

*Virtuoso's Hosted Tours by Collette presents...*

# The Northern Lights of Finland

December 5 – 12, 2024



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**Small Group Travel** rewards travelers with new perspectives. With just 12-24 passengers, these are the personal adventures that today's cultural explorers dream of.

**8 Days • 11 Meals:** 6 Breakfasts, 5 Dinners

**HIGHLIGHTS...** Helsinki, Senate Square, Helsinki Cathedral, Lapland Region, Kakslauttanen Arctic Resort, Finnish Sauna, Meet & Greet with Santa, Reindeer Safari, Northern Lights Searches, Husky Safari, Glass Igloo Accommodation

**ITINERARY AT A GLANCE**

Day 1	Overnight Flight
Days 2, 3	Lilla Roberts Hotel , Helsinki
Days 4 – 6	Kakslauttanen Arctic Resort - West Village, Kakslauttanen
Day 7	Lilla Roberts Hotel , Helsinki

*On some dates alternate hotels may be used.*

**VIRTUOSO EXCLUSIVE amenity**  
PER PERSON

\$100 credit toward Economy Air or Premium Economy / \$250 credit toward Business-Class Air

**OR**

\$100 credit toward tour add-ons (anything beyond land package and waiver; including pre/post nights, pre/post tour extensions, optional excursions, etc.)

\*These are combinable with any other offer in market.

\*\*If land only and no pre/post or option purchase, the \$100 does not get credited towards anything else.

**Day 1: Thursday, December 5, 2024 Overnight Flight** On an adventure to the top of the world, experience a side of life that feeds the imagination and leaves you forever enchanted with Finland, “Daughter of the Baltic.”

**Day 2: Friday, December 6, 2024 Helsinki, Finland - Tour Begins** *Hei Helsinki!* Finland’s vibrant capital, where history converges with architectural style and combines with a laid-back vibe across beautiful islands and pristine public parks, welcomes you. This evening, gather with new friends for a welcome reception followed by dinner in the city center. *Hyvää ruokahalua!* (Bon appetit!) (D)

**Day 3: Saturday, December 7, 2024 Helsinki** Join a local expert for an engaging city tour. If Finland’s heart beats in Helsinki, then Helsinki’s core is in Senate Square, home of Helsinki Cathedral, the city’s most iconic building. Walk the streets of empiric-designed Tori Quarters before enjoying some free time in Market Square, the city’s famous international market. See the steel monument dedicated to the composer Sibelius. During your leisure time, explore more of Helsinki independently. (B)

**Day 4: Sunday, December 8, 2024 Helsinki - Kakslauttanen - Northern Lights Search** Escape to northernmost Finland’s winter wonderland on board a flight to Ivalo and magical Lapland. Like a storybook come to life, Lapland’s culture is steeped in myth and legend. Relish encounters with reindeer and unspoiled views of the northern lights.\* At the breathtaking Kakslauttanen Resort, spend two nights in your very own Finnish log cabin\*\* indulging in your personal Finnish sauna and other unique fixtures. Trek north toward Inari on a chase for the northern lights.\* Stops along the pursuit allow you the chance for a front-row seat at nature’s dazzling, electric light show.\* (B, D)

**Day 5: Monday, December 9, 2024 Kakslauttanen - Santa Claus’ Home - Reindeer Safari - Northern Lights** Hit the snow and mush to breakfast aboard an authentic Finnish sleigh. From Kakslauttanen, head to the home of Santa Claus, an epicenter of Christmas cheer. Among prancing reindeer, learn about Santa’s origins during a meet and greet at his house. Under the Arctic moonlight, a reindeer farmer introduces you to some friendly Lappish reindeer that will escort you on an exhilarating reindeer safari through remote Kakslauttanen. Gain insight into the importance of reindeer herding to the Sámi indigenous culture. Sip warm berry juice, a Finnish tradition, under the cover of blankets in the surround of northern Finland’s wilderness as you continue the search for the elusive northern lights.\* Enjoy an enhanced dinner experience at the Kakslauttanen Resort. Dine at Santa’s Celebration House, Finland’s largest log building. (B, D)

**Day 6: Tuesday, December 10, 2024 Kakslauttanen - Husky Safari - Northern Lights Search** Breathe in the fresh Arctic air this morning and step into the role as leader of your own dog sled team. Zoom through the wilderness on a husky safari, driving your husky guides that are as fast as they are adorable. Spend some time getting to know these amazing dogs and learn about their different commands. You’ll also be introduced to the equipment you’ll need to experience this incredible Arctic adventure at its best. Enjoy your last night in the heart of the Lappish wilderness, nestled in your own private glass igloo.\*\*\* You may even see the northern lights\* dancing overhead. (B, D)

**Day 7: Wednesday, December 11, 2024 Kakslauttanen - Helsinki** Say goodbye to enchanting Lapland and fly back to Helsinki. Enjoy the afternoon at leisure. Explore the city’s central squares and get in tune with the latest Finnish trends at a collection of charming shops. Tonight, in downtown Helsinki, toast to grand adventures and new friends. (B, D)

**Day 8: Thursday, December 12, 2024 Helsinki - Tour Ends** Set out for home with incredible memories and a longing to return. (B)





## Per Person Rates\*:

**Double \$5,299; Single \$6,199**

**Included in Price:** Inter-flights from Helsinki

**Not included in price:** Cancellation Waiver and Insurance of \$449 per person, Hotel Transfers and Round Trip Air

\* All Rates are Per Person and are subject to change

**IMPORTANT CONDITIONS:** Your price is subject to increase prior to the time you make full payment. Your price is not subject to increase after you make full payment, except for charges resulting from increases in government-imposed taxes or fees. Once deposited, you have 7 days to send us written consumer consent or withdraw consent and receive a full refund.

### PLEASE NOTE:

#### IDENTIFICATION

Passports are required for this tour at your expense. Certain countries require that your passport be valid at least 6 months beyond the dates of your travel. You are strongly urged to contact the appropriate consulate for details. Visit [www.travel.state.gov](http://www.travel.state.gov) for the U.S. State Department for the latest details about passports and visa requirements.

**IMPORTANT:** We recommend that travelers take a photocopy of their passport and applicable visas. It should be packed separately from your actual passport and visa. We also recommend leaving a copy at home with your emergency contact.

*Effective for travel in 2024, all visitors who do not need a visa to enter Europe will be expected to apply for an ETIAS visa waiver, for a fee, when visiting a Schengen Area Country. To identify Schengen Area Countries and to complete the ETIAS application, please visit <https://www.etiasvisa.com/>*

Because the northern lights are a winter event, you will be walking and waiting outdoors while looking for them. It is recommended that you wear sturdy non-slip snow footwear and warm clothing including thermals, hat, scarf and gloves.

Coaches which may not be lavatory equipped may be used on this program. In this case, stops are made during travel periods.

Hotel check-in on your day of arrival is 3:00 p.m. Rooms may not be available prior to that time.

The days and order of sightseeing may change to best utilize your time on tour.

This tour is not wheelchair accessible due to Arctic terrain.

To complete your tour, we include roundtrip airport-to-hotel transfers when purchasing our airfare with your tour. If you have arranged for your own air, we are pleased to provide you the option of purchasing these transfers. Please note that all transfers will leave at pre-scheduled times.

Outdoor activities and structures are weather dependent and may be unavailable or rescheduled. Outdoor activities in early November or April may vary depending on snowfall. If there is not enough snowfall, the husky safari will be substituted for a husky meet and greet and hike experience. The reindeer safari will be substituted with a horse drawn carriage northern lights search. The dog sledding activity requires you to be able to lower yourself into the sled.

\*\*\*Glass igloos are equipped with only a private sink and toilet. A privacy curtain lines the base of the bedroom inside the igloo. Guests will have access to a public sauna house to use the shower in the morning. Overnights in igloos may be on the first night or last night at the Kakslauttanen Arctic Resort.

\*The northern lights are in the Northern Hemisphere from September through April and are only visible when the sky is clear and free of clouds. **As this tour is weather dependent, sightings of the northern lights are not guaranteed.**

**Travel with just 16-24 guests on this tour where a smaller group setting means a more personal travel experience.**

\*\*Finnish log cabins (small cabins) are equipped with 1 double bed, 1 bunk bed, a dining space, two bathrooms (inclusive of sink, toilet and shower), private sauna and private fireplace (firewood not included).

Single accommodations are limited and are available on a first come, first served basis.

**The overall activity level of this tour is a level 3.** This means you're an on-the-go traveler. You don't want to miss a thing, so walking and standing for longer periods of time (2-3 hours) isn't a big deal. A moderately paced two-and-a-half-hour walking tour, covering several miles, hills, and uneven surfaces, is no problem for you. Walking four miles over the course of a day is very doable, as is climbing into and out of various modes of transportation (tuk-tuk, cable car, zodiac, etc.). You can climb three flights of stairs easily and handle altitudes between 6,000 and 9,000 feet. Expect some longer days with early mornings or late nights balanced with free time to recharge or set out on your own adventure. This level is not a fit for travelers who require mobility assistance devices.

Please be advised many airlines do not provide advance seat assignments until check-in at the airport. Advance seating will be subject to the airline's terms and conditions.

For air-inclusive reservations, the name provided at time of booking must match your government-issued ID that will be used during travel. Name changes are subject to penalties.

Internal flights are required in order to participate on this tour and are included in the final price, quoted at time of booking.

## Experience It! The Northern Lights

Each year, during the winter months, travelers journey to Finland and venture out into the dark to see the magical but elusive northern lights. This natural phenomenon is the product of collisions between electrically charged particles from the sun that enter the earth's atmosphere, yielding spectacular results. Streaks of colorful light that change from white to pink to purple, and most commonly, to green, dazzle and move the open sky like it's nature's own dance party. It is known that the best time to witness the northern lights in Finland is from late September to mid-April, when the nights are the longest. Well worth the pursuit, this is a truly remarkable light show that's not to be missed.

