#### **RUKA SAFARIS WINTER WEEKLY PROGRAM 2025-2026**



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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		09.30 and 14.00	
Snowmobilesafari to the reindeer			09.30		09.30		
Arctic experience 100 km and lunch			09.00			09.00	
Snowmobilesafari 40 km and lunch		09.30					
Northern lights programs							
The land of Northern lights, snowmobilesafari			19.30		19.30		
Search for the northern lights by snowshoes	19.00	19.00		19.00	19.00		
Starlight sledging	19.45	19.45	19.45		19.45		
Evening reindeer ride under the beautiful evening sky				19.00			
Wellbeing in nature							
Into the nature with snowshoes	11.00		11.00	11.00	11.00		
Snowshoehike to Oulanka National park		09:15			09.15	09.15	
Snowshoehike to Riisitunturi National park				09.15			
Snowshoeing to Valtavaara	10.30					10.30	
Guided fatbike program		10.30			10.30		
Ice fishing			10.15			10.15	
Cross-country ski basics		14.00			14.00		
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	
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Reindeer safaris							
Visit to the reindeerfarm			12.00		12.00		
World of reindeer			11.30		11.30		11.30
Morning reindeer feeding		09.00		09.00			
Husky safaris							
Husky taster	13.30 (5.1. – 29.3.)		14.00	14.00			
Husky safari 2h	10.00		10.00 & 12.00	10.00	10.00 & 12.00	10.00 and 12.00	
Husky day tour		10.00				10.30	



## Snowmobile Introduction (Monday, Tuesday, 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. You will also have a break with coffee, tea and a sweet bun.

Duration: 2,5 - 3 hours

Price: 135 € / person based on 2 persons/snowmobile
175 € / person for single driving
84 € / child 5-11 years

## Snowmobilesafari to the reindeer farm (Wednesday and Friday at 09.30)

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 kilometers 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 35-40 kilometers. Coffee, a pastry and a sausage are included. You must be at least 140 cm to participate in this program.

**Duration: 4-5 hours** 

Price: 230 € / person based on 2 persons/snowmobile 270 € / person for single driving 149 € / child 10 – 11 years and over 140 cm

## Arctic experience 100 km and lunch (Wednesday and Saturday at 09.00)

This snowmobile safari takes you to the real arctic experience through the wilderness. 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 kilometers. Driving only available on single driving basis when everybody drives own snowmobile.

**Duration: about 6 hours** 

#### Price: 290 €/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 09.30)

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 must be at least 140 cm to participate in this program.

**Duration: about 4 hours** 

Price: 185 € / person based on 2 persons/snowmobile

**225 € /** person for single driving

**105 € /** child 10 – 11 years and over 140 cm



# The land of Northern lights, evening snowmobiling in the taiga forest (Wednesday and Friday at 19.30)

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 snack with coffee. With a bit of luck, you will see the magical Northern Lights dancing in the starry night sky. The driving distance is about 30 kilometers. You must be at least 140 cm to participate in this program.

**Duration: 2,5-3 hours** 

Price: 165 € / person based on 2 persons/snowmobile
205 € / person for single driving
95 € / child 8 – 11 years and over 140 cm

# 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 colorful 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 kilometers.

**Duration: about 3 hours** 

Price: 87 € / person, 54 € / child 8 – 11 years

#### Starlight sledging to search for the Northern Lights (Monday, Tuesday, Wednesday and Friday at 19.45)

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 snack 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: 92 € / person, 55 € / 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: 202 €/person, 142 €/child 3 – 11 years



## Daytime winter wonderland hike (Mon, Wed, Thu and Fri at 11.00)

Experience the serene beauty of the arctic on this guided snowshoe hike through untouched winter forests. As you make your way along peaceful trails, you'll be surrounded by snow-covered trees and the quiet charm of the wilderness. This journey offers the perfect opportunity to immerse yourself in nature and feel the true spirit of winter. A pause along the way allows you to enjoy a warm drink while taking in the breathtaking scenery. This snowshoe hike is an ideal escape into the tranquility of the forest, offering a refreshing and memorable adventure.

**Duration: 3 hours** 

Price: 83 € / person, 51 € / child 5 -11 years

### Snowshoeing to Oulanka National Park (Tuesday, Friday and Saturday at 09.15)

This snowshoe hike takes you to the most beautiful National 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: 119 € / person, 71 € / child 8 – 11 years

### Snowshoe hike to Riisitunturi National Park (Thursday at 09.15)

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 kilometers 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: 148 € / 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 snack and hot drinks. Maybe you even see the skiing hills of Ruka.

**Duration: about 4,5 hours** 

Price: 97 €/person, 62 €/child 8-11 years



#### Guided Fatbike safari (Tuesday and Friday at 10.30)

Together with your guide, you will challenge yourself and head to the winter trails near lisakki 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 snack. The driving distance is about 4-5 kilometres. Average physical condition is required to participate in this safari. You need to be at least 160 cm to participate to this safari. The route can be changed according to the weather conditions.

Duration: about 2 – 3 hours Price: 87 € / person, natural bike Price: 118 € / person, electric bike

Please inform paricipant's height upon booking

### Ice Fishing (Wednesday and Saturday at 10.15)

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. You'll 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 snack.

**Duration: 3 hours** 

Price: 95 € / person, 59 € / child 3 -11 years

## Cross-country ski basics (Tuesday and Friday at 14.00)

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 ski-tracks. The Skiing equipment is included in the program.

Duration: about 1,5-2 hours

Price: 77 € / 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 15 years old and 160 cm to participate in this safari.

Duration: about 2,5-3 h Price: 108 € / person



### Sauna Tour – 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, juice and water is served as well as small snacks. Duration 2,5h.

Price: 89 €/person, 55 €/child 8-11 years

## Lappish Wild Food dinner (Wednesday and Saturday at 19.00)

Kontioluola (the Bear 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. Transfer from Ruka is included in the price.

Price: 85 €/person, 59 €/child under 12 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: 72 € / person



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

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

Duration: full program 2-3 hours with the transfers. Price: 113 € / person, 78 € / child 3 - 11 years

#### World of reindeer (Wednesday, Friday and Sunday at 11.30)

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 number of reindeer as it is rude to do so. The highlight of this safari is a sleigh ride of 1.5 kilometers pulled by reindeer through the snowy forest.

Duration: full program about 2-3 hours with transfers Price: 168 € / person, 134 € / 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 favorite 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: 103 €/person, 72 €/child 5-11 year



Husky Taster (Wednesday and Thursday at 14.00 & Monday at 13.30 (5.1. – 29.3.))

At the husky farm you will be welcomed by your guide who will introduce you the safety rules of husky safaris. After the driving lesson you go to meet your husky team who takes you to the ride. Huskyride is about 20-30 minutes, depending of the snow conditions. Afterwards you get a break with coffee, tea and a snack served at the husky farm. Total duration of the program with the instructions, ride and coffee break is about 1,5h.

Price: 199 € / person, 155 € / child 3 – 11 years

Husky Safari 2 h (Monday at 10.00, Wednesday, Friday & Saturday at 10.00 and 12.00, Thursday 10.00)

At the husky farm you will be welcomed by your guide who will introduce you the safety rules of husky safaris. After the driving lesson you go to meet your husky team who takes you to the ride. Huskyride is about 40 minutes – 1 hour, depending of the snow conditions. Afterwards you get a break with coffee, tea and a snack served at the husky farm. Total duration of the program with the instructions, ride and coffee break is about 2-2,5 h.

Duration: full program with transfers about 2-2,5 hours Price: 255 € / person, 195 € / child 3 – 11 years

## Husky Day Tour (Tue at 10.00 and Sat at 10.30)

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 15-20 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: 348 € / person, 265 € / child 8 – 11 years



#### 2-in-1 Into The Nature Package

This package includes following programs:

- Daytime winter wonderland hike
- Ice fishing program

Programs will take place on different days.

Package price: 165 € / person, 99 € / child 5 – 11 years

#### 2-in-1 Northern light hunter's package

This package includes following programs:

- Search for the Northern Lights, snowshoe walking through the fell scenery
- The land of Northern lights, evening snowmobiling in the taiga forest

Programs will take place on different days.

#### Package price:

**230 € /** person (based on 2 persons/snowmobile)

**270 € /** person for single driving

**130 € /** child 8 – 11 years and over 140 cm

# TERMS & CONDITIONS IMPORTANT INFORMATION

#### **GENERAL INFORMATION**

Prices are valid between November 2025 – April 2026 according to weather conditions.

Value Added Tax (14% or marginal tax) are included in the price. In case that the applicable VAT undergoes change during thevalidy of this price period we keep the right to adjust the prices accordingly. All activities include needed transfers from Ruka Safaris' safari house. We also have free pick-up service from certain pick up points (more information below). Please remember that alcohol is forbidden during snowmobile safaris. 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 (moped license is not enough). Ruka Safaris doesn't allow pregnant women to drive the snowmobile. Also, husky safaris are not recommended for pregnant women. If the client has any health issues, they should inform about them in advance. Children under 140 cm travel in a sledge during the snowmobile safaris (please note that some safaris are available only children over 140cm). Bookings need to be made no later than 48 hours before the start of the program. Cancellations must happen latest 21 days before the start of the safari to be refundable. In cancellations 20-14 days before the start of the safari we keep the right to charge 50 % of the value of the booking. Cancellations 13 days or less before the start of the safari are non-refundable. 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. Clients are not allowed to be under the influence of alcohol or drugs during the programs. If they are under the influence, the guide can deny you access with no rights for a refund.

#### CLOTHING

Ruka Safaris provides winter overall, boots and gloves for the safaris operated by Ruka Safaris. Clients are recommended to wear warm personal underlayers and socks according to the weather conditions under these safari clothes. Clients will get these clothes upon arrival at the first safari.

#### **PICKUP**

Ruka Safaris offers private shuttle service to the activities from certain pick up points. Shuttle service require pre-booking. 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, Talvihovi and Ruka Peak Hotel). Other pick up places with extra charge.

#### **BOOKINGS**

You can make a booking latest 48 hours before departure by sending an email to <u>sales@rukasafaris.fi</u> 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.