



LAND JOURNEY



# Finland

## Arctic Magnificence

### Inspiring Moments

- ▶ Watch the ethereal **Northern Lights** dance overhead from your **glass-domed cabin in northern Lapland**.
- ▶ **Drive a team of energetic huskies** on a thrilling ride across the glistening fjells.
- ▶ Revel in a **snowshoe trek through a tranquil, moonlit forest** to take in the Northern Lights and the starry sky.
- ▶ Discover intriguing facets of **Finland's three Sámi cultures**.
- ▶ Soak up the **soothing steam of a sauna** and learn why it's an essential, beloved experience for Finns.
- ▶ Travel to Estonia and delight in **Tallinn's beautiful old town, a UNESCO World Heritage site**.
- ▶ Admire the stunning mix of historic and contemporary architecture in **Helsinki**.
- ▶ Meet a Sámi family and see reindeer in the wild at a **traditional reindeer farm**.

### Included Features

- Accommodations** (with baggage handling)
- **3 nights** in Helsinki, Finland, at the first-class Hotel U14.
  - **4 nights** in Saariselkä at the first-class Northern Lights Village.
- Transfers** (with baggage handling)
- All transfers during the Land Program: flights, ferry and deluxe motor coaches.
- Extensive Meal Program**
- 7 breakfasts, 1 lunch and 6 dinners, including Welcome and Farewell Dinners; tea or coffee with all meals, plus wine with dinner.
  - Opportunities to sample local cuisine.
- Your One-of-a-Kind Journey**
- **AHI Travel Assurance** plan covers Accident and Sickness Medical Expense, Trip Delay and Emergency Evacuation for U.S. residents.
  - **Discovery excursions** highlight the local culture, heritage and history.
  - Expert-led **Enrichment programs** enhance your insight into the region.
  - **AHI Connects:** Local immersion.
  - **Free time** to pursue your individual interests.
  - Welcome and Farewell Receptions to mingle with fellow travelers.
  - **AHI Sustainability Promise:** We strive to make a positive impact wherever we travel.
  - A personal VOX headset to hear your English-speaking guide clearly.
  - Tipping of guides and drivers.
  - Complimentary travel mementos.



### Itinerary

- Day 1** Depart gateway city ✈
- Day 2** Arrive in Helsinki and transfer 🚗 to hotel
- Day 3** Helsinki
- Day 4** Embark ferry | Tallinn | Helsinki
- Day 5** Fly to Ivalo | Transfer to Saariselkä
- Day 6** Saariselkä
- Day 7** Inari
- Day 8** Saariselkä
- Day 9** Depart for Ivalo airport | Fly to Helsinki | Depart for gateway city ✈
- Day 10** Arrive in gateway city

Flights ✈ and transfers 🚗 provided for AHI FlexAir participants.  
**Note:** Itinerary may change due to local conditions.



Above left: Northern Lights Village | Above: Dogsledding





## Discovery

**AHI Connects: Finnish Reindeer Farm.** Reindeer herding dates to the Middle Ages in Lapland. At a farm owned by a Sámi family, ride through the forest on a sleigh to spot reindeer roaming in the wilderness, and chat with family members afterward about daily life.

**Helsinki Tour.** On a panoramic tour, revel in the eye-catching architecture of this dynamic city founded in 1550. Visit several gems along your route, including Tuomiokirkko, a green-domed, gleaming cathedral built in 1852 and an iconic symbol of Helsinki. Check out the sleek, light-filled Oodi Library, popular with Finns since it opened in 2018, and see Temppeliaukion Church, also known as Rock Church, a subterranean house of worship.

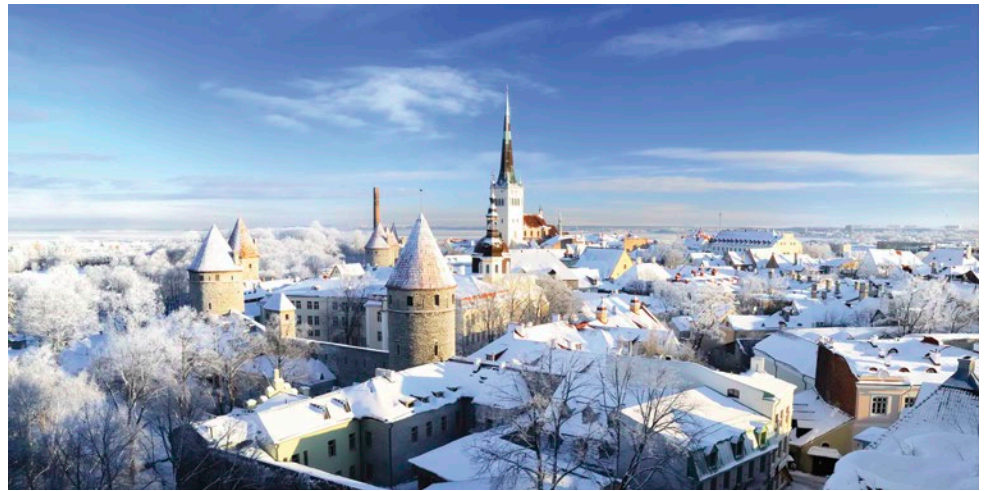
**Löyly Sauna Experience.** Saunas are a vital part of the Finnish lifestyle, a cherished ritual of relaxation and rejuvenation, enjoyed alone or with family and friends. In this nation of 5.5 million people, it's estimated that there are roughly 3 million saunas. At Löyly Sauna, try different styles of saunas, and if you're game, cool off with a bracing dip in the Baltic Sea!

**Tallinn Walking Tour.** Ferry across the Gulf of Finland to Estonia's capital for a guided tour of its charming old town. Gaze up at the twin stone towers of Viru Gate along the formidable, 14th-century town walls. In the bustling Raekoja plats, or Town Hall Square, see the grand Gothic town hall, the only surviving one of its kind in Northern Europe. Later, find a nice spot for lunch on your own and spend some free time meandering down old Tallinn's picturesque, cobblestone lanes.

**Aurora Expedition.** Head out under a moonlit sky for an invigorating snowshoe hike amid the stillness of the pristine forest and fjells. Follow your guide over gentle slopes to special vantage points for your chance to witness the awe-inspiring beauty of the Aurora Borealis, or Northern Lights. During the springtime months, an optimal time of year for viewing, this amazing natural phenomenon can be seen approximately every second night in northern Lapland, weather permitting. Savor a refreshing break by a fire, complemented by toasty beverages, snacks and tales about the Northern Lights.

**Husky Safari.** No trip to Lapland would be complete with a dogsled ride! And you're in charge as you drive a team of eager huskies on a fast-paced, unforgettable journey across the snowy fjells. A professional guide will offer instruction and accompany you on the ride.

**Sámi Museum Siida.** At this fascinating museum, delve into Finland's three Sámi cultures, which are deeply intertwined with nature and the Arctic landscape. With your guide, explore the open-air area that features more than 50 traditional structures, such as dwellings, dugouts, turf buildings and traps.



Tallinn, Estonia

## Enrichment

- ▶ **Finnish Sauna Culture**
- ▶ **Happiest People in the World**

### UNESCO World Heritage

1. **Historic Center (Old Town) of Tallinn, Estonia**

## Accommodations

**Hotel U14 | Helsinki**



**Northern Lights Village | Saariselkä**



## ACTIVE TRAVEL

### Excursions on this program require:

- ▶ standing and walking for up to 2 hours during dogsled ride and snowshoe hike
- ▶ walking on cobblestones, unpaved paths and/or uneven surfaces
- ▶ getting on/off motor coaches and boats
- ▶ tolerating colder temperatures during outdoor activities in the snow



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**Travel information |** Prepares you fully for your journey.


**Expert local guides and lecturers |** Provide friendly, knowledgeable service and share their passion for their country.

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Reindeer