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Snowmobile safari to Russian Karelia - 5 days programme

Snowmobile is perfect way to travel in this area during winter time. You are able to drive through wilderness and icy lakes in the most comfortable way. This tour combines the thrill of snowmobile driving, exotic of the east and old culture of Karelia in to one package.

Daily program:

Day 1 – Arrival

The participants arrive at Kajaani airport in the evening. Transfer (ca. 0,5 h) to the [Camp Puikkokoski](#), old logger's lodge by a mini bus. Warm sauna is waiting and during the dinner, which is served at the cosy living room, you take a look at route plan with the guide.

Day 2 – Towards east

After the breakfast about 1 hour close to the border, where you have snowmobile driving course based on the skills of the participants. When everyone is able to drive safely in different circumstances you pack your luggage into the snowmobiles and start the journey. Right after the start we cross the border to Russia. At the customs you have to fill up some papers and show passport in several checkpoints. The border crossing takes a couple of hours and a lot of patience.

Russian frontier zone of 30 kms has to be driven through on the side of the main road, but then you head into the forest. Lunch and refueling take place in the town of Kostamus before continuing the journey through the forests towards Kalevala town. You accommodate in holiday cottages by the lake Kuittijärvi. After relaxing in the steams of an old fashion sauna you will enjoy dinner in a cozy restaurant in the holiday village. The driving distance of the first day is some 150 kms.

Day 3 – Real wilderness

Breakfast will be served at the same restaurant before starting by snowmobiles into nice forest tracks. The whole day will be spent driving; in between lunch will be prepared and enjoyed in the woods around an open fire. In the evening you return back to the same holiday village and spend the evening like the previous night.

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Day 4 - Back to the western world

In the morning you pack the gear to the snowmobiles and start driving back to the border on different routes than on the way to Kalevala. After some 60 km drive you stop at the historical village of Vuokkiniemi where you have lunch. Later in the afternoon you head back to the border and cross the border to Finland. The snowmobiling part ends at the same border crossing point from which you began the adventure two days earlier. After ca 1,5 hours minibus transfer you arrive at ski centre Vuokatti and the tropical spa at [Holiday Club Katinkulta](#). In the heat of the spa you get to pamper your muscles, which may be sore from all the driving. The farewell dinner will be served in the restaurant of Katinkulta, afterwards everyone can go and have a rest when feeling like it or continue celebrating till late night.

Day 5 - Back home

Breakfast at the hotel. Check out and transfer to airport. The way back home goes fast remembering all the experienced during the adventure.

Price / person	Number of passengers in a group
2260 €	3 – 4
1730 €	5 – 8
1650€	9 - 12
280€	Optional husky safari day at camp Puikkokoski including full board

Prices are NET, valid between weeks 5-11 and include transfers Kajaani airport – Camp Puikkokoski - Vartius – Vuokatti - Kajaani, accommodation with full board, guiding, driving equipment, use of snowmobile and fuel. Prices don't include flights and alcohol drinks.

You need to have a valid visa to enter Russian Federation. The cost of visa is not included in the price. You can make the application in your own country or through us.

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