

NEW YEAR'S 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.

The itinerary is based on arrivals on December 28. Please note that your travel expert will modify the setup of the tour based on your arrival date.

Attractions: Finland, Northern lights, Rovaniemi

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

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DAY 4: NEW YEAR'S DINNER & MYSTICAL NEW YEAR'S PARTY

On the final day of the year, explore the beautiful Rovaniemi at your leisure. You can browse shops in the city or join an optional excursion to head back out into the snowy wilderness.

Tonight is the big night! Enjoy a festive dinner in Rovaniemi before joining fellow travellers and heading out into the night. On the snowy banks of the frozen Ounas river, you will bring in the New Year in style at a thrilling celebration. In magical winter darkness, explore your icy surroundings and take in the colourful lights overhead.

Lively music and a giant snow disco will make it impossible not to dance, and you can enjoy drinks from a nearby ice bar. Take part in a Finnish New Year tradition by visiting the mysterious fortune tellers and hearing predictions for the year ahead. The "man in red" himself will even pay a visit! When the time comes, celebrate the New Year under an astounding firework display then enjoy a spectacular dance show. This will truly be a night to remember!

Spend the night in Rovaniemi.

Attractions: New Year's in Rovaniemi, Rovaniemi

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DAY 5: 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.

Please note a mandatory festive dinner at your hotel will be added to your reservation if you are staying in Rovaniemi on January 1. The rate is 128 euros per adult & 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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