

15 most asked questions

about

LAPLAND



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Hello

The idea to write this document came about because we are constantly receiving emails and messages with questions about Lapland.

We realised that what we take for granted is info that many just don't know or didn't realise.

We have compiled a list of frequently asked questions that we have received over the years. Here you will find some short responses to those questions, but you will find much more detail related to these questions throughout "Our winter guide to Levi Lapland" e-book which can be purchased in our web shop at levifoxfires.com.



Where to find us

We warmly invite you to visit us on Instagram [@levifoxfire](#) where you can see more pictures and a lot of videos of Lapland and also our daily life above the Arctic Circle.

For more information about Foxfires, please visit our website: www.levifoxfires.com. Also, sign up to our newsletter so you will be first to hear about our new products, interesting news and competitions where you can win our Arctic Spa experience and more.

To access “**Our winter guide to Levi Lapland**” please visit our website: www.levifoxfires.com.

If you sign up to our newsletter, you will receive a promotion code for the e-book.

We hope that the information included here will help you plan your Lapland holiday.

But firstly let us introduce you to our Foxfires boutique accommodation and Arctic Spa.

Thank you



Welcome to Foxfires

Located in the ancient Taiga Forest we have created Foxfires, our take on Nordic boutique accommodation. Made up of two individually furnished private guest rooms each with a uniquely designed eu-suite bathroom. We are located just 8 minutes' drive from the centre of Levi and just 300m from the nearest ski slopes (open Feb-May), cross country ski route and walking / biking trails.

Our location means that the view from your bedroom window is of the forest. However it's only less than 10 minutes' drive to the hustle and bustle of the village centre.

Foxfires Arctic Spa Experience

Imagine after a cold day of winter activities, you can't feel your toes and Jack Frost is nibbling at your nose. What is better than warming up in the traditional Finnish wood-fired sauna and an outdoor hot tub set in the middle of a snowy dream.

Here at Foxfires, we have created a very unique Traditional Finnish Sauna Experience. At the heart of our Arctic Spa, there is the wood fire heated sauna with a big window facing the peaceful forest. Step outside and hop into the outdoor hot tub and take in the natural beauty that surrounds you. Whilst you soak, breathe deeply with the cleanest air in the world. When all the heat is too much, sit on the deck and relax in front of the sauna where you might spot birds, squirrels, arctic hare or even a reindeer passing by. This is a private experience so the entire Arctic Spa will be for you only (and the wildlife) during your session.

With the many fairy lights and candles that surround the spa you will feel like you are in a winter wonderland far above the Arctic Circle. It's a magical place that can calm busy minds and heal your body and soul, slowing you down to deeply enjoy your Lapland holiday.

You can also experience our Kota (Laplander's hut). Inside you will find a cozy place to sit around the central fireplace where you can grill sausages and marshmallows or perhaps heat some mulled wine while watching the flames dance. A truly relaxing experience.

The duration of the Arctic Spa experience is 2.5h and is for adults only. You can book directly via our website [here](#).



Foxfires Arctic Spa experience was featured in the National Geographic 'Spa & Wellness' Collection 2023



How to travel to Lapland?



Finnish Lapland has 6 International airports located near main tourist destinations. You can fly to: Enontekiö, Ivalo, Kemi-Tornio, Kittilä, Kuusamo and Rovaniemi.

Helsinki Vantaa is a global hub airport with direct flights from all over the world. From there you can take one of many connecting flights to your desired Lapland destination.

In winter there are many flights into these destinations. In summer the schedules are much reduced. There are a number of airlines flying direct to Lapland. Here are a few of them: Finnair, BA, Lufthansa, KLM, Ryanair, easyjet, Eurowings, Air France, Air Baltic, Turkish Airlines. This isn't an exhaustive list, so we recommend using a flight search website such as sky scanner to find your flights.

You will find much more details in "Our winter guide to Levi Lapland".

What is the closest airport to Levi?

If you are arriving in Levi by plane, the closest airport is Kittilä International airport. It's located near the town of Kittilä and only a 15 minutes' drive to Levi village centre. It is a very small but perfectly formed airport with rocking chairs by a fire in the waiting lounge. It has one little cafe and a small gift shop. The terminal opens two hours before the first departure and closes after the last departure of the day so staying overnight at the airport waiting for your flight will not be possible.

You could choose to fly to and from Rovaniemi airport. It is located 170km to the south of Levi. It's about 2 hours to drive there. There are no trains running to Levi so you would need to take a bus or taxi from Rovaniemi to Levi. The taxi would be very expensive however. You can also hire a car from the airport. This would be the most convenient and easiest way to get to Levi from Rovaniemi. The airport itself has many flight options from all over Europe and is usually a little cheaper than Kittilä. So it is well worth looking at Rovaniemi as your Lapland arrival airport.

A flight from the capital of Finland, Helsinki, to Levi takes over an hour. In winter there are direct flights, from Helsinki and also countries in Europe. For flights check the Finnair website or Sky Scanner.





When is the best time to come?

That depends on what you want to see and experience.

October and November you can see the Aurora reflecting on the lakes and it's not too cold. December and January are dark with very few hours of light but that light is beautiful and the trees are often covered in heavy snow. It can also be very cold.

February and March are warmer and the days are longer, the Aurora is often really good around this time too.

April is quite warm already but we still have a lot of snow to enjoy winter activities.

Lapland is not only a winter destination. In the summer and autumn it is equally beautiful and there are many activities to enjoy. Midnight sun in the summer is something everyone should experience. The sun never sets from May to July. The autumn forest colours and Northern Lights reflecting in lakes make September a spectacular time to visit Lapland.

In "Our winter guide to Levi Lapland" we give you an overview on each month of the year so hopefully it will be easier for you to choose the best time to come here.

When is best to come to see snowy trees?

Snowy trees are not here all the time. Through November, December and January you should see them. However, if we get a windy day the snow will be blown from the trees.

It is usually very still here, in winter 22/23 the snow stayed on the trees until February. But in winter 20/21 we had a lot of wind and we lost the snow from the trees many times. Thankfully we get a lot of snow so it kept coming back.



Which winter month has most snow?



Foxfires 26th March 2023

March as it's an accumulation of snow of all the winter months. The most snow falls in December and January.

There is a lot of snow in March and snow is at excellent conditions. All the winter activities are still available. It's getting warmer, temperatures can be around -5°C to -15°C but there could still be cold days. It's generally the sunniest month with less fresh snow and more glorious sunny days.

In "Our winter guide to Levi Lapland" we indicated place and date of where each picture was taken (over 250 of our pictures) to give you an overview of the conditions in each month.

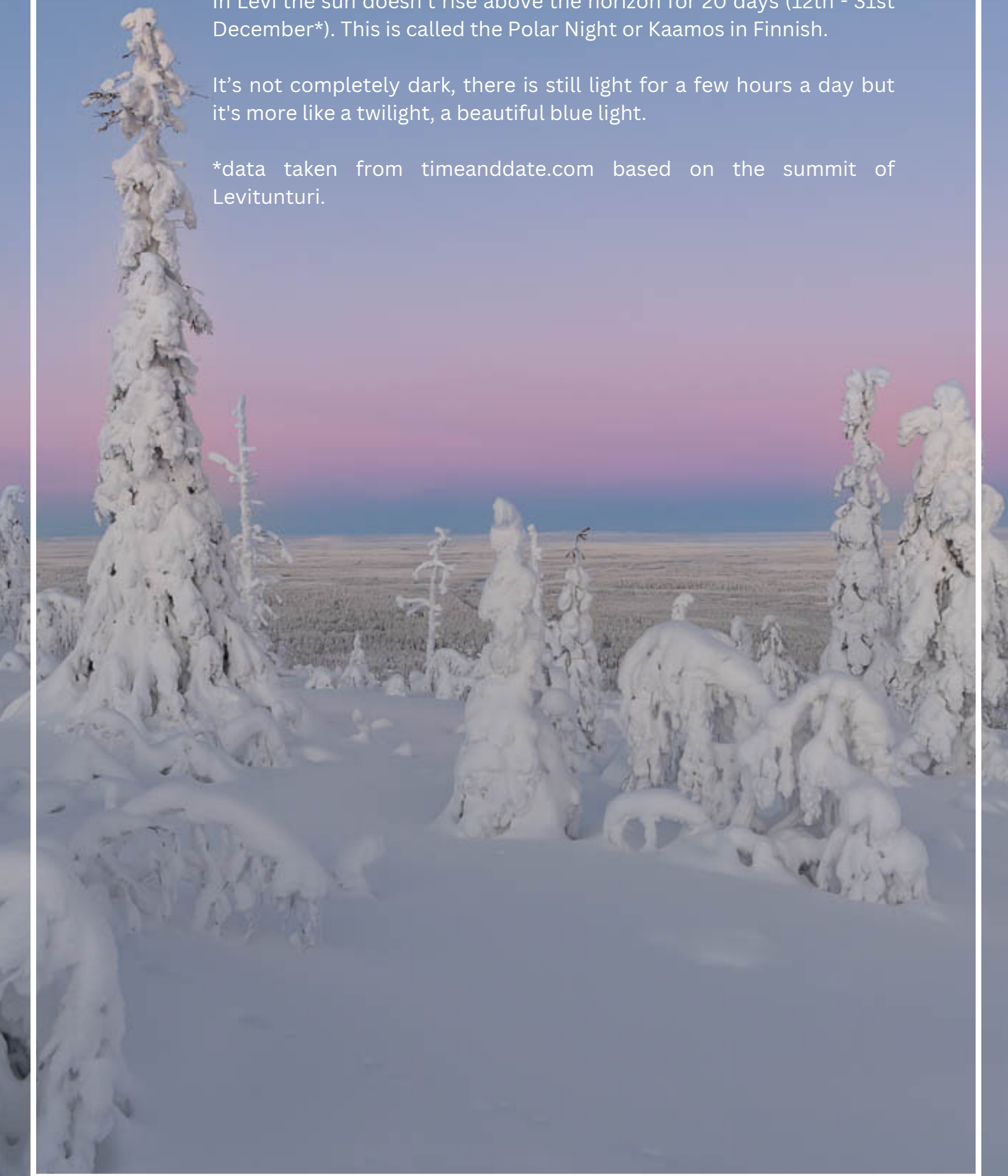
This picture was taken 15th March 2023 at Foxfires.

How long is there no sun?

In Levi the sun doesn't rise above the horizon for 20 days (12th - 31st December*). This is called the Polar Night or Kaamos in Finnish.

It's not completely dark, there is still light for a few hours a day but it's more like a twilight, a beautiful blue light.

*data taken from timeanddate.com based on the summit of Levitunturi.



Where is the best place to see the Aurora?

Everywhere above the Arctic Circle is good. Levi is located 170 km above the Arctic Circle so that makes it one of the great location to spot Northern Lights. But to increase your chances, book a tour with professionals who will take you away from the light pollution and they also know spots with great views of the sky.

This picture shows Northern Lights above Foxfires.

There are 25 pages on Northern Lights in the e-book
“Our winter guide to Levi Lapland”.
Everything you will need to know about Aurora.



Where is the best time to see the Aurora?

The Aurora is visible in Lapland from late August to mid-April.

Through the summer months even if the Aurora is very active we will not be able to see it as daylight and the midnight sun take over.

In Lapland, during the months with dark sky (end-August to mid-April), you might be able to see the Northern Lights. However, this will depend on the cloud coverage and the solar activity. When the sky is covered with very heavy snowy clouds, even if the Aurora is very active, you will not be able to see it. Or if the sky is completely clear but there is very low solar activity, then you might not see any Aurora.

We are often receiving questions months in advance of a specific holiday date, if Northern Lights will be visible. Long range predictions of Aurora activity are impossible due to earth and space weather being unpredictable. It's like asking, "will it rain in London six months from now?". The simple truth is, if you will come to Lapland when the night sky is dark you have a chance to see Northern Lights.

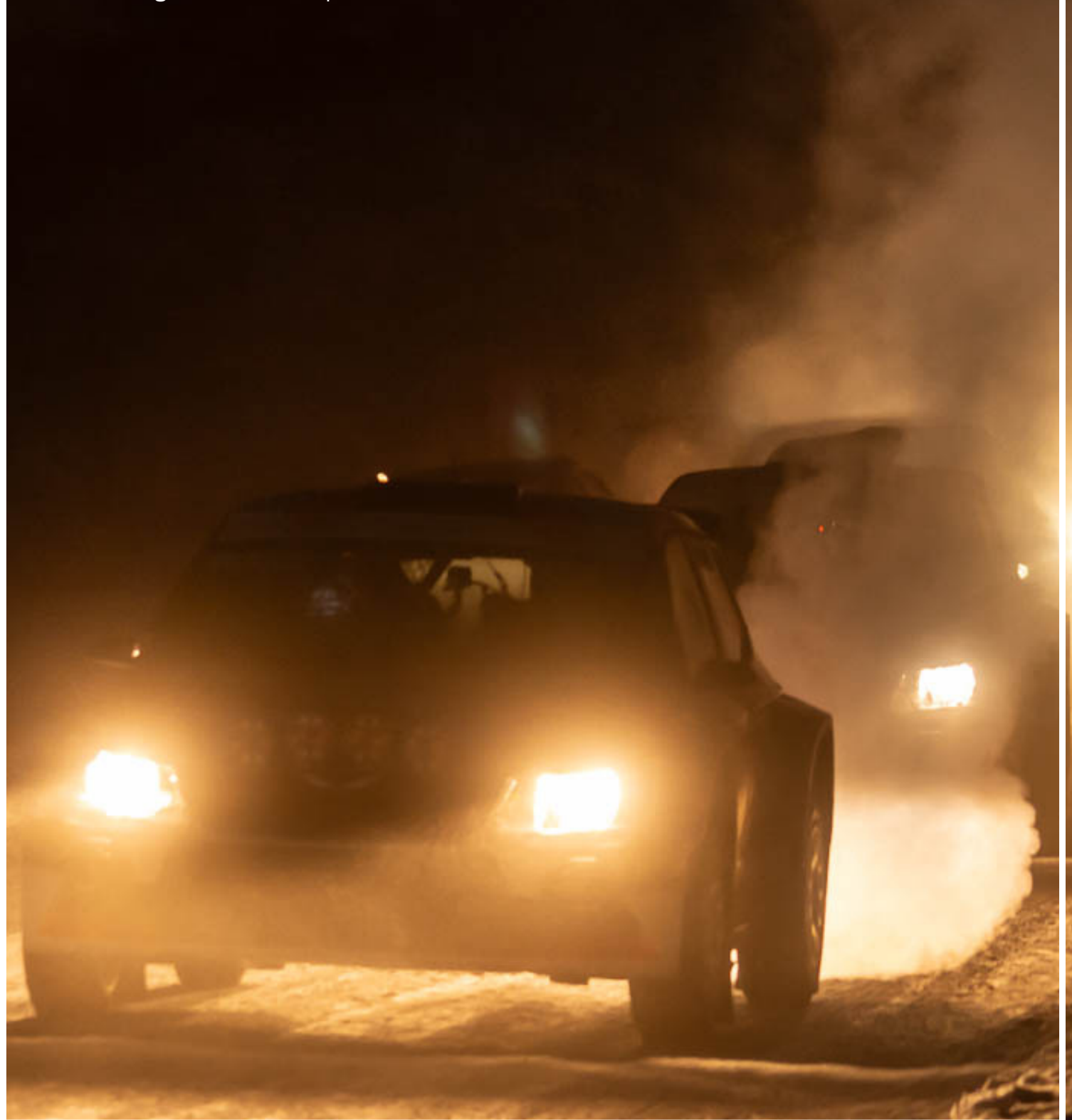
To increase your chances of seeing the Aurora we advise to:

- come to Lapland for as long as you can, so if it's cloudy one night, the other night might be clear. Or if the solar activity is low, the next day the activity might increase.
- book a tour with professionals as they have years of experience of looking for Aurora.
- be outside - there are nights that Northern Lights are visible in the sky for many hours, but there are also nights when they are visible for a few minutes only. You don't want to miss it staying inside of your accommodation.
- be patient! There are nights that Aurora is visible from the moment the sky gets dark, but many times, you need to wait for it. Trust us - it's so worth it!

Shall I rent a car?

Renting a car gives you flexibility to travel around. You can rent a car from the airports but book in advance. If you stay outside of the village centre, it should work out cheaper than taxis.

Much more information about this subject you can find in “Our winter guide to Levi Lapland”.



Is it safe to drive in the snow?

Yes, but you must always take great care when driving in snow and ice. All cars are equipped with winter tyres with metal spikes. The roads are well marked and never very busy. Traffic in Lapland is generally very quiet but you need to watch for animals on the road. You might see reindeer or moose, so keep the speed down. In snowy conditions be very careful as fresh snow on the road will be slippery. Driving in snowstorms is tricky. The windscreen can ice up and visibility is very low. Conditions can cause a form of aquaplaning on snow. So keep speeds down, brake softly and much earlier than normal.



What activities do you recommend?

There are many things you can do here in Lapland. The big hits would be:

See the Aurora

Take a Sauna

Ski - alpine or cross country

Husky sledding

Snow shoe in the wild

Meet Reindeer

Meet Santa of course!



But we hope you will find time in your itinerary to add a few more activities that are maybe not as famous as the one mentioned above, but to experience them in Lapland will be a very unique adventure.

We list the activities and the providers in our e-book.

Do we need to book well in advance?

Levi is a small place that can get very busy in the high season. There are only a few operators of the most popular activities. We strongly recommend you booking all your activities and safaris in advance. The ski school is particularly busy, so book well in advance.

You can of course come to Lapland at the last minute without much planning, but if it's high season you need to accept that the accommodation you were hoping to stay in may be fully booked or that activity you really hoped to do is also fully booked.

As an example, our boutique accommodation is usually almost fully booked long before the winter season starts.



What should we wear for the cold?



Layers. Thermals top and bottom are an essential on cold days. Layer that with a t-shirt or a base layer, a jumper or fleece and then a good winter coat. It's best to have water repellent outer wear so that you can stay dry playing in the snow. Good warm winter boots are a must and some warm socks. Gloves and hat are super important too.

Winter clothing can be rented in Levi village centre. Also in our e-book we list brands that we wear and that keep us warm even in -40°C .

Are there any shops and restaurants in Levi?

There are many shops in Levi. There are 3 well-stocked supermarkets, many souvenir shops, clothing shops and winter sports equipment shops.

For such a small village, there are over 50 restaurants, cafes and bars and we list them all in our e-book specifying which one we recommend.



Can I drink the tap water?

The tap water here is some of the purest and cleanest water in the world. It's not just safe to drink but we highly recommend you drink it! it's great. We also have the cleanest air in the world too, so breath deeply.

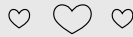


Thank you

Thank you so much for downloading. We hope you have found this useful and hopefully it has inspired you to plan a holiday to Lapland very soon.

Take care and see you soon.

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