



# Harriniva Wilderness Lodge Hotel

The Pietikainen family's Wilderness Lodge at Harriniva stands alongside the frozen Muonio River marking the border between Finnish and Swedish Lapland and is home to the largest husky kennels in Lapland.

The glow from the windows lights up the pine, the Lodge and its adjacent giant Aurora Kota and illuminates the snowy landscape. Once inside, a comforting cauldron of warmth instantly wraps you up with an 'at home' feeling and, with huskies barking in the background, it's as if Harriniva is saying 'let the magic begin'.

The hotel's cosy rooms are all clad in local pine and simply furnished with traditional crafted fabrics. Each has a private WC and shower. There is a choice of room types and many of the standard hotel rooms sleep up to 2 adults and 2 children with either a twin and bunk beds or a double with a sofa bed. You can even have a room with your own private sauna - choose from a sauna suite sleeping up to 4 (with a double bed and a double sofa bed)

or a sauna room sleeping 5 or 6 people (in a double and sofa beds).

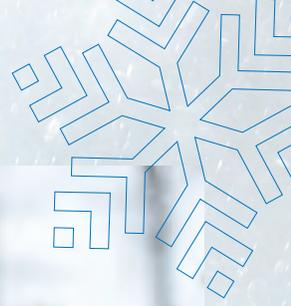
In the indoor public areas there is a bar serving soft drinks, snacks and coffee/tea throughout the day; a bar often with informal local entertainment and 3 dining areas, one of which has an open fireplace.

It's a very friendly place and wherever you are, you will find someone - either a member of the family or someone who has worked for them for years - to look after you.

## ACCOMMODATION

- ✘ Sauna Suites (2-4 adults/children)
- ✘ Sauna Rooms (2-6 adults/children)
- ✘ Standard Room (2-4 adults/children)

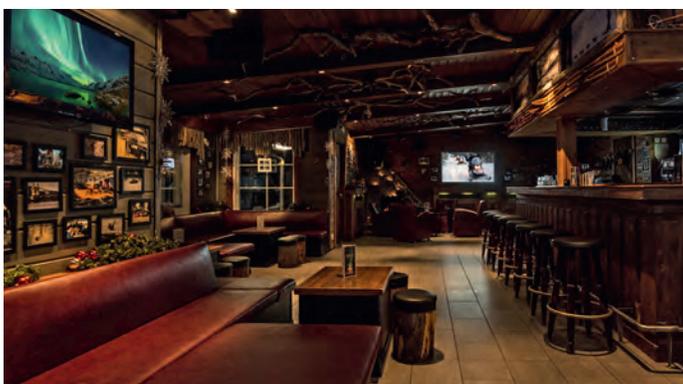




## AROUND AND ABOUT

A stone's throw from the hotel's front door are Harriniva's very own husky kennels, one of the largest kennels in Finland, which means that there are invariably puppies available for a cuddle or two.

Down by the river bank that marks the border with Sweden there is the 'Mutteri' Kota with open fire (traditional Sami wooden shelter), igloos and a sauna.



Up from the river and behind the hotel there's a toboggan ramp, snowmen and even a snow playground where you can have lots of fun with the children, whenever you have a spare moment.

Along a track running by the side of the husky kennels is a reindeer corral where Rudolph lives with his reindeer friends. It's here in a Kota where a Shaman tells tales of old Lapland and how Rudolph learnt to fly.



# Santa's Festive Fun!

Ever felt that sense of anti-climax once Christmas Day itself is over? This holiday is the perfect antidote to post-Christmas ennui. Carefully slotted in to that lull between Christmas and New Year, you will enjoy a few days of thrilling Festive Fun to prolong that Christmas feeling.

## 27th December

### Leave for Lapland

Fly from London Heathrow to Kittila (via Helsinki). On arrival, transfer to Harriniva and head straight for your room, where your thermal clothing will be ready. Dinner this evening is served in the main restaurant.

## 28th December

### Reindeer safari and an audience with Father Christmas

After breakfast head to the Toressieppi reindeer farm for a reindeer safari through the beautiful, snowy landscape. It's a day of achievements as you gain your reindeer driving licence and experience the memorable ceremony of Crossing the Arctic Circle. There will be time for some fun in the snow on return to Harriniva, with toboggans and mini skidoos for the kids.

In the late afternoon it will be time for each family to have their own private audience with Father Christmas in his enchanting home, deep in the forest. The rest of the group will be busy baking traditional Finnish biscuits and decorating gingerbread houses. Dinner this evening is served in the atmospheric setting of the Aurora Borealis Kota.

## 29th December

### Husky and snowmobile adventures

Today, the group will be divided into two, with each half doing the same activities, but one before and one after lunch. A snowmobile safari is the best way to explore the surrounding snowy wilderness, as adults drive in pairs and children are pulled along in sleds behind the guides to admire the wintry landscape.

Meeting the huskies at the Arctic Sledding Centre is just as much fun! There are over 400 of these adorable dogs and you will learn how to handle them before heading out on a short husky tour, with adults mushing their own team in pairs and children pulled behind the guides in sleds.

In the late afternoon everyone gathers for marshmallow toasting in the traditional kota. The day ends, after a festive Christmas dinner, with a visit from Father Christmas and his reindeer, bringing presents for everyone.

## 30th December

### Back to the UK

After breakfast you'll have time for a quick last toboggan or snowball fight before transferring to the airport for your return flight home, arriving back in time to celebrate New Year at home.

### DEPARTURE DATE

27<sup>th</sup> - 30<sup>th</sup> December 2018

Adult: **£1895** per person  
Child: **£1595** (aged 3-12)

Prices are 'from' and are subject to availability.

