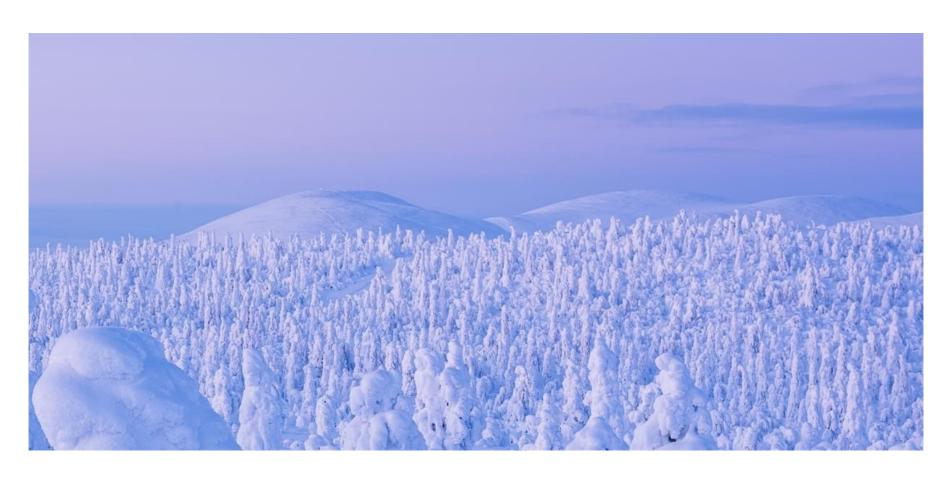
# Lapland Photo Workshop

## 18th to 24th February 2024 Ylläs, Finland



With William Furniss and Riitta Hänninen



## Overview



- A 5 day photographic workshop adventure in Lapland
- Photo guide will be William Furniss
- Outdoor adventure guide will be Riitta Hänninen
- Activities to include snow shoeing, hiking, back-country skiing, dogsledding, optional activities, snowmobiling, reindeer experience, snow e-biking, sauna'ing, possible viewing of northern lights. N.B. prior ski experience is not required.
- Cost (not including airfares to Kittilä or travel insurance)
   Approximately €3,150







# **Itinerary**

#### Arrival - Kittilä Airport 18th February



Transport to accommodation in Äkäslompolo (first and last two nights will be spent in the same hotel). Welcome and briefing.

Dinner and first sauna for those who are still awake!

#### **Activity Day 1 - Snowshoeing**





Breakfast and briefing for the day. Transportation to the start. Equipment set up, and snowshoe hike to the white wilderness starts! Break for lunch at a kota (Finnish for fireplace hut in the wilderness). Arrival at a traditional lumberjack cabin in the middle of the wilderness in the afternoon.

#### Day 1- evening

Arrival snack, followed by traditional wood burn sauna (and a snow / ice dip for those who dare!).

Dinner and welcome briefing about local culture and nature of Lapland as well as the history of lumberjacks. Sleep in basic but cozy bunk beds.



#### **Activity Day 2 - Backcountry Skiing**

Wake up for breakfast and briefing for the day. Equipment set up, instructions, and off we go! Backcountry ski straight out of the cabin door. Skiing in the soft snow is a lot of fun and it's a beginner-friendly sport.

Today we head to explore the frozen wetlands of Lapland and a Saivo lake, a rocky canyon worn by glacial rivers with the Seida rock beside it. This is a holy place for ancient Sámi, formed by nature thousands of years ago.

After lunch at Kota fireplace, we head back to our previous night's lumberjack cabin for dinner and sauna.



## Activity Day 3 - Snowshoeing up the fells

Wake up for breakfast and briefing for the day. Snowshoe hike to the top of a stunning fell where we get to admire views over the 7 Fells area when the weather is clear. Break for lunch at kota / wilderness cafe.



Arrival at hotel in Äkäslompolo village late afternoon. Arrival snack, followed by sauna and relaxation, and dinner.

#### **Activity Day 4 - Dogsledding**

For the second last day, you have deserved some rest. Now the dogs can pull! Transportation from the hotel to a husky farm where you meet the dogs. We will go mushing for approx. 16-20kms (a half-day tour) and a snack break on the trail. Two people share a sled so approx. 1 hour of ride per person.





After the ride we will head back to the hotel where you can relax and yes, sauna is on as usual! This evening will feature a photo-editing workshop, looking at speed editing, and common best practice with Adobe Lightroom.

## **Activity Day 5 - Snowmobiling**

On our last day, we'll enjoy the 7 Fells area by snowmobile. We will ride through the highlights of the area from fells through frozen forests and wetlands. At the halfway point we enjoy hot drinks and a lunch by fire. Once back at the hotel late afternoon, and after some relaxation, we'll get ready for the final review of photos, dinner and celebrations!



Day 6 - Return transportation to Kittlä Airport

