

WINTER WONDERS IN ROVANIEMI

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DAY 1: ARRIVAL & NORTHERN LIGHTS SNOWMOBILE EXCURSION

Arrive at Rovaniemi Airport where you will be met by a driver and transferred to your hotel in Rovaniemi. Spend some time resting up or exploring the town before your first adventure of the trip. This evening you'll embark on a guided snowmobile excursion into the wild to look for the northern lights dancing in the sky. Before returning to the city you'll get to enjoy a hot beverage and a snack around a campfire with the guide.

Spend the night in Rovaniemi.

Helpful notes:

- Two people will share one snowmobile and take turns driving. To drive, you must have a valid driver's license.
- The snowmobile excursion starts around 5:30 PM on Mondays, Wednesdays and Sundays. If you arrive on a different day of the week, we will move this activity to day 2 or 3 and modify your itinerary accordingly.
- Please note that the northern lights are a natural phenomenon and sightings cannot be guaranteed.

HIGHLIGHTS: Finland - Northern Lights - Rovaniemi - Snowmobiling

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DAY 2: DOG SLEDDING & TRADITIONAL FINNISH SAUNA

Today you'll learn about a traditional mode of winter transport in Lapland by taking part in a guided dog sled excursion. Following a brief lesson at the kennel, you'll soon be mushing with your own sled, pulled by a team of energetic huskies, through the woods and over the snowy plains. After a thrilling ride, enjoy a hot beverage with the musher back at the kennel.

Back in the city, spend the rest of the afternoon and evening as you wish. Since Finland is famous for its sauna culture, we highly recommend spending some time today relaxing in the sauna at your hotel. It's a great way to feel refreshed for the adventures yet to come on your trip.

Spend the night in Rovaniemi.

Helpful notes:

- Two people will share one sled and take turns driving.

HIGHLIGHTS: Dog sledding - Finnish Sauna

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DAY 3: VISIT TO A REINDEER FARM & SANTA CLAUS VILLAGE

The day begins with a guided snowmobile excursion to a reindeer farm, which presents a unique opportunity to experience the culture of Lapland's native Sami people. Along with learning fun facts about reindeer, you'll enjoy a short sled ride and learn first-hand how fast these animals can run. You'll also join your hosts in a special ceremony of crossing the Arctic Circle.

In the afternoon you'll travel by car to the Santa Claus Village where you'll have some time to do some souvenir shopping, send postcards from Santa's main post office and enjoy lunch at a cosy restaurant. Of course, you will also get to meet Santa Claus himself! Afterwards you'll be returned to Rovaniemi, where you can spend the evening at your leisure.

Spend the night in Rovaniemi.

Helpful notes:

- Two people will share one snowmobile and take turns driving. To drive, you must have a valid driver's license.
- In case of poor trail or weather conditions in December, the transfers to/from the reindeer farm may be done by car instead for safety reasons. However, in such event, the program will still include some time driving snowmobiles.

HIGHLIGHTS: Reindeer Farm - Santa Claus Village - Snowmobiling

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DAY 4: OPEN DAY & EVENING AT THE ARCTIC SNOW HOTEL

Explore Rovaniemi on your own for the first part of the day. To learn more about the local history, nature and culture, pay a visit to the Arktikum Museum and browse the interesting exhibits about Finnish Lapland and the Arctic region.

In the evening you will be taken to nearby Lehtojärvi, which is known for its excellent opportunities to view the northern lights. Here you'll go on a guided tour of the Arctic SnowHotel, which is built entirely of snow and ice each year and includes beautifully crafted ice rooms as well as an ice restaurant and ice bar. There are also warm glass igloo accommodations on the premises. After the tour you'll enjoy a dinner based on local specialties at the rustic Restaurant Kota, modelled after a traditional Sami structure. Around midnight you will be returned to the city.

OPTIONAL – overnight in a glass igloo or at the Arctic SnowHotel: To add even more adventure to this trip, you can upgrade your accommodation this evening to a warm glass igloo or a snow room at the Arctic SnowHotel (optional; not included). If you're interested in sleeping under the stars (great for northern lights viewing!) or spending a night surrounded by ice art on a frozen bed lined with reindeer furs, this is your chance to do it.

Spend the night in Rovaniemi.

HIGHLIGHTS: Arctic SnowHotel and Glass Igloos - Northern Lights - Rovaniemi

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DAY 5: DEPARTURE

After an adventurous winter getaway in Finnish Lapland you will be transferred back to Rovaniemi Airport for your departure flight.

Whatever your needs, we are here to help. If you have any questions about our packages or services, please do not hesitate to contact us.

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