

*Portage Zhang Senior Center presents...*  
**The Northern Lights of Finland**

March 16 – 23, 2024



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**Small Group Travel** rewards travelers with new perspectives. With just 12-24 passengers, these are the personal adventures that today's cultural explorers dream of.

**8 Days • 11 Meals:** 6 Breakfasts, 5 Dinners

**HIGHLIGHTS...** Helsinki, Senate Square, Helsinki Cathedral, Lapland Region, Kakslauttanen Arctic Resort, Finnish Sauna, Meet & Greet with Santa, Reindeer Safari, Northern Lights Searches, Husky Safari, Glass Igloo Accommodation

#### ITINERARY AT A GLANCE

Day 1	Overnight Flight
Days 2, 3	Lilla Roberts Hotel , Helsinki
Days 4 – 6	Kakslauttanen Arctic Resort - West Village, Kakslauttanen
Day 7	Lilla Roberts Hotel , Helsinki

*On some dates alternate hotels may be used.*

**Day 1: Saturday, March 16, 2024 Overnight Flight** On an adventure to the top of the world, experience a side of life that feeds the imagination and leaves you forever enchanted with Finland, “Daughter of the Baltic.”

**Day 2: Sunday, March 17, 2024 Helsinki, Finland - Tour Begins** *Hei Helsinki!* Finland’s vibrant capital, where history converges with architectural style and combines with a laid-back vibe across beautiful islands and pristine public parks, welcomes you. This evening, gather with new friends for a welcome dinner in the city center. *Hyvää ruokahalua!* (Bon appetit!) (D)

**Day 3: Monday, March 18, 2024 Helsinki** Join a local expert for an engaging city tour. If Finland’s heart beats in Helsinki, then Helsinki’s core is in Senate Square, home of Helsinki Cathedral, the city’s most iconic building. Walk the streets of empiric-designed Tori Quarters before enjoying some free time in Market Square, the city’s famous international market. See the steel monument dedicated to the composer Sibelius. During your leisure time, explore more of Helsinki independently. (B)

**Day 4: Tuesday, March 19, 2024 Helsinki - Kakslauttanen - Northern Lights Search** Escape to northernmost Finland’s winter wonderland on board a flight to Ivalo and magical Lapland. Like a storybook come to life, Lapland’s culture is steeped in myth and legend. Relish encounters with reindeer and unspoiled views of the northern lights.\* At the breathtaking Kakslauttanen Resort, spend two nights in your very own Finnish log cabin\*\* indulging in your personal Finnish sauna and other unique fixtures. Trek north toward Inari on a chase for the northern lights.\* Stops along the pursuit allow you the chance for a front-row seat at nature’s dazzling, electric light show.\* (B, D)

**Day 5: Wednesday, March 20, 2024 Kakslauttanen - Santa Claus’ Home - Reindeer Safari - Northern Lights** Hit the snow and mush to breakfast aboard an authentic Finnish sleigh. From Kakslauttanen, head to the home of Santa Claus, an epicenter of Christmas cheer. Among prancing reindeer, learn about Santa’s origins during a meet and greet at his house. Under the Arctic moonlight, a reindeer farmer introduces you to some friendly Lappish reindeer that will escort you on an exhilarating reindeer safari through remote Kakslauttanen. Gain insight into the importance of reindeer herding to the Sámi indigenous culture. Sip warm berry juice, a Finnish tradition, under the cover of blankets in the surround of northern Finland’s unspoiled wilderness as you continue the search for the elusive northern lights.\* (B, D)

**Day 6: Thursday, March 21, 2024 Kakslauttanen - Husky Safari - Northern Lights Search** Breathe in the fresh Arctic air this morning and step into the role as leader of your own dog sled team. Zoom through the wilderness on a husky safari, driving your husky guides that are as fast as they are adorable. Spend some time getting to know these amazing dogs and learn about their different commands. You’ll also be introduced to the equipment you’ll need to experience this incredible Arctic adventure at its best. Enjoy your last night in the heart of the Lappish wilderness, nestled in your incredible – and private – glass igloo.\*\*\* You may even see the northern lights\* dancing overhead. (B, D)

**Day 7: Friday, March 22, 2024 Kakslauttanen - Helsinki** Say goodbye to enchanting Lapland and fly back to Helsinki. Enjoy the afternoon at leisure. Explore the city’s central squares and get in tune with the latest Finnish trends at a collection of charming shops. Tonight, in downtown Helsinki, toast to grand adventures and new friends. (B, D)

**Day 8: Saturday, March 23, 2024 Helsinki - Tour Ends** Set out for home with incredible memories and a longing to return. (B)



## Per Person Rates\* :

**Double \$5,849; Single \$6,749; Triple \$5,799**

**Included in Price:** Round Trip Air from Gerald R. Ford International Airport, Inter-flights from Helsinki, Air Taxes and Fees/Surcharges, Hotel Transfers

**Not included in price:** Cancellation Waiver and Insurance of \$449 per person

### Upgrade your in-flight experience with Elite Airfare

Additional rate of: Business Class \$3,790

† Refer to the reservation form to choose your upgrade option

\* All Rates are Per Person and are subject to change

**IMPORTANT CONDITIONS:** Your price is subject to increase prior to the time you make full payment. Your price is not subject to increase after you make full payment, except for charges resulting from increases in government-imposed taxes or fees. Once deposited, you have 7 days to send us written consumer consent or withdraw consent and receive a full refund. (See registration form for consent.)

### PLEASE NOTE:

#### IDENTIFICATION

Passports are required for this tour at your expense. Certain countries require that your passport be valid at least 6 months beyond the dates of your travel. You are strongly urged to contact the appropriate consulate for details. Visit [www.travel.state.gov](http://www.travel.state.gov) for the U.S. State Department for the latest details about passports and visa requirements.

**IMPORTANT:** We recommend that travelers take a photocopy of their passport and applicable visas. It should be packed separately from your actual passport and visa. We also recommend leaving a copy at home with your emergency contact.

*Effective for travel in 2024, all visitors who do not need a visa to enter Europe will be expected to apply for an ETIAS visa waiver, for a fee, when visiting a Schengen Area Country. To identify Schengen Area Countries and to complete the ETIAS application, please visit <https://www.etiasvisa.com/>*

Because the northern lights are a winter event, you will be walking and waiting outdoors while looking for them. It is recommended that you wear sturdy non-slip snow footwear and warm clothing including thermals, hat, scarf and gloves.

Coaches which may not be lavatory equipped may be used on this program. In this case, stops are made during travel periods.

Hotel check-in on your day of arrival is 3:00 p.m. Rooms may not be available prior to that time.

The days and order of sightseeing may change to best utilize your time on tour.

This tour is not wheelchair accessible due to Arctic terrain.

To complete your tour, we include roundtrip airport-to-hotel transfers when purchasing our airfare with your tour. If you have arranged for your own air, we are pleased to provide you the option of *purchasing* these transfers. Please note that all transfers will leave at pre-scheduled times.

Outdoor activities and structures are weather dependent and may be unavailable or rescheduled. Outdoor activities in early November or April may vary depending on snowfall. If there is not enough snowfall, the husky safari will be substituted for a husky meet and greet and hike experience. The reindeer safari will be substituted with a horse drawn carriage northern lights search. The dog sledding activity requires you to be able to lower yourself into the sled.

\*\*\*Glass igloos are equipped with only a private sink and toilet. A privacy curtain lines the base of the bedroom inside the igloo. Guests will have access to a public sauna house to use the shower in the morning. Overnights in igloos may be on the first night or last night at the Kakslauttanen Arctic Resort.

\*The northern lights are in the Northern Hemisphere from September through April and are only visible when the sky is clear and free of clouds. **As this tour is weather dependent, sightings of the northern lights are not guaranteed.**

***Travel with just 16-24 guests on this tour where a smaller group setting means a more personal travel experience.***

### Experience It! The Northern Lights

Each year, during the winter months, travelers journey to Finland and venture out into the dark to see the magical but elusive northern lights. This natural phenomenon is the product of collisions between electrically charged particles from the sun that enter the earth's atmosphere, yielding spectacular results. Streaks of colorful light that change from white to pink to purple, and most commonly, to green, dazzle and move the open sky like it's nature's own dance party. It is known that the best time to witness the northern lights in Finland is from late September to mid-April, when the nights are the longest. Well worth the pursuit, this is a truly remarkable light show that's not to be missed.

**For more information visit <https://gateway.gocollette.com/link/1192407>**

\*\*Finnish log cabins (small cabins) are equipped with 1 double bed, 1 bunk bed, a dining space, two bathrooms (inclusive of sink, toilet and shower), private sauna and private fireplace (firewood not included).

Single accommodations are limited and are available on a first come, first served basis.

**The overall activity level of this tour is a level 4.** You're ready to seize the day, whatever it may bring. You lead an active life at home (walking, biking, and half or full day hikes are things you may enjoy) and 10,000 steps a day is normal for you. You can handle longer walking tours (more than 3 hours covering 3+ miles at a steady clip) and activities that involve traversing uneven terrain, steep slopes, standing for periods of time, and varying altitudes and temperatures. You don't mind being on the go with some early starts, late-nights, and full days. You can handle altitudes of 9,000 feet or higher with little to no issue. This level is not appropriate for travelers who use wheelchairs, walkers, and other mobility assistance devices.

Please be advised many airlines do not provide advance seat assignments until check-in at the airport. Advance seating will be subject to the airline's terms and conditions.

For air-inclusive reservations, the name provided at time of booking must match your government-issued ID that will be used during travel. Name changes are subject to penalties.

Internal flights are required in order to participate on this tour and are included in the final price, quoted at time of booking.

Economy air rate and schedule are applicable for groups of 10 or more traveling on the same flights and dates.

**A deposit of \$698 per person is due upon reservation. Reservations are made on a first come, first served basis. Reservations made after the deposit due date of August 10, 2023 are based upon availability. Final payment due by January 16, 2024. Deposits are refundable up until August 17, 2023.**

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For important reservation information visit  
<https://gateway.gocollette.com/link/1192407>.  
You can also find this information on your tour documents.



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If paying by credit card, please complete this form and return to Portage Zhang Senior Center. We can only charge your credit card for the amount noted if the signature, address and phone number are listed below. Thank you!

### CREDIT CARD AUTHORIZATION FORM

BOOKING NUMBER: 1192407  
DEPARTURE DATE: March 16, 2024

TOUR: The Northern Lights of Finland  
GROUP NAME: Portage Zhang Senior Center

Name of Passenger:

Salutation: \_\_\_\_\_ First Name: \_\_\_\_\_ Middle Initial: \_\_\_\_\_ Last Name: \_\_\_\_\_ Suffix: \_\_\_\_\_  
(Mr., Mrs., Rev.) (Please print as it appears on Passport) (Jr., Sr.)

Cardholder Name: \_\_\_\_\_  
(Please print as it appears on your Credit Card)

Cardholder Address: \_\_\_\_\_  
(as it appears on your credit card statement)

Cardholder Phone: \_\_\_\_\_

Credit Card Type: \_\_\_American Express \_\_\_Discover \_\_\_MasterCard \_\_\_Visa

Credit Card Number: \_\_\_\_\_

Expiration Date: \_\_\_\_\_ Amount to be charged: \$ \_\_\_\_\_

Cardholder's Signature: \_\_\_\_\_ Date: \_\_\_\_\_

I agree to pay according to the card issuer agreement. I understand and accept Collette cancellation policy, terms and conditions.

Participating credit card companies are now requiring a billing address and phone number for **FRAUD PREVENTION**. All information **MUST** be provided. Thank you for your cooperation!  
If using your credit card for payment, please return this Authorization Form by mail to:

**Portage Zhang Senior Center**  
Attn: Janelle Pound  
203 E Centre Ave  
Portage, MI 49002

Or by Fax to: +(269)329-4589

Above credit card information has been called in to Collette.



TRAVEL DATE: 3/16/2024 TERRITORY: M1  
RES#: 1192407

### The Northern Lights of Finland

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**YOUR INFORMATION:**

Clearly print your full name (first/middle/last) as it appears on your government issued travel documentation.

**IMPORTANT:** In order to avoid any unnecessary change fees, it is imperative that all guest names are entered correctly from the start. The information below must be the legal name and be 100% identical to the ID being used to travel <passport/driver's license> including middle names or suffixes <Jr, Sr>.

First: \_\_\_\_\_ Middle: \_\_\_\_\_ Last: \_\_\_\_\_ Suffix: \_\_\_\_\_

Nickname: \_\_\_\_\_ Gender: ( ) Male ( ) Female Date of Birth: month \_\_\_\_\_ day \_\_\_\_\_ year \_\_\_\_\_

Address: \_\_\_\_\_ City: \_\_\_\_\_ State: \_\_\_\_\_ Zip Code: \_\_\_\_\_

Phone: ( ) \_\_\_\_\_ Cell: ( ) \_\_\_\_\_ Email Address: \_\_\_\_\_

Passport Number: \_\_\_\_\_ Expiration Date: (month/day/year) \_\_\_\_\_ Date of Issuance: (month/day/year) \_\_\_\_\_

City, State, Country of Issuance: \_\_\_\_\_ Citizenship: \_\_\_\_\_

**Should you become ill or injured, whom should we contact (not traveling with you):** \_\_\_\_\_ Phone: ( ) \_\_\_\_\_

**ROOMING WITH:**  Check if address is the same as Passenger #1

First: \_\_\_\_\_ Middle: \_\_\_\_\_ Last: \_\_\_\_\_ Suffix: \_\_\_\_\_

**AIR GATEWAY:** Departure airport for this tour: \_\_\_\_\_

Air Seat Request: ( ) Aisle ( ) Window ( ) Next To Traveling Companion

Collette cannot guarantee your seat preference. If you have not purchased air through Collette and wish to purchase transfers, you must transfer at our pre-scheduled times. Please be advised, when travelling as part of a group, many airlines do not provide seat assignments. Preferred seating may be available for an additional charge.

Please reserve an upgrade to Elite Airfare for an additional rate of:  Business Class \$3,790

Service is limited and not available on all flights or carriers. Other restrictions may apply. Please note: if you purchase an upgrade we cannot guarantee the same flight schedule as the group. If Business class service has been purchased, it is for the international portion of the journey only.

Are you willing to separate from the group air schedule to accommodate your upgrade request? ( ) Yes ( ) No

"Federal law forbids carriage of hazardous materials such as aerosols, fireworks, lithium batteries & flammable liquids aboard the aircraft in your checked or carry-on baggage. A violation can result in 5 years' imprisonment and penalties of \$250,000 or more. Details on prohibited items may be found on TSA's "prohibited items" web page: <http://www.tsa.gov/traveler-information/prohibited-items>."

**TRAVEL PROTECTION:** ( ) Yes, I wish to purchase travel protection \$449 ( ) No, I decline

If you choose not to purchase Collette's Waiver Insurance Plan, you will incur penalties for changes and cancellations. Travel Protection Payment is due with first deposit. The Waiver Fee does not cover any single supplement charges which arise from an individual's traveling companion electing to cancel for any reason prior to departure. The single supplement will be deducted from the refund of the person who cancels. (There is coverage under Part B which includes a single supplement benefit of \$1,500 for certain covered reasons. See Part B for details.)

**ON TOUR ACTIVITIES: Please choose one of the following on tour hotels**

Please Choose One: *(subject to availability)*

( ) Kakslauttanen Arctic Resort - West Village – Standard (included)

( ) Kakslauttanen Arctic Resort - West Village – Deluxe (additional charge of \$550.00 double, \$1,100.00 single required)

**PLEASE MAKE CHECKS PAYABLE TO:** Collette ( ) Check ( ) Credit Card

Waiver/Insurance Amount: \$ \_\_\_\_\_ Deposit Amount: \$ \_\_\_\_\_ Total amount enclosed: \$ \_\_\_\_\_

Cardholder Name (if paying by Credit Card): \_\_\_\_\_

Cardholder Billing Address:  Check if address is the same as above \_\_\_\_\_

Cardholder Phone: \_\_\_\_\_ Amount: \$ \_\_\_\_\_

Credit Card Number: \_\_\_\_\_ Expiration Date: \_\_\_\_\_ M M Y Y

**SIGNATURE REQUIRED** for acceptance of the below conditions and agreement to credit card use:

Date: \_\_\_\_\_

I agree to pay according to the card issuer agreement. I understand and accept the cancellation policy, terms and conditions. See <http://www.gocollette.com/about-collette/terms-and-conditions> for full terms and conditions of your purchase.

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