



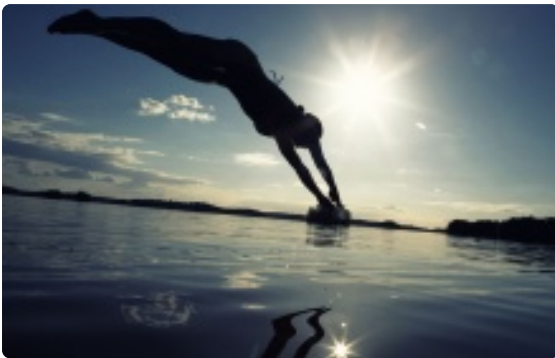
Norwide Finland

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CROSSING NORTHERN FINLAND

ITINERARY

Day 1 Welcome to Finland



Collect your rental car from Kaajani airport, its a scenic drive to Kuhmo where your accommodation is.

Accommodation: Hotel

Transport: 60 miles (100km)

Day 2 Kuhmo



The next two days of this itinerary are dedicated to exploring the area and you will have the opportunity to try local activities such as hiking, canoeing, cultural or natural visits... There is a nearby spa you have access to where you can relax and enjoy the sauna or jacuzzi.

Accommodation: Hotel

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Accommodation: Hotel

📍 Day 4 **Kuhmo / Oulanka**



Today, we recommend driving northwards. On route you will see Ruka, a famous ski station known for its ski jumping. The road continues to Oulanka National Park which is known for its canyon, rivers and suspension bridges. There are fantastic hiking trails here which cover the whole park named the Karrunkierros or the bear trek. You will stay in this area for a few days.

Accommodation: Hostel

Transport: 140 miles (230km)

📍 Day 5 **Oulanka**



Explore this paradise of rivers, canyons and suspension bridges; go hiking, rafting and climbing!

Accommodation: Hostel

📍 Day 6 **Oulanka**



There are lots of activities to try in Oulanka park and its surrounding area... There are rapids with grades 1-4 (beginner to expert) so everyone can try rafting, canoeing or kayaking.

Accommodation: Hostel

📍 Day 7 **Oulanka / Sodankylä**



If you continue your journey northwards, you can cross the Arctic circle. The hilly region of Sodankylä is beautiful, the altitude does not exceed 400 metres except Mount Luosto, a protected area located in Pyhä-Luosto National Park.

Accommodation: Cabin

Transport: 200 miles (330 km)

📍 Day 8 **Sodankylä**



Sodankylä is a peaceful place where you can enjoy different activities like hiking, fishing and mountain biking or bird watching and canoeing.

Accommodation: Cabin

📍 Day 9 **Sodankylä / Inari**



Last step northwards to the even hillier region of Inari where some summits exceed 700 metres. On the way we recommend visiting the dynamic village of Saariselka and Urho Kekkonen National Park where you can find lots of Arctic Nature.

Accommodation: Cabin

Transport: 120 miles (200 km)

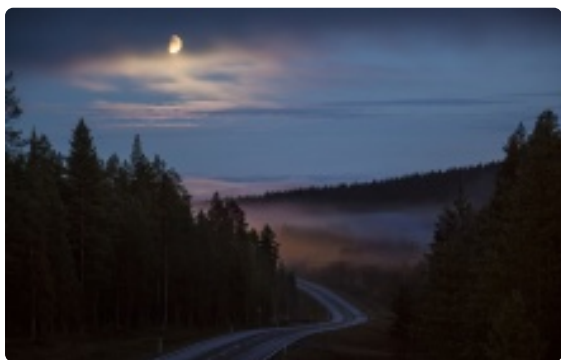
📍 Day 10 **Inari**



Inari is the largest municipality in Finland and there are lots of things to do in this remote region... why not visit a Lappish reindeer breeding farm or cruise on Inari lake, the largest lake in Finland and visit the Lappish sacred island, the Mecca of shamanism? Cultural and pastoral exchanges are waiting for you... We recommend visiting the Siida museum which traces the traditional life and the northern Sami culture.

Accommodation: Cabin

📍 Day 11 **Inari / Ivalo / Paris**



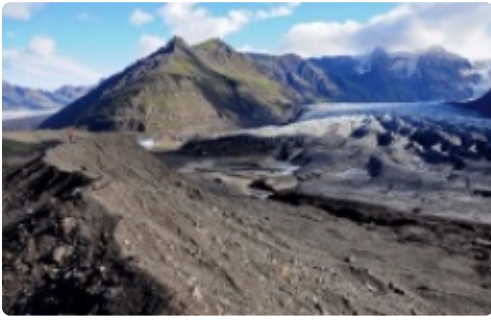
Drive to Ivalo airport to return your car and catch your flight

Transport: 25 miles (40 km)

This itinerary, including walking distances and times, is indicative and fully flexible.

Other trips you may like

Finnish Family Getaway: Try your hand at Finnish bushcraft skills, learn traditional fishing techniques and uncover the fascinating history of the National Park- a real adventure designed to bring the whole family together...



A Fairytale South Coast Adventure: This self-drive trip explore the highlights of Southern Iceland. You can go hiking in Skaftafell National Park and explore the largest glacier in Europe; visit the stunning glacier lagoon of Jokulsarlon and stroll along iconic black sand beaches looking for puffins...

PERIOD & BUDGET

When to travel?

The best period for travelling is during the following months:

Jan

Feb

Mar

Apr

May

Jun

Jul

Aug

Sep

Oct

Nov

Dec

Price

Two people: from €1220

The budget is an indication of the price per person, subject to availability. Your local agent will send you a customized quote with the exact price. The price can vary according to availability, level of services, period of travel, number of participants, booking time frame and other items.

Included

- Comfortable accommodation: a range of options including hotels, hostels and B&Bs
- Breakfasts
- Car hire with CDW insurance and unlimited mileage
- Our detailed guide to the regions specified in the itinerary

Not included

- Flights
- Lunches and dinners

Additional Options

- Reindeer farm visit €30-€40

- Museum visits: from €9
- Various optional activities to be confirmed at time of booking

Notes

Comfort: 4/5 Comfortable

Well-equipped accommodation options like basic hotels or charming guesthouses are rated 4/5 for comfort. Please note that depending on the destination this does not necessarily guarantee private bathroom and kitchen facilities. This trip uses various accommodation options including hotels, cabins and hostels.

Level: 2/5 Moderate

This is your adventure, you can choose how strenuous or how relaxing each day is. Please note that our difficulty ratings may vary depending on the weather. You should have a sense of adventure and a positive attitude.

A valid drivers license is needed to hire and drive a car.

International flights

Not included

Insurance

Car hire: Collision Damage Waiver (CDW) insurance is included in our prices.

Additional Options & Accessories:

- An additional driver
- Super Collision Damage Waiver Insurance (SCDW)
- Sand and Ash Damage Waiver Insurance (SADW)
- Gravel Protection Insurance (GP)
- The GP, SADW & SCDW insurance package
- 4G Wifi
- A child car seat, various sizes and options available:
- A booster seat, compulsory for children up to 150cm

It is good to know that normally, CDW & SCDW insurance does not cover damage to tyres, windshields, headlight optics or the vehicle's underbody. Similarly, any damage, including damage to the engine, from gravel or excessive speed is not covered by this insurance. Any damage caused to the vehicle from driving in places where passage is forbidden will not be covered by insurance. Optional accessories like car seats or 4G should be reserved in advance. Please contact us if you have any questions or require more information.

Travel insurance: Not included

PRACTICAL INFO

Staff

Armed with an abundance of experience and a wealth of knowledge our professional team know Finland inside out. We are here to ensure you have the best possible trip so ask us anything, we love sharing our local knowledge! Please be aware that this is a non-guided, self-drive trip.

Food

Food is not included, you will be able to purchase food at our hotel restaurant, local stores and other cafes... Our detailed guide which accompanies this trip includes lots of recommendations. Breakfasts are included with most accommodation options.

Accommodation

This trip includes hotel, hostel and cabin accommodation options. Bedding and towels are provided but we recommend bringing a small extra towel to use in the saunas. You will have access to a kitchen.

Transportation

This trip includes car hire.

Budget & exchange

The currency in Finland is the euro. Please budget for the following:

- Food, personal expenses and drinks
- Any additional activities/supplements
- Petrol

Material

We prefer that you do not wear any cotton clothing, including underwear, when participating in activities. When cotton gets wet from water or sweat it ceases to insulate and it does not dry fast. The best materials for outdoor activities are fast drying materials like polyester or materials which are warm when wet like wool. The most powerful materials against the wind and rain are 'breathable' materials like Gore-Tex or Nikwax.

Our advice for keeping warm

Winter in Finland can be very cold, please think carefully about what clothes you bring, although we will provide warm outer layers, the layers you wear next to your skin make the biggest difference. We recommend:

- No cotton
- Bring dry spares of everything, including underwear and gloves

- Wear multiple layers including:
 1. A warm breathable base layer
 2. A second thermal layer
 3. Wind and waterproof protective out layer (we provide a quality jacket and over trousers for activities)

Helpful equipment

We recommend packing:

- Sturdy hiking boots
- Sunglasses and suncream
- Swim stuff for saunas and water activities
- A wind/waterproof jacket with hood

You may also consider packing:

- A camera (and suitable protective case)
- Wetwipes
- Blister plasters
- Plastic bags for wet/dirty clothing

Luggage

You may bring a hold bag (up to 20kg) as well as a cabin bag.

For you hold luggage please bring a soft bag like a ruckack rather than a hard cased suitcase because it is more practical. We also recommend that you pack your clothes in plastic bags inside your rucksack so that they stay dry in the event of bad weather.

Do not forget to bring a small rucksack to use as a day bag (25/30L). You can bring this as hand luggage on the plane. You will carry your lunch, water, spare layers and any personal medication with you each day in this bag.

Passport

You will need a passport that is valid for at least three months after your return date.

Visa

UK passport holders do not require a VISA to visit Finland which part of the Schengen cooperation.

The [Ministry for Foreign Affairs of Finland](#) lists the accepted travel documents and visa requirements for every country.

Mandatory vaccines

There are no specific health risks

Weather

Between early June and early August, temperatures reach +20°C (+68°F) in the day and sometimes even +30°C (+86°F) (37°C (98.6°F) in Joensuu in July 2010!).

The summer is relatively warm but also very bright - Finland enjoys long sunny days. In the far north, the sun does not set from mid-May to the end of July. In the center and the south, the summer sun shines for 18 to 20 hours.

The temperature of the lake water is between 18 - 24°C, the waters are shallow and warm up quickly with the long sunny days and the good Finnish summer temperatures. The midnight sun is visible in summer in Lapland and in the regions above the Arctic Circle.

Electricity

Finland uses the standard Europlug socket with two round prongs (50Hz/230 volts)

Local time

Finland uses Greenwich Mean Time (GMT)+2 and observes Daylight Saving Time making it GMT+3 during the summer months

Topography

Area:+130502 square miles (+338,000 km²) which consists of around 10% water, 69% forest and only 8% cultivated land

Size: It is the seventh largest country in Europe,+720 miles (1160km) North to South and +335 miles (540km) East to West

Borders: Sweden, Norway, Russia and the coast

There are said to be 187888 lakes here in Finland and 179584 islands including a concentration of islands off the South West coast which forms the largest archipelago in Europe.

Sustainable tourism

As adventure and wilderness travel experts who run trips to some of the most remote parts of the world, we take responsible tourism very seriously.

Here in Finland we work in partnership with Metsähallitus to protect Finnish waters and forests - an exclusive agreement which enables us to use the roads of Hossa National Park. Our kennel is cleaned daily and subject to regular veterinary and we work with MyClimate to offset all carbon emissions produced by snowmobiling activities and transfers.

We respect the 'Leave No Trace' outdoor ethical code and try to explore this beautiful location whilst causing minimal environmental damage.

The Leave No Trace policy can be summarized in 7 simple steps which we hope you will follow during our trip...

1. Be prepared
2. Stick to trails and camp overnight right
3. Stash your trash and pick up waste
4. Leave it as you find it
5. Be careful with fire
6. Respect wildlife
7. Be considerate of other visitors

Over the years we have built up good relations with our local suppliers and we are keen to support local businesses as much as possible. We are a small company and we pay our local partners and suppliers directly insuring fair rates. Our small group sizes not only provide a more intimate adventure but also cause less impact on the environment and local communities.

We expect all who travel with us to support and uphold our Sustainable Tourism philosophies.