



ALUMNI ASSOCIATION

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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**.



### 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 Lapland | Transfer to Saariselkä
- Day 6** Saariselkä
- Day 7** Inari
- Day 8** Saariselkä
- Day 9** Depart for Lapland airport | Fly to Helsinki | Depart for gateway city 🌐

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

### 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 lunches and 6 dinners, including Welcome and Farewell Dinners; tea or coffee with all meals, plus wine with dinner.

#### Your One-of-a-Kind Journey

- **Small group:** Sized just right at 24 guests.
- **Enrichment by expert speakers** enhances your insight into the region.
- **Engaging excursions** and 🌐 **PYJ | Personalize Your Journey** showcase the local culture, heritage and history.
- 🌐 **AHI Connects | Local immersion.**
- **Free time** to pursue your individual interests.
- Welcome and Farewell Receptions to mingle with fellow travelers.
- **AHI Sustainability Promise |** Striving 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.

Above: Cabin, Northern Lights Village



**A World of Discovery**

**AHI Connects | Finnish Reindeer**

**Farm.** Reindeer husbandry has been part of Sámi culture since the Middle Ages. At a farm owned by a Sámi family, ride through the forest to spot reindeer in the wild, and chat with the reindeer herder.

**AHI Connects | Happiest People in the World.** Finland routinely ranks as the happiest nation in the world. Discover the reasons behind the Finns' strong sense of well-being from a local expert. Then, follow her into the forest to learn how to connect on a deeper level to the splendor of the natural world in true Finnish fashion.

**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. 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 stone towers of Viru Gate and see the grand Gothic town hall. Later, spend some free time on your own exploring along 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 phenomenon can be seen approximately

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**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



*Sámi woman, Sámi Museum Siida*

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.

**Sámi Museum Siida.** Delve into Finland's three Sámi cultures, which are intertwined with nature and the Arctic landscape. Explore an open-air area that features more than 50 traditional structures, such as dwellings, dugouts, turf buildings and traps.

**PYJ | A choice of unique excursions:**

- Saariselkä**
  - Husky Safari (*Very Active. Requires strong balance over a two-hour period.*)
  - Snowmobile Safari (*Very Active*)

**Enrichment**

- Finnish Sauna Culture
- Happiest People in the World

**UNESCO World Heritage**

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

**Accommodations**

**Hotel U14 | Helsinki**

**Northern Lights Village | Saariselkä**



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*Tallinn, Estonia*

**AHI Travel Expertise**

For more than six decades, our dedicated team has helped travelers explore the world safely and securely.

**Travel & Air Coordinators |** Help with everything from arranging flights to fulfilling special requests.

**Travel Director |** Manages all details to ensure a safe and memorable trip.

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

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

**Let us arrange your flights!**

**AHI FlexAir |** Our personalized air program features transfers, assistance and flexibility.

**2025 Departures & Pricing**

**March 4-12, 2025**

Full Price	From \$5,045
Special Savings	\$750

**\*Early Booking Special Price From \$4,295**

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