

WELCOME TO STENA



Stena is situated north of the Äkäslompolo village in peaceful surroundings with a view over the Ylläs fell. The connections to Äkäslompolo are excellent from everywhere in Finland. The easiest way to get here is by train or plane; the nearest train station is 40 kilometres away in Kolari and it is 55 kilometres to the airport in Kittilä. There is a bus connection to Äkäslompolo from both places.

Stena offers the possibility of full board and lodging in the high season (September and February-April). Off season it is possible to book a room or an apartment. Then one can prepare the meals oneself or take advantage of the many restaurants in Äkäslompolo – a few within walking distance of Stena.

The pleasant and genuine atmosphere at Stena is an experience for both old and new visitors to Lapland. Families, groups, companies and individual travellers are all welcome to Stena. Contact us, and we will find the best solution for you or your group.



FROM APARTMENTS TO FULL BOARD AND LODGING



Stena's four main buildings surround the courtyard. In high season Stena provides full board and lodging; off season everyone prepares one's own meals. However, it is always possible to plan tailored solutions for groups.

In the Three-Mountain Lodge there are three apartments, each accommodating 4-8 people. The apartments have a kitchenette, bathroom and drying cabinet. There is an electric sauna for common use in the basement. All apartments have TV and internet connection.

The Guest Lodge accommodates up to 28 people. The lodge has a proper kitchen and a large drying room. Each room is equipped with a washing basin; showers and toilets are in the basement. There is a large dinner table and an open fireplace in the cosy living room.



GENUINE LAPLAND ATMOSPHERE

Stena has succeeded in preserving the genuine atmosphere of Lapland that can justly be called Stena's trademark. The view over Ylläs fell, the pleasant atmosphere and generous hospitality have characterised activities at Stena over the last sixty years. The full-board weeks offer pleasant evenings spent together, outings in groups, waxing the skis together in the Ski Preparation Lodge and good advice and instructions for both new and more experienced visitors in Lapland.

The place was named after its founder Gunnar Stenfors, called Stena by his friends. He was a pioneer in fell skiing as early as the 1930's, when he conducted courses at Ylläs. In 1937 he conducted a skiing trip from Sirkka to Äkäslompolo. The skiers took a break on the northern side of the lake and there Stena promised one day to build a cottage on the river bank of Äkäsjoki. So happened ten years later and today the building is called The Mountain Lodge.



THE WATERFRONT SAUNA IS OUR SPECIALITY

From the Mountain Lodge and the yard there is a view over the Ylläs fell as well as down to the little brook that curls on its way to Lake Äkäslompolo. It consists of small streams of spring water that flow up to form a crystal-clear brook. The waterfront sauna, which is heated with wood, is only a couple of steps from the brook. After the sauna it is a pleasant experience to take a dip in the fresh water. In winter, when the water freezes, there is a hole in the ice and it is kept open all winter. In the sauna there is also a common room with an open fire.

COME ALONE OR WITH A GROUP

Thanks to the versatility of Stena it is well suited for both individual travellers and groups. The 50 beds are divided into rooms for 2 to 4 people in three different buildings. Schools, training groups, pensioners, bird watchers and those who come to admire the beautiful colours of Lapland in the autumn are examples of groups that have visited Stena over the years.

It is well suited also for companies that wish to combine internal meetings or seminars with relaxation and outdoor activities. We supply all technical equipment by agreement as well as arrange transport to and from the airport and railway station. The programme is tailor-made according to the customer's wishes - the Ylläs area has a wealth of opportunities for various activities.



CROSS-COUNTRY AND DOWNHILL SKIING

There are more than 300 kilometres of machine-prepared and clearly marked skiing tracks around Stena and Ylläs for cross-country and skating-style skiing. The tracks wind in and out between seven different fells, most of them within sight of Stena's yard. There are coffee and resting places every 5 to 10 kilometres. In Stena's well equipped Ski Preparation Lodge there are eight waxing racks and lots of storage space for skis. A skiing track goes practically from Stena's back door and one can choose different routes every day.



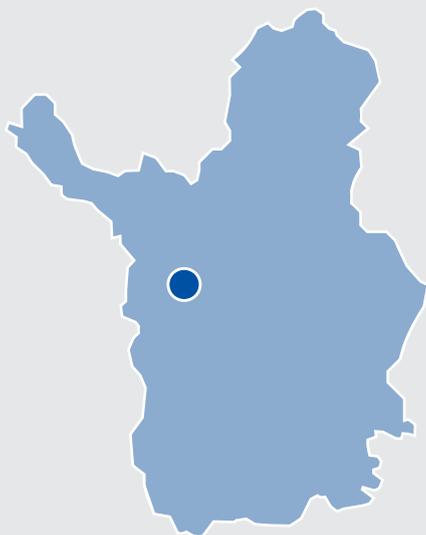
Stena is about seven kilometres from the slopes. At the moment there are over 70 slopes and almost 30 lifts around the Ylläs fell and there are plans to expand. The longest slope is 3000 metres with an altitude difference of 436 metres. The possibilities for off-piste skiing are good and for snowboarders there are half-pipe and boarder-cross runs. On both sides of the fell there are places where skis can be hired as well as cosy restaurants and cafes.

HIKING AND CYCLING

In summertime Stena is a great base for hiking and bicycle excursions. The five fells closest to Stena are excellent goals for 10-20 kilometre day trips. The ski tracks function as hiking trails during the snow-free seasons. The landscape is as magnificent in summer as it is in winter, not to mention during the time of the autumn colours in September when the whole fell changes into different shades of red.

The National Park of Pallas-Yllästunturi provides 12 different nature trails in the Ylläs area. And if one wants to prolong a hiking trip one can plan to spend the night in a tent, a cottage or even outdoors in one of the many resting and overnight huts maintained by the government.





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