

# BEST OF LAPLAND COMPLETE -

## ROVANIEMI

### ITINERARY

**DAY  
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**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.

Spend the night in Rovaniemi.

**Attractions:** Finland, Northern lights, Rovaniemi

**DAY  
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**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.*

**Attractions:** Arctic SnowHotel, Dog sledding, Finnish Sauna

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### 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.

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*\*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.*

**Attractions:** Reindeer Farm, Santa Claus Village, The Arctic Circle

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### 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.

**Attractions:** Ice fishing, Snowmobiling

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## 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.

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**Attractions:** Rovaniemi

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## 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.

*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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