

6 Days | Thrills in the Arctic Wilderness | Finland

Rovaniemi - Santa Claus Village - Arctic Circle

From **\$4,399** pp twin share



Spend the night in a glass igloo at the Arctic SnowHotel

Meet the “man in red” at the Santa Claus Village

Discover the beauty, history and culture of Lapland

Feel the wind on your cheeks on a sleigh pulled by huskies

Take in the snowy scenery of the Finnish valleys and woodlands

Description



Traveling to Finland and staying in Rovaniemi is an enchanting experience that immerses you in the breathtaking beauty of the Arctic region.

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Rovaniemi, the official hometown of Santa Claus, offers a plethora of unique attractions. One of the highlights is the exhilarating adventure of dog sledding through the pristine snowy landscapes. As you glide through the glistening white trails, guided by a team of eager huskies, you feel a sense of exhilaration and connection with nature. The crisp air, the sound of the sled skimming across the snow, and the stunning scenery make dog sledding an unforgettable adventure.

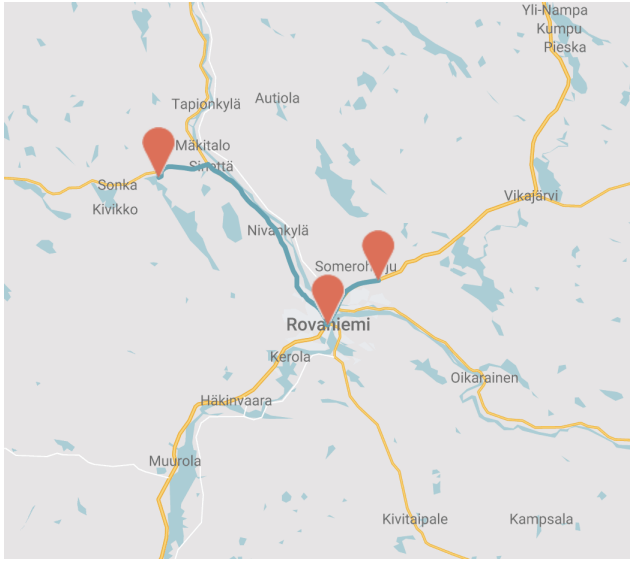
To add to the magical experience, staying in a glass igloo in Rovaniemi provides an extraordinary opportunity to witness the mesmerizing dance of the Northern Lights from the comfort of your own cozy abode. These transparent domes allow you to marvel at the celestial spectacle, as vibrant ribbons of green, blue, and purple dance across the night sky.

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Wrapped in warmth and comfort, you can lay back and watch nature's

extraordinary light show unfold above you. The ethereal beauty of the Northern Lights combined with the unique accommodation creates an ambiance of wonder and serenity that will leave you with memories to cherish for a lifetime.

In addition to the natural wonders, a visit to the Santa Claus Village is a must when in Rovaniemi. This whimsical place allows you to step into the magical world of Santa Claus himself. You can explore Santa's official post office, send a letter to your loved ones stamped with the special Santa Claus postmark, and even meet Santa in person. The cheerful atmosphere, cozy cottages, and the joy of encountering Santa Claus make the village a heartwarming experience for visitors of all ages. Whether you're a child or simply young at heart, the Santa Claus Village captures the enchantment and spirit of the holiday season throughout the year.



Itinerary

Day 1

ARRIVAL IN ROVANIEMI

Welcome to magical Rovaniemi in Finnish Lapland! When you arrive at Rovaniemi Airport a private driver will meet you to take you to your accommodation in town. Then head out to explore the snowy city centre. It is small but charming, with children ice skating and sledging on the main streets. You'll also find a shopping centre and lots of restaurants to try the local cuisine.

Tonight, you have the option to join a wintry adventure to maximise your chances of seeing the northern lights. Tours range from a family-friendly snow train to a thrilling snowmobile ride in the frosty forest.

Accommodation: Hotel TBA on booking (Comfort Plus/Superior)

Day 2

DOG SLEDDING & AN ARCTIC STAY

This morning, you'll join a 10-kilometre (6-mile) guided dog sledding excursion. When you arrive at the husky farm you'll hear the excited huskies waiting for their chance to run through the snow-covered forest trail. Following a brief lesson at the kennel, you'll drive your own sleigh, pulled by a team of energetic huskies, through the woods and over the snowy plains. There will be 2 people sharing each sleigh, taking turns mushing.

In the afternoon you will head to the Arctic SnowHotel. This complex is built entirely of snow and ice each year. Here you'll enjoy a guided tour* to see the beautiful ice rooms as well the ice restaurant and ice bar.

After the tour, tuck into a 3-course dinner based on local specialties at the rustic Kota. It is modelled after a traditional Sámi structure for a cosy atmosphere. Before staying the night under the stars in a glass igloo, you could end the evening with a traditional Finnish sauna session.

**Guided tours of the Arctic SnowHotel are dependent on opening times. The hotel usually opens its ice-carved doors around 15 December each year.*

Meals: Breakfast and Dinner

Accommodation: Arctic SnowHotel

Day 3

SÁMI CULTURE & THE SANTA CLAUS VILLAGE

Start the morning early with a hearty breakfast at the Arctic SnowHotel resort before returning to Rovaniemi. Later that morning you will be joining a tour to a reindeer farm before continuing on to the Santa Claus Village*.

At the reindeer farm, you'll learn about the Sámi people and their culture. Their way of life includes reindeer herding, so you'll enjoy a short reindeer sleigh ride. You'll also join your hosts in a special ceremony of crossing the Arctic Circle.

Next up you'll travel to the Santa Claus Village. Here you'll have some time to do some souvenir shopping, send postcards from Santa's main post office, and of course meet Santa Claus himself! Afterwards you'll return to Rovaniemi, where you can spend the evening at your leisure.

Spend the night in Rovaniemi.

**For arrivals in December until 6 January the transfer will be by bus. On other dates, you'll travel via snowmobile to the reindeer farm.*

Meals: Breakfast and Lunch

Accommodation: Hotel TBA on booking (Comfort Plus/Superior)

Day 4

SNOWMOBILING & ICE FISHING IN THE ARCTIC WILDERNESS

Today you ride through the white wilderness and enjoy ice fishing on a frozen lake in Lapland like a true local!

The tour heads north on a snowmobile trail that takes you along the frozen Ounasjoki river and through snowy forests up into the hills. Admire the surrounding vast woodlands and wild landscape of Lapland and follow the trail through snow-covered fields until you arrive at a small frozen lake. The guide will prepare you to fish in an ice hole, while the silence envelops you in the peaceful darkness. Enjoy this traditional practice and then fry your fresh catch over a campfire. Afterwards, you'll return to town for a well-earned rest.

Spend the night in Rovaniemi.

Meals: Breakfast

Accommodation: Hotel TBA on booking (Comfort Plus/Superior)

Day 5

DAY TO EXPLORE ROVANIEMI

You have the whole day to explore Rovaniemi as you wish. To learn more about the local history, nature and culture, including the Sámi nation, you can pay a visit to the Arktikum museum. Here you can browse interesting exhibits about the Arctic region. If you love wildlife, you might want to tour the Ranua Wildlife Park located about 1 hour south.

If you'd like to take full advantage of your time in the Arctic, you can add more fun winter activities to your itinerary. We highly recommend ending your last night with a thrilling winter activity under the dark night sky.

To keep in the festive mood, you can also head back to the Santa Claus Village. Hop on a reindeer ride, dine at the charming Santamus restaurant or visit the Snowman World. For families travelling with children in December, we recommend a visit to the magical Santa Park, the home cavern of Santa Claus.

Spend the night in Rovaniemi.

Meals: Breakfast

Accommodation: Hotel TBA on booking (Comfort Plus/Superior)

Day 6

DEPARTURE FROM LAPLAND

Today is your last day in Finnish Lapland. After an adventurous winter getaway, a driver will take you back to Rovaniemi Airport in time for your departure flight.

Meals: Breakfast

Inclusions & Exclusions

Inclusions

- Transfer from Rovaniemi Airport to accommodation
- Accommodation (Comfort Plus/Superior) for 4 nights
- Accommodation in a glass igloo for 1 night
- Daily Breakfast
- Dog sledding excursion in Rovaniemi, includes refreshments
- Guided tour of the Arctic SnowHotel
- 3-course dinner at the Kota Restaurant (drinks not included)
- Transfers to/from Arctic SnowHotel
- Visit to a reindeer farm & Santa Claus Village, includes lunch
- Snowmobiling & ice fishing excursion
- Transfer to Rovaniemi Airport on departure
- Taxes & service fees

ARCTIC SNOWHOTEL:

Included in your package is a stay in a glass igloo at the Arctic SnowHotel, use of the traditional Finnish sauna, a 3-course dinner and breakfast. The SnowHotel offers a northern lights wake-up call service at your glass igloo if you want.

Between 20 November – 20 December, there is ongoing construction work to finalise the building of the Arctic SnowHotel (as it is rebuilt every year). Please note that the Arctic SnowHotel does not open until 15 December.

Entrance ticket to the Snowman World at the Santa Claus Village is included with your stay at the Arctic SnowHotel. The Snowman World usually opens around 6 December each year.

DOGSLEDDING TOUR:

The dog sledding tour on this package is a 10-kilometre (6-mile) husky safari.

Each sleigh is shared by 2 people, meaning you'll take turn sitting and mushing. When controlling the sleigh, you'll need to stand, kick and sometimes run to assist the dogs, depending on the terrain.

Children will be travelling safely with the tour guide on a large sleigh.

SNOWMOBILING IN LAPLAND:

For arrivals between 7 January and 31 March, you'll enjoy a snowmobile transfer to the reindeer farm. This will replace the bus transfer to the farm.

Please note for all snowmobile tours, each snowmobile is shared by 2 guests taking turns driving. The driver of the snowmobile has to be at least 18 years old and hold a driver's licence valid in Finland on the tour. You should be able to present your driving licence at the excursion as there may be checks during the snowmobile safari. Under Finnish law, you cannot drive a snowmobile under the influence of alcohol.

There is a height restriction for children. Children measuring under 140 centimetres (4.5 feet) will usually be seated in a sleigh pulled by the guide's snowmobile. Children over 140 cm are allowed to sit on the snowmobile behind an adult.

Exclusions

- Flights
- Visas
- Travel Insurance
- Tips/Gratuities
- Any meals not listed
- Any activities not listed

Fitness Level: You should have moderate to good physical fitness to take part comfortably in this tour. This is because packages set in the Arctic are considered adventure travel due to the specific conditions you'll experience. Arctic travel can sometimes involve extreme weather conditions as well as vigorous activity and animals (like huskies and reindeer) on many excursions.

Transfers to and from activities: Please note that transfers between your hotel and tour meeting locations are not included. You will need to check your vouchers and itinerary information carefully. It is your responsibility to be on time to meet tour guides at meeting locations. Thankfully, Rovaniemi is a charming, small, and very walkable city.

Travelling with Children: As it is a top family travel destination, generally our Lapland packages are child friendly. That said, many activities (e.g., snowmobile and dog sled tours) have an age limit of 4 years old. On snowmobile excursions, height restrictions also apply. Children measuring under 140 centimetres (4.5 feet) will usually be seated in a sleigh pulled by the guide's snowmobile. Children over 140 cm are allowed to sit on the snowmobile behind an adult, when paying the adult price.

Safety and Weather Conditions: Please note that sightseeing and tours are dependent on weather and road conditions and might need to be altered if they are not favourable. If something unexpected occurs, you can call our 24-hour helpline to speak directly with Nordic Visitor staff.

As you're visiting Lapland in winter, there will be snow and ice on the ground. This can sometimes make it difficult to walk. Please note that there are no luggage handling services available in Lapland. You must be able and prepared to carry your own luggage in snowy conditions.

Travel Insurance: We recommend Covermore travel insurance. To quote and book, please click [HERE](#).