

*The kaleidoscopic mix of cultures in Nellim with its Inari, Skolt and Northern Sami roots and the possibility of the Northern Lights swirling around over the pine forest, make a New Year here something of a culinary & festive riot. Being close to the apex of 3 time zones also means celebrations go on quite a bit!*



# A NEW YEAR by Lake Inari



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**DAY 1** Depart Heathrow at 10.20 on Finnair scheduled flight(s) to Ivalo via Helsinki. Arrive 17.35 local time and transfer to Nellim. Check into your room, welcome drink, programme briefing and dinner.

**DAY 2** Nellim is home to Skolt and Inari Sami, as well as ethnic Finns, and after breakfast your guide will introduce you to some of them, recalling their antecedence and telling of their contemporary lives. Your walk round the village takes you to a kota, the orthodox church of St Triphon of Petsamo and a reindeer corral, after which you travel by car along the shores of Inari to the Russian border at Ressi. Lunch back at the hotel before an afternoon of games in the snow on the sloping bank running down to the lake with snow shoeing, tobogganing, ice fishing and reindeer lasso throwing practice. Dinner at the hotel.

**DAY 3 NEW YEARS EVE** After breakfast, climb aboard your snowmobile for a safari through the pine forests surrounding Lake Inari and a lunch of salmon soup washed down

with hot berry juice in a clearing in the forest. New Year's Eve is celebrated around an open fire in a traditional wooden Kota with a menu replete with trout from Lake Inari, King Crab from the Barents Sea and cloudberry from the lake basin. Celebrations are not constrained by time zones: the New Year comes in early for the Skolt, an hour later for the Inari Sami and an hour after that for the Northern Sami. As the evening wears on there will be traditional dishes with Russian, Finnish and Norwegian flavours; fireworks, dancing and fortunes told from the shapes formed by melting tin!

**DAY 4 NEW YEARS DAYS** Day at leisure with time to either just chill-out or to take an optional husky safari along one of the ancient Skolt Sami trails running through the Inari forest. Dinner at the hotel.

**DAY 5** Breakfast and time for a last toboggan before transfer to Ivalo and return flight(s) via Helsinki to Heathrow, departing at 13.20 and arriving at 17.10.

### DEPARTURE DATES

29 Dec

Prices in £ per person

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ADULT	CHILD (4-11)	SINGLE SUPP
1299	999	150

Prices include return scheduled Finnair flight(s) from Heathrow to Lapland • In-flight cabin service • All airport taxes and passenger service charges • Airport/hotel transfers • Accommodation in twin room(s) with private WC/shower • Welcome drink • Breakfasts, lunches and dinners as per programme including special New Year festive dinner • All activities and excursions as per itinerary including any special clothing required • Complete set of thermal clothing including mittens, boots, scarf and hat • Services of local guide in Lapland.