the way of grilling their whitefish. The fish is first put on a stick and then grilled on an open fire. The Timber Smoke Hut, one of the oldest buildings in the Kukkola cultural village, is from 1700s. During the grilling of the fish, you get to hear about the methods of preparing fish as well as the fishing culture in Kukkola. We also serve 'tunnbröd' (Swedish hard bread) and glögg with the fish. If whitefish is not available, grilling will be done with salmon.

Free time in the afternoon and dinner in the restaurant.

DAY 8. All good things come to an end and it is time to say goodbye! Transfer to the airport.



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Accommodation

Activities

Outdoor clothing

Full board

Sauna available every day

This is an example itinerary with starting day on Saturday, the day for the activities will be checked to every reservation.

**Welcome to Kukkolaforseen and to
Tornio valley!**

