

CHRISTMAS IN ROVANIEMI

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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.

Please note: this itinerary is based on arrivals on 21 December. If you arrive later, your travel consultant will modify the setup of the tour.

Attractions: Finland, Northern lights, Rovaniemi

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DAY 2: SÁMI CULTURE & THE SANTA CLAUS VILLAGE

Start the morning with a visit to a reindeer farm, where 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.

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

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DAY 3: 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.

Spend the night in a glass igloo.

Attractions: Arctic SnowHotel, Dog sledding, Finnish Sauna, Glass Igloos

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DAY 4: CHRISTMAS EVE AT SANTA'S HIDEAWAY

On the 24 December, you have a festive day ahead of you. 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 of Santa's secret spot and join his helpers on the Christmas fun. Santa's hideaway is one of Lapland's best-kept secrets, and you are invited to find out all about this magical place!

During Christmas, Santa needs all the help he can get. Join his elves to help feed the forest birds and decorate Christmas trees, and enjoy a reindeer sleigh ride with Santa's very own reindeer. A delicious and well-deserved lunch will be served after the hideaway is all ready for Christmas. This evening, enjoy a festive Christmas buffet dinner with fellow travellers in Rovaniemi.

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Attractions: Christmas in Rovaniemi, Reindeer Farm, Santa Claus Village, The Arctic Circle

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DAY 5: DEPARTURE FROM LAPLAND

After an adventurous winter getaway in Finnish Lapland, it's time to go home. A driver will take you back to Rovaniemi Airport in time for your departure flight.

Please note a mandatory festive dinner at your hotel will be added to your reservation if you are staying in Rovaniemi on 25 December. The rate is 128 euros per adult and 70 euros per child, including a welcome drink.

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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