

The 2021 Season

Traversing Lapland from Levi to Muonio!

Guided cross-country ski touring in stages with transportation for your luggage Classic or Skating for 8 days and 7 nights

Have you been dreaming about a winter vacation that is guaranteed to leave you spectacular memories for life? Well, you found it. It is in the majestic landscapes between magic forests and frozen lakes that your winter safari will take you. You will Nordic ski through the four largest skiable areas in all of Finland. Levi, Äkäslompolo, Pallas National Park, and Olos/Muonio will be your destinations for this great week of skiing from hotel to hotel. We made sure that you can, if you wish, ski classic or skate all the way. Every level of skier is welcome, because the distances covered vary from 25 to 50kms per day. We will adapt the route to fit your needs. This guided cross-country tour is made especially for those who do not want to worry about transporting their luggage and finding a comfortable hotel each night. (All of our hotels are perfectly situated—right alongside the tracks!) Each day, you will experience a Finnish tradition, including the famous “Kotas” for fueling up, as well as a sauna for recovery after a long day outdoors. And you will be eating Finnish culinary specialties.

Your route will take you from Levi to the Finnish border and will include 60 percent of Finnish summits. Immaculate nature—rivers, lakes, and fully preserved forests, guarantee you an genuine vacation without equal. The beauty of Lapland can sometimes leave you breathless. Words cannot fully describe the scenery and the light.



What You Can Look Forward To:

Saturday, Day 1: Flying into Kittilä

You will fly into Kittilä and be transferred by mini bus from the airport to your hotel. In only 20 minutes, you will arrive at your first destination, Levi. This little town is well known by those who are passionate about Scandinavia. Your hotel is in the center of the city but still only a few hundred yards from the beginning of an entire network of cross-country ski trails, all 230km of them! 28 km are lighted. They are all groomed for skate and classic style. This first afternoon, you can take a leisurely warm-up ski or you can just hang out in the village. Later, there will be a cocktail hour so everyone will get to know each other. And of course we will give you all the information you need for the following week and you will then have a great dinner.



Sunday, Day 2: A 25 to 40km ski around Levi

We will leave in the morning, going to the north of Levi. You will be able to decide each day whether you want a short or long distance ski. On this day, you will see and ski on typical Lapland topography with its rolling hills and valleys. There are no major skiing difficulties today. We just want you to get comfortable. Note that Levi is the name of the mountain that rises to 531 meters and dominates the village. Actually, the village itself is called Sirkka. That means: don't look for Levi on a map! Along the trails, you will see small cabins and chalets where you can taste local food specialties. This day, you will return to your hotel, hang out in the village, take a sauna, and have dinner together.



Monday, Day 3: Levi-Äkäslompolo (from 25 to 50 km)

Today we leave the Levi region, heading west toward the mecca for Finnish skiers in Äkäslompolo. After breakfast, you will leave your bags in front of the reception desk and they will be taken to your next hotel. It is best just to take a small skiing backpack for the rest of the day, in which you might put energy bars and, of course, enough water to keep you hydrated. You might also want to put in a change of thermal underwear. This immense network of ski trails has clearly marked signs at every intersection. The actual distance to our hotel in Äkäslompolo is 50 kilometers, but you will all have the choice halfway through the day to take a mini bus to the next destination. We will eat after having done 25 kilometers at a lodge called the Akeskus Lodge. As usual, there will be several small "Kotas," the typical cantinas you will find all over, which allow you to eat at regular intervals. About halfway through the day, you will see Ylläs mountain, which is at the foot of Äkäslompolo. You will know in which direction to ski! As soon as you get to the hotel, you will be given your rooms. You can take a sauna or you can visit the village. Dinner with everyone.



Tuesday, Day 4: All around Ylläsjarvi (from 28 to 40 km)

Today, you will be focusing on the Ylläs mountain, which reaches 817 meters. You will experience Lapland's charm, but you will also discover two authentic Lapland villages. As always, you will be able to choose a shortened route or the full route. After all, there are more than 360 km of groomed trails in this area. You will find yourself in authentic Lapland environments throughout the day. After lunch, you will make your pick—keep skiing or go relax in the village. Dinner later with everyone.



Wednesday, Day 5: Äkaslompolo – Äkäsmylly (25 to 40km) + transfer to the next hotel (20 min)

Your bags will be taken today to either Pallas or Olos. That means preparing them early in the morning and placing them near the reception area. As usual, you will have two possibilities on your way to Äkäsmylly. In any case, we will all finish this day by taking a mini bus to Pallas or Olos (it all depends on which hotel has availability). We will be leaving behind the seven mountains of the Ylläs region as we ski in the direction of the Pallas National Park. A shorter choice today will consist of about 26km and the longer choice about 40. Our both hotels will have a large sauna. Dinner as always.



Thursday, Day 6: Pallas National Park (between 25 and 42km)

Whichever hotel we stay in, it will be at the entryway to the Pallas National Park. According to the experts, the air here is the purest in all of Europe. There is no doubt that the trail today will put you in contact with untouched nature along a mountain range. It will be unforgettable. We will all ski towards the Pallas Hotel, which will be about 25km away. After lunch and a short visit at that hotel, those who want to continue skiing will finish the day having done 42kms. Few places on earth can touch the serene beauty of this area with artic mountains in the background and untouched virgin forests. The first part of this day will have a positive bit of climbing, whereas in the afternoon, less so. You will deserve a nice sauna and dinner.



Friday, Day 7: A tour of Olos and the frozen lakes (25 to 40km)

The last day of your week will be around Mont Olos, which is about 500 meters high. You will be traversing the frozen lakes of Jerrisjärvi and Särkijärvi. As usual, lunch will come at 25km, halfway through the full designated trail. That evening, a last sauna, a festive dinner, and lots of fun. You won't want to go home.

Saturday, Day 8: The return home or extend your stay, if you wish.

After breakfast, you will be taken by bus to the Kittilä airport, which is about 80km away.

You can always stay longer if you wish to do some long-distance snowmobiling, take a husky dog sleigh ride, or do some exploring on snowshoes. You can even go ice fishing on one of the many frozen lakes.



You see in the background above the Tunturis foothills, and this is the name given to mountain tops without any vegetation throughout Lapland. They all are about 500 to 750 meters high. The highest one is Halti Mountain, which reaches 1,324 meters and is close to the Norwegian border.

Your Accommodations:

Hotel Sirkantähti, Levi

This hotel is situated in the center of the village. It was fully renovated in 2014. Just through the front exit you will be right in the pedestrian-only center of the village, as well as quite near the start of numerous cross-country ski trails. You can expect a warm staff. There is a huge fireplace in the entry hall and a charming café/bar. You will take a buffet-style breakfast in the morning. Dinner is served in the entry hall. There are over 200 rooms here, all decorated in the Scandinavian style. Each has full bath and sauna. You will find hairdryers, telephone, television, and mini bar. In the hotel there is a wax room.



Hotel Äkäshotelli, Äkäslompolo

Located in the center of the small village of Äkäslompolo, this hotel is directly alongside the ski trails. We have chosen comfortable apartments for you, each equipped with complete bathrooms and sauna. There is a small living room, television, and kitchenette, plus telephone and internet connection in each apartment. We will all eat together for dinner and breakfast in the main building. There is where you are going to find a huge buffet, full of Lapland specialties. Of course, there is a wax room.



Hotel Pallas

This hotel is in the center of the Pallas National Park. It has 30 rooms, all with full bathrooms, television, telephone, etc. The rooms are simple, but comfortable. In the main building, there is a large sauna available to everyone. The ski trails are right behind the hotel. There is free Internet connection in the main dining room and foyer area. You can even rent snowshoes. There is a wax room.



Hotel Lapland Olos, Muonio

The Lapland Hotel is perfectly situated with 51 double rooms and 56 apartments, all with complete bathroom, mini bar, Internet connection, and television. There is a sauna each for men and for women, a gym, as well as a Squash room. In addition, there is a wax room in an adjoining building. Breakfast and dinner will be taken in the large building. Get set for some excellent buffets.





Dates 2021, Guided cross-country ski touring in stages with luggage transportation:

Here is what is included in your package deal:

- ✓ Transfer from/to Kittilä airport
- ✓ 2 nights of lodging in the Hotel Sirkantähti at Levi
- ✓ 2 nights of lodging in the Hotel Äkäshotelli at Äkäslompolo
- ✓ 3 nights of lodging in the Hotel Olos or Pallas in Muonio (depending on the availability at the time of reservation)
- ✓ 7 copious breakfasts
- ✓ 7 dinners
- ✓ All hotel taxes included
- ✓ Transfer of your luggage from hotel to hotel (attention: 2 bags per person only)
- ✓ Detailed information about your trip, including a trail map and description of each day
- ✓ A well versed, professional guide from Team Sandoz Concept for your entire stay
- ✓ Saunas where available

Additional choices (not included in your package deal)—just ask us

- ✓ International flight to Kittilä
- ✓ An extra day for dogsled riding, snowmobiling, etc.
- ✓ Rental of all ski equipment
- ✓ Transfer to and from one of the local train stations

The price per person for all of this in a double bedroom is:

From Saturday to Saturday

Dates 2021:	Euro	CHF
20.03.-27.03.2021	Euro 1490,-	CHF 1670,-
27.03.-03.04.2021	Euro 1490,-	CHF 1670,-
Supplement for ind. room per week	Euro 420,-	CHF 470,-
Extra night in double room	Euro 100,-	CHF 110,-
Extra night in single room	Euro 150,-	CHF 170,-

Important:

Where you end up staying in the last place depends on the number of participants and the availability in the different hotels when the reservations are made.

General Information:

Length:

8 days / 7 nights

Level of Skiing:

Lapland is reputed as having accessible cross-country skiing for every level of ability and fitness. There are rarely any hair-raising downhill and all of the climbs are spectacular, but do not involve heavy-duty huffing and puffing. In other words, you will be in a set of foothills or flats. Nonetheless, the flats do not last that long and you should consider yourself a fairly advanced Nordic skier to fully enjoy this tremendous vacation possibility. You should be able to use your preferred technique—classic or skate—for a distance of 25km (15.5 miles) a day. You can, of course, go from classic to skate and skate to classic on different days (but not during the same day).

Accommodations:

Three and four stars hotels (descriptions above)

Total Distance Covered in One Week:

From 150 to 250 km (depending on your choice of short or long trails)

Of course, you can do a short one one day and a long one the next and vice versa.

Starting and Ending Village:

Levi and Olos/Muonio

Snacking throughout the day:

Everyone should be equipped with a small backpack and water bottle. You should bring energy bars as well as a change of thermal underwear.

Renting Your Skiing Equipment:

You can rent it in Äkäslompolo. Ask for more details

