



LAPLAND



COACH GAMES MANUAL



As an entertainer, your role is pivotal in ensuring that this once-in-a-lifetime adventure begins with joy, laughter, and unforgettable memories. This manual is designed to guide you in running entertaining and engaging coach games for families during long coach trips.

Lapland is renowned for its enchanting landscapes and captivating experiences. However, long coach journeys can be tiring, especially for our younger guests. This is where your creativity and enthusiasm come into play. By organizing engaging coach games, you not only make the journey more enjoyable but also set the tone for the entire Lapland adventure.

This manual will provide you with valuable insights into understanding your audience, preparation tips, exciting game ideas, troubleshooting strategies, and safety considerations. You are the conductor of fun and the guardian of safety during these trips, so your role is both exciting and crucial.

Families from around the world have placed their trust in us to make their Lapland journey extraordinary, and it all starts on that coach. With your dedication and commitment, we can create an experience that leaves them with lifelong memories and a twinkle in their eye. Remember, entertainment isn't just what you do; it's who you are. Be vibrant, be engaging, and most importantly, be the reason why these families begin their Lapland adventure with smiles and excitement.

LIST OF GAMES AND HOW TO PLAY THEM

CHRISTMAS SINGALONG

This is exactly what it says on the tin, a singalong!

Choose your favourite popular Christmas songs and lets all join in and sing together.

Points can be awarded to the best, or loudest family, side or team. This can be done as a whole coach or kids v adults, as long as everyone is singing, it's great!

Note – use this wisely, as some coaches may be early mornings or after flight arrivals so know your guests to ensure the energy is right for a good ol' Christmas singalong!

Favourites include:

**Jingle Bells
Rudolph the Red Nose Reindeer
Winter Wonderland
The Crazy Reindeer song**

DONT FORGET THE CHRISTMAS LYRICS

Who remembers the words to the classic Christmas pop classics?

Start by splitting the coach into sides of quarters.

Explain we are going to hear 10 classic festive pop hits, but you need help to remember the words!

Each team/side gets 5 songs which play as normal, but once the music stops, the team but keep singing!

1 point is awarded for the correct next line, and bonus points if they can keep it going for as long as possible!

CHRISTMAS LYRIC TRACK LIST:

1. Driving home for Christmas – Chris Rea
2. Merry xmas Everybody – Slade
3. Last Christmas – Wham
4. Rockin' around the Christmas tree – Brenda Lee
5. Santa Claus is coming to town – Various
6. Let it Snow – Various
7. Winter Wonderland – Various
8. Frosty the Snowman – The Ronettes
9. Merry Christmas Everyone = Shakin Stevens
10. I wish it could be Christmas every day – Wizzard

PASS THE HAT/GLOVE

A game of speed, which side will be fastest?

Using a hat or glove, and starting at the front row of each side, the teams must pass the hat/glove back row by row and back again to the front as quickly as they can to win.

The hat/glove must be passed over, then around, then over, then around and so on. It must be touched by someone in each row to count. The first team passing to the back and returning to the front wins a point!

JINGLE BELL DUAL

A fun quick game, involving either kids v adults, or side v side.

Begin by singing (with or without music) Jingle Bells all together.

Repeat the song, but this time on the word JINGLE, one team has to shout "Jingle" and raise and wave their hands.

Repeat again but this time only on the word BELLS, the other team must do the same for for the word "Bells".

Finally, repeat the song with both teams on "Jingle" and on "Bells" and award points to best.

NOTE – As the entertainer, act as a conductor using your hands to add a fun element as everyone sings!

CHRISTMAS WHISPERS

This classic game can make for fun onboard the coach, involving kids and adults.

Starting on the front row, the entertainer gives the guests a Christmas themed sentence.

For example, "Santa was sad today, as Rudolph rocketed down the rip roaring slope to fast, and slid into a pile of Santa's sticky sweet sugarcane candy"

The front row must then turn and whisper that sentence to the row behind (through the seats). This carry's on to the back row. Once at the back row, the last person must shout what the sentence they heard was, and we see if it matches the original sentence.

Each side of the coach is given a different sentence. Points are awarded to the closest match.

CHRISTMAS CRACKERS

Who doesn't like a Christmas Joke?!

In this regular game, ask the guests if they have any really good cracker style jokes to tell to the coach!

After each joke is told, ensure a round of applause is given,

The best one wins, but try to alternate between kids and adults, and ensure they are CLEAN jokes. To get things started, tell a cracker joke of your own, or use one for the list here, just make sure it's a TERRIBLE joke!

What does Santa suffer from if he gets stuck in a chimney?

- *Claustrophobia!*

Why did Santa's helper see the doctor?

- *Because he had a low "elf" esteem!*

What do you get if you cross Santa with a duck?

- *A Christmas Quacker!*

What says Oh Oh Oh?

- *Santa walking backwards!*

What do Santa's little helpers learn at school?

- *The elf-abet!*

What do elves eat for breakfast?

- *Frosted Flakes!*

What do you call Rudolph with lots of snow in his ears?

- *Anything you want, he can't hear you!*

What did Mrs Claus say to Santa when she looked out the window?

- *It looks like rain dear?!*

What do you get when you cross a snowman with a Vampire?

- *Frostbite!*

What do snowmen eat for lunch?

- *Iceburgers!*

Who hides in the bakery at Christmas?

- *A mince spy!*

THE 12 DAYS OF CHRISTMAS – LIVE!

This game is great fun, but does take some time to prep.

Firstly, split to rows into 12 sections from front to back.

Then explain were going to sing that famous Christmas anthem, the twelve days of Christmas!

Give each section of the 12, a gift like so:

- 1. A partridge in a pear tree**
- 2. Two turtle doves**
- 3. Three French hens**
- 4. Four calling birds**
- 5. FIVE GOLD RINGS**
- 6. Six geese a laying**
- 7. Seven swans a swimming**
- 8. Eight maids a milking**
- 9. Nine ladies dancing**
- 10. Ten lords a leaping**
- 11. Eleven pipers piping**
- 12. Twelve drummers drumming**

Once allocated, ask each section to create an action for their gift and to sing loudly on their gift!

Begin the song which will build each time to include another gift until the big finale from Twelve drummers drumming all the way back to the front building speed!

NOTE – make sure actions are BIG, but done sitting down, for safety reasons.

SANTA'S SLEIGH RIDE

This fun game includes instructions and movement.

Firstly, split the coach into the two sides of the aisle.

One side is named the REINDEERS, the other side is named the PENGUINS

Each side will have a free ride on Santa's sleigh, with the entertainer calling out directions and actions.

Each sleigh ride is around 20 seconds long, and this game doesn't really have a winner, but helps to get the guests warmed up for the journey ahead.

LIST OF ACTIONS:

Sleigh left! – LEAN LEFT

Sleigh right! – LEAN RIGHT

Snowballs! – DUCK DOWN

Take off! - HANDS IN THE AIR

Landing! – BUMP DOWN IN SEAT (always comes after Take off!)

ON Rudolph! – CRACK THE REIGNS

Woah – PULL THE REIGNS

Hi Santa! – SHOUT HO HO HO!

CHRISTMAS A-Z

A simple but fun game, and test of knowledge. Starting from the front row, and the Letter A, guests must shout out a Christmas themed word beginning with that letter.

For example - A (ANGEL), B (BAUBLE), etc.

Give each row 5 seconds, and if they can't think of one, they are out. Once all letters are done, start again, but no words can be repeated, making it even harder to find a new one!

REINDEER ALERT!

The simplest of all games. During your coach journeys, Guests may spot wild reindeer from the window. If this happens, the first person to shout "REINDEER ALERT" wins!

It's also a great game to play on every journey, alongside other games.

LAPLAND BINGO

An ongoing game, for the duration of the guests holiday, this list is given to the guests on their arrival transfer to the hotel by the entertainer.

Guests then make a note of this list on phone or tablet, keeping it until they leave Lapland.

During their holiday, as guests see each item (or if they do) they must tick it off the list. If they complete the list, they must shout as loud as they can, no matter where they are.... "LAPLAND BINGO!!" and they will receive a small prize from the entertainment team.

Please find the list here:

LAPLAND BINGO LIST:

- SNOW
- CHRISTMAS TREE
- REINDEER
- HUSKY DOG
- SANTA
- BOB SLEIGH OR CANDY CANE
- THE NORTHERN LIGHTS
- A MARSHMALLOW
- CAPTAIN T
- A SNOWMAN
- A CHRISTMAS PRESENT

CHRISTMAS GENERAL KNOWLEDGE QUIZZES

We all love a quiz, so these can be used on coach journeys as another form of fun and entertainment. Use these wisely, and ensure they aren't done more than once per stay in case of repeating.

QUIZ 1:

- 1. Question:** What did the other reindeer not let Rudolph do because of his shiny red nose?
Answer: Join in any reindeer games
- 2. Question:** The movie *Miracle on 34th Street* is based on a real-life department store. What is it?
Answer: Macy's
- 3. Question:** In the *How The Grinch Stole Christmas*, the Grinch was described with three words. What are they?
Answer: Stink, stank, stunk
- 4. Question:** In the movie *It's A Wonderful Life*, what happened every time a bell rang?
Answer: An angel got his wings

5. **Question:** What words follow "Silent Night" in the song?

Answer: Holy night

6. **Question:** Which Hollywood actor played six different roles in *The Polar Express*?

Answer: Tom Hanks

7. **Question:** In Charles Dickens' *A Christmas Carol*, what was the first name of Scrooge?

Answer: Ebenezer

8. **Question:** Which country did eggnog come from?

Answer: England

9. **Question:** What did Frosty The Snowman do when a magic hat was placed on his head?

Answer: He began to dance around

10. **Question:** According to the song, what did my true love give to me on the eighth day of Christmas?

Answer: Eight maids a milking

QUIZ 2:

1. **Question:** Three of Santa's reindeer's names begin with the letter "D." What are those names?

Answer: Dancer, Dasher, and Donner

2. **Question:** What was the first company that used Santa Claus in advertising?

Answer: Coca-Cola

3. **Question:** What was Frosty the Snowman's nose made out of?

Answer: A button

4. **Question:** What is the best-selling Christmas song ever?

Answer: "[White Christmas](#)" by Bing Crosby

5. **Question:** How do you say "[Merry Christmas](#)" in Spanish?

Answer: Feliz Navidad

6. **Question:** Which country started the tradition of putting up a Christmas tree?

Answer: Germany

7. **Question:** How many reindeer pull Santa's sleigh?

Answer: Nine.

8. **Question:** Which Christmas carol includes these lines: "The stars in the sky / Look down where He lay / The little Lord Jesus / Asleep on the hay"?

Answer: "Away in a Manger".

9. **Question:** How many times does Santa check his list before making deliveries?

Answer: Twice.

10. **Question:** Throughout the holiday season, under which type of plant are people supposed to kiss?

Answer: Mistletoe.

CHRISTMAS THEMED AUDIO QUIZZES

QUIZ 1: CHRISTMAS NUMBER ONES – NAME THE ARTIST OR SONG?

1. I Love Sausage Rolls – LadBaby
2. Hallelujah – Alexandra Burke
3. Do they know its Christmas – Band Aid
4. Stay another day – East 17
5. Mistletoe and wine – Cliff Richard
6. Mr Blobby – Mr Blobby
7. Can we fix it – Bob the Builder
8. There's none quite like Grandma – St Winifreds School Choir
9. Perfect – Ed Sheeran
10. That's my Goal – Shayne Ward

QUIZ 2: CHRISTMAS MOVIES – NAME THE FILM?

1. The Grinch
2. Love Actually
3. Home Alone
4. A Muppet Christmas Carol
5. Elf
6. The Polar Express
7. Jingle all the way
8. Miracle on 34th Street
9. Arthur Christmas
10. It's a wonderful life

TOP TIPS FOR GAMES AND COACH JOURNEYS

- **SAFETY** – Make sure all guests are following the safety procedures whilst on the coach. Don't encourage anything that breaks those rules, the driver will not be happy with you.
- **CHOICE OF MUSIC TO PLAY** – Judge the type of music by the guests on the coach. If guests have had a long day or it seems they just want to relax, even sleep on longer journeys, don't fight it, just play suitable music for the occasion.
- **KEEP THE MAGIC ALIVE** – Even though you are on a coach, you are still in Lapland! Keep the magical atmosphere going and ensure the kids are still enjoying everything Lapland has to offer. Make conversation and create even more memories for the families onboard.
- **BE ORGANISED** – plan your journeys. Entertainment should be seamless, and we must avoid guests waiting for things where possible so they can make the most of their time both off and on the coach.
- **HAVE FUN** – these games are for fun. Don't take them too seriously, as that can destroy the atmosphere. These are games to help make the time onboard more enjoyable, competition is fine but not the most important aspect of the entertainment.
- **SHARE YOUR SUCCESS** – Share with your fellow entertainers and elves games that have been a success, and any that you've done, to ensure everyone gets great entertainment and things aren't repeated for the guests.

GOOD LUCK, AND REMEMBER YOU PLAY A VITAL ROLE IN ENSURING THE GUEST'S TRAVEL IS JUST AS FUN AS EVERY PART OF THE LAPLAND EXPERIENCE!