

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 the reindeer			10.00		10.00		
Winter wilderness safari			09.30			09.30	
Snowmobilesafari 40 km and 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
(Monday, Thursday, Saturday
09.30, 14.00)**

During this safari, you get the basic skills to drive the snowmobile. Before the start, your guide gives you a full safety briefing and instructions on how to drive. After the 'lesson' you start driving through the stunning snowy forest. The safari is about 20 kilometres. You will also have a break with coffee, tea and a sweet bun.

Duration: 2,5 - 3 hours
Price: 95 €/person, based on 2 persons/snowmobile, 120 €/person for single driving, 55 €/child 5- 11 years

**Snowmobilesafari to the reindeer
(Wednesday and Friday at 10.00)**

This snowmobile safari goes through the beautiful forests and over the ice covered lakes to eventually meet our local friends, the reindeer. You will have a reindeer ride of 1,5 kilometres and have the chance to feed them. You will also learn about the reindeer and the arctic nature. The driving distance with the snowmobile is about 40 kilometres. Coffee, a pastry and a sausage are included. You have to be at least 140 cm to participate in this program.

Duration: 4-5 hours
Price: 195 €/person, based on 2 persons/snowmobile, 220 €/person for single driving, 125 €/child 10-11 years



**Winter wilderness safari
(Wednesday and Saturday at 09.30)**

This snowmobile safari takes you to the Eastern part of Kuusamo. During the safaris you will drive to the top of the magnificent Kuntivaara hill. This place is famous for its frozen, in snow covered trees. The breathtaking scenery over the arctic wilderness will be a memory to cherish forever. You will enjoy a soup lunch and coffee in a cozy wilderness restaurant. The length of this challenging safari is about 100 kilometres. You drive your own snowmobile.

Duration: about 6 hours
Price: 220 €/person - single driving
Please note that previous driving experience with the snowmobile is required for this safari. The Snowmobile introduction gives you the skills to participate in this safari.

**Snowmobile safari 40 km and lunch
(Tuesday at 10.00)**

During this snowmobile safari you drive through the beautiful nature in the Ruka area. The safari goes through the frozen forests and over the ice covered lakes. During the safari you will get a lovely soup lunch. You have to be at least 140 cm to participate in this program.

Duration: about 4 hours
Price: 155 € / person based on 2 persons/snowmobile), 180 € / person for single driving, 90 € / child 10 - 11 years



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

With this snowmobile safari you go out in the evening. During the safari you will stop for a break near an open fire where you can enjoy a Finnish sausage with coffee and a sweet bun. With a bit of luck you will see the magical Northern Lights dancing in the starry night sky. The driving distance is about 30 kilometres. You have to be at least 140 cm to participate in this program.

Duration: 2,5-3 hours

Price: 124 € / person, based on 2 persons per snowmobile, 149 € / person for single driving, 70 € / child 8 – 11 years

Search for the Northern Lights, snowshoe walking through the fell scenery (Monday, Tuesday, Thursday, Friday at 19.00)

Capture the true feeling of a winter night in the beautiful fell scenery. During this walk you will follow the old reindeer tracks through the frozen forest. Every now and then you will stop to admire the nature and snow-covered trees. If the sky is clear you can see the bright stars and with a little luck, you can see the colourful Northern Lights. During the trip you can enjoy a break for a hot drink and your guide will also tell you interesting stories about the Northern Lights and the arctic nature. The distance of the walk is about 3-4 kilometres.

Duration: about 3 hours

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



Starlight sledging to search for the Northern Lights (Tuesday and Friday at 19.00)

This unforgettable adventure is also perfect for families. You will be seated in a sledge pulled by a snowmobile, driving into the deep forest. The route leads you through the changing landscape of Lapland. During the safari you will have a break by an open fire where you can enjoy a grilled sausage with coffee and tea. If you are lucky, you may be able to see the Northern Lights lighting up the sky.

Duration: about 3 hours

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

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

Enjoy a sleigh ride under the beautiful evening sky, pulled by reindeer. Spend an unforgettable evening at a traditional reindeer farm. The reindeer and their herders will warmly welcome you to their farm. Sit relaxed on a sleigh and enjoy the ride through the snowy forest. If you are lucky, you may see the Northern Lights dancing in the sky while enjoying the reindeer ride. You will also get a snack by an open fire.

Duration: about 2 hours with transportation

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



Ice Fishing (Wednesday and Saturday at 10.00)

Ice fishing or pilkki (as it's called in Finnish) is one of the most popular hobbies from the locals. On a beautiful, frozen lake you try to catch as much fish as possible. With snowshoes you walk a short distance to the lake. Your guide will explain how to drill a hole and how the fishing rods work. You may catch perch, whitefish, roach, pike or even grayling. If you caught fish, your guide will show you how to prepare the fish by an open fire. During the break you can also enjoy coffee, tea and a sweet bun.

Duration: 3 hours.

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

Snowshoeing to Oulanka National Park (Tuesday and Friday at 10.00)

This snowshoe hike takes you to the most beautiful Nation Park of Kuusamo. Discover Oulanka National Park in its winter glory. You will hike next to the kitka river with snowshoes and see the old mill – Myllykoski. The white scenery will for sure take your breath away. The hiking distance is 4-6 kilometres. You will take a break where you get coffee and a snack.

Duration: 5 hours

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



Snowshoe hike to Riisitunturi National Park (Thursday at 09.00)

During this hike you go to experience the wonderful fell landscape of Riisitunturi National Park. After meeting your guide and gearing up, you will have a transfer to the starting point of the hike (about 45 minutes). The snowshoe hike takes you through the marshmallow trees to the top of the fells where you have a panoramic view over the region. On a bright day you can even see Kitkajärvi, Europe's largest spring water lake. Along the way you will learn about the arctic nature and the way of life in Lapland. During the 3-6 kilometres hike you also take a break by the fire with coffee and a snack. Your guide will decide the route depending on the current conditions and the group. The minimum age for this safari is 12 years.

Duration: 5-6 hours

Price: 110 € / person

Snowshoeing to beautiful hill of Valtavaara (Monday and Saturday at 10.30)

This safari will take you to one of the most beautiful areas in Ruka, which you will explore with snowshoes. The guide will lead the way through the frozen forest. During the safari you will have a break by a fire to enjoy a grilled sausage and hot drinks. Maybe you even see the skiing hills of Ruka.

Duration: about 3,5 hours

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



**Guided Fatbike safari
(Tuesday and Friday at 11.00)**

Together with your guide, you will challenge yourself and head to the winter trails near Iisakki Village with fatbikes. Enjoy the fun of these popular bikes while discovering the variety of landscape there is in this region. During the trip you will also stop for a break by the fire and have a Finnish sausage. The driving distance is about 4-5 kilometres.

Average physical condition is required to participate in this safari. The route can be changed according to the weather conditions.

Duration: about 2 – 3 hours
Price: 69 € / person

**Cross country ski basics
(Tuesday and Friday at 15.00)**

This program teaches you the basics of cross country skiing, one of the nation's most popular hobbies. Together with your guide, you practice techniques and make a short tour on the official ski-tracks. The Skiing equipment is included in the program.

Duration: about 1,5-2 hours
Price: 60 € / person

**River floating
(Monday, Tuesday, Thursday,
Saturday at 11.00)**

A magical adventure in freezing cold water. A floating suit will keep you warm during this arctic experience. You will also wear a helmet and a life jacket. Your guide will give you instructions after which you can float the river twice. After this fun and special experience, you can enjoy a hot drink. You have to be at least 160 cm to participate in this safari.

Duration: about 2,5-3 h
Price: 88 € / person



SaunaTour – Finnish sauna experience (Wednesday, Friday, Saturday at 16.30)

Experience the traditional sauna at Iisakki's lakeside sauna. Iisakki's sauna is one of the first saunas awarded with the Authentic Finnish Sauna Experience-certificate. This means that sauna enthusiasts can experience the best and real Finnish sauna. This experience is guided by a local sauna guide who will tell you about the original sauna culture and why it's so important to Finns. The sauna guide also joins you in the sauna and shows you what to do. No one is naked during this experience, you can wear a bathing suit or a towel. Want to be a real Finn? Then you can go for a dip in the ice hole! Also children can participate in the sauna experience as it is for young and old. During the sauna tour, berry juice and water is served as well as small snacks.

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

Lappish Wild Food dinner (Wednesday and Saturday at 19.00)

Kontioluola (the Bears cave) is a restaurant, hidden underground in the woods. It only opens for special occasions where local delicacies are served. The evening starts with a welcome drink at the ice bar (31.12-31.03). On the menu, you can find fish from the local lakes, Lappish style reindeer and berries from the Finnish forests. A local artist is performing during the dinner. Transfer from Ruka is included in the price.

Price: 69 €/person, 45 €/child under 12 years



Sauna tour and Lappish wild food dinner (Wednesday and Saturday at 19.00)

You can also combine the Sauna tour with the Lappish Wild Food Dinner.

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

Sauna yoga® - find yourself in silence (Monday, Thursday at 17.00)

After an active day outside it's good to relax in the warmth of the traditional Finnish sauna. The pampering warmth and the gentle seated exercises help relieve tension and calm your mind. Sauna yoga is a series of exercises that consists of six seated poses in a temperature of about 50 degrees. Sauna yoga boosts your metabolism, reduces stress and helps you sleep better. The series of poses is a 30 minutes exercise for which you need to wear either a bathing suit or clothes with short sleeves.

Price: 55 € / person

Arctic snow igloo night with dinner

Your overnight starts with a transfer from Ruka to Iisakki Village where the snow igloos are located. Before you start your overnight, you enjoy a delicious three course dinner in our restaurant. The highlight of the evening is the arctic night in our snow igloo. Sleeping bags and appropriate clothing will make sure that you stay warm, even with the harshest winter conditions. In the morning you will be served a rich breakfast. Please note that there are a limited number of snow igloos. Please book your winter night well in advance. You can book your overnight between 20.12 and 30.03. There is only space for 2 persons per igloo!

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



**Visit to the reindeer farm
(Wednesday and Friday at 12.00)**

On this tour you will have a transfer to a tradition reindeer farm. At the farm you will have a reindeer sled-ride of about 300 metres, followed by feeding the reindeer. By the open fire you will be able to enjoy a reindeer meat sausage, a sweet pastry and coffee or tea while the reindeer herders share stories about the arctic nature and the reindeer.

Duration: full program 2-3 hours with the transfers.
Price: 93 € / person, 57 € / child 3 - 11 years

**World of reindeer
(Wednesday and Friday at 11.30, Sunday from 7.1.2023)**

During this safari you will drive to a local reindeer farm by car. The herder will tell you stories of his reindeer and their life in nature. You can feed the reindeer and get many pictures with them. In the kota you will enjoy fresh coffee made on an open fire with a traditional local sweet pastry. You will see that there are hundreds of reindeer at the farm, though you should never ask the reindeer herder the exact amount of reindeer as it is rude to do so. The highlight of this safari is a sleigh ride of 1.5 kilometres pulled by reindeer through 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
(Tuesday and Thursday at 09.00)**

Start your day with feeding and meeting the reindeer in the farm. Get around the beautiful old farm and give the reindeer their favourite breakfast, lichen. During this experience you are in the middle of the reindeer herd which is an ideal moment to take some pictures. Afterwards you go to a kota where you learn about the life of the reindeer while having a cup of coffee or tea. You also get a pastry and a grilled sausage.

Duration: full program about 1,5 hours with transfers
Price: 90 €/person, 60 €/child 5-11 year



Husky Taster 5 km (Wednesday and Thursday at 12.30)

At the husky farm you will be welcomed by your guide who will teach you how to drive with the husky sleigh. After the driving lesson you go to meet your own team for a 5 km ride. Afterwards you get a break with coffee, tea and a snack served at the husky farm.

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

Husky Safari 10km (Wednesday and Friday at 10.00)

When arriving at the husky farm, your guide will welcome you and teach you how to drive your own husky sleigh. After the driving lesson you head to the huskies who will take you through the snowy forests. Once back at the farm you will enjoy a coffee and tea break with a snack.

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)

At the husky farm you will learn how to drive with the husky sleigh. After the driving lesson you will be taken to your own husky team for an unforgettable ride through the forest. The ride is about 20 kilometres and makes you discover the amazing sceneries of this region. During the safari you get a break with coffee, tea and a snack

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

IMPORTANT INFORMATION

GENERAL INFORMATION

VAT and Transfers are included in the price. Please remember that alcohol is forbidden during snowmobile safaris. Our snowmobiles are insured until €1000 of damages. Every person is responsible for his/her own snowmobile and damages until the €1000 will be charged to the client. The self-liability charge needs to be paid at the Ruka Safaris office at the end of the safari. You need to have a driving licence to drive the snowmobile. Ruka Safaris doesn't allow pregnant women to drive the snowmobile! Also husky safaris are not recommended for pregnant women. If the client had any health issues, they should inform about them in advance! Children under 140 cm travel in a sledge during the snowmobile safaris. Bookings need to be made no later than one day before the start of the program. Cancellations have to happen latest 8 days before the start of the safari to be refundable. Cancellations 7 days or less before the start of the safari can be refunded only with a medical certificate. Ruka Safaris' winter activities are planned and operated subject to change due to weather conditions, which are out of our control. The duration of the program may vary due to weather conditions and group sizes. We keep the right to change the programs and timetables for clients safety.

CLOTHING

Clients will get their winter clothes upon arrival at the first safari.

PICK UP

Pick-up times will be informed 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 place agreed separately case by case (for example Ruka Villas Cottages, Talvihove and Ruka Peak Hotel).

BOOKINGS

You can make a booking latest 48 hours before departure by sending an email to sales@rukasafaris.fi or by phone at +358 8 852 1610. We can not guarantee availability for last minute bookings, so we recommend do book the safaris well ahead.