



HELSINKI & LAPLAND

COMBINE THE HAPPIEST CAPITAL OF THE
WORLD WITH UNFORGETTABLE ARCTIC
ADVENTURES IN FINNISH LAPLAND



HELSINKI, FINLAND

Helsinki, the white capital of Finland, surrounded by the Baltic Sea, is the perfect destination to experience something new. The city provides both nature and urban life. Helsinki offers plenty of things to do and visit: museums, galleries, boutiques, cafés and restaurants... not to forget all the activity possibilities in the nearby regions.

One of the safest and cleanest cities in the world is also compact and easy to navigate. The city center has all the services within walking distance.

Visit the market square and Old Market Hall for tasty culinary experiences, get to know world-famous Finnish design visiting the design district and design museum, learn about the country's interesting history locating between Russia and Sweden or just stroll in the streets enjoying the city's laid-back, urban atmosphere.

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ROVANIEMI, LAPLAND

Rovaniemi, located in the heart of Lapland, offers a magical experience for visitors seeking the quintessential Lapland winter wonderland. With breathtaking snowy landscapes, enchanting activities, and festive atmosphere, Rovaniemi is a destination that truly embodies the spirit of winter.

One of the highlights of Rovaniemi is its close association with Santa Claus, making it a dream destination for families and children alike. The Santa Claus Village, located on the Arctic Circle, is a charming and whimsical place where you can meet Santa Claus himself, explore his workshop, and even cross the Arctic Circle line. The village is beautifully adorned with snow and twinkling lights, creating a fairy-tale atmosphere that brings the magic of Christmas to life.

Rovaniemi is also known for its thrilling winter adventures. Husky and reindeer sleigh rides are popular activities, allowing you to traverse the snowy landscapes and immerse yourself in the local Sami culture. Snowmobile safaris offer an exhilarating way to explore the pristine wilderness of Lapland, with guided tours taking you through snowy forests and frozen lakes. You can also try your hand at ice fishing, snowshoeing, or even embark on a thrilling Northern Lights safari, chasing the awe-inspiring auroras that dance across the night sky.



DAY 1: ARRIVAL IN HELSINKI

Arrival to Helsinki airport. Meet your local guide at the airport and short 30 min. transfer to Helsinki city centre.

We start with a delicious **lunch** at a Finnish restaurant that serves authentic Finnish cuisine in a friendly atmosphere, right next to Senate Square in the heart of Helsinki. The interior of the restaurant and its dishes are inspired by Finnish forests and thousands of lakes and the cuisine cherishes Finnish culinary tradition and uses only Finnish ingredients from pristine forests and lakes and from carefully selected small suppliers.

After lunch we get to know the city with **Helsinki highlights tour**. Helsinki is a small city and all sights are within a walking distance. During the tour you get to know Helsinki's iconic landmarks, including Senate Square, Helsinki Cathedral, and Market Square.

After city tour, check in hotel and time to fresh up before welcome dinner at one of the top-rated restaurants.







DAY 2: OUTDOOR ACTIVITIES & LUNCH IN FOREST HUT

Nuuksio National Park is located just a short drive from Helsinki. Nuuksio is a natural haven offering a diverse range of outdoor activities and stunning landscapes. It is characterized by its dense forests, numerous lakes, ponds, and rugged cliffs. Whether you're seeking adventure through easy hiking, snowshoeing, fatbiking, ice-fishing or simply looking to relax and enjoy the natural beauty, Nuuksio provides a perfect setting. In Nuuksio guests can enjoy the variety of landscapes formed by the Ice Age.

After chosen **outdoor activity/activities**, **lunch is served in the forest, in a heated wooden hut**. Here you can enjoy private and peaceful atmosphere far away from the busy city lights and enjoy tasty dishes that the chef will prepare especially for you. Lanterns and candles give gentle light in addition to open fire while lunch is served to the tables.

After lunch, transfer (50 min) back to Helsinki and leisure time.

In the evening, a traditional Finnish dinner in Helsinki, featuring authentic dishes crafted from the finest local ingredients — a true taste of Finland's culinary heritage.



DAY 3: ICE-FLOATING IN THE BALTIC SEA

Experience floating in the Baltic Sea in cold water without the shock and discomfort of getting really cold. A special survival suit will float you and keep you warm, dry, and safe. Learn about ice swimming, at-sea rescues, and the dangers of hypothermia from your guide, then relax and have fun swimming and floating with your friends. This is a rare and exhilarating experience, offering a mix of adventure and safety.

You can come as you are in normal seasonal clothing to a on-shore location agreed. We provide you with everything you need for the float.

Duration: ca 1,5 h



DAY 3: LUNCH & SAUNA EXPERIENCE

Restaurant Uunisaari is located on a small island just off central Helsinki. Open year-round for private events, it offers seasonal Nordic dishes with international flair.

The island features two private shoreline saunas (12 + 20 pax) and a possibility try ice-swimming in Baltic Sea. Sauna is a deeply rooted Finnish tradition, now recognized by UNESCO as part of the country's cultural heritage. A cozy wooden KOTA hut is available for post-sauna drinks and snacks.

After the sauna experience, a short walk across the pedestrian bridge takes you back to the mainland for your transfer and a leisurely afternoon.





OPTION FOR SAUNA - TOUR WITH PRIVATE PUB TRAM (IF GROUP SIZE IS MAX 30 PAX)

The private Pub Tram offers a unique and sustainable way to explore Helsinki. This vintage 1950s red tram, transformed into a cozy moving pub, takes you past city highlights like the Cathedral, Market Square, Kallio, and Töölö.

Enjoy local drinks onboard while a professional guide shares stories about Helsinki's history and culture. The tour lasts up to 1.5 hours and can be tailored to the group's preferences – a fun and relaxed way to see the city.



DAY 4- HELSINKI -ROVANIEMI

After breakfast it is time to say goodbye to Helsinki and catch a flight to Rovaniemi.

Your adventure begins at Rovaniemi Airport, where your guide will assist you in changing into thermal clothing. Dressed up in your warm safari clothing, you'll hop onto a reindeer sleigh—the most traditional mode of transport in Lapland. Glide through snow-covered forests to a local reindeer farm, home to semi-wild reindeer trained for sledding and races.

At the Reindeer farm, you'll experience a magical Lappish ceremony marking your crossing into this legendary land, complete with a certificate. Lunch is also served at the farm. Afterwards, a coach will take you to your hotel, completing this unforgettable introduction to Lapland.



DAY 4: DINNER AT LOG RESTAURANT (PRIVATE VENUE)

Transfer for dinner at privat, luxurious log chalet, built in 1967. Originally a retreat for Finland's former president Urho Kekkonen, it hosted notable leaders like U.S. President Lyndon B. Johnson and Swedish King Carl XVI Gustaf for discreet negotiations and relaxation in Lapland's pristine wilderness.

Includes: 3-course dinner with coffee/tea and tap water
Venue in private use 3h

Duration: 3 hours

SAMPLE MENU

Antipasto Lapponia; forest mushroom salad on rye button, cold smoked beef, cheese with flavour of smoke, dark bread, pea soup in a cup
§ Glow-fried Arctic Ocean Salmon, lemon-sour cream sauce and Lappish potatoes

Supplementary: upon arrival, it's time to lean back and relax. The saunas – a traditional Finnish Log Sauna (heated up with wood) as well as an electric Sauna – are heated up to soften your muscles, and for those who want, you got the possibility to try some ice swimming and dip yourself in the icy water.



DAY 5: SNOWMOBILE SAFARI AND ICE FISHING WITH OUTDOOR LUNCH

After breakfast, you will proceed to the snowmobiles to receive thorough basic instructions on how to handle the vehicle. The learning process begins as you become accustomed to the vehicle. The snowmobile route crosses various terrains and the guide will lead you to the place where we will start to try the truly Finnish winter activity - ice fishing. During this trip you will also enjoy delicious lunch.

Driving is easy: All snowmobiles have automatic gear shifts, almost all you have to do is accelerate and brake. Two persons will be sharing one snowmobile, taking turns in driving.

This snowmobile adventure offers fantastic opportunity to learn how to master the art of driving a snowmobile, and shows some of the most beautiful nature along the way.

Duration: 5-6 hours



DAY 5: VISIT ARCTIC SNOW HOTEL & DINNER AT ICE RESTAURANT

Later in the evening you will be taken by bus to the Snow Restaurant, part of the Arctic SnowHotel. Snow Restaurant offers a unique dining experience set entirely within walls of snow and ice.

Each winter, this enchanting restaurant is rebuilt and reimagined, featuring intricate ice sculptures and ambient lighting that creates a magical, otherworldly atmosphere. After guided tour in the beautiful surroundings, it is time for a delicious 3-course dinner. Guests enjoy a menu inspired by traditional Lappish flavors, served on ice tables in a cozy yet frosty setting. The inside temperature remains between -2 and -5 Celsius and is a comfortable and memorable experience when dressed in thermal clothing.

Dining at the Snow Restaurant is an unforgettable experience, combining the beauty of Arctic craftsmanship with the rich flavors of northern Finnish cuisine.



DAY 6: ARCTIC MOTORSPORT CHALLENGE 3-4 H

During this Motorsport Experience you'll get a taste of several motorsport activities. Great fun and terrifically animated moments are guaranteed! The group will be divided into smaller teams and everyone will get to try each activity during the day.

Rally Driving

It's racing time! A specially equipped rally car and snowy special stage guarantees that you'll have an unforgettable experience. The rally sprint consists of 2 practice laps and a 1 lap race against the clock.

Funny Cars

Funny Cars are specially designed for counterintuitive performance. When you turn the steering wheel to the right, the car goes to the left and vice versa. It seems easy, but try it out yourself! It is much trickier than you think but we guarantee that you will end your ride laughing. This task requires good teamwork!

Cross car

On an icy and snowy track you'll have an opportunity to test how a 4WD Cross Car functions in winter conditions. How does it feel to handle this specially made vehicle between snowbanks, skidding around corners?

ATV Ride

On the ATV track you can try out your skills at handling this all terrain vehicle in winter conditions.

Pit Stop Challenge

In a rally competition, you may face technical problems like a broken tire. Now your mission will be to change the tire, hop in the driver's seat and fasten the 5-point harness as quickly as possible. The clock will be ticking!

In the end of the day prizes will be awarded to the fastest drivers. Lunch in a traditional Lappish restaurant.



DAY 6: OPTIONAL VISIT SANTA CLAUS VILLAGE

After lunch you can visit the Santa Claus village, where you will have chance to meet Santa in person! You can tour with our guide or have free time to discover the village by yourself. Lunch is served at restaurant Santamus, in a magical setting inspired by Lapland's natural beauty.

You can send your post cards from the official Santa's post and do some handicraft shopping. Our guide will help you with information about the area and some nice shopping tips! During your visit you will also cross the Arctic Circle and everyone will receive a diploma for this crossing as memory!

Santa Claus Village is home to approximately 50 draws in the form of activity companies, shops, restaurants and cafés. Husky and reindeer rides, snowmobile tours, design items and souvenirs, ice and snow constructions, an igloo hotel and holiday village accommodation can be found there.

Later in the day transfer back to your hotel and leisure time.



DAY 6: NORTHERN LIGHTS HUNTING

Lapland is one of the best places to spot the beautiful Northern Lights.

You will be taken by bus out of the city in the nice spot. Once on the place, our guide prepares the fire, Clients can look at the sky and enjoy the silence of the surroundings.

The guide will make some hot juice and we will grill sausages. Some snowshoes will be on the spot and everyone can try them for a funny walk around ! We will share some nice moment around the fire, with some stories about Lapland. If the sky is bright we can have chance to observe the Aurora. If we don't have chance to see aurora, we will anyway share a nice evening by the fire and learn more about the Lappish culture.



DAY 7: VISIT HUSKY FARM AND SLEIGH RIDE

After breakfast departure by bus to local Husky farm, where the friendly barks of the huskies will welcome you. You will enjoy lunch at the farm, and then you will meet the huskies, play with them, but also learn more about these beautiful dogs.

After an introduction of huskies and how the sledge riding will happen you participate to the exciting self-driving adventure and lead your own dog team. You can experience the life of being a musher in pairs: one sitting on sled and one being the musher, taking turns in driving. The husky ride is about 5-6 km long.

Return to hotel by bus. Afternoon is leisure or, if you want, you can try activities like e-fatbiking and snow-shoeing in snowy forest or ice-karting.



OPTIONAL ACTIVITIES

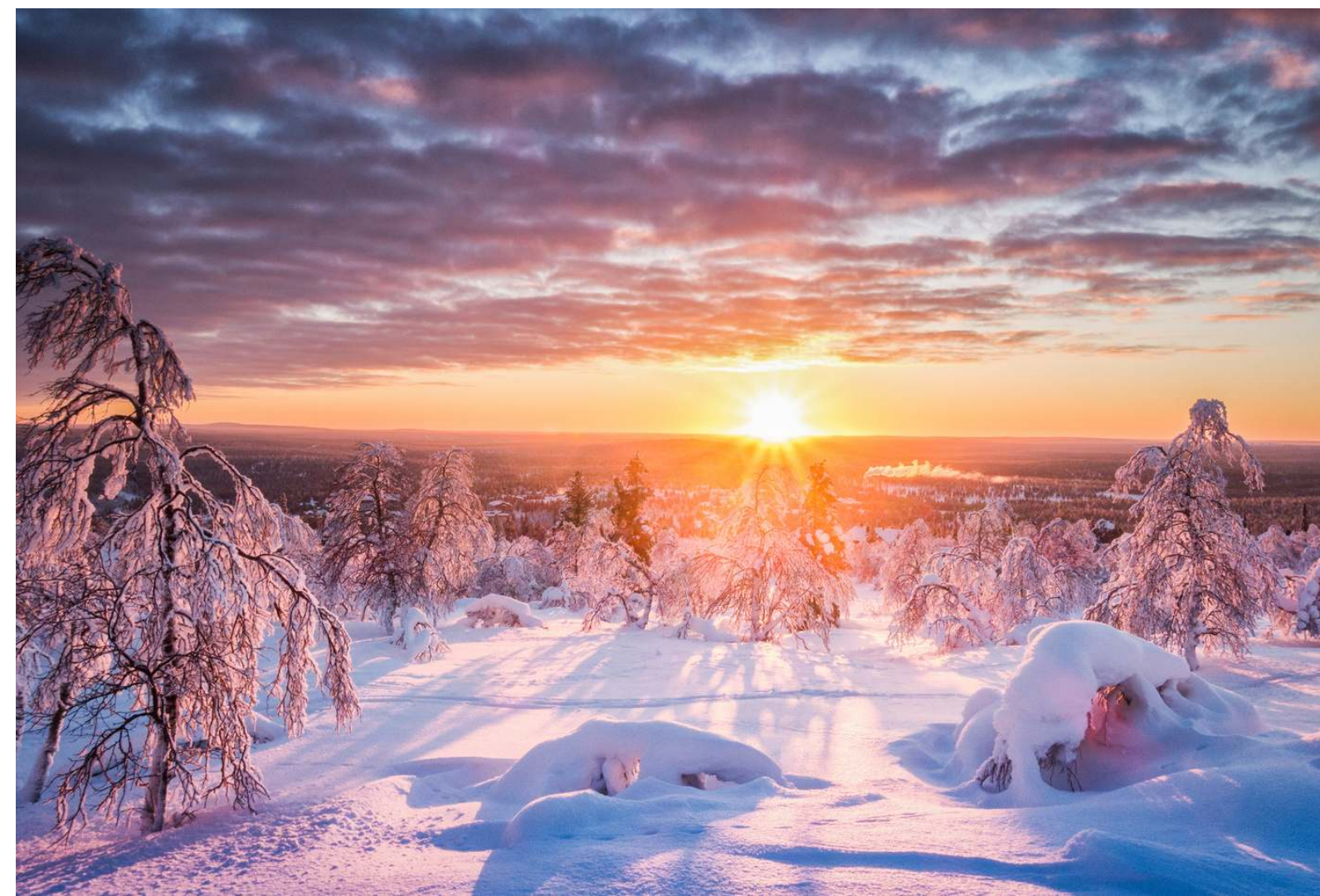
In addition to the activities mentioned earlier, there are plenty of other opportunities to enjoy winter fun and make the most of your time, should you wish to modify or expand your program.



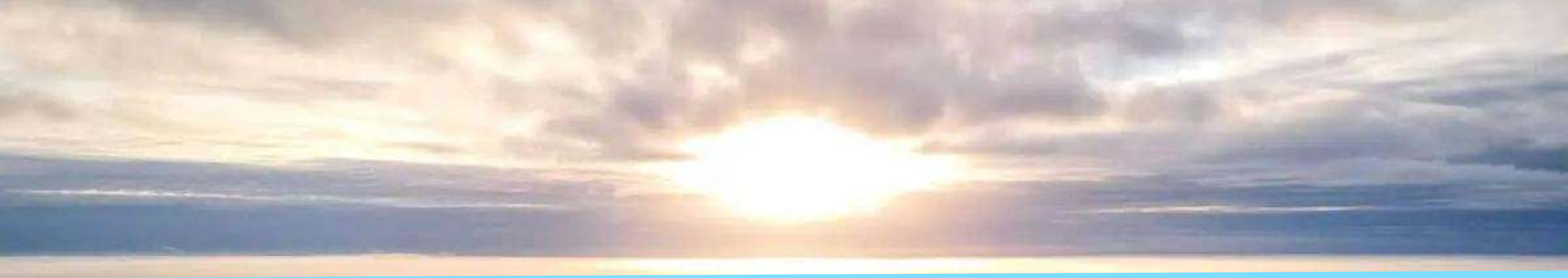
DAY 8: HOMETRIP

After breakfast and checking out the hotel, it is time to head to the Rovaniemi Airport to catch the flights back home.

We are sure that Lapland will leave you with forever memories and wish to see you again soon!

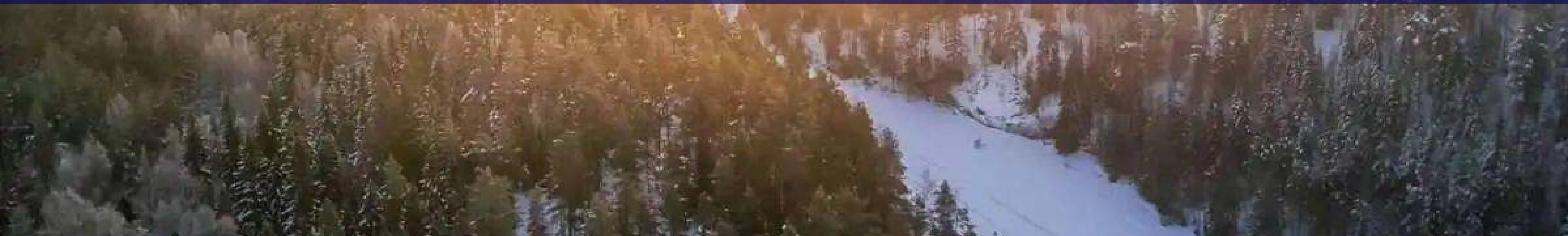




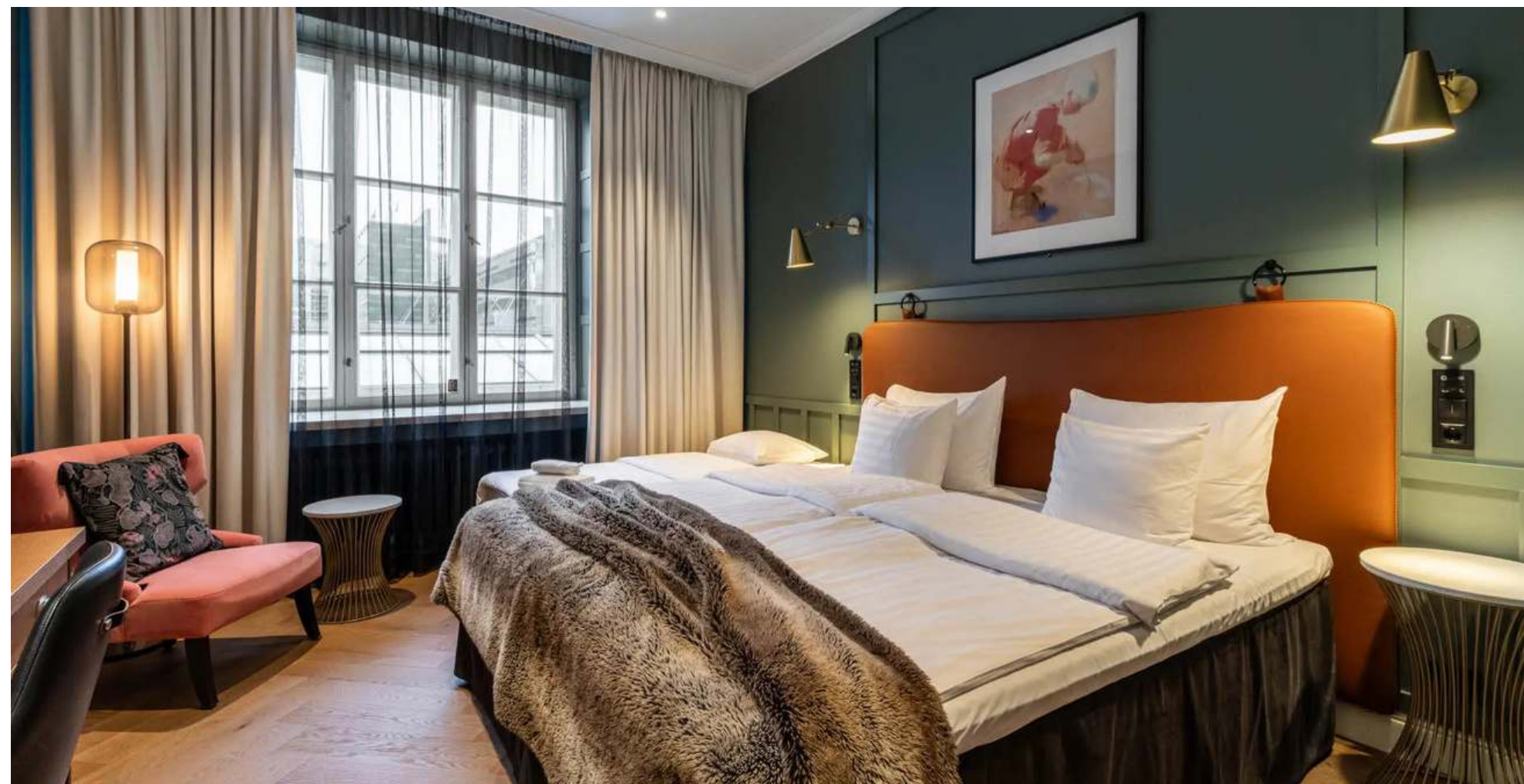


ACCOMMODATION

HELSINKI OFFERS A WIDE SELECTION OF HIGH-QUALITY HOTELS. IN LAPLAND YOU MIGHT WANT TO
CHOOSE THE UNIQUE OPPORTUNITY TO STAY IN A GLASS-ROOFED ACCOMMODATION
— PERFECT FOR EXPERIENCING THE MESMERIZING NORTHERN LIGHTS RIGHT FROM YOUR ROOM!



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WHY CHOOSE ELÄMYS DMC

1. Local Expertise with a Personal Touch: Elämys DMC is rooted in Finland, offering deep local knowledge and personalized, tailor-made experiences. Our team understands Finland's culture, landscapes, and logistics, ensuring authentic and unique travel experiences. We design custom travel experiences that showcase Finland's natural beauty, culture and traditions.

2. Specialization in Incentive and Corporate Travel

3. Extensive Network of Trusted Partners: We've built strong relationships with a wide range of suppliers, allowing us to select the best services without being restricted to specific hotels or providers, ensuring flexibility and quality.

4. Part of the Elämys Group: As part of one of Finland's largest tour operators, Elämys DMC has the capacity and resources to handle events of any size, ensuring reliability and scalability.

5. Sustainability as a Core Value: We are committed to sustainable and responsible tourism.

A log cabin in a snowy forest at night with the Northern Lights in the background. The cabin is made of dark logs and has a white door. There is a pile of firewood next to it. The background is a dark forest with snow-covered trees and a bright, colorful aurora borealis in the sky.



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