

Lapland

Snow Adventures above the Arctic Circle

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Untouched, peaceful, and like nowhere else on earth

There's a reason everyone talks about Lapland as a magical place of unparalleled beauty, and that's because it's true. The snow starts in November, and from December to January there are long dark nights, floodlit slopes, and the best chance of seeing the Northern Lights.

You can even stay in our aurora cabins in Saariselkä or Levi to sleep under the stars for the best view. From mid-January to late February, the sun only just comes above the horizon so the whole place has a rose-gold glow like an endless sunset. The winter activities put you in touch with nature too, including reindeer safaris and husky rides.

We've not even mentioned 'the S word' yet – that's right, bring your kids to meet Santa and they'll believe he's real until they leave university.

Read on to discover all about our excursions, igloo overnights, skiing, meeting Santa and lots more!

Call of the wild

The huskies are impatient and ready to go. As soon as they are harnessed to their sleds, the sound of excited barking fills the air. The low winter sun throws shafts of golden light through the trees in a magical way, and it is easy to imagine the great journeys of the past, when husky-drawn sleds were the only means of exploring vast distances above the Arctic Circle.

After some essential instruction, you meet your team of huskies. Once on your sled, the dogs are released and suddenly you are off and away, in line along the trails, speeding through the wilderness and weaving through deep forest as the sun winks between the trees.

The huskies are in their element as the sled glides across the pristine snow. Steering from your stance on the sled's runners requires some concentration, but you cannot fail to be mesmerised by the scenery and feel at one with the natural landscape all around you.

The snow sparkles, trees seemingly frozen in time are transformed into eerie 'snow ghosts', and the soft pale light changes with every glance.

Some of our husky partners have more than 100 dogs - usually a mix of the traditional Siberian husky and the high endurance Alaskan huskies which are the best for racing. The dog handlers know every dog's name and character, and some have competed in top international races such as the Finnmarksløpet, the longest dog-sled race in Europe, covering 1,000 challenging kilometres around Norway's North Cape.

Our husky safaris in contrast, have been tailor-made to suit all ages, experience and fitness levels, and in addition to our popular shorter safaris, we also offer longer half-day trips and an evening safari to search for the Northern Lights.

Whatever your choice, the sheer exhilaration of mushing through Lapland's mystical wilderness will remain a lifetime memory.

Lapland Fact File

All huskies are born with ice-blue eyes, but these can change to brown within weeks of birth. The even more distinctive look of one brown and one blue eye is also not uncommon amongst pure Siberian huskies.

Want to know more? Visit inghams.co.uk/laplandfacts

Create Lapland Memories

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Wilderness Riders

The vast, untouched expanse of snow ahead seemed endless, and it was immensely tempting to twist the throttle just that little bit further, to hear the engine's deep and throaty roar.

It was late January, with the sun low on the horizon, giving a pinky golden tinge to the snow-laden trees, contrasting with a pale blue light in the shadows. The scenery changed constantly, from deep pine forest where the trail weaved though snowsculptured trees, across fells and moorland, to the wide open expanses of frozen lakes and rivers.

Our snowmobiling adventure began from the minute we arrived at the starting point. First we were kitted out in some serious winter gear, including complete thermal suits and boots, thick gloves and insulated helmets. There was no question of being cold, and the snowmobiles also have hand warmers and comfortable padded seats.

Then came a thorough safety briefing and driving demonstration. Stable on the snow in any terrain, the snowmobiles are surprisingly easy to drive, and all you need is a valid photographic driving licence and a desire to explore. Following our guide in single file we set off, tentatively at first, becoming steadily more familiar with our snowmobiles as we soon left all civilisation behind and followed a trail into the snowy wilderness. It became easy to imagine the indigenous Sámi nomads crossing this land, originally with their herds of reindeer, but latterly making good use of these amazing machines.

The two-hour trip covering some 25km took us through a varied landscape. Pausing for a break halfway, we cut the engines. The silence immediately flooded over us, feeling even more intense with the sudden contrast to the throb of our motors, and giving a true sense of being in the middle of nowhere.

Starting up again, the exhilaration intensified on the homeward run, and we were left unanimously, feeling that this was an adventure when once was not enough. But how to top this first experience? It may just have to be an evening safari, in search of the magical Northern Lights.



I will never forget my first trip to Lapland, the highlight of which was a morning snowmobile trip across the frozen lake and through wintery woods as the sun was rising. It was so much more beautiful than I had imagined and made me fall in love with this amazing place. I definitely recommend the snowmobile trip!

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Dashing through the Snow

Elegant and majestic, the reindeer epitomises Lapland in winter every bit as much as do the Northern Lights and the magical landscape. There are more 'poro' (Finnish for reindeer) than people here, and all roam freely across the tundra. For the Sámi herdsmen they are the core of their centuries-old traditional way of life, and their influence and importance extends far beyond transporting Santa on Christmas Eve!

To see them for the first time with their soulful white faces, often impressive antlers, and soft, wide hooves that grip on the snow, is quite a sight. But to ride in a reindeer sleigh through the snowy fells and forests feels as if you have entered the secret world of Narnia through a magic wardrobe.

We have a variety of reindeer sleigh ride excursions for you to choose from, with short or longer rides, some fascinating visits to working Sámi farms, and occasionally dropping in at a traditional Lappish 'kota' tepee.

Visiting a local reindeer farm gives you an evocative picture of this traditional Sámi lifestyle, in which reindeer play a central part, with their leather and fur used for clothing and for sleeping on, their meat a mainstay of Lapland's cuisine, and antlers used for knife-handles and carving into jewellery.

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Every year the reindeer are all ear-marked, which is the Sámi way of claiming ownership in a land with no fences, so you will hear about 'suopunkki', which means lassoing - an essential Sámi skill. Reindeer also feature on major ceremonial occasions and you may see some elaborate harnesses, which complement the bright traditional Sámi clothing.

Amongst the many fascinating facts about reindeer is their fondness for mushrooms, which they come across when foraging. There is one variety, akin to the infamous 'magic mushroom', that can turn reindeer into 'hullo poro', which is Finnish for 'crazy reindeer', a story that your Sámi hosts always greatly enjoy telling!

Lapland Fact File

Reindeer can see ultraviolet light. Roaming freely across the fells this ability prevents them from going snow blind and helps to spot potential predators- or food!

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Night Magic

The inky, star-filled skies of Lapland are spectacular in themselves. But when the Northern Lights appear, the darkness is transformed into living waves of colour, with shapes and swirls dancing and spiralling across the sky like a choreographed light show. Often in multiple shades of green, the aurora can also display vivid reds, purples and blues, in a constantly changing heavenly kaleidoscope.

All our destinations in this brochure are located at the optimum latitude, north of the Arctic Circle, in prime locations to see one of the greatest natural wonders of the world.

The best time to see the Northern Lights, or Aurora Borealis, is from November to April, they generally appear between around 7pm and 2am, when the skies are dark and cloudless, and there is little artificial light pollution.

Some hotels will organise wake-up calls if the lights appear, and have the know-how regarding the best spots to see them. In some of the smaller villages, they turn the streetlights off after 10pm, specifically to eliminate local light pollution.

The ultimate experience is to stay in a luxurious thermal igloo, where you will have a cosy, warm, 360-degree view of the Lapland night sky. Or try one of the 'Aurora Cabins' in Saariselkä and Levi which have a heated glass roof window (see overleaf), take a Northern Lights husky excursion in Levi, or join one of our snowshoe walks or snowmobile safaris.

Witnessing the Northern Lights for the first time is a magical experience - you cannot fail to be impressed by arguably the greatest natural show on earth.





Scientists attribute the phenomenon of the Northern Lights to the collision of particles of charged solar energy with atoms in the high altitude atmosphere. The more romantic explanation from the indigenous Sámi people is that the lights represent the souls of their departed ancestors flying across the heavens.

CHLOE - PRODUCT EXECUTIVE

The Greatest Show on Earth - Which Resort?

Saariselkä

Our northernmost resort, join us for a memorable Northern Lights Wilderness Dinner in a traditional 'kota', complete with intriguing stories of aurora science and folklore, or spend the night in an Aurora Cabin at nearby Northern Lights Village.

Ylläs

A favourite with fans of the Northern Lights, as the resort turns all its street lights off after 10pm, to ensure the best possible aurora viewing conditions. Or take an evening snowmobile safari or horse sleigh ride.

Levi

There are so many ways here to enjoy the Northern Lights – take an evening husky safari or horsedrawn sleigh ride, head into the winter landscape with snowshoes or by snowmobile, or spend the night in one of Levi's own thermal glass igloos.

A Night to Remember

The experience of a night spent under the Northern Lights is the icing on the cake for many guests. Hunting the Northern Lights is a prominent feature on many people's bucket list and we recommend a venture out of town to the more remote areas with less light pollution to increase your chances.

'Uniquely Lapland' overnight stays in a Glass Igloo or Aurora Cabin are undoubtedly worth opening up the bucket list fund.

Time and again over recent winters, guests have told us this was the 'highlight of their holiday' and even if by chance the Northern Lights don't appear, watching the evening light change colours and then going to sleep beneath the stars is nonetheless a magical experience.

High quality Aurora Cabins, have large north-facing heated glass roof windows, which allow you to relax in the warmth and comfort of your bed whilst gazing up to the sky. The heated windows ensure that any snowfall is melted away quickly to clear your view of the sky. Glass igloos have been a feature in Lapland for some time now. Combining the 360-degree outlook to the night skies that you would have outdoors, with the warmth and comfort you certainly wouldn't experience if you stayed out too long in the Arctic Circle, was simply a stroke of genius.

A Glass Igloo or Aurora Cabin excursion is a must on your Lapland holiday. Imagine falling asleep under the stars, with the Northern Lights dancing on the horizon. And when you wake, the low winter sun fills the morning sky with a deep blue light.

What's Included:

Booking the overnight stay from your resort is easy and includes the following:

- Transfers to and from your hotel
- Overnight stay in a thermal Glass Igloo or Aurora Cabin based near your resort
- Breakfast (some include dinner or can be upgraded)

For more info visit our website or call one of our team





Seeing the Northern Lights for the first time was an amazing experience. It was like witnessing our own spectacular light show with a smooth humming sound from the air in the background. It started with a smudge of yellow swirls manifesting into bright green and orange rods dancing through the dark blue ink sky.

MANDY - HEAD OF CREATIVE



Find out more about our Glass Igloo or Aurora Cabins. inghams.co.uk/laplandigloos

Muotka Wilderness Lodge

Northern Lights Adventure Weeks

Muotka Wilderness Lodge is a lovingly renovated family-run property set in a secluded snow-laden winter wonderland, 15km from Saariselkä village. Its idyllic location, on the edge of the pristine Urho-Kekkonen National Park, guarantees minimal light pollution and therefore an increased potential for seeing the Northern Lights, simply by stepping outside the lodge's front door. Guests can be as active as they choose in this totally relaxing, stress-free environment.

We have included a full range of daytime arctic activities, including carefully selected husky, reindeer and snowmobile safaris. Guests can also enjoy these special surroundings by snowshoe or cross-country skis on a network of over 300km of prepared trails. On included evening aurora hunts, expert local guides will take you in search of the Northern Lights by minibus, snowmobile or snowmobile-pulled sled.

The lodge owners, Jouko and Mari, and their very friendly staff, have years of expertise in arranging holidays in locations that are specifically designed to provide guests with the best possible opportunities for witnessing the magical Northern Lights.



Aurora Cabin Overnight

The ultimate experience for many guests is a night in an Aurora Cabin with north-facing glass roof window, perfect for lying in bed and gazing up at the night sky. Inghams guests staying at the Muotka Wilderness Lodge can upgrade their room to an Aurora Cabin for one night of their stay- see online for prices.

Holiday Choice

We offer a choice of two types of 'Northern Lights Adventure Weeks' at Muotka - see opposite.

What's Included

- Inghams Rep telephone service (based in Saariselkä)
- Non-stop flights from Gatwick, Manchester or Bristol to Kittilä or from Gatwick to Ivalo
- Scenic airport coach transfers
- Full board meals at Muotka Lodge
- Half board meals at your hotel in Saariselkä on 2-Centre Holidays
- Aurora Alert until approx. 1am
- Safety briefing and instruction from experienced Muotka safari guides
- Warm thermal clothing and boots
- Third party snowmobile insurance (insurance excess approx €800)
- Free use of snowshoe and cross-country ski equipment for whole stay after taking an included guided trip
- Activities as listed in the itineraries including snowmobile, reindeer and husky safaris, guided snowshoe and cross-country ski trips, evening Aurora Northern Lights hunting excursions







'Muotka 7 Night Adventure' - Spend all 7 nights at Muotka

Sunday : Arrival & Welcome Orientation

Your Inghams Rep will meet you at Kittilä Airport and accompany you on the scenic drive to Muotka, where you will meet your guides and collect your thermal clothing and Aurora Alert. If you are arriving into Ivalo Airport, a transfer will be waiting for you on arrival at the airport and your Rep will contact you that evening.

Monday: Cross-Country, Snowshoe & Evening Aurora Hunt

Today, you will enjoy the silence of the forest - first on a 2 hour cross-country skiing trip which includes instruction and a guided trek, and then after lunch, a 3 hour guided snowshoe trip with facts about the local fauna and flora. You will then have complimentary use of both types of equipment for the rest of your stay. In the evening, go in search of the Northern Lights by car (driven by guide).

Tuesday: Snowmobile Safari to Reindeer Farm & Free Evening

Today, a scenic shared snowmobile safari (15km each way) takes you to a Sámi reindeer farm. Try lassooing, hear about the reindeer herders' way of life and enjoy a short sleigh ride. After dinner back at the Lodge, this evening is free to relax and perhaps enjoy a sauna and fireside chat

Wednesday: Optional Activities & Aurora Hunt

A free day at leisure to relax at the lodge or go snowshoeing or cross-country skiing - the lodge adjoins over 300km of marked trails. In the evening, you'll head out in search of the Northern Lights, driving your own shared snowmobile.

Thursday: Husky Farm Visit & Safari

A memorable husky farm visit, including a thrilling 2 hour safari, sharing the driving of your own two person husky-sled. This evening is free to relax - take a short walk or snowshoe for a view of the night sky

Friday: Optional Activities & Aurora Hunt

A free day at leisure. Practice your cross-country skiing, go out on your snowshoes or just take time to relax. After dinner, you'll visit Muotka's Aurora Camp by snowmobilepulled sled to look for the Northern Lights.

Saturday: Optional Aurora Cabin Overnight

Enjoy another day of winter activities with an optional excursion (pay locally), or enjoy a warming sauna. Then, for your last night, you have the option to upgrade to spend a memorable night in a semi-glass roof Aurora Cabin

Sunday: Scenic transfer & flight home

Depart after breakfast for your flight back to the UK.

As well as the activities listed in both itineraries, Christmas Week (23 Dec) also includes gingerbread baking, tree decorating and a visit from Santa with a small gift for all the children on Christmas Eve. New Year Week (30 Dec) also includes midnight fireworks on New Year's Eve. There are festive dinners on both dates including Lappish specialities





uperior room with sauna

'Muotka 2-Centre Adventure'

4 nights Saariselkä and 3 nights Muotka

Sunday: Arrive at your hotel in Saariselkä

Your Inghams Rep will welcome you at Kittilä Airport. If arriving into Ivalo, a transfer will be waiting for you on arrival. After the scenic drive to Saariselkä, check-in to your choice of either Holiday Club Hotel or Gielas Hotel and collect your thermal clothing.

Monday: Optional Skiing & Welcome Meeting

Guests who have pre-booked an optional Learn To Cross-Country or Downhill Ski package will start lessons this morning. Learning to cross-country ski will also enhance your stay at Muotka later in the week. Of course, other activities are available and your Inghams Rep will provide details of possible options and your holiday schedule at the afternoon welcome meeting.

Tuesday: Optional Skiing & Aurora Snowmobile After a morning of optional skiing or snowshoeing, an exhilarating 25km snowmobile safari is included - choose either afternoon or in the evening searching for the Northern Lights

Wednesday: Sámi Farm & Reindeer Safari Enjoy optional skiing or other activities in the morning,

before a fascinating afternoon visit to a Sámi reindeer farm including a short sleigh ride.

Thursday: Husky Safari, Transfer to Muotka & Optional Aurora Cabin Overnight

After a morning at leisure, you'll take a memorable trip to a husky farm including a 7km safari, before your transfer to Muotka Wilderness Lodge in the early evening (approx. 20 mins). You'll meet the guides on arrival and collect your thermal clothing and Aurora Alert and then after dinner, you have the option to upgrade to spend a memorable night in a semi-glass roof 'Aurora Cabin'

Friday: Snowshoe Safari, Cross-Country Skiing & Evening Aurora Hunt

A guided 3 hour morning snowshoe trek, followed after lunch by a 2-3 hour guided cross-country ski trip with tuition, are included. After dinner, you'll out head out in search of Northern Lights by car (driven by guide).

Saturday: Optional Activities & Aurora Camp by Snowmobile-pulled Sled

Go snowshoeing or cross-country skiing in the morning, enjoy a sauna or join an optional excursion (payable locally). Then for your last night, one last trip out into the wilderness with a visit to the Aurora Camp by snowmobile-pulled sled.

Sunday: Scenic transfer & flight home

Depart after breakfast for your flight back to the UK.

For more information visit inghams.co.uk/laplandmuotka

Cold as Ice

Stay at Lainio SnowHotel and the enchantment is all indoors. The clever, moody lighting of the snow, the ice-sculptures and wall-carvings, and the way the lights glow through the solid ice 'furniture', creates a mystical, other-worldly feel to a stay here.

SERIES

At the same time, Lainio SnowVillage is an astonishing feat of engineering. Every winter, it takes over 27,000 cubic metres of snow, chunks of river-ice up to a metre thick and weighing up to 3 tons, and a team of 50 people working flat out for 350 hours, to create its impressive 4,500 square metres. Beautiful carvings adorn the rooms, courtyards, ice bar and restaurant and Ice Chapel.

Spend the night in one of the individually and beautifully decorated ice suites which can sleep 2-4 guests. Guests staying overnight are provided with high quality arctic thermal sleeping bags and receive a room wake-up call in the morning with hot berry juice as well as a diploma of their stay. Shower and toilet facilities are located in the main warm building, which is also home to the log restaurant where a buffet breakfast is served.

The SnowHotel is located 45km from Levi and 30km from Ylläs, and overnight stays include a guided tour of the SnowVillage and return shared taxi transfers.

Day Tríp Fo Lainio SnowVillage

Alternatively, join one of our day excursions to marvel at the amazing ice sculptures. Day visits include a welcome from one of the guides at the SnowVillage and free time to explore the site.

White Weddings

A wedding in magical Lapland, surrounded by friends and family, is an occasion to cherish for a lifetime. And what could be more romantic than an exotic snowy landscape, star-studded night skies, and perhaps a dazzling light show provided by the mesmerizing Northern Lights?

We offer a wide selection of venues in Levi and Ylläs, including a choice of ice chapels decorated with beautifully illuminated ice art, or a fell-top location in a Northern Lights lodge, perhaps arriving at your wedding in a reindeer-drawn sleigh or by private snowmobile. The day can then be followed by a memorable overnight stay for the bridal couple in a luxury thermal glass igloo or in a cosy log cabin, complete with en suite sauna and open fireplace.

By booking your wedding with Inghams, you will be able to reserve direct non-stop flights to Lapland from a selection of UK departure airports, as well as guaranteeing your choice of our carefully hand-picked portfolio of accommodation, including cosy high-quality log cabins and apartments, luxury suites and excellent value spa hotels. We can also help you arrange a memorable stay for all your guests, including exciting snow adventures for everyone.

We have worked for several winters with a Lapland wedding specialist with over 10 years and 800 weddings experience. The owners, Ruth and Lari Niemi, are a British/Finnish couple who are as passionate as we are ourselves about making your dream a reality.

They know all our properties and the venues for your wedding ceremony intimately, and they will be your point of contact for arranging all your wedding details. They handle all the legalities and paperwork with you, and one of their expert team will be with you of course throughout your big day.

Whether travelling just as couples or with larger groups of family and friends, our winter wonderland weddings in Lapland are offered as 3 or 4 night short breaks in November and December only, or with 7 night activity holidays at any time from early December to end of February.

Our Hhanks go to Anne & James for sharing Hheir Lapland Wedding photo.

See online at **inghams.co.uk** for further ideas and inspiration, or call our wedding co-ordinators today on **01483 698 055**, and start looking forward to your snow-white wedding in Lapland.

Downhill & Cross-country Skiing

Lapland's landscape is nothing like the bustling resorts in the Alps. The pistes are very wide, generally uncrowded, and lined by trees that look like they've been sculpted in snow.

Levi and Ylläs are the biggest and most popular downhill ski and snowboard resorts in Finland, with good intermediate slopes as well as some off-piste opportunities after fresh snowfall. In the early winter months, when the soft blue daylight is only there for a few hours, many of the slopes are floodlit, so there's even a chance of skiing at night with the Northern Lights above you. From mid-February to March, the days get rapidly longer. Lapland is also excellent if you're a first-timer. The slopes are never too steep, there are no queues, classes are small and the scenery from the top of the fells is incredible. It's great value too, especially with our Learn to Ski or Board packages.

Cross-country skiing in Finland is a way of life, and is the best way to see the landscape. The freshly-groomed tracks go through forests where the scenery is untouched apart from a few wildlife footprints here and there. There a hundreds of kilometres of marked trails going around the resorts and through national parks, designed to connect views and points of interest. Lapland is great for all levels of fitness and experience – you'll find shorter and longer circular trips, along with flat scenic explorations and challenging climbs into the fells. There are even manicured trails floodlit at night, where your chances of seeing arctic foxes, snowy owls, white hares, willow grouse or ptarmigans are even higher. Go in December and January for the moody blue Kaamos light that comes from the shorter days, or go in February and March for long blue sky days. If you're new to cross-country, it's very easy to learn, and a bit like cycling – you can enjoy it whether you're a beginner or an expert, and it gives a real sense of achievement at the end of the day.





After being lucky enough to experience Levi first-hand, I love to share my knowledge and passion for everything about this magical place - from the skiing to ice karting - as well as help guide our wedding couples and groups to their perfect Lapland experience.

NATALIE - RESERVATIONS CONSULTAN



Saariselkä

This is Finland's most northern ski resort. The downhill slopes are more limited, but ideal for beginners, plus there's a freestyle park and ski cross track. Cross-country suits beginners as well as more advanced skiers. There's 230km of prepared trails including a national park, reindeer and husky farms, and abandoned mine buildings from the gold rush of the 1860s.

Ylläs

Ylläs is higher than Levi and mainly above the treeline, with 53km of pistes and a gondola that even has its own sauna cabin! There's ski-in/ski-out on the Ylläs Saaga side of the fell.

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It's one of our most popular places for cross-country – 330km of prepared trails, the spectacular Pallas-Ylläs National Park, 14 ski track cafés and 25 campfire shelters.

Levi

Finland's most popular ski resort. It's got 44km of skiing, a snow-park and seven mountain restaurants. The 230km of meticulously-prepared trails are a dream if you're a cross-country fan. Routes can be as easy or as challenging as you like, and there are lots of shelters, cafés and resting spots along the way.

Winter Wonderland

The first thing that strikes you about Finnish Lapland in winter is the peace and quiet. You can't help but notice the seemingly endless wilderness and sense of space, and the glorious variations in the scenery, with the ever-changing colours of the light.

Against this tranquil backdrop however, there is also huge excitement to be had in Lapland, and the best of these adventures work hand in hand with the scenery. From winter walks, cross-country skiing and snowshoeing to longer safaris by reindeer sleigh, husky-sled or snowmobile, there are so many ways to explore the wilderness and national Park scenery surrounding our resorts. Finnish Lapland covers a whole third of Finland, but less than 4% of Finns live here - that's only 200,000 people in an area the size of Scotland and Wales combined and, as a result, Arctic wildlife is plentiful. You may come across moose, Arctic foxes, snowy owls and hares- to name a few. Also roaming free in huge numbers are the reindeer, don't miss the opportunity to visit a Sámi reindeer farm!







Our most northerly resort with a friendly, commercialised, frontier atmosphere close to the Russian border. Close by is the Muotka Wilderness Lodge, an escape into nature and Northern Lights hunts.

, Ylläs

An unspoiled winter wonderland, set amidst magnificent National Park scenery and reputed to have the cleanest air in Europe. Thoughtfully, the street lights go off at 10pm to give you the best possible view of the Northern Lights.





Lapland's top resort and long-standing Inghams favourite surrounded by frozen lakes, spruce forests and vast open tundra and fells. One of Finland's top ski areas and offering our widest choice of activities.

Relax & Unwind

With over 20 years' experience in Lapland, we have built up an excellent range of accommodation for Inghams guests to choose from, and equally importantly, wonderfully close relationships with all our key partners in each resort. Together, we have seen Lapland grow into our most exciting and unique destination - we can't wait for you to visit!



Log Cabins

For the ultimate digital detox, many of our customers embrace the space and charm of a traditional Lappish log cabin which makes these not simply a place to stay but an intrinsic part of the whole holiday experience.

Available in a range of sizes, often with fireplace and private sauna, these features combine to make the log cabin a very distinctively Lapland-style home from home.



Apartments

Generally decorated in a modern Scandinavian style, apartments provide space to spread out and facilities to self-cater if you so wish. Many have their own en suite private saunas as a welcome addition to the bathroom.

In some cases, apartments form part of a wider hotel complex, and where this is the case, you will often have access to all the onsite facilities plus a choice of a weeks self-catered or an upgrade to half board at the nearby hotel.



Hotels

With a fabulous range of room types and on site facilities our hotels will suit all budgets and group sizes. Rooms are carefully laid out, with a number of hotels offering duplex style rooms for families.

It's worth noting that Finland does not have an official accommodation rating system, so we use our own guest feedback and senior management inspections to give you a guide.

OUR TOP 3 PICKS



Ylläs Log Cabins ★★★★ (Ylläs)

- High quality traditionally built log cabins
- ${\boldsymbol \cdot}$ Cabins available to sleep from 1 to 12 people
- Relax around your wood burning fireplace and enjoy your Lapland holiday

Prices from £569 (3 sharing) Self Catering - departing 12 or 19 Jan



Holiday Club Saariselkä ★★★★ (Saariselkä)

- Heart of Saariselkä
- Indoor pool & sauna complex
- Spacious rooms and recently renovated bar & restaurant

Prices from £699

Half Board - departing 19 or 26 Jan Includes £40 per couple saving (valid until 31 Aug)



Levi Hotel Spa/Design Hotel Levi ★★★★ / ★★★★★

• 300m from the ski lifts and village centre

Spa with 17 indoor and outdoor pools, water slides, 9 saunas/steam rooms
High quality accommodation

Prices from £1,779 Bed & Breakfast - departing 1 or 8 Mar

Family Time

Time is precious in today's high-speed, high-stress world, and none more so than family time. The chance to step off the treadmill for a short while, to draw breath, to spend time together, and build the library of shared memories that bind the family, and which last so much longer than the break itself.

This is what a holiday in Lapland does brilliantly. Every new adventure shared has a story to it that goes into the family archive, to be retold again and again, becoming richer, funnier and more colourful with each retelling. So it's good to know that virtually all the many activities, excursions and adventures we offer can be enjoyed by children of all ages from 3 or 4 years upwards every bit as much as by their parents.

True, the finer points of Sámi history and culture may pass the youngsters by, but they'll still love the legends and fables, not to mention the reindeer.

So many other experiences are guaranteed to capture children's imagination. Starting with the basics, tobogganing is always a favourite, as are snowman building and snowball fights.

But have they tried kick-sledding, skiing or snowboarding?

Or moving up the excitement scale, riding on a reindeer sleigh or husky sled? How about being towed in a heated buggy behind the guide, while Mum and Dad drive their own snowmobile?

The Lapland list is almost too long to pack everything in to one week, but it means you can pick and choose, and design your holiday around the things that most appeal. Best of all, our 7 night holidays have special child prices available (see online).

Don't worry about the cold - we offer the option to book Arctic thermal oversuits and warm snow boots for all adults and children over 2 years old (as these breaks are not ideally suited for infants).

As for accommodation, your choice runs from large family hotel rooms to well-equipped apartments, and for many the ultimate choice your own cosy log cabin to come back home to after each day's excitement.

In Our Guests' Own Words

We have been travelling to Levi, Lapland, with Inghams since 2001 and each visit is always an incredible experience. We hope to continue to visit with Inghams for many, many more years and we recommend to anyone thinking of a skiing holiday or a Winter Wonderland break.

Cuff Family, Winter 2019

Turn over to learn about how you can meet me and Santa!

Inghams Santa Breaks Where Dreams Come True

It may be a bit cliché to say so, but this really is one holiday your children or grandchildren will remember forever. No Christmas experience back home in the UK can possibly compare with the sheer excitement of coming here to Santa's Lapland home, where the snow and the reindeer are real, and there's more than a hint of magic in the air.

Treat yourselves to an unforgettable short break in December to get the whole family well and truly into the festive spirit in the run-up to Christmas.

All of our Santa Breaks include an afternoon full of atmosphere and fun for the children, visiting one of Santa's workshops and making gingerbread with his elves, the chance to meet Comet the reindeer and various snow games for youngsters - toboganning and snowballs are always on the agenda. Plus of course, there's the highlight of the day with a private meeting with Santa Claus himself guaranteed for each family. We also include arctic thermal oversuits and warm snow boots for all adults and children over 2 years old (as these breaks are not ideally suited for infants), so you can 'come as you are' with your normal winter outdoor clothing, and we'll do the rest, so you can relax and enjoy the Lapland snow.

There is always time to join your choice of additional optional activities such as husky, reindeer and snowmobile safaris or perhaps try skiing or snowboarding. Finally, to round off your break, enjoy a special Christmas dinner with a small present and certificate for the children.

, Your Inghams Santa Break selection

Where

Ylläs choose from

- Äkäs Hotel Äkäs Alp Apartments
- Villa Armas Ylläs Log Cabins
- Levi choose from
- Design Hotel Levi
 Panorama Hotel & Apts
- Levi Hotel Spa
 Hotel Crazy Reindeer

Both resorts offer comfortable hotels or apartments with half board meals included, or opt for the 'home from home' comforts of our cosy self-catering log cabins. All our Santa Break holidays include a special Christmas dinner.

When

Choose from our exciting 4 night breaks or 3 night breaks in December 4 nights breaks depart on Wednesdays

3 nights depart on Sundays

How?

Time is precious on a short break so we have direct non-stop flights from Gatwick, Bristol and Manchester to Kittilä Airport to choose from, all with conveniently short transfers as it's only 20 minutes to Levi and 55 minutes or less to Ylläs.

For more information and prices visit **inghams.co.uk/santabreaks**

You found me!

My name is Finbo and I live in Santa's snowy Lapland, helping with all the preparations for Christmas! My favourite things are going to meet my good friend Santa, playing in the snow with the elves and making lots of new friends, so I hope to see you all

here in Finland soon!



3 Easy Ways to Book

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Call 01483 698 055

Speak to our expert and friendly Reservations Team who, between them, have visited all our resorts.

If you wish to change an existing booking, please call Reservations Support Team on **01483 79 11 22**

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The finest scenic and walking holidays in Europe, amongst the most beautiful lakes and magnificent mountains

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