

# New Year Adventure in Finnish Karelia

27<sup>th</sup> December 2011 to 2<sup>nd</sup> January 2012



**Tues 27<sup>th</sup> Dec** Arrival at Joensuu or Kuopio Airport and transfer to Nurmes. Welcome dinner and overnight in twin-rooms or bungalow. Spa, saunas and dinner.

**Weds 28<sup>th</sup> Dec** Tours start at Forest Folk Safari house at Bomba, where you will meet the guide and get equipped for the programme. Full day husky safari starts at Bomba. First you will be given basic information and you can practise handling your team of huskies. After harnessing the dogs we shall start the safari of 30km in white forests and frozen lakes, each person driving their own team of 4 dogs. Delicious lunch. Return back to Bomba, where hot sauna bath and dinner are awaiting.

**Thurs 29<sup>th</sup> Dec** Transfer to local reindeer farm (20 km). Getting to know the reindeers and learn about breed. Reindeer sleigh ride safari of about half a kilometre. Lunch at beautiful house in Laitala. At the end of the tour reindeer driving licences are handed out. Transfer to Bomba, spa, sauna and dinner.



**Fri 30<sup>th</sup> Dec** Snowshoe hiking tour starts at Forest Folk Safari house at Bomba with tour info and distribution of the equipment needed. Transfer to local hill. The technique and basic manoeuvres of snowshoe hike will be told by experienced guide and after that the "mounting" can start. On the top of the hill you can



enjoy the picturesque vistas. Tasty snack will be offered round the campfire or cottage. After the break the hike downhill goes easier! Duration of this safari is about 5 hours. Return back to Bomba, where hot sauna bath and dinner are awaiting. Dance evening.

### **Sat 31<sup>st</sup> Dec**

Ice-fishing day! Transfer to Lokinlampi, which is situated about 7km from Bomba. Local fisherman welcomes us and gives us the fishing equipment needed. A rainbow trout is the catch on this tour and fish guarantee is provided. During the tour we'll have coffee with a lunch by tepee or cottage. Return transfer to Bomba. Duration of this safari is about 4 hours. Spa, sauna, Special New Year dinner and programme including fireworks!

### **Sun 1<sup>st</sup> Jan**

Full day snowmobile safari. After having equipped ourselves in warm thermal suits at Forest Folk's Safari house the driving instructions will be given by experienced Forest Folk guide. The safari will take you to snowy forests and ice-covered Lake Pielinen. Along the way we will stop for a break and enjoy a tasty lunch at tepee or cottage. The distance covered is about 100 km. Return back to Bomba, where hot sauna bath and dinner are awaiting.



### **Mon 2<sup>nd</sup> Jan**

Time to say goodbye to snowy Karelian forest and its friendly people! Transfer to the airport.

### **Cost (based on 2 persons sharing)**

Bomba Karelian Village (double rooms)

**£1475 per adult**

Soiva bungalow

**£1575 per adult**

**Children (8 to 14) £855**

**Children (8 to 14) £910**

### **Cost includes:**

Transfers from and to Kuopio/Joensuu airport, accommodation at Bomba hotel



Karelian Village twin rooms or in the Soiva bungalows (6 nights) meals and snacks during the outdoor activities mentioned in the programme, free use of spa and gym, use of thermal clothing (overalls, boots, woollen socks, head gear and gloves), activities mentioned in the programme guided by professional English speaking guides. We reserve the right to change programme and price.