

Lap Up the fun in Lapland this Christmas with Santa and co and First Choice

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It's official – the countdown to Christmas has begun with Season's Greetings cards in the shops and bumper biscuit boxes and chocolates lining the shelves and just 86 days to go! So get even more in the Christmas Spirit by booking a magical holiday to Lapland

(<http://www.firstchoice.co.uk/destinations/lapland-holidays>) to see Santa this winter

With fairy-tale landscapes, Christmas attractions and magic in the air, it's little surprise Santa Claus chose the snowy wilderness of Lapland to be his home. But with so much else to see and do, it's not all about the big man. You can hitch a ride with a husky, visit the Ice Hotel, speed on a snowmobile, enrol at Elf school, sleigh with Rudolf, check out the slopes and if you're really lucky, catch a glimpse of the Aurora Borealis – the spectacular Northern Lights. That's before you indulge in some snowman building and mammoth snowball fights.

First Choice offers Lapland holidays (<http://www.firstchoice.co.uk/destinations/lapland-holidays>) to suit everybody, ranging from day trips to one week New Years Eve holidays.

Whistle stop Santa tour

For those interested in going for the day, First Choice has two magical day trips to choose from. Santa's Secret Grotto in Rovaniemi operates from 14 UK departure airports and Search for Santa in Kittila departs from London Gatwick, East Midlands and Manchester airports so there's never too far to go to start your adventure.

First Choice offers the Search for Santa and Santa's Secret Grotto day trips to Lapland (<http://www.firstchoice.co.uk/destinations/lapland-holidays>) from £439 per adult and £244 per child, departing on the 13th December 2009 from London Gatwick to Rovaniemi Airport.

Mini-break with your little helpers

Those looking for a longer adventure can opt for three or four night stays, with a choice of 17 properties across four resorts including Levi, Yllas and Pallas, as well as Rovaniemi. Each trip includes detailed itineraries to keep you busy, including free tasters on snowmobiles, husky and reindeer rides plus an activity morning and gala dinner where there'll be the chance to meet the big man himself.

First Choice offers three night holidays in Lapland

(<http://www.firstchoice.co.uk/destinations/lapland-holidays>) staying at the 3 Snowflake Hotel Snow Princess on a full board basis from £641 per adult and from £535 per child, departing from East Midlands to Kittila Airport on 6th December 2009.

New Year Spectacular

And finally, there's the option of spending a magical New Years Eve with a super seven night's stay. Enjoy a wide range of activities before celebrating on New Year's Eve with a festive gala dinner and a glass of bubbly, followed by a starlit firework display. On the first day of the New Year visit the Snow Ice Park, where you explore the amazing ice hotel and admire the chilled surroundings of the incredible ice bar. Other activities include husky dog sleighs; snowmobiling and meeting Santa and the elves. What could be more perfect than bringing in the New Year with the ones you love in your own winter wonderland?

First Choice offers seven night holidays in Lapland

(<http://www.firstchoice.co.uk/destinations/lapland-holidays>) staying all inclusive at the 3 Snowflake Plus Snowy Wilderness Lodge, which is exclusive to First Choice, from £1099 per adult and from £770 per child, departing from Manchester on the 27th of December 2009.

All holidays are subject to availability and booking terms and conditions. Prices include flights, fuel charge and air passenger duty and are correct at the date of issue.

For further information on any Lapland holiday, go to www.firstchoice.co.uk/lapland or call 0871 200 4455.

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