



CHRISTMAS IN WILD TAIGA

Hotel Kalevala - Magic and Traditions

Valid: 22.12.-27.12.2024

Those who believe, they can see elves scampering through the forest and go to visit the Santa Claus himself. This remote area Wild Taiga is situated close to the Eastern bordered of Finland. Private Hotel Kalevala offers the whole family an authentic Christmas feeling – a landscape of snow, Finnish Christmas traditions and traditional Finnish Christmas cuisine.

Christmas land - with Santa and his elves, snowshoeing, blue eyed huskies and don't forget Santa's reindeer. The old Christmas traditions are still taken care of and appreciated in our Christmas program; fresh baked gingerbread, a promenade in the snowy forest to find a Christmas tree. Where would it be better to spend this family festive season?



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Wild taiga

Itinerary:

22.12. ARRIVAL DAY

- Arrival and check-in to Hotel Kalevala
- Welcome drink & dinner at the restaurant.

23.12. FAIRY TALE STARTS

- After breakfast approx. 1 hour leisure snowshoe tour through snowy taiga forest with wilderness guides. Small children can join the tour with toboggans.
- You have time to discover the area: try some tobogganing, kick-sledding, making snow angels, visit and feed our 2 reindeer and have a look around the area.
- Lunch.
- Later in the afternoon visiting Santa Claus: children meet Santa Claus, the real Finnish Joulupukki, who always has time to listen your Christmas wishes and secrets.
Tour duration approx. 2 hours.
- Evening sauna with indoor and outdoor jacuzzis.
- Dinner.

24.12. CHRISTMAS EVE

- After breakfast we'll make a magical journey across the snowy landscape and bring the Christmas tree inside the hotel. It is big and important duty for children to decorate the tree.
- Traditional Christmas rice porridge and lunch; who finds the almond hidden into the porridge will get a prize.
- In the afternoon traditional visit at the church yard of Kuhmo, bus transfer. Everyone can light a candle for their love ones far away.
- Saunas with jacuzzis.
- In Finland Santa Claus comes traditionally on Christmas Eve. This is the tradition our hotel team very much appreciates and this is what we want to share with our guests also (if wanted parents can give their own presents to the reception, 1 per child).
- Christmas Eve with traditional Finnish Christmas buffet.

25.12. CHRISTMAS DAY

- Breakfast
- Enjoy Christmas day drives: short husky, reindeer and snowmobile sleigh drives
- Lunch
- Saunas with jacuzzis.
- Christmas Day dinner with live music.

26.12. BOXING DAY

- Breakfast
- Day is yours to spend at your pleasure; optional activities, resting. Optional activities can be booked already in advance.
- Lunch.
- Traditional Finnish smoke sauna.
- Saunas with jacuzzis.
- Farewell dinner at Santa's residence.

27.12. GOOD BYE FINLAND

- Breakfast.
- Check out



Baking gingerbreads



Finnish Christmas buffet



Santa's residence



Gingerbread

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Price/person:

Double/twin room	1449 €	159 €
Single room	1569 €	179 €
Superior double room	1599 €	175 €
Suite	1809 €	199 €

Extra night with full board:

- Children 4-12 years 50% of adult price (if 2 children or more, in family room with two rooms, interconnecting door)
Children 0-3 years free of charge (baby cot, baby bed or extra bed)

Including following services:

- 5 night accommodation
- Full board with soup lunches, breakfasts, 3 x half board dinners, special Finnish Christmas Eve dinner and dinner at Santa's residence
- Welcome drink
- Evening sauna & jacuzzis daily
- Christmas program (see the itinerary)
- Free use of kick-sledges, toboggans, children playroom, Wi-Fi, board games, drying closet for outdoor clothes at the lobby

Extra charge for:

- Return transfer from Kajaani airport 140 €/person
- Thermal overall (suit, hat, gloves, boots, socks) 75 €/week or 25 €/day
Must be booked in advance with clothing and shoe size information.

Few tips:

- Possibility to add extra days or shorten the program
- Please take a look at list of optional activities; cross-country skiing, ice-fishing, rapid swimming etc.
- Also wellbeing treatments are available: worth trying is definitely our peat sauna and traditional Finnish bone setting. After these two try also herbal jacuzzi and classical massage.

Good to know:

All the activities are guided in English. Package price does not include personal travel insurance. We reserve all the rights to change the order or content of the program if necessary due to weather or safety reasons.



Children singing to Santa



Santa on his way to Hotel

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