

# CHRISTMAS ADVENTURE IN FINNISH LAPLAND

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### DAY 1: ARRIVAL TO KEMI

Arrive at Kemi Airport where you will be met by a driver and transferred to your hotel in Kemi. The rest of the day is free for you to explore the town or relax in a traditional Finnish sauna at the hotel. In the evening, you will meet your travel companions and tour leader for a welcome dinner at the hotel.

Up for a little adventure this evening? If so, you can take part in a guided snowmobile excursion to experience the tranquil beauty of Lapland's wilderness and, if conditions are favourable, the northern lights (optional; not included).

Spend the night in Kemi.

**Helpful notes:**

- Transfer from Kemi Airport is included in this package. We can also arrange a transfer from Oulu Airport for an additional fee. See 'Not Included List' for details.
- Please note that the northern lights are a natural phenomenon and sightings cannot be guaranteed.

**Attractions:** Finland, Finnish Sauna, Kemi, Snowmobiling

## DAY 2: HUSKIES, WILDLIFE & CHRISTMAS EVE FESTIVITIES

This action-packed day is a treat for animal lovers! Start your special Christmas Eve with a visit to a husky kennel. Here you'll enjoy a short (1.5 kilometre) but thrilling dog sled ride as well as a hot beverage and snacks in a traditional Sami tepee. You might even get a chance to feed the animals that dwell in the forest! Then your group will continue onwards to Ranua Wildlife Park to go on a guided walking tour through the park to observe arctic wildlife such as polar bears, lynx and wolves. You'll then enjoy a lunch buffet of local specialties in the park's restaurant. Before the ride back to Kemi, you'll have a chance for some last-minute Christmas shopping at the park's souvenir and candy shops.

Back at the hotel, take some time to relax and dress up in your Christmas Eve outfit. Then your guide will meet you at the hotel for the short walk to the restaurant for tonight's celebration. Before dinner, you can help decorate the Christmas tree while enjoying some freshly baked gingerbread cookies and a warm mug of glögg, a mulled wine traditionally served at this time of year. Of course, you'll want to save room for the festive Christmas Eve dinner buffet! Last but not least, Santa's elves will make a special appearance to spread Christmas cheer and give small gifts.

Spend the night in Kemi.

**Helpful notes:**

- Two people will share one dog sled and take turns driving.
- The ride to the husky kennel is 30 minutes and the ride to the wildlife park is 1.5 hours. Transportation is by comfortable coach bus.

**Attractions:** Dog sledding, Ranua Wildlife Park

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### DAY 3: CHRISTMAS DAY WITH SANTA & REINDEERS

Experience the magic of an arctic Christmas during an excursion to Rovaniemi, the capital of Finnish Lapland. The first stop will be at the famous Santa Claus Village. There you'll get to meet Santa himself at his workshop and do a bit of souvenir shopping if you wish. After, you'll travel back to Kemi to visit a reindeer farm and learn about reindeer herding and Sami culture. Here you'll enjoy a delicious Lappish lunch in a traditional Kota before going on a fun 1.5-kilometre reindeer sleigh ride through the woods, which will earn you a special "reindeer driver license".

Later, you'll have time to enjoy a stint in a Finnish sauna before having dinner at your hotel.

Spend the night in Kemi.

**Helpful notes:**

- The ride between Kemi and Rovaniemi is about 1.5 hours each way. Transportation is by comfortable coach bus.

**Attractions:** Reindeer Farm, Santa Claus Village

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### DAY 4: DEPARTURE

After this exciting Christmas getaway in Finnish Lapland you will be transferred back to Kemi Airport for your departure flight.

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- Transfer to Kemi Airport is included in this package. We can also arrange a transfer to Oulu Airport for an additional fee. See 'Not Included List' for details.

*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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