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The Northern Lights of Finland

November 4 – 11, 2027

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8 Days • 12 Meals: 6 Breakfasts, 1 Lunch, 5 Dinners

HIGHLIGHTS... Helsinki, Helsinki Rock Church, Lapland Region, Kakslauttanen Arctic Resort, Santa's Home Visit, Reindeer Safari, Northern Lights Searches, Husky Safari, Overnight in Glass Igloo

ITINERARY AT A GLANCE

Day 1	Overnight Flight
Days 2, 3	Hotel Haven, Helsinki
Days 4 – 6	Kakslauttanen Arctic Resort - West Village, Kakslauttanen
Day 7	Hotel Haven, Helsinki

On some dates alternate hotels may be used.

Day 1: Thursday, November 4, 2027 Overnight Flight Embark on a winter adventure to the magical landscapes of Finnish Lapland. Under pristine Arctic skies, you'll have the chance to search for the breathtaking northern lights dancing above the snowy wilderness. The journey kicks off from charming Helsinki, the "Daughter of the Baltic."

Day 2: Friday, November 5, 2027 Helsinki, Finland *Hei Helsinki!* Finland's vibrant capital, where history converges with architectural style and combines with a laid-back vibe across beautiful islands and pristine public parks, welcomes you. With no scheduled activities throughout the afternoon, spend the day as you wish, exploring the city independently. This evening, gather with new friends for a welcome dinner in the city center, taking a 20-minute stroll to a local restaurant. *Hyvää ruokahalua!* (bon appetit!) (D)

Day 3: Saturday, November 6, 2027 Helsinki Join a local expert for an engaging city tour. If Finland's heart beats in Helsinki, then Helsinki's core is the Empire-style Senate Square, home of the iconic Helsinki Cathedral. Drive through the charming neighborhoods of the city and visit the Church in the Rock, a Lutheran place of worship excavated directly into solid rock. Continue to see the steel monument dedicated to the world-famous composer Jean Sibelius. This afternoon and evening are free to explore more of Helsinki independently. (B)

Day 4: Sunday, November 7, 2027 Helsinki - Kakslauttanen - Northern Lights Search Escape to northernmost Finland's winter wonderland on board a flight to Ivalo and magical Lapland. Like a storybook come to life, Lapland's culture is steeped in myth and legend. Relish a sled ride with reindeer and unspoiled views of the northern lights.* At the remote Kakslauttanen Resort, spend two nights in your very own Finnish log cabin** indulging in your own personal Finnish sauna. Take the motor coach on a chase for the northern lights.* Stops along the pursuit allow you the chance to witness nature's dazzling, electric light show.* (B, L, D)

Day 5: Monday, November 8, 2027 Kakslauttanen - Northern Lights Search Hit the snow and mush yourself to breakfast aboard your own authentic Finnish sleigh. After a leisurely breakfast, meet Santa's elves, who will take you to meet Santa Claus in his own home. The rest of the afternoon is yours to spend as you please throughout the resort until dinner. After dinner, under the Arctic moonlight, a reindeer farmer introduces you to some friendly Lappish reindeer. Set out on an exhilarating reindeer safari through remote Kakslauttanen. Then, step inside a Lappish teepee, or *kota*, and sip warm berry juice (a Finnish tradition) around an open fire while gaining insight into the importance of reindeer herding in Lapland. The search for the elusive northern lights* continues in the surroundings of northern Finland's wilderness. (B, D)

Day 6: Tuesday, November 9, 2027 Kakslauttanen - Northern Lights Search Breathe in fresh Arctic air this morning and step into the role of leader of your own dog sled team. Zoom through the wilderness on a husky safari, driving your husky guides that are as fast as they are adorable. Spend some time getting to know these amazing dogs and learn about their different commands. You'll also be introduced to the equipment you'll need to experience this incredible Arctic adventure at its best. This afternoon, continue to enjoy the resort at your own pace. Enjoy your last night in the heart of the Lappish wilderness, nestled in your incredible and unique glass igloo.*** You may even see the northern lights* dancing overhead from the comfort of your own bed. (B, D)

Day 7: Wednesday, November 10, 2027 Kakslauttanen - Helsinki Say goodbye to enchanting Lapland and fly back to Helsinki. Tonight, in downtown Helsinki, toast to grand adventures and new friends. (B, D)

Day 8: Thursday, November 11, 2027 Helsinki - Tour Ends Set out for home with incredible memories and a longing to return. (B)



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For bookings made after Apr 05, 2027 call for rates.

Included in Price: Round Trip Air from Washington, Inter-flights from Helsinki, Air Taxes and Fees/Surcharges, Hotel Transfers

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*** All Rates are Per Person and are subject to change, based on air inclusive package from WAS**

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† Refer to the reservation form to choose your upgrade option

IMPORTANT CONDITIONS: Your price is guaranteed once deposit is received and booking confirmed by Collette. Your price is not subject to increase after the deposit is received and booking confirmed, except for charges resulting from increases in government-imposed taxes or fees. **(See registration form for consent.)**

Important Tour Information:

Book Now rates valid until Apr 05, 2027, valid on air inclusive packages only.

The overall activity level of this tour is a level 3. This means you're an on-the-go traveler. You don't want to miss a thing, so walking and standing for longer periods of time (2-3 hours) isn't a big deal. A moderately paced two-and-a-half-hour walking tour, covering several miles, hills, and uneven surfaces, is no problem for you. Walking four miles over the course of a day is very doable, as is climbing into and out of various modes of transportation (tuk-tuk, cable car, zodiac, etc.). You can climb three flights of stairs easily and handle altitudes between 6,000 and 9,000 feet. Expect some longer days with early mornings or late nights balanced with free time to recharge or set out on your own adventure. This level is not a fit for travelers who require mobility assistance devices.

Travel with an average of 24 people (maximum of 32).

The dog sledding activity requires you to be able to lower yourself into the sled. There will not be a professional musher and the experience requires being comfortable with leading the dog sled after a short tutorial.

If you require any special assistance while on tour, please make us aware at time of reservation so the necessary request form can be sent to your attention.

This tour is not wheelchair or stroller accessible due to Arctic terrain.

Some activities at the Kakslauttanen Arctic Resort may require advanced reservations. To reserve an activity ahead of your trip, you can book directly with the resort.

Because the northern lights are a winter event, you will be walking and waiting outdoors while looking for them. It is recommended that you wear sturdy, non-slip snow footwear and warm clothing including thermals, hat, scarf, and gloves.

The days and order of sightseeing may change to best utilize your time on tour.

Personal audio devices (headsets) are not included on this tour.

Outdoor activities and structures are weather dependent and may be unavailable or rescheduled. Outdoor activities in early November or April may vary depending on snowfall. If there is not enough snowfall, the husky safari will be substituted for a husky meet-and-greet and hike experience. The reindeer safari will be substituted with a horse-drawn carriage northern lights search.

*The northern lights are in the Northern Hemisphere from September through April and are only visible when the sky is clear and free of clouds. **As this tour is weather-dependent, sightings of the northern lights are not guaranteed.**

**Finnish log cabins (small cabins) are equipped with 1 double bed, 1 bunk bed, a dining space, one bathroom (inclusive of sink, toilet and shower), private sauna, and private fireplace (firewood not included).

Hotel check-in on your day of arrival is 3:00 p.m. Rooms may not be available prior to that time.

***Glass igloos are equipped with a private shower, sauna, and a toilet. A privacy curtain lines the base of the bedroom inside the igloo. Overnights

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TRAVEL DATE: 11/04/2027 TERRITORY: EB
RES#: 1437954

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This form is intended for use by the Group Leaders only. Please note that Collette is unable to process this form

A deposit of \$698 per person is due upon reservation. Reservations are made on a first come, first served basis. Reservations made after the seat reduction date of March 29, 2027 are based upon availability. Final payment due by August 06, 2027. Deposits are refundable up until April 05, 2027.

YOUR INFORMATION:

Clearly print your full name (first/middle/last) as it appears on your government issued travel documentation.

IMPORTANT: In order to avoid any unnecessary change fees, it is imperative that all guest names are entered correctly from the start. The information below must be the legal name and be 100% identical to the ID being used to travel <passport/driver's license> including middle names or suffixes <Jr, Sr>.

First: _____ Middle: _____ Last: _____ Suffix: _____

Nickname: _____ Gender: () Male () Female Date of Birth: month _____ day _____ year _____

Address: _____ City: _____ State: _____ Zip Code: _____

Phone: () _____ Cell: () _____ Email Address: _____

Should you become ill or injured, whom should we contact (not traveling with you): _____ Phone: () _____

ROOMING WITH: Check if address is the same as Passenger #1

First: _____ Middle: _____ Last: _____ Suffix: _____

AIR GATEWAY: Departure airport for this tour: _____

Air Seat Request: () Aisle () Window () Next To Traveling Companion

Collette cannot guarantee your seat preference. If you have not purchased air through Collette and wish to purchase transfers, you must transfer at our pre-scheduled times.

Please be advised, when travelling as part of a group, many airlines do not provide seat assignments. Preferred seating may be available for an additional charge.

Please reserve an upgrade to Elite Airfare for an additional rate of: Premium Economy \$1,590 Business Class \$4,390

Service is limited and not available on all flights or carriers. Other restrictions may apply. Please note: if you purchase an upgrade, we cannot guarantee the same flight schedule as the group. Upgraded class of service is for the international portion of the journey only.

Elite Air pricing (Premium Economy, Business Class, or First Class) is valid until 8 months prior to departure, after which rates are subject to change and will be quoted based upon availability.

Are you willing to separate from the group air schedule to accommodate your upgrade request? () Yes () No

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TRAVEL PROTECTION: () Yes, I wish to purchase travel protection \$599 () No, I decline

If you choose not to purchase Collette's Waiver Insurance Plan, you will incur penalties for changes and cancellations. Travel Protection Payment is due with first deposit. The Waiver Fee does not cover any single supplement charges which arise from an individual's traveling companion electing to cancel for any reason prior to departure. The single supplement will be deducted from the refund of the person who cancels. (There is coverage under Part B which includes a single supplement benefit of \$1,500 for certain covered reasons. See Part B for details.)

ON TOUR ACTIVITIES: Please choose one of the following on tour hotels

Please Choose One: *(subject to availability)*

() Kakslauttanen Arctic Resort - West Village – Standard (included)

() Kakslauttanen Arctic Resort - West Village – Deluxe (additional charge of \$700.00 double, \$1,400.00 single required)

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Special Needs Form

Please complete this form, sign and return it to us within 14 days of receipt.

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Fax: 401.727.4745

Mail: Collette: Travel Operations
180 Middle Street
Pawtucket, RI 02860

TRAVELERS NEEDING SPECIAL ASSISTANCE

You must report any disability requiring special attention to Collette at the time the reservation is made. *Collette will make reasonable efforts to accommodate the special needs of our participants. Such participants, however, should be aware that the Americans with Disabilities Act is inapplicable outside of the United States and facilities outside the United States for disabled individuals are limited. It is strongly recommended that persons requiring assistance be accompanied by a companion who is capable of and totally responsible for providing the assistance. Neither Collette nor its personnel, nor its suppliers, may physically lift or assist clients into transportation vehicles. If a traveler thinks he or she might need assistance during a trip, he or she should call Collette to determine what assistance might reasonably be given. Collette cannot provide special individual assistance to tour members with special needs for walking, dining, or other routine activities. Internationally, a great deal of walking may be necessary to fully enjoy the destination. Travelers should be in good health and must be able to walk reasonable distances. In some areas, travelers may be required to walk on uneven ground, cobblestone streets or raised thresholds.

****To request a wheelchair accessible room on a cruise, the traveler or person sharing the room must have a recognized disability that alters a major life function and requires the use of a mobility device and the use of the accessible features provided in the wheelchair accessible stateroom. The cruise company may take appropriate action against someone who has reserved or purchased such a stateroom fraudulently. Action may include but is not limited to removal from the stateroom to a non-accessible accommodation up to denial of boarding.***

Reservation # _____

Name: _____ Male or Female (circle one)

Are you traveling with a wheelchair? Yes No

If you answer "YES"

- Does your wheelchair collapse? Yes No
- Can you stand and climb steps to board the coach without it? Yes No
- Are you capable of lifting your own wheelchair? Yes No

If you are not capable of lifting your own wheelchair who will provide assistance?

This form cannot be processed without the dimensions of your wheelchair:

Height _____ Length _____ Width _____

Are you traveling with a walker? Yes No

If you answer "YES"

- Does your walker collapse? Yes No

This form cannot be processed without the dimensions of your walker:

Height _____ Length _____
Width _____

Tour Managers and drivers do not provide assistance lifting, pushing or carrying wheelchairs or walkers. Motorized scooters are not permitted on tour.

Are you requesting any hotel room accommodations? Yes No

If "YES" Please indicate if one or more of the following is required in the washroom.

- Walk-in shower Yes No
- Grab bars Yes No
- Raised toilet seat Yes No

Please provide any details in reference to the nature of your request.

Most hotel rooms that can accommodate the request will be equipped with only 1 bed.

Do you understand and accept? Yes No

Collette cannot guarantee the availability of such rooms as many hotels have a limited number of rooms that are equipped with the above accommodations.

Are you traveling with an oxygen tank? Yes No

If you answer “YES”

- You must contact the airline directly to arrange transportation of the oxygen on the plane. Oxygen requests vary by airline and location and can take up to 2 weeks to request.
- You are responsible for supplying your own electrical cords, and converters as needed.

This form must be remitted within 14 days of receipt for any special needs accommodation request.

Collette cannot provide special individual assistance to tour members with special needs for walking, dining, or other routine activities and motorized scooters are not permitted on tour.

The Americans with Disabilities Act only applies in the United States. Many international destinations cannot accommodate passengers’ requests. Collette will make all reasonable efforts to accommodate the special needs of tour participants, but we cannot guarantee that all requests will be honored on international destinations.

Collette also regrets that it cannot provide individual assistance to a tour member with special needs for walking, dining, or other special personal needs. It is strongly recommended that persons requiring assistance be accompanied by a companion who is capable and totally responsible for the assistance.

I have read and understand the above:

Signature: _____

Print Name: _____

Internal Use Only

Reason: _____

Tour: _____ Reservation # _____

TS/Group: _____

Tour Date: _____