

# Finland | EXPLORING ARCTIC LAPLAND

CULTURE AND WILDERNESS | 7 DAYS

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## TRIP ITINERARY



  
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**A passion for travel.** Simply put, we love to travel, and that infectious spirit is woven into every one of our journeys. Our staff travels the globe searching out hidden-gem inns and lodges, taste testing bistros, trattorias, and noodle stalls, and discovering the trails and plying the waterways of each remarkable destination. When we come home, we separate wheat from chaff, creating memorable adventures that will connect you with the very best qualities of each destination.

**Unique, award-winning itineraries.** Our flexible, hand-crafted journeys have received accolades from the world's most revered travel publications. Beginning from our appreciation for the world's most breathtaking and interesting destinations, we infuse our journeys with the elements of adventure and exploration that stimulate our souls and enliven our minds. Whether you are looking for a challenging physical expedition or a leisurely cultural exploration, Boundless Journeys has exceptional itineraries to match your sense of adventure.

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**Flexibility to suit your travel style.** We offer both scheduled, small-group departures and custom journeys so that you can choose which works best for you. Not finding exactly what you are looking for? Let us customize a journey to fulfill your travel dreams.

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Multi-year recipient of *Travel + Leisure* magazine's "World's Best Tour Operator"; and recognized by the editors of *National Geographic ADVENTURE* magazine as one of the **Best Adventure Travel Companies on Earth**.

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Thank you for your interest in this fantastic journey to Finnish Lapland. We have hand-crafted this tour from our own experience and hope you fall in love with the area—as we have!

## THE INSPIRATION FOR THIS JOURNEY

For those who dream of experiencing a real-life winter wonderland, look no further than Lapland. Encompassing the largest and northernmost region of Finland, this legendary province borders Sweden, Norway, and Russia, and has been inhabited by the semi-nomadic, reindeer-herding Sámi people since prehistoric times.

Here, the pristine Arctic landscape is known for its snow-capped conifers, crystal clear skies, and outdoor activities—including Nordic skiing, dog sledding, and reindeer-drawn sleigh rides. Lapland is also one of the best places in the world to take in the otherworldly Northern Lights, which swirl across expansive skies as many as 200 nights a year.

During our 7-day journey through Finnish Lapland, we encounter vast snow-covered plains, towering old-growth forests, and frozen lakes. We try our hand at regional modes of transportation—including reindeer-pulled sleds and snowshoes—sample local cuisine, and take a deep dive into the history, folk stories, and lifestyles of the resilient people who call this region home. Our evening excursions are designed around possible views of the incandescent Northern Lights overhead, often accented by hot drinks around crackling campfires.

## HIGHLIGHTS

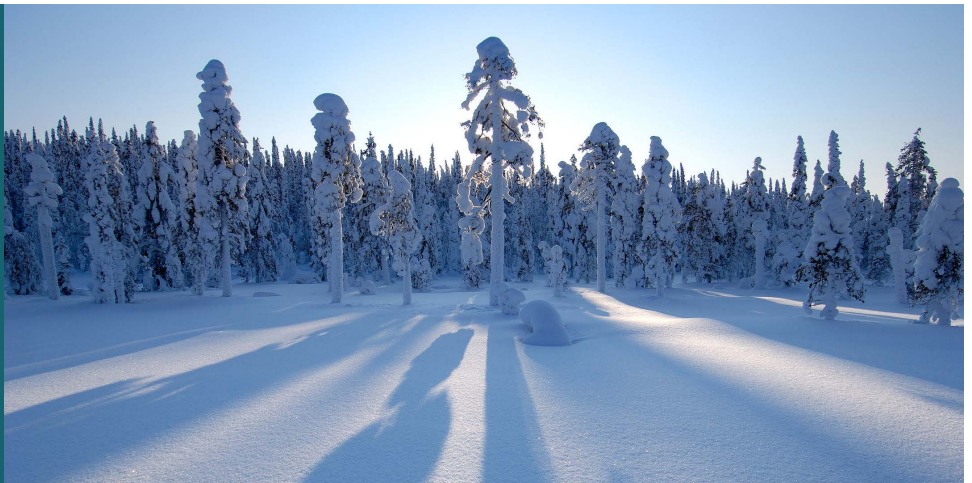
- Evening Northern Lights excursions on foot and by snowmobile-pulled sledge
- Exploring the Lapland wilderness by dog sled, cross-country ski, and snowshoe
- Cruising aboard the famous *Icebreaker Sampo*, with an optional float in an Arctic survival suit along the way
- Learning about the native Sámi people at a local farm and felt-maker's studio and on our Sámi-led reindeer-drawn sleigh ride
- Enjoying traditional Finnish dishes prepared with regional ingredients
- Overnights at a traditional Finnish lodge, boutique hotels, and cozy cabins with special features for viewing the aurora borealis

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# TOUR OVERVIEW



## THE BASICS

Duration:	7-day trip
Tour start:	Inari; closest airport: Ivalo (IVL)
Tour end:	Rovaniemi
Accommodations:	6 nights in boutique hotels
Trip rating:	1 <b>2</b> 3   4   5 Easy . . . . . Strenuous (See page 10 for more details)
Land cost:	\$7,295 per person
Single Supplement:	First two reserved on each departure: \$750 (must reserve at least 120 days ahead); Additional singles: \$1,250



## WHAT'S INCLUDED

Just pack your bags—we've got you covered! When you're on a Boundless Journeys adventure, every detail is taken care of for you, so you can relax and truly experience each moment. Put your wallet away, leave your travel books behind, fold up your maps, and BE there. Your Boundless Journeys adventure includes:

- Expert leadership
- All accommodations
- All meals from dinner on Day 1 to breakfast on Day 7, except for dinner on Day 5
- All on-tour transportation in private vehicle
- Two arrival and departure airport transfers based on flight schedule of the group
- Private activities for Boundless Journeys guests, with the exception of the *Icebreaker Sampo* experience, which is on a group basis
- Two glasses of wine or beer with dinners
- All gratuities except for those for your guide and driver, which are at your discretion
- Explorers Club savings on your next scheduled, small-group trip (conditions apply)

International airfare is not included in the price of your trip. Please contact your local travel agency or the airlines directly to make any arrangements you may need. If you would like assistance, please contact Boundless Journeys directly at 800-941-8010 for a referral to our partners who will best fulfill your needs.



## ITINERARY AT-A-GLANCE

### DAY 1

Arrive in northern Finland and meet at the Hotel Kultahovi for a welcome dinner.

### DAY 2

Visit Ateljee Huopapirtti Sámi Farm and felt maker's studio and glide through the snow on a reindeer-drawn sleigh. Retire to your cozy, glass-roofed cabin and fall asleep under the stars.

### DAY 3

Snowshoe through the Taiga Forest taking in the beauty and stillness of the landscape. Venture by snowmobile-pulled sledge to a forest campfire celebration and possible viewing of the Northern Lights.

### DAY 4

Explore the Gold Mining Museum in Tankavaara and continue to the town of Luosto. Evening walk and Northern Lights photography lesson at Lake Ahvenlampi.

### DAY 5

Enjoy a full day of Arctic adventures in Luosto, beginning with a cross-country ski through Pyhä-Luosto National Park followed by a dog sled excursion at a local farm that raises their own huskies.

### DAY 6

Transfer to Kemi for a tour of the SnowCastle, the largest ice fort in the world. Cruise the Bothnian Sea aboard the famed *Icebreaker Sampo*, with the option to don a survival suit for an Arctic float along the way. Farewell dinner before retiring to your arctic "treehouse" with a glass wall facing the northern sky.

### DAY 7

Depart at leisure for the Rovaniemi Airport.

# THE JOURNEY



## Day 1: Arrival & Welcome Dinner

Welcome to Lapland! Upon arrival at Ivalo Airport in northern Finland, you transfer about 45 minutes to the village of Inari, Finland's Sámi capital.

Take time to settle in to our cozy lodge with the luxury of your own sauna and river views from your balcony. This evening, we enjoy a welcome dinner of regional specialties as we prepare for an exciting week together in the Arctic.

**Accommodation:** Hotel Kultahovi, Inari

**Meals:** D

## Day 2: Ateljée Huopapirtti Sámi Farm & Reindeer Safari

**Activity Overview:** Cultural visit, reindeer-pulled sleigh ride

**Activity Level:** Easy

**Activity Length:** 1-2 miles; approximately 4 hours

After breakfast at our hotel, we visit Ateljée Huopapirtti Sámi Farm and felt maker's studio. We visit with the matriarch of the family, a felt artisan and Sámi craft master. She shows us different ways Sámi artisans work and how felt art is inspired by shapes and colors from the surrounding nature. We try our hand at this craft as our host shares stories about her family and Sámi culture.

After a home-cooked lunch and some coffee and pastries, we continue our immersion into Sámi livelihood with a visit to a local reindeer farm. We meet the reindeer herders and learn about this tradition before embarking on a reindeer-drawn sleigh ride through the nearby forest. With miles of pristine white snow and towering evergreen trees, the landscape here is unlike anywhere else on earth.

This evening, we arrive at our wilderness lodge where our private aurora cabins have a view to the sky. Tonight, we hope to catch our first glimpse of the majestic Northern Lights as we drift off to sleep under the stars.

**Accommodation:** Wilderness Hotel Muotka, Saariselkä

**Meals:** B, L, D

## Day 3: Taiga Forest Snowshoe & Aurora Camp

**Activity Overview:** Snowshoe and sledge ride

**Activity Level:** Easy

**Activity Length:** Approximately 2-hour snowshoe and 2-hour sledge ride

This morning, we rise to the stillness of the wintry landscape. After a hearty breakfast in the main lodge of our hotel, we set out on snowshoe to explore the Taiga Forest. As we meander through the woodlands, our guide shares information about Finnish nature as we look for animal tracks from Eurasian lynx, Arctic fox, and white rabbit.

With some leisure time this afternoon, you may choose to relax in your private sauna or perhaps explore the many trails adjacent to our resort.

After dinner, we prepare for an excursion to the Aurora Camp. Dressed in thermal clothing and seated in a comfortable, snowmobile-pulled sledge, we keep an eye out for the Northern Lights on the way to the camp. Upon arrival, we are met by a blazing campfire and enjoy hot drinks and lively stories before returning to our glass-roofed cabins for the evening.

**Accommodation:** Wilderness Hotel Muotka, Saariselkä

**Meals:** B, L, D





## Day 4: Muotka to Luosto

**Activity Overview:** Cultural visit, optional snowmobile tour, and lake walk

**Activity Level:** Easy

**Activity Length:** Optional snowmobile tour, 2-3 hours; 1-2 mile lake walk, time variable

After breakfast, we head south to the idyllic town of Luosto, nestled amongst the rolling hills of the Pyhä-Luosto National Park. Along the way, we stop at the Gold Mining Museum in Tankavaara, where we learn about Finnish and international gold history. The gold rush in this region began in 1868, and it continues to be the last, living, gold-mining tradition in Western Europe.

This afternoon, we arrive at our boutique property where a fireplace and private sauna await in your room. For those looking for more adventure, an optional snowmobile safari through majestic Lappish fells is offered at an additional expense.

We enjoy dinner at our hotel restaurant, where traditional delicacies are cooked on a lava stone grill in an open kitchen.

Afterwards, we set out for a walk around Lake Ahvenlampi and its old-growth conifer forest and break for a special lesson in photographing the Northern Lights.

**Accommodations:** Santa's Hotel Aurora, Luosto

**Meals:** B, L, D

## Day 5: Pyhä-Luosto National Park Cross-Country Ski & Husky Safari

**Activity Overview:** Snowshoe and dog sled

**Activity Level:** Easy to moderate

**Activity Length:** Approximately 4 miles, 3 hour snowshoe; 1 mile dog-sled

Today's agenda features a full lineup of exhilarating Lapland adventures. In the morning, we enjoy the sparkling, snow-covered scenery via a cross-country ski in Pyhä-Luosto National Park, once considered to be the home of gods by the forest Sámi. Cross-country or Nordic skiing is a national sport in Finland and a traditional mode of transportation throughout Lapland. This activity is appropriate for every ability—from beginners to seasoned pros, alike—and is a terrific form of exercise. We conclude our ski at the Naava Center, where we learn more about the natural and cultural history of the region.

In the afternoon, we are greeted with a chorus of friendly barks and howls on a visit to a nearby farm that raises huskies. We learn all about sled dogs, which have been used for generations in Lapland for transportation, hauling, and recreational sled racing. After getting acquainted with our team of huskies and a short training session, we set off for an exciting dog sled ride through pristine snowfields.

This evening, you are free to dine on your own and return Lake Ahvenlampi to seek out the Northern Lights, a short walk from our hotel. Our guide will let us know if the aurora forecast is showing activity in the nocturnal sky.

**Accommodations:** Santa's Hotel Aurora, Luosto

**Meals:** B, L



## DAY 6: Icebreaker Cruise & Rovaniemi

**Activity Overview:** Cruise

**Activity Level:** Easy

**Activity Length:** 3-4 hours

Our route today leads south toward Rovaniemi, the capital of Lapland, with a host of Arctic highlights along the way. We depart our hotel after breakfast and head to Kemi, a 3.5-hour drive away. Upon arrival, we enjoy a guided tour of the famous SnowCastle of Kemi, the largest snow fort in the world. First constructed in 1996, this unique “castle” features a restaurant, chapel, hotel, and 65-foot towers.

Next, we proceed to the Kemi port and prepare to board another Finnish legend: the 3,500-ton, 1961 Icebreaker *Sampo*, which plowed through ice fields in the surrounding seas for more than 25 years. Retired in 1987, the ship is now a beloved tourist attraction, and today, we cruise from Port Kemi, experiencing the unique sound of our steel vessel crashing through the Bothnian Sea’s colossal ice field with an ever-changing sky overhead.

Along the way, we tour the Captain’s bridge and engine rooms, breaking to fuel up with a hot meal in ship’s elegant restaurant. Before returning to port, those who wish may put on survival suits and plunge into the sea for a guided float in the frozen water.

Back on land, we transfer to Rovaniemi and check into our “treehouse” accommodations, each with a private sauna and panoramic window facing the northern sky. We gather for a farewell celebration tonight and toast to an unforgettable adventure in Finnish Lapland!

**Accommodations:** Arctic TreeHouse Hotel, Rovaniemi

**Meals:** B, L, D

## Day 7: Departure

Depart at your leisure for the Rovaniemi Airport (10 minutes away by taxi) in time for your flight home.

**Meals:** B

**PLEASE NOTE:** *This is a typical itinerary, and actual activities may vary to take advantage of weather conditions, local events and to allow serendipity to play a hand in your experience. Accommodations are as outlined in the itinerary, although we reserve the right to change these should the need arise. See our booking terms and conditions for more information about our change policy.*



# ACCOMMODATIONS



## NIGHT 1

### Hotel Kultahovi

Saarikoskentie 2

99870 Inari, Finland

Tel 011 358 16 511 7100 | [inarin.kultahovi@co.inet.fi](mailto:inarin.kultahovi@co.inet.fi)

Hotel Kultahovi's charming riverfront rooms feature Scandinavian-style décor, a private sauna, and a balcony or patio overlooking the River Juutua. The in-house restaurant, Aanaar, uses locally sourced ingredients. Guests can try Lapland specials such as reindeer meat, wild berries, and fish from Lake Inari. Should the Northern Lights appear, a sky camera system allows you to watch from your room or the lounge.



## NIGHTS 2 & 3

### Aurora Cabins, Wilderness Hotel Muotka

Muotkantie 204

99830 Saariselkä, Finland

Tel 011 358 40 671 8337 | [sales@nellim.fi](mailto:sales@nellim.fi)

Enjoy expansive views of the Northern Lights from the comfort of your own bed at this cozy collection of glass-roofed, woodland cabins, which contain private bathrooms and saunas.



## NIGHTS 4 & 5

### Santa's Hotel Aurora

Luppokeino 1

FI-99555 Luosto, Finland

Tel 011 358 400 102 200 | [luosto@santahotels.fi](mailto:luosto@santahotels.fi)

Centrally located in the village of Luosto, this 23-room property features a contemporary cottage feel, complete with a fireplace and sauna in each room. The on-site restaurant features regional specialties cooked on a lava-stone grill.



## NIGHT 6

### Arctic TreeHouse Hotel

Tarvantie 3

Rovaniemi, Finland

Tel 011 358 505 176 909 | [info@arctictreehousehotel.com](mailto:info@arctictreehousehotel.com)

Arctic TreeHouse Hotel provides a unique blend of luxury comfort, local Lappish traditions, and modern Scandinavian design. In contrast to the meticulously designed accommodation and nest-like coziness, the panoramic views from the windows provide impressive spectacles of the forest and Arctic sky.

# WHAT TO EXPECT



## TRIP RATING

Boundless Journeys trips are designed for energetic and flexible individuals who like to be active and have a spirit of adventure and a positive attitude. *Finland: Exploring Arctic Lapland* is rated 2, easy to moderate, on a scale of 1-5 (with 5 being the most strenuous). The terrain we cover is incredibly varied. We enjoy some gentle walks, Nordic skiing, and snowshoeing. Please be aware that activities may be changed last-minute due to weather conditions, which are highly unpredictable in Lapland.

## PREPARING FOR THIS TRIP

It is very important that you realistically assess your physical condition with regard to the demands of this trip. The more well-prepared you are for the activities, the more you will enjoy yourself. As a general guideline, we suggest that you engage in easy to moderate aerobic activities (such as walking, hiking, jogging, or cycling) for at least 30-45 minutes several times a week for 4-6 weeks before the trip. If you live in a flat area, try to incorporate some stairs into your workout, or use a treadmill with varying incline capability (consult your doctor before undertaking any new fitness program). Please contact us if you have any doubts regarding your physical match with this tour.

## DOG SLEDDING

On our dog sled safaris, you are the actual musher (driver) of the team of sled dogs. Generally, there are two persons per dog sled; one person mushing and other traveling as a passenger inside the sled. Switching positions can be done during any of the breaks but never while the sled is moving. The guide travels as the first sled, so as to set the pace and not let any teams pass. It is also common for the excursion to be accompanied by a snowmobile.

It is important to remember that dogs respond differently to trail conditions, weather, people, and each other on a moment-to-moment basis. For professional mushers, this is part of the thrill of dog sledding, as no two runs are ever the same!

Dog sledding is a team sport, and the musher is part of the team, encouraging the dogs, working with the sled (pushing with one foot or walking behind) when going up hills and steering and braking when coming down hills. By doing this, the dogs gain trust in your abilities, although some may still give you a backward glance with questioning eyes from time to time! While riding as the passenger your job is to enjoy the scenery, the dogs, and have fun!

*Please note, dog sledding can be bumpy and may not be appropriate for those with back issues.*

## REINDEER SAFARI

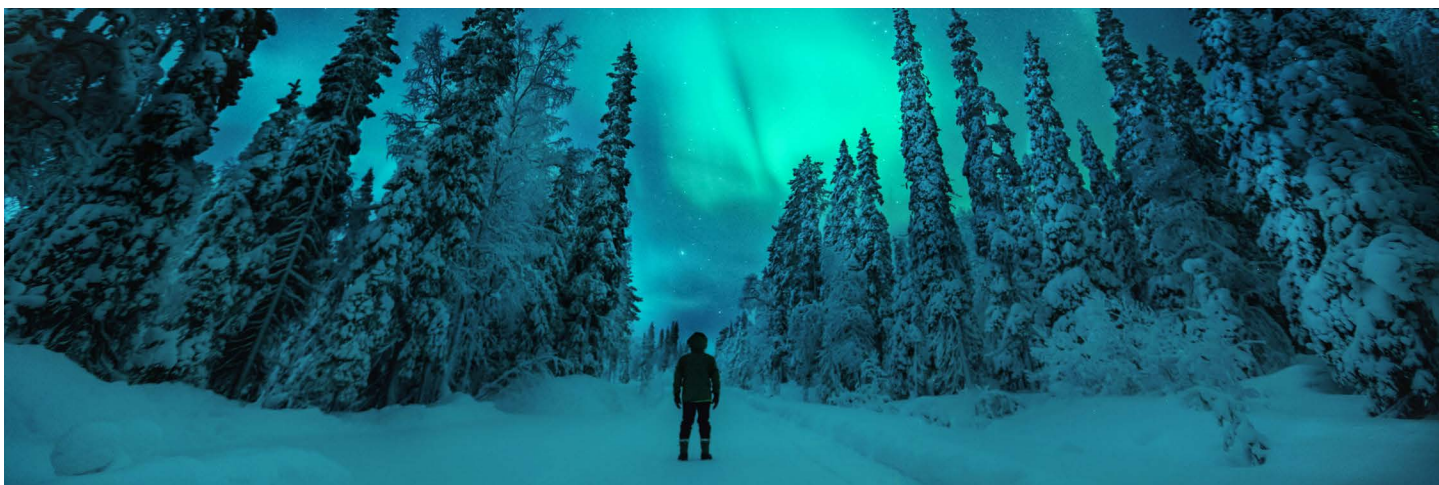
Reindeer safaris are similar to the dog sledding experience but much slower and shorter in duration. Sleds are typically connected to the guide sled who directs the team of reindeer.

*All dog sled and reindeer safaris are operated locally by independent and accredited operators. Before commencing these activities the local operator may ask you to sign an indemnity form, which in such case, will be a mandatory requirement in order to participate in the activity.*

## OPTIONAL SNOWMOBILING

During this 2-hour group snowmobile safari, you'll learn how to snowmobile along frozen swamps and through forests covered with snow. Enjoy the beautiful views of Lappish nature and hot beverages along the way. Tour cost: \$115 USD per person for a 2-person snowmobile. \$50 USD





supplement for a 1-person snowmobile. Prices subject to change according to current exchange rate. Please inquire at least 60 days prior to your departure if you are interested in booking this optional excursion on Day 4 of your journey.

## NORTHERN LIGHTS VIEWING

It is important to see the Northern Lights as just one of many thrills of a winter trip to Finland. With luck, we will see the sky ablaze with dancing lights, but this can never be guaranteed. The Northern Lights are only visible when the sky is clear and free of clouds. And, like many natural wonders, they are ephemeral—appearing for a bit, and then disappearing.

The unique colors of the Northern Lights are created by the Earth's spectra of gases and the height in the atmosphere where the collision of particles from the sun and the Earth's gases takes place. Our naked eye can most easily see the green-yellow part of the spectrum where the sun emits most of its light. Green is the most common color observed, but the Northern Lights can also appear white-gray, blue, purple, or even red.

Please be prepared to wait outside while looking for aurora. It is best to dress warmly, in layers, with good footwear, gloves, hats, and whatever else will make you comfortable while you patiently await the possibility of a truly outstanding light show.

## CUISINE

Traditional meals in Lapland are quite simple but tasty. Potatoes and other root vegetables have an important role with the cuisine. Before modern days, root vegetables were the only vegetables to be stored over a long winter. During

the winter months, dishes can be quite heavy, and include meat, stews, hearty soups, and creamy dishes, in addition to fresh seafood. Rye or whole grain bread is often served with everything.

Breakfast is considered the most important meal of the day, and breakfast buffets at hotels are generally abundant. A typical Scandinavian lunch might consist of comfort foods such as vegetable or fish soup, chicken or fish, and potatoes. Pastries such as the delicious Finnish doughnut, or *munkki*, are hard to resist. Cooking is simple while still using the best ingredients to make it flavorful.

## DRINKS WITH MEALS

At Boundless Journeys we believe group dinners are a time to celebrate our day, while enjoying the best of local cuisine, and good company. In Finland, we include 2 glasses of beer or house wine with group dinners. If you prefer premium wine, or liquor, please feel free to order what you like, and you may settle your tab at the end of the meal.

## DRINKING WATER

We provide purified or bottled water on all trips; however, in an effort to reduce waste, we strongly encourage you to bring a water bottle to refill where safe to do so. This will be the case in much of Europe, as well as a few other destinations, where tap water is safe to drink. In parts of the world where water must be purified, bottled water may be our only option. Here, we do our best to provide purified water from larger containers to refill your bottles, rather than using many small single-use bottles throughout your trip. This is just one small way we strive to travel more responsibly and we appreciate your efforts in helping us to protect the extraordinary places we visit.





Boundless Journeys has taken the Travelers Against Plastic company pledge to promote sustainable travel and encourage travelers to avoid buying bottled water when they travel. You can take the pledge, too, and learn more about TAP's efforts at [www.travelersagainstplastic.org](http://www.travelersagainstplastic.org).

## WEATHER

Sitting in the Arctic Circle, Lapland's climate is characterized by long, cold winters and short, mild summers. However, the influence of the nearby Atlantic Ocean helps control temperatures, which means that the weather is never too extreme.

March marks the end of winter in Lapland. While spring is on its way and the days are getting longer, the month still remains cold with plenty of snow. The average temperature in March is 25°F with highs of 35°F. The coldest part of the day is at night, when temperatures can drop to 14°F, so you are advised to dress in warm layers in the evening. Despite this, the crisp days of March can be quite enjoyable, with dry air and increasing sunshine.

Lapland is well-known for its dark winters, but days are rapidly getting lighter in March with 9-12 hours of daylight each day. During this trip you can expect the sun to rise between 6:00 a.m. and 6:30 a.m. and set between 5:00 p.m. and 5:30 p.m.

Regardless of the weather, Laplanders head out and get active in the snow! The local saying in the area is, "There is no such thing as bad weather, there is only bad clothing."

You may obtain more detailed weather information by visiting [www.weatherbase.com](http://www.weatherbase.com).

## TRAVELER'S RESPONSIBILITY

As a trip participant, you have responsibilities to Boundless Journeys, your fellow travelers and guide, and the local people you encounter. This includes understanding and preparing for the conditions described in the itinerary, ensuring it meets your interests and abilities, and following the health and safety guidelines of Boundless Journeys, local authorities, and/or the CDC. At their discretion, a guide may ask a guest to leave the trip if further participation may be detrimental to the individual or other participants.

We strongly urge any guest feeling ill shortly before departure to cancel their trip. To help cover your investment, we highly recommend purchasing travel insurance with supplemental "Cancel for Any Reason" coverage. If you feel unwell during the tour, please immediately inform your guide, who can help take the appropriate next steps. We appreciate your cooperation.

## SMALL GROUP TRAVEL

Small group travel affords us the opportunity to seek out the most remote and exotic destinations on the planet. Often we are exploring these locales with just 8-12 guests. The nature of active group travel is such that not all participants have the same ability level or interests. Traveling at a pace that is comfortable for the entire group, with a spirit of flexibility and adventure, are all part of this shared experience.

# OUR FINLAND TEAM

## TRIP MANAGER



### **Deborah Tobey**

Originally from Long Island, NY, Deborah has lived and worked around the country. After a decade out west adventuring as a river guide and ski instructor, Deborah was drawn back east to be closer to family. She joined the Boundless Journeys home team in 2010 initially managing Ecuador, Palau, and Spain. Now, her portfolio includes Croatia, Norway, Portugal, Italy, Iceland, Finland, and Costa Rica. She loves being on the water, hiking in Vermont's Green Mountains, and camping with her family and dog, Winston.

## GUIDES

With a Boundless Journeys guide, your experience is that of friend and local adventurer. We believe strongly in working with local guides, experts in the areas to which we travel, and they hold the keys to unlocking the hidden delights of your chosen destination. Although you will never know they are at work—the mark of a truly great leader—our guides make magical things happen and add a dimension to your trip that you could not experience on your own.

Over the years we have forged bonds with some of the best guides in the world, and we typically work with a small team of guides in each region. You will be informed of the guide for your trip one month prior to your departure.



### **Kristiina Javas**

Kristiina (Krisse) is active nature guide from Lapland. A former series soccer player and now an active mother of a 3 1/2 year-old daughter, her hobbies are cross-country skiing, snowshoeing, and hiking. With a degree in Hospitality Management, and one year of army education, she is well versed on guiding in a winter climate and handles every situation with grace and ease. She is known for her positive outlook and smile, and brings cheer to every group!

# NEXT STEPS



## TO MAKE A RESERVATION

You can call Boundless Journeys at 800-941-8010, request a reservation online, or contact your travel agent. We will confirm your spot with a deposit of \$500 per person and the payment of internal airfare, payable by check or credit card.

## ONCE YOU RESERVE

As soon as you confirm your adventure, we will provide you with an extensive, detailed trip planner that includes arrival and departure instructions, a complete packing list, regional information, required documents, a reading list, and other details.

## CANCELLATION & REFUND POLICY

Please check our Terms & Conditions page on our website for our comprehensive cancellation and refund policies: [www.boundlessjourneys.com/terms-and-conditions](http://www.boundlessjourneys.com/terms-and-conditions).

## TRIP CANCELLATION INSURANCE

In addition to your detailed trip planner, we will email you a quote for Travel Guard trip insurance. Please let us know if you would like us to purchase a policy on your behalf. Boundless Journeys strongly recommends purchasing Trip Insurance.

## QUESTIONS? WHICH TRIP IS RIGHT FOR YOU?

Adventure travel may involve exotic destinations, unusual levels of physical exertion, and activities that may be new to you. If you have any questions about the level of comfort, difficulty, or activities included on your trip, please call Boundless Journeys at 800-941-8010, or email us at [info@boundlessjourneys.com](mailto:info@boundlessjourneys.com). Our travel experts look forward to helping you select the perfect adventure.

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The perfect option for alumni and family reunions, birthdays and anniversaries, or just to catch up with friends in fabulous destinations. Mark your calendar and leave the planning to us! Call our travel experts today: 800-941-8010.



# BOUNDLESS BEYOND



## RESPONSIBLE TRAVEL

At Boundless Journeys, our goal is to create meaningful experiences that protect the delicate ecosystems and attributes of every location we visit. We aim to educate our guests on the best responsible travel practices for each destination.

## WE ARE COMMITTED TO

**Making connections.** Our local guides offer insider knowledge of their country, including tips on etiquette and customs. They facilitate meaningful interactions with the people and places we visit, such as dinner at the home of a local family. While you may arrive in a destination as a visitor, you leave with a deeper understanding and connection to each place.

**Going local.** Boundless Journeys' small group size stems from a desire to provide a more intimate traveler experience, giving us the freedom to move through the tight alleys of old towns on foot, eat and sleep at traditional guesthouses, participate in immersive cultural exchanges, and leave a smaller footprint on all of the locales we visit. This mobility allows us to support local economies directly, forging strong relationships with our partners and friends abroad as we return year after year.

**Respecting people and the environment.** We support organizations working to protect ecosystems and improve the livelihoods of local communities. On many of our trips, we explore stunning natural landscapes where conservation is of the utmost importance. As visitors, we practice Leave No Trace ethics and actively contribute to the conservation of parks and protected areas.

## HOW YOU CAN HELP

**Give back.** Instead of receiving a Boundless Journeys t-shirt or water bottle, you can opt to donate the value of your gift to our travel scholarship fund, which will be awarded to a local student for an educational or service-based travel opportunity.

**Learn more.** Visit [boundlessjourneys.com/responsible-travel](http://boundlessjourneys.com/responsible-travel) to read more about how our values are reflected in our trip offerings. We also offer a selection of Resources for the Responsible Traveler, which suggests ways to tread lightly and ensure your journey has a positive impact.

**Join us.** Boundless Journeys has taken the Travelers Against Plastic company pledge to promote sustainable travel and encourage travelers to avoid buying bottled water when they travel. You can take the pledge at [travelersagainstplastic.org](http://travelersagainstplastic.org).

## CONSERVATION IN ACTION

Boundless Journeys is a proud member of the Adventure Travel and Trade Association, a global network of adventure seekers who believe in the protection and promotion of local communities and wilderness areas.

