

# 2018 Nisse Adventure

## About the Jule Nisse:

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The Nisse, or Nisser in plural, one of the most recognizable creatures of Danish folklore, exist throughout the Scandinavian countries and are also known as Tomte (Sweden) or Tonttu (Finland). The name “Nisse” is derived from a word which meant “dear little relative.”

According to tradition, the Nisse live in the houses and barns of the farmstead, acting secretly as the family guardian. As magical creatures, they have certain magical powers and love to hide. They were usually only seen by the family cat. They were often described as small elderly looking men with long white beards and long woolen caps on their heads. Even though they are small in stature, they also have immense strength.

The old Danish legend says that if there is a Nisse living on your property, you and your family will thrive and prosper. They were considered the protectors of the farm and livestock. Typically, mild mannered throughout the year, Christmas time was when the Nisse would begin to become mischievous. The only thing the Nisse wanted was a bowl of rice pudding with butter on Christmas Eve. If he was not given his offering, the mischievous activity would begin to happen! For example, they might tie the cow’s tails together in the barn!

Now it’s your turn to go out and look for the Nisse in Solvang! We have heard that there are 12 of them hiding around the village. Also, they come in multiple colors, **GREEN**, **RED**, **BROWN** and **GREY**! Be sure to look **high** and **low**! On the back page, we have 12 clues to help you find them.

### Have your cameras ready... Here are the clues for finding the Nisse!

1. The Nisse of the Visitor’s Center loves to look at all the visitors coming and going. He’s in a great location to see you come and go!
2. The King Frederik Inn has a unique covered driveway for their guests to unload. There might be a Nisse there to greet guest as the arrive.
3. There is a large archway with “1976” at the very top. A Nisse could be near that spot.
4. Nisse take care of animals on the farm, so naturally you may find one enjoying the nature at the Wildling Museum.
5. A blue Danish windmill is certainly unique. A Nisse must be nearby to get a peek!
6. Nisse takes care of houses, and this one will bring down the house! Look above the box office for this mischievous elf!
7. Find the Nisse who is watching over the history and heritage of Solvang in the farmhouse on “Elves’ Hill” or “Elverhøj.”
8. The largest gingerbread house in Solvang is inside the Hotel Corque’s lobby. This Nisse is thinking about moving into either the hotel or gingerbread house.
9. There are new flavors in Solvang to try. Maybe this is better than the rice pudding!
10. This poor Nisse is stuck in a box! Will he be able to escape his room? Wish him luck!
11. A coffee house is a house indeed. Look for the Nisse enjoying the view from inside.
12. Solvang Park is where Julefest activities happen, including visits from the Julemaden (the Yule-Man or Santa Claus). So, it’s only natural that a Nisse would come see.

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## Noah the Nisse:

The oldest of the Nisser has come to Solvang, but he is so difficult to find, he cannot be found on the map! He could be anywhere!! Above is a drawing of him.

Capture a photo of Noah for a special prize!

That being said, a rumor has it that he is admiring the mark left by Henrik, His Royal Highness the Prince Consort of Denmark when he came out to celebrate Solvang's 100<sup>th</sup> Birthday!

Get a photo of all 12 Nisser and show the photos to the Solvang Visitor Center for a prize!



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