



Nellim Wilderness Lodge Hotel

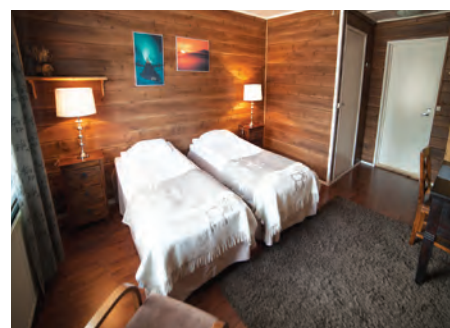
Just 6 miles from the Russian border on the shores of Lake Inari, Nellim is as quiet and beautifully remote as you will find anywhere in Finnish Lapland. Owned and run by Jouko and Mari Lappalainen Nellim Wilderness Lodge has been painstakingly converted from what was once the local school into an authentically crafted lodge reflecting the mixed local culture of Inari, Skolt and Northern Sami.

The hotel consists of 3 buildings facing each other around what was previously the children's playground. There are 16 simply furnished twin and single rooms with private WC/shower and decorated with fabrics personally chosen by Mari. 8 apartments also with private WC/shower and configured with varying numbers of bedrooms capable of accommodating differing family sizes. Plus two privately owned log cabins in the grounds surrounding the hotel exclusively reserved for our guests.

The hotel's main public area has a lounge seating area, restaurant and bar hand crafted by Jouko himself.

ACCOMMODATION

- ✦ Hotel Rooms (2-3 adults/children)
- ✦ Log Cabins (up to 5 adults/children)
- ✦ Log Suites (up to 5 adults/children)





AROUND AND ABOUT

In the surrounding grounds there is a Safari House with kick sleds, toboggans and skis free for you to use; a log fired sauna whose hot, sap filled air provides the perfect warm up after a day's adventures; a reindeer skin tepee and a traditional wooden Kota in which you have dinner one night. The Kota, a traditional Sami shelter and meeting place is known to be frequented on occasions by Santa.

Alongside the cabins is a pathway leads down through the pines to a frozen lake where an open fire's embers are kept hot whenever anybody is playing either on the lake itself or on the bank leading down to it. This area also serves as the main toboggan slope.



Don't Take Our Word for it...

"My wife, daughter (9), son (6) and I travelled to Nellim the week before Christmas. If you are looking for a personal touch, complete wilderness, basic but comfortable accommodation and home cooked food then Nellim is your place.

The staff are very accommodating, the activities are better than the brochure describes - driving a pack of huskies across a frozen lake and snowmobiling through the forest were highlights for us. The children loved the husky puppies, sledging, learning to cross country ski and ice fishing.

The main event, meeting Santa, was magical. Whisked off on skidoo, just the 4 of us, to find him. We spent nearly 20 minutes chatting to him before heading back across the lake. If you want an uncommercial, well organised and personal experience then you can do no better than Nellim with Nordic Experience".
(Simon K)



Nellim Lapland Wilderness Adventure

Day 1

Finnish Lapland

Depart London Heathrow for Ivalo (via Helsinki). On arrival you will meet your local guide for the 1 hour private coach transfer to the magical Nellim by Lake Inari. At the lodge make straight for your accommodation, where your thermal clothing will be ready. Then head straight out into the powdery pristine snow-covered playground before a welcoming buffet supper.

Day 2

Father Christmas Surprise and Snowmobiling

This morning starts with a wilderness adventure – a safari by snowmobile. Follow your guide along a forest trail amongst the pine and spruce bordering the shoreline of Lake Inari. Adults are paired together, taking it in turns to drive, whereas the children enjoy their own ride, wrapped up under warm reindeer skins in a specially built sleigh and driven by your Lapp guide.

Return to the lodge for a hearty lunch. Spend the afternoon on the frozen lake with, ice fishing, snow shoeing and cross-country skiing. Later, each family is given a secret undertaking. You will board a snowmobile sleigh, which will transport you and your family deep into the forest to a destination only known to your guide.

Once you've arrived at this enchanted place, a friendly elf will reveal a sensational secret - Father Christmas is waiting! He will listen to everyone's wishes, which both he and the Sami Spirits of Inari will try to make come true. Return to Nellim for an evening of cookie baking and dinner.

Day 3

Husky Safari & Reindeer Farm

After breakfast it is time to embark on a husky safari. After greeting the excited howling hounds, adults take charge of a sled and mush in pairs. Children have their own special ride. Lunch is served back in the hotel, before travelling to the local reindeer farm to meet some of Santa's hard working herd. On your return to Nellim you will decorate a Christmas tree before a traditional Sami Christmas buffet supper.

Later you hear the distant sound of Nellim's school children calling in the wind amongst the trees and discover they have told father Christmas where you are. He has returned to deliver a small present to grown-ups and children alike.

Day 4

It's home time... almost!

After breakfast, if there's time, enjoy a quick last toboggan or snow shoeing at the lake's shore before transferring to Ivalo for your return flight to London Heathrow.





DEPARTURE DATES

11th - 14th December 2018

Adult: **£1630** per person
Child: **£1430** (aged 4-11)

14th - 17th December 2018

Adult: **£1630** per person
Child: **£1430** (aged 4-11)

17th - 20th December 2018

Adult: **£1630** per person
Child: **£1430** (aged 4-11)

20th - 23rd December 2018

Adult: **£1795** per person
Child: **£1595** (aged 4-11)

Prices are 'from' and are subject to availability.

