

RUKA SAFARIS WINTER WEEKLY PROGRAM 2022-2023



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	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday	Sunday
Motorized experiences							
Snowmobile introduction	09:30 and 14:00			09:30 and 14:00		09:30 and 14:00	
Snowmobilesafari to reindeers			10:00		10:00		
Border trip			09:30			09:30	
40 km snowmobilesafari with lunch		10:00					
Northern lights programs							
The land of Northern lights, snowmobilesafari			19:00		19:00		
Search for the northern lights by snowshoes	19:00	19:00		19:00	19:00		
Starlight sledging		19:00			19:00		
Evening reindeer ride under the beautiful evening sky				19:00			
Wellbeing in nature							
Ice fishing			10:00			10:00	
Snowshoehike to Oulanka National park		10:00			10:00		
Snowshoehike to Riisitunturi National park				09:00			
Snowshoeing to Valtavaara	10:30					10:30	
Guided fatbike program		10:30			10:30		
Cross-country ski basics		15:00			15:00		
River floating	11:00		11:00	11:00		11:00	
Local lifestyle							
Sauna tour			16:30		16:30	16:30	
Lappish wild food dinner			19:00			19:00	
Sauna tour and Lappish wild food dinner			16:30			16:30	
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Reindeer safaris							
Visit to the reindeerfarm			12:00		12:00		
World of reindeer			11:30		11:30		11:30 (from 7.1.2023)
Morning reindeer feeding		09:00		09:00			
Husky safaris							
Husky 5km			12:30	12:30			
Husky 10km			10:00		10:00		
Husky day tour		10:00				10:00	



Snowmobile introduction (Mon, Thu, Sat 09:30, 14:00)

This snowmobile safari gives you good basic skills for snowmobiling. Before the start our guide gives you a full safety briefing and introduction for driving. After learning the snowmobile instructions, we drive a 20 km long tour.

The safari goes through the stunning snowy forests. During the safari we will have a break with coffee / tea and a sweet bun.

Duration: 2,5 - 3 hours.
Price: 95€/person driving 2 person/snowmobile, 120€/person driving single, 55€/child 5- 11 yrs old

Snowmobilesafari to reindeers (Wed and Fri at 10:00)

This snowmobilesafari goes through beautiful forests and ice covered lakes to meet our local friends, reindeers. You will have a reindeer ride of 1,5 km, have a chance to feed the reindeers and hear stories about reindeer life in arctic nature. Coffee, sweet pastry and sausage is included. The driving distance will be about 40 km. Minimum 140 cm is required for the program.

Duration: 4-5 hours
Price: 195€/person driving 2 person/snowmobile, 220€/person driving single, 125€/child 10-11yrs old

Border trip, snowmobiling to the Russian border (Wed and Sat at 09:30)

This snowmobile safari takes us towards the eastern part of Kuusamo, close to the Russian border. During the tour we will drive on the top of the magnificent Kuntivaara hill, which is famous for its snow frozen trees. The breath taking scenery over the arctic wilderness will be a memory which you will never forget. We will enjoy soup lunch and coffee in a cosy wilderness restaurant. Length of the challenging tour is about 100 km. Safari is driven with one person per snowmobile.

Duration: about 6 hours
Price: 220€/person driving single
Please note that previous driving experience with snowmobiles is required for this safari! Snowmobile Introduction safari gives you good skills to participate on this safari.

Snowmobile safari & lunch (40 km) (Tue at 10:00)

This snowmobile safari takes you to the beautiful nature around the Ruka area. We will drive through the snowy forests and over the ice covered lakes. During the safari we will enjoy a soup lunch by the open fire. Minimum height 140 cm required for participation into this program.

Duration: about 4 hours.
Price: 155 € / person (driving 2 / snowmobile), 180 € / person driving single, 90 € / child 10 – 11 year



The land of Northern lights, evening snowmobiling in the taiga forest (Wed and Fri at 19.00)

This tour will start in the evening when nature starts to show its magical moments. During the tour we will stop for a break and enjoy coffee, sweet bun and hot sausages by an open fire and if we are fortunate we will see the Northern lights dancing across the starry night sky. Driving distance is about 30 km. Minimum height 140 cm required for participation into this program.

Duration: 2,5-3 hours

Price: 124 € / person (driving 2 / snowmobile), 149 € / person (single driving), 70 € / child 8 – 11 years

Search for the Northern Lights, snowshoe walking in the fell scenery (Mon, Tue, Thu, Fri at 19:00)

You have to capture the true feeling of a winter night in the beautiful fell scenery. Our walk will follow the old reindeer treks in the fell surroundings. Every now and then we will stop to admire the nature and snow-covered trees. If the sky is clear we can see the bright stars and with a little luck, the colourful Northern Lights. During the trip we will enjoy a break for a hot drink and our guide will also tell us interesting stories about the Northern Lights and the arctic nature. Length of the walk is about 4 km.

Duration: about 3 hours

Price: 75 € / person, 45 € / child 8 – 11 years



Starlight sledging to search for the Northern Lights (Tue and Fri at 19:00)

This is an unforgettable adventure, also for families. You'll be seated in a sledge pulled by a snowmobile when we start driving into the deep forest. Our route leads through the varied landscape. During the journey we will have a break by an open fire where you can make the fire together with your guide and enjoy coffee / tea and grill sausages. If we are lucky, we can see the Northern Lights dancing in the starry sky.

Duration: about 3 hours.

Price: 75 € / person, 45 € / child 5 – 11 years

Reindeer sleigh ride under the beautiful evening sky (Thu at 19.00)

Reindeer sleigh ride under the beautiful evening sky. Spend an unforgettable evening at the traditional reindeer farm. Reindeer and their herders will warmly welcome you to their farm to experience this adventure. Sit relaxed on a reindeer sleigh and enjoy the ride through the snowy forest. If you are lucky, you may see the northern lights dancing on the sky while enjoying the reindeer ride. During the evening you will also enjoy a snack by the open fire.

Duration: about 2 hours with the transportation

Price: 160 €/person, 140 €/child 3 – 11 years



Ice Fishing (Wed and Sat at 10:00)

Ice fishing, or as we say pilkki, is indeed a Finnish hobby that almost all local people do. We travel by car to the shore of a beautiful lake with plenty of fish. We set off by snowshoes and walk a short distance to the frozen lake where we start ice fishing. After drilling a hole in to the lake and setting up your fishing jigs "pilkki" you may catch perch, whitefish, roach, pike or even grayling. If you are lucky enough to catch fish our guide will show you how to prepare the fish by an open fire. During the tour coffee/ tea and sweet bun are also served.

Duration: 3 hours.

Price: 75 € / person, 45 € / child 3 -11 years

Snowshoehike to Oulanka National Park (Tue and Fri at 10:00)

This snowshoe hike takes you to the most beautiful part of Kuusamo. See the Oulanka National Park in its winter beauty. We will hike next to the river Kitka with snowshoes and see the Myllykoski old mill. This winter scenery will surely take your breath away. Hiking distance is about 4 km and during the program we will have a coffee break with snack.

Duration: 5 hours.

Price: 95 € / person, 59€ / child 8 – 11 years



Snowshoehike to Riisitunturi National Park (Thu at 09:00)

This hike brings you to experience the stunning fell landscapes of Riisitunturi National Park. After meeting your guide and gearing up, you will transfer around 30 minutes to the starting point of the hike. The route takes you through the snow-covered forest, from where you climb up to witness panoramic views of the surrounding wilderness and Kitkajärvi, Europe's largest spring water lake. Along the way you will learn about the arctic nature, way of life, and of course enjoy a coffee break by the fire. The length of the hike is 3-6 kilometres depending on the chosen route. Your guide will decide the route depending on current conditions and the group. Minimum age of 12 required for participation.

Duration: 5-6 hrs.

Price: 110 € / person

Snowshoeing to beautiful hill of Valtavaara (Mon and Sat at 10:30)

This trip will take you to the most beautiful areas in Ruka, which we will explore with snowshoes. Our guide will lead the way and you have a great chance to see Ruka fell from different perspective as well beautiful snow covered trees.

During the trip we make a fire and enjoy some sausages and hot drinks by the fire.

Duration: about 3,5 hours.

Price: 80€/person, 50€/child 8-11 yrs old



Guided Fatbike safari (Tue and Fri at 11:00)

Together with our guide we challenge ourselves a bit and head to the winter trails close to Iisakki village with fatbikes. Fatbiking around opens up varied landscapes while you also enjoy the fun ride of these popular bikes. During the trip we also stop for a break by the fire and grill some sausages. Driving distance about 4-5km.

Duration about 2 – 3 hours. **Average physical condition is required for participation.** We keep right to change the routing according to the weather conditions.

Duration: about 2 – 3 hours.

Price: 69 € / person

Cross country ski basics (Tue and Fri at 15:00)

In this program you will learn the basics for one of the Finnish national hobbies; cross country skiing. Together with our guide we will practice the techniques of skiing and make a short tour at the official ski track. Equipment included to the program.

Duration: about 1,5-2 hours.

Price: 60 € / person

River floating (Mon, Tue, Thu, Sat at 11:00)

Arctic experience in gently streaming river. Magical adventure in the freezing cold water with floating suit which keeps you warm. You will also wear life vest and helmet. After instructions for floating we will float the river twice and enjoy hot drinks after this fun experience. Minimum height 160cm required.

Duration: about 2,5-3 h

Price: 88 € / person



SaunaTour – Finnish sauna experience (Wed, Fri, Sat at 16:30)

Experience the traditional sauna at Iisakki's lakeside sauna. The Iisakki's sauna is one of the first saunas awarded with the Authentic Finnish Sauna Experience -certificate. The certificate allows sauna enthusiasts to identify the best and highest quality Finnish sauna experiences. This experience is guided with a local sauna guide who will tell you about the original sauna culture and why it is so important to Finns! The sauna guide also joins into the sauna and shows what to do there. No one is naked during this experience, you can wear your bathing suit or towel in the sauna. Spice up your sauna experience also with dip in the ice hole! Sauna is suitable for everyone from small children to grandparents. During the sauna experience berry juice and water is served as well as small snacks.

Price: 60€/person, 40€/child 8-11 yrs old

Lappish Wild Food dinner (Wed and Sat at 19:00)

Local delicacies served in underground restaurant Kontioluola (Bears cave). This hidden restaurant in the woods opens its doors only every now and then for special events. Evening starts with welcome drink at the ice bar (season for ice bar 31.12. – 31.3.). During the dinner we will enjoy local delicacies as fish from our lakes, berries from our forests and reindeer with very typical Lappish style. During the dinner also local artist is performing. Dinner includes transfers from Ruka.

Price: 69€/person, 45€/child under 12 yrs old.

Sauna tour and Lappish wild food dinner (Wed and Sat at 19:00)

You can as well combine these nice two experiences, sauna tour and Lappish wild food dinner on days when Lappish wild food dinner is served.

Price: 125€/person, 82€/child 8-11 yrs old

Sauna yoga @ - find yourself in silence (Mon, Thu at 17:00)

After an active day outside it is good to relax in the warmth of the traditional Finnish sauna. Pampering warmth and gentle seated exercises help relieve the tensions and calm your mind. Sauna Yoga series is a 30-minute exercise that consists of six poses all done seated on a sauna bench in a temperature of about 50 degrees. Sauna Yoga boosts metabolism, reduces stress and helps you sleep better. This is the gentle first touch to a Finnish sauna. For outfit you need bathing suit or short sleeve clothing.

Price 55 € / person

Arctic snow igloo night with dinner

Program starts with transfer from Ruka to Iisakki Village where snow igloos are located. Before the arctic night you enjoy delicious three course dinner in our restaurant.

The highlight of the evening is an exotic night in our snow igloos. Sleeping bags and appropriate clothing will make sure that you will stay warm even in the harshest winter conditions.

After the arctic night, you will be served a plentiful breakfast in a house close to the igloos. Please note that there are a limited number of snow igloos, please book your winter night well in advance. The season for this winter night program is 20.12. – 30.3.

Price: 219 € / person, 149 € / child 5 – 11 years

Only 2 persons can sleep in one igloo.



Visit to the reindeer farm (Wed and Fri at 12:00)

On this tour we will have a transfer to the traditional reindeer farm with a real atmosphere. At the farm we will have a reindeer sled-drive of about 300 meters followed by feeding the reindeer and sharing the stories of the reindeer´s life in the arctic nature. After the reindeer sledding, you will enjoy coffee/tea, sweet pastry and reindeer meat sausage.

Duration: full program 2-3 hours with the transfers.

Price: 93 € / person, 57 € / child 3 - 11 years

World of reindeer (Wed and Fri at 11:30, Sun from 7.1.2023)

On this visit we will drive to the local reindeer farm by car. You should never ask from the herder the exact amount of reindeer he owns, but here you will soon realize that there are hundreds of them! The herder will tell you the stories of his reindeer and their life in the nature. You can feed and pet the reindeer and get many pictures of them. In the traditional kota you will enjoy sausages and fresh coffee made on the open fire with a traditional local sweet pastry. The top experience is of course the sleigh ride of 1,5km with the reindeer in the snowy forest.

Duration: full program about 2-3 hours with transfers

Price: 135 € / person, 110 € / child 5 - 11 years

Morning feeding of hundreds of reindeer and getting the know the farm (Tue and Thu at 09:00)

Transfer from Ruka for about 15 minutes to a local reindeerfarm with long history. Get around in beautiful old farm and participate in the morning feeding of hundreds of reindeer. Feed and meet all the reindeer of the farm at our corral. Enjoy the everyday farm life with us and feed the reindeer with their lichen and take some beautiful pictures in the middle of the reindeer. Small snack of coffee/tea, sweet pastry and sausage will be served in a kota, while listening the stories of the reindeer year. After nice program transfer back to Ruka.

Duration: full program about 1,5 hours with the transfer

Price: 90€/person, 60€/child 5-11 yrs old



Husky Taster 5 km (Wed and Thu at 12:30)

Car transfer to husky farm. At the husky farm we will learn how to drive with the husky sleigh. After the driving lesson we head to husky ride of 5km. After the safari coffee/tea & snacks are served at the husky farm. Duration: full program with transfers about 1,5 - 2 hours.

Price: 155 € / person, 125 € / child 3 – 11 years

Husky Safari 10km (Wed and Fri at 10:00)

Car transfer to husky farm. At the husky farm we will learn how to drive with the husky sleigh. After the driving lesson we head to husky ride through the snowy forests. After the husky ride we will enjoy coffee/tea & snacks. Length of the ride about 10km.

Duration: full program with transfers about 2-2,5 hours.

Price: 188 € / person, 148 € / child 3 – 11 years

Husky day tour (Tue and Sat at 10:00)

Car transfer to husky farm. At the husky farm we will learn how to drive with the husky sleigh. After the driving lesson we head to unforgettable ride through the forests. The ride today is about 20 km and goes through amazing sceneries. Snack is also served during program. Duration : Full program is about 4-5 hours with transfers.

Price: 249 € / person, 190 € / child 8 – 11 years

IMPORTANT INFORMATION

GENERAL INFORMATION

Prices include the VAT and transfers. Please remember that alcohol is forbidden during snowmobile safaris and the limit of alcohol level in Finland is 0.5 per mil. Our snowmobiles are insured over 1000 Euro damages. Every person is responsible for his/her own snowmobile and damages until the 1000 Euro / one vehicle are at the clients charge. The self liability of damages needs to be paid on the spot at Ruka Safaris office after the safari. Driving licence for snowmobile safaris will be needed. **Ruka Safaris doesn't allow snowmobiling to pregnant women, as well husky safaris are not recommended for pregnant woman. If client have any health issues, that should be informed in advance!** Children under 140cm travel in a sledge during snowmobile safaris. Bookings needs to be made no later than one day before the program starts. Cancellations 8 or more days before programs starts are refundable. Cancellations 7 days or less before program starts we refund money only with medical certificate. Ruka Safaris winter activities are planned and operated subject to prevailing weather conditions, which are beyond our control. Duration of the program may vary up to the weather and group size. We keep a right to change programs and timetables for clients safety.

CLOTHING

Clients will get the clothes when arriving to the first safari.

PICK UP

Pick up times will be informed to each booking 2 weeks before arrival. Pick up places will be Rukan Salonki, Ruka center ski bus stop, Mastonaitio bus stop and Ruka Valley ski bus stop. Other places agreed separately case by case (for example Ruka Villas cottages, Talvihovi and Ruka Peak hotel).

BOOKINGS

To Ruka Safaris sales office latest 48 hours before the safari by email sales@rukasafaris.fi or phone +358 8 852 1610. We can not guarantee that there is places left in the last minute bookings, so we recommend to book the program well ahead in advance.