

# **Polar Star Travel**

Let the wild Arctic nature of Lapland embrace your soul, and feel the magic of the North!

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We are local family owned company.

The Jokela family has lived in Köngäs and Sirkka villages for 10 generations.

Over 30 years of experience in international tourism.





### **Genuinely Local**

We understand Lapland identity in a way that allows us to share it truthfully and memorably. We are a truly Levi-based company — we understand and appreciate the local culture and history and know how to respect them. We live and breathe in the heart of Lapland, in the village of Sirkka, nestled by the Levi Fell.

#### 2007

Heidi and Juha Jokela founded *Aurora Incoming Levi Oy.*The tourism business began with the maintenance and rental of apartments in *Huoneistohotelli Moonlight*. Gradually, operations expanded to include travel packages for international tour operators.

Joined the Fintravel network.

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Rebranded *Polar Star Travel* as its own independent company

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Acquired *Polar Meetings'* business operations, bringing *Kausikämpät* (24 apartments) under our management. The apartments were renamed to the more international *Polar Star Apartments* 2020

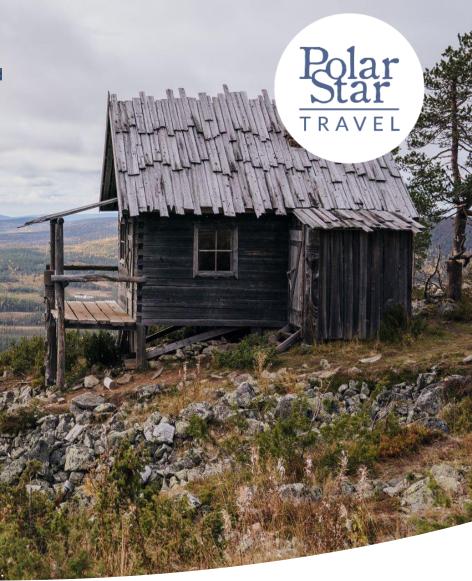
Purchased the program service company Lapin Luontoelämys, which merged into the Polar Star Nature brand.

#### 2023-20

Development projects for digital sales channels.

#### 2022-2024

€200 000 investment projects for business development (ELY funding).



### Polar Star TRAVEL

### Clients:

Tour operators
 The share of international FIT (Free Independent Traveler) business is clearly growing.

### **Main Products:**

Accommodation as the leading product, followed by activity programs.

### Staff:

7 full-time employees year-round + 6 seasonal employees + the entrepreneurs.

#### **Partners:**

Levi, tour operators, and local companies.

#### **Turnover:**

• €2.3 million (as of 04/2025)

### **Our Focus:**

 We emphasize personalized service, smaller groups compared to large safari companies, and extensive local knowledge.
 Our "story bank" is rooted in the village of Sirkka and the surrounding fells.

### **Sustainability First:**

Certified with Green Key, Green Activities, and Travelife for Tour Operators.









#### **OUR STORY**

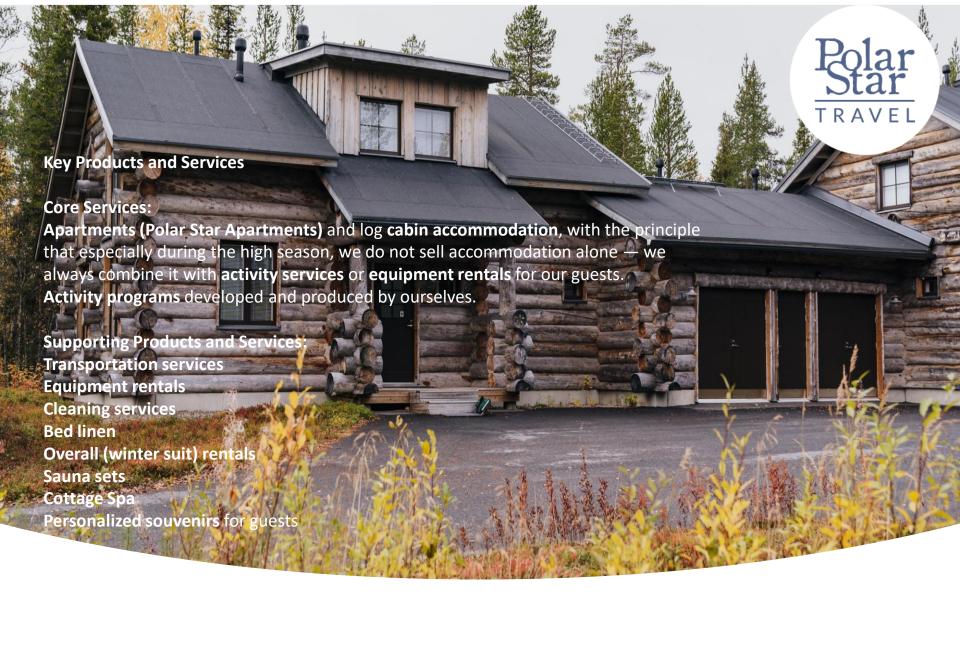
Guided by the Northern Star, the first people once arrived in the village of Sirkka, surrounded by fells and waters. They passed through the sacred gorge, like through a gate, into the village where they found a home sheltered between Levi Fell and Kätkä Fell.

In the village, the **Shaman's drum** echoed from the fells, its rhythm carrying through the twilight as the blue night descended. The Shaman taught the people to maintain their bond with the **Arctic nature** — to pause before its wonders, to sense and be moved, to marvel, to heal, and to find strength.

His drum called them deeper into the magic of the Arctic night, toward the northern sky where shines brighter than anywhere else the **North Star** — **Polar Star**. It is the brightest of three stars, 323 light-years away, at the center of the heavens, forming the tail of the constellation **Ursa Minor**. Since ancient times, it has given humankind direction and guidance.

The **people of Lapland** have always lived in harmony with Arctic nature. They gather its gifts with gratitude and live in connection with the surrounding, fragile yet powerful wilderness. For the people of Lapland, **nature is sacred**. As our guest, you will awaken to the **power and beauty of the nature around you** — and feel the call to become part of something greater than yourself.

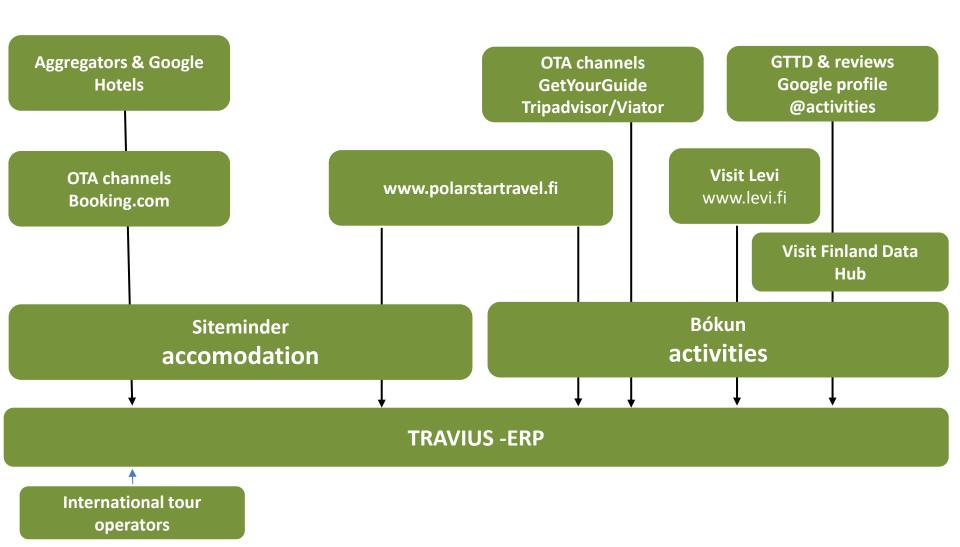
With **Polar Star Travel**, you will experience **authentic Lapland**, including its mystical side. We welcome you to our home fell as a **long-lost friend**. **Welcome to our village.** 





### **Digital Sales Schedule**





### **Digital sales**





Accommodation -

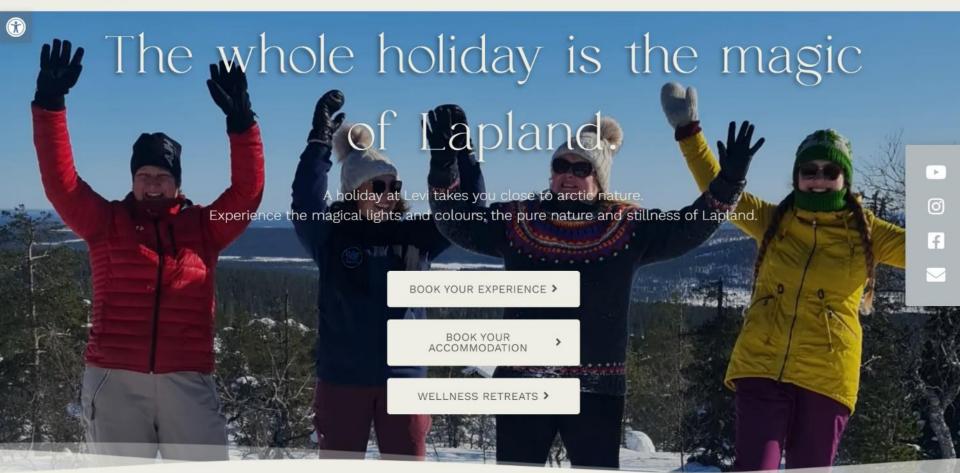
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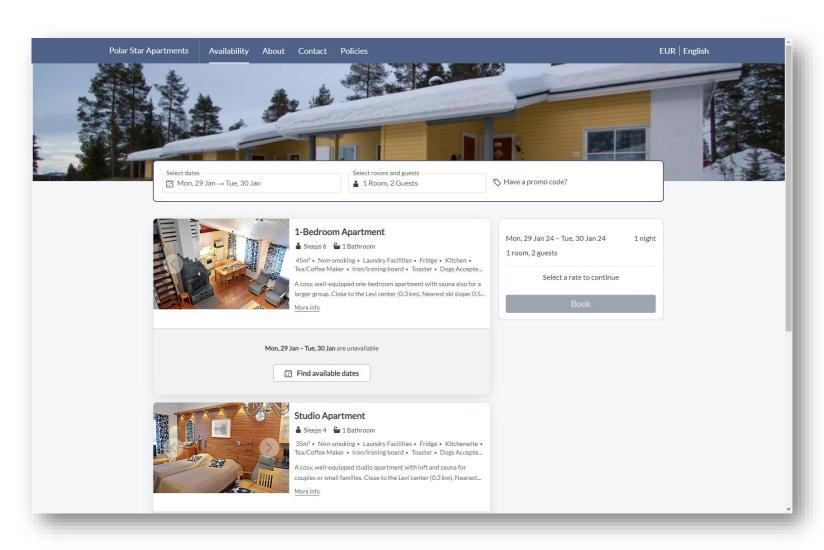
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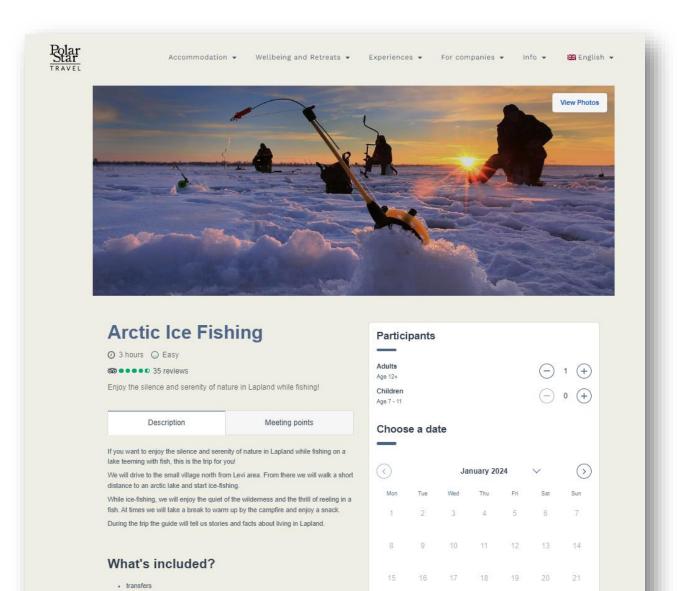
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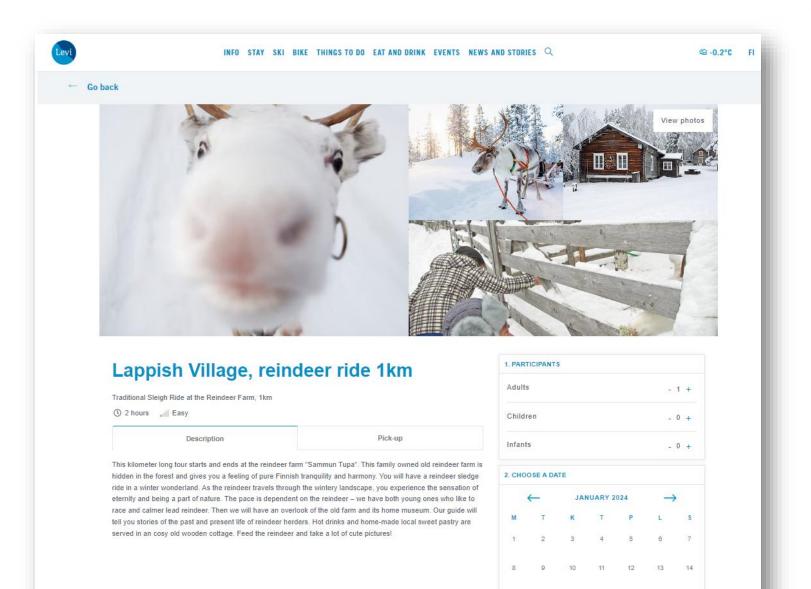
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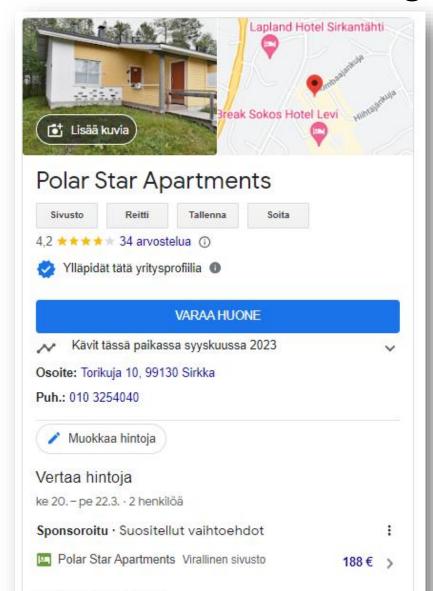
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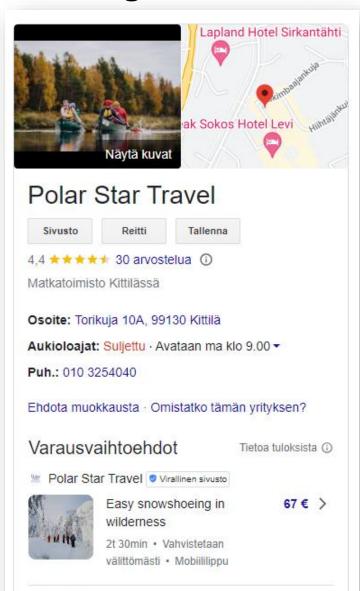




# Digital Customer Acquisition Sales begin with Google.

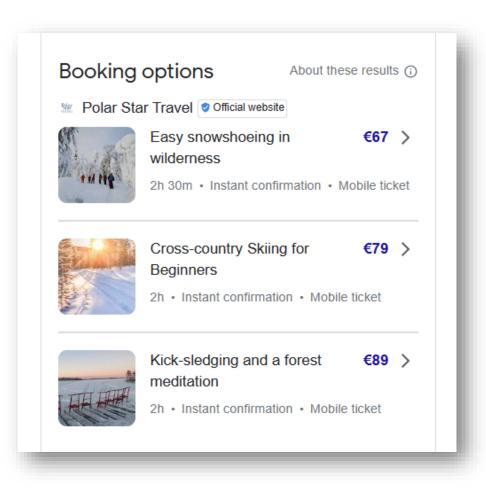




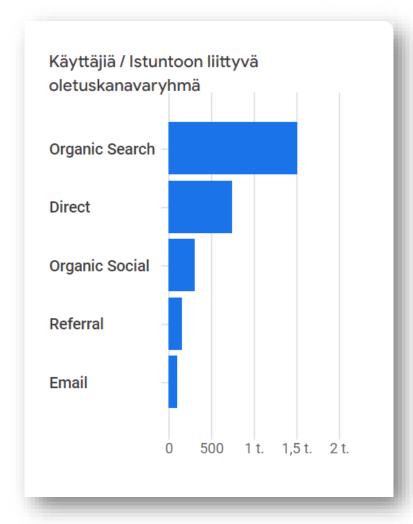


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Google Business Profile and Google Things To Do



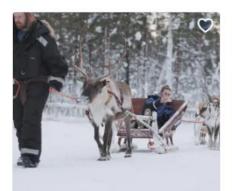
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### **OTA:** GetYourGuide / VIATOR



GYG sales all the year round Openning Viator for winter 2025-26

6 activities found ①



**ADVENTURE** 

Levi: Lappish Village Experience and Reindeer Sled Ride

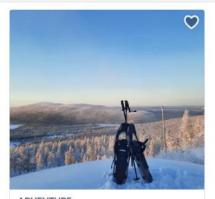
2 hours • Pickup available

★★★★ 4.6 (9) From € 99 per person



Levi Lapland: Arctic Ice-Fishing
3 hours

★★★★★ 5 (I)
From € 86 per person



ADVENTURE

Lapland Levi fell: Panoramic snowshoeing

2.5 hours

New activity

From € 84 per person



**ADVENTURE** 

Lapland Levi: Cross-country Skiing for Beginners

2 hours

★ ★ ★ ★ ★ 4.3 (8) From € 79 per person



Levi, Lapland: Easy E-Fatbike trip to white nature

2 hours

New activity

From € 89 per person



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ADVENTURE

Levi Lapland: Northern Lights Snowshoeing

2.5 hours

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**ADVENTURE** 

### Levi: Lappish Village Experience and Reindeer Sled Ride



4.6 / 5 9 reviews Activity provider: Polar Star Travel









Visit a Lappish village and enjoy the excitement of a traditional reindeer sleigh ride at a local farm on a guided adventure from Levi. Feed the animals, and cozy up with a hot drink in a cottage.

#### **About this activity**

Free cancellation

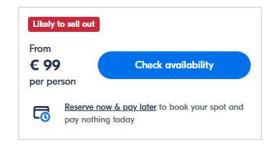
Cancel up to 24 hours in advance for a full refund

Reserve now & pay later

Keep your travel plans flexible — book your spot and pay nothing today.

Duration 2 hours

Check availability to see starting times.





### Digital sales



#### **Sales Structure:**

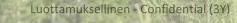
- B2B 70% of Total Sales
- Reputation-driven and recommendation-based sales
- Packaged travel products
- B2C 30% of Total Sales
- Growing share of international FIT (Free Independent Traveler) segment
- Excursions and accommodation
- Online distribution channels play a significant role in generating sales

### **Key Channels:**

- Booking.com: €0.5 million / year
- Apartments and cabins
- **Get Your Guide:** launched in 12/2023 (€40,000 / year)
- TripAdvisor & Viator: launching in autumn 2025
- Google Business Profile and Google Things To Do visibility for activities, supported by Google Ads campaigns run via OTA channels
- Levi Tourism Ltd: resale via online store Bokun
- Other Channels:
- Importance of **social media** and **OTA recommendations**
- Direct walk in sales from our office in the center of Levi

### **Notes on Digital Distribution**

- The commission level for Tours & Activities in OTA channels was surprisingly high.
- When reselling subcontractor products, the timing of pricing updates is important to stay consistent — as is maintaining a minimum group size.
- Product descriptions and images require dedicated attention and investment.

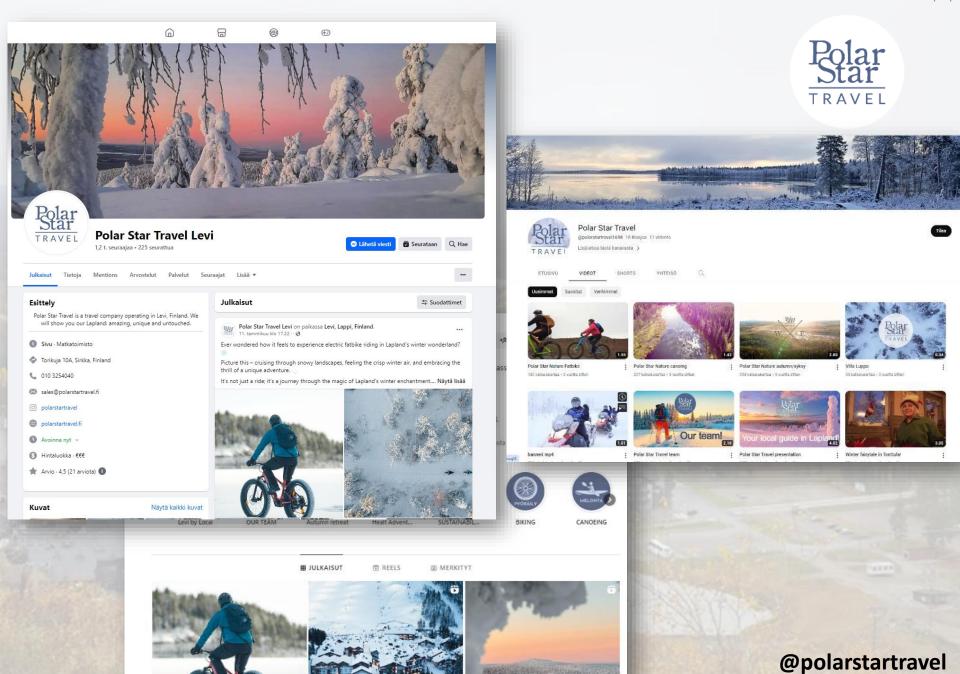




## Digital Customer Acquisition

Our customer acquisition and marketing are driven by our partners — agents, Google, OTA channels, and tour operators.

We build and sustain our reputation by consistently delivering on our promise to customer



### **Continuous Development**



**Development Projects & Funding** 

Continuous improvement – driving innovation and growth

- ELY Business Development Services (2021–2022)
   Strategic growth and capability development
- Digital Sales Development (2023–2024)
   Enhancing online channels & customer journey
  - Key Markets & Target Groups
     Insights based on Visit Finland research
- Snow-Free Season Project (2023–2024)
   Expanding summer & autumn offerings
- ELY Investment Projects (2022 & 2024) increasing summer and autumn offering
- New Development Initiative (2025–2026)
   Focus on digital innovation & responsible tourism & product development





