

Dear Alumni and Friends,

Set off to explore Finland and go in search of the shimmering aurora borealis, known as the northern lights, and do it all with your Auburn family!

Come to know Finnish culture and history on a tour of Helsinki with a local expert. Savour the local cuisine in Helsinki's restaurants. Experience rugged Lapland during a 3-night stay in the north of Finland. Overnight surrounded by wilderness in a glass igloo and a Finnish log cabin. Sip warm berry juice, a Finnish winter tradition.

Meet Santa Claus in his home. Embark on a reindeer safari with a local farmer. Mush your way to breakfast in a Finnish sleigh, and lead your own dog sled team. One dynamic experience follows another on this once-in-a-lifetime adventure through Finland.

Book your spot today; this tour is guaranteed to fill up quickly. For more information please visit www.alumni.auburn.edu/travel.

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Space is limited. Available to Alumni, their families and friends.

Come to know Finnish culture in bustling Helsinki and the quiet beauty of the remote Lapland region as you go in search of the northern lights.

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Terms and Conditions

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. (See registration form for consent.) Please Note: The days and order of sightseeing may change to best utilize your time on tour. Hotel check-in on your day of arrival is 3:00 p.m. Rooms may not be available prior to that time. Museum visits and shopping may be affected by observance of religious or local holidays. Single and triple accommodations are limited and are available on a first come, first served basis. Coaches which may not be lavatory equipped may be used on this program. In this case, stops are made during travel periods. 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. Outdoor activities and structures are weather dependent and may be unavailable or rescheduled. Outdoor activities in months of October, 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 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. **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. ***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 on their last morning. Inter-flights are not included in the land price of your tour and must be purchased through us. Travel with just 19 passengers on this Explorations tour where a smaller group setting means a more personal travel experience. This tour is not wheelchair accessible due to Arctic terrain. This tour includes moderate physical activity. The itinerary blends some longer days with shorter days and more leisure time. Walking tours, as well as walking slightly longer distances, up stairs or on uneven walking surfaces should be expected. 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. Economy air rate and schedule are applicable for groups of 10 or more traveling on the same flights and dates. A deposit of \$500 per person is due upon reservation. Reservations are made on a first come, first served basis. Final payment due by October 14, 2019. Deposits are refundable up until December 14, 2018.
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The Northern Lights of Finland

December 13 - 20, 2019

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THE NORTHERN LIGHTS OF FINLAND

8 Days • 11 Meals



Lapland Reindeer



Finland National Dish

Day 1: Overnight Flight On an adventure to the top of the world, experience a side of life that feeds the imagination and leaves you forever fascinated with Finland, "Daughter of the Baltic."

Day 2: 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 green parks, welcomes you. This evening, gather with new friends for a welcome dinner in the city center. *Hyvä ruokahalua!* (Bon appetit!) (D)

Day 3: Helsinki Join a local expert for an engaging city tour. If Finland's heart beats in Helsinki, then Helsinki's beat is in Senate Square, home of Helsinki Cathedral, the city's most iconic building, designed by famous architect Carl Ludvig Engel. Walk the streets of empiric-designed Tori Quarters before enjoying some free time in Market Square, the city's most famous international market. Become transfixed by the emerald lawns, rocky cliffs, and ornate villas of Kaivopuisto Park. During your leisure time, explore more of Helsinki, or journey to Porvoo for a glimpse of life in the 19th century. On a drive along scenic Porvoo River, spot the red storage houses, traditionally used for storing delicacies from foreign lands. (B)

Day 4: Helsinki - Ivalo - 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.* In your very own Finnish log cabin** at breathtaking Kakslauttanen Arctic Resort, indulge in two nights among the snow and ice igloos,

and other unique fixtures like the Finnish sauna. 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: 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, and epicenter of Christmas cheer. Among prancing reindeer, learn about Santa's origins during a meet and greet at his house, and discover why Christmas is a cornerstone of the Sámi culture. 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 unspoiled wilderness as you continue the search for the elusive northern lights.* (B, D)

Day 6: 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 incredible

- and private - glass igloo.*** You may even see the northern lights* dancing overhead. (B, D)

Day 7: 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: Helsinki - Tour Ends Set out for home with incredible memories and a longing to return. (B)

EXPERIENCE IT



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.

THE NORTHERN LIGHTS OF FINLAND

Rate Per Person*:

Double \$6,399

Single \$7,399

Triple \$6,299

Included in the price: Round Trip Air from Hartsfield Intl Airport, Air Taxes and Fees/ Surcharges, Hotel Transfers

Not Included in the price: Cancellation Waiver and Insurance of \$315 per person

*All rates are per person and subject to change. Alternate gateways available. Call for details.



CULTURAL EXPERIENCES

- Lead your very own dog sled team.
- Spend the night in a glass igloo amid the Lappish wilderness.
- Introduce yourself to majestic Lappish reindeer and meet Santa Claus himself.

MUST-SEE INCLUSIONS

- Immerse yourself in Sámi cultural traditions over the course of a 3-night stay in the north of Finland.
- Tour Helsinki alongside a local expert.
- Set out nightly across Lapland in search of the northern lights.



CULINARY INCLUSIONS

- Indulge in Finnish cuisine at Helsinki's local restaurants.
- Sip warm berry juice, a Finnish winter tradition.



ACCOMMODATIONS

- 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.



PRIVATE SEDAN SERVICE

Leave the hassle of getting to the airport behind. Enjoy private sedan service to and from the airport when you reserve an air-inclusive tour.



LOYALTY PROGRAM

Members of The Collette Passport Club earn a **\$150 credit every time they travel**. Save more as you get ready for your next adventure.



ELITE AIRFARE

Collette's Elite Airfare allows you to travel in ultimate comfort and convenience. Treat yourself to a wealth of amenities that come with a business, premium economy, or first-class ticket.



TRAVEL PROTECTION

Our industry-leading travel protection plan offers you a full refund, unlike many plans that only offer a voucher. Cancel for any reason right up to the day prior to departure.

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included...

- A professionally planned itinerary
- 4-star accommodations
- The services of a professional Tour Manager
- Expert local guides with insider knowledge
- Attraction entrance fees with preferential access
- Unparalleled sightseeing
- Enriching cultural experiences
- Comfortable on-tour transportation
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Plus, WIFI! Available on tour



Husky Safari