



Reindeer, Lapland



SCANDINAVIA

CHRISTMAS IN LAPLAND (TOUR CODE: 12618)

STARTS AND ENDS

Saariselkä to
Rovaniemi

TRAVEL PERIODS

20 Dec 23

EXPERIENCE

Escorted
Snow & Ski

TRAVEL STYLE

Escorted Group Tour

What is the best location to spend your Christmas time than the home of Santa Claus itself? You'll be not only visiting Santa Claus Village and the Sami Reindeer Farm but also enjoying a Christmas Gala Dinner!

Highlights

- **Guaranteed Departures**
- Meet the traditional **Sami farmers** who will tell you about the **reindeer**, and its importance to the Sami culture!
- Discover Rovaniemi and visit the **Santa Claus Village!**
- Unique opportunity to attend the **Christmas' Gala dinner**
- Small Group Tour up to **25 passengers**
- Enjoy the warmth of your **Private Glass Igloo** and weather permitting you will have the opportunity to marvel at the amazing Northern Lights!

Experience this unique journey to Lapland, stay in Saariselkä with its dazzling with landscape as well as in Rovaniemi. Near Rovaniemi you are treated to a night in a glass igloo, and weather permitting, you will see the magnificent northern lights from your bed.

Santa Claus will be expecting you at Santa Claus village. you will also experience a visit at the Sami reindeer farm and sleighride, as well as a husky safari. Round off your journey with a visit to the kings of the Arctic, the Polar Bears, living in their natural northern conditions at Ranua Wildlife park.



- ✓ ENTIRE Cooling-Off Period
- ✓ ENTIRE Change of Mind
- ✓ ENTIRE On Ground Support
- ✓ ENTIRE AUD Prices
- ✓ ENTIRE Industry Accredited
- ✓ ENTIRE Australian Owned

INCLUSIONS

- 5 nights in 4* hotels centrally located
- 1 night in Santa's Igloo Hotel in a Glass Igloo
- Regular arrival transfer from Ivalo Airport
- Regular departure transfer to Rovaniemi Airport
- 6 buffet style breakfasts
- Meals: 2 lunches & 4 dinners (inclusive of Christmas Gala Dinner buffet)
- All tours and transportation, as mentioned in the program
- Bi-lingual Tour Escort (English & Spanish or Portuguese) from Day 2 to Day 7 inclusive
- Luggage allowance is 1 suitcase & 1 piece of hand luggage per person

ITINERARY

Intro Map

Christmas in Lapland.



Day 1 Ivalo Airport Saariselkä

Arrival to Ivalo Airport and regular transfer to the hotel for check-in.

In **Saariselkä**, in the far north of Finnish Lapland, lies the popular resort of Inari-Saariselkä. The unique northern countryside, national parks, lake areas, rivers and highland fells offer a wealth of opportunities for year-round travel. In winter, the **Northern Lights** dance across the sky up to 200 days a year. The legendary Saariselkä is the northernmost travel destination in Finland and boasts a variety of services.

In Inari and other villages in the area, the **Sami culture** is still very much in evidence in everyday life. Here is where you find the genuine Lapland. Please consult the welcome letter, which you will receive upon check-in to your hotel, and kindly note where and when to meet your Tour Director.

Overnight stay at **Santa's Hotel Tunturi** or similar.

Please note that the transfers are escorted by an English-speaking driver and are shared with other fellow passengers; therefore, minor waiting time may occur. This transfer service is not valid for passengers with pre/post nights or passengers who require private transfers.

Breakfast

Day **2**

Saariselkä

In the morning, get ready for some fresh air activity literally following the footsteps of the Sami.

Put on your snowshoes and feel the crunch of snow under your feet. Capture the true feeling of winter in the northern woods as you explore the nearby white wilderness of forest and hills and **Urho Kekkonen National Park, surrounding Saariselkä**.

The afternoon is at leisure and we recommend trying a Finnish sauna, available at the hotel. Otherwise, please check out the optional extras to add one more activity (additional cost).

Overnight stay at **Santa's Hotel Tunturi** or similar.

Breakfast



Day **3**

Saariselkä Santas Igloos

In the morning after breakfast, the adventure continues as we make our way to Santa's Igloos, located 10km from Rovaniemi. Along the way, we will visit one of the highlights of the tour.

Meet the traditional Sami farmers who will tell you about the reindeer, and its importance to the Sami culture. Sitting in a two-person sleigh, pulled by your reindeer, you will experience a short ride in this traditional and peaceful way of moving

through the white landscape where the only sound you will hear is the melody of reindeer bells. A typical local three course lunch is included at the farm.

The journey continues to Santa's Igloos following the winding roads through the snowy forest and arriving at the unique Santa's Igloos where you will check-in to your **private Glass Igloo**. Enjoy the warmth of your Glass Igloo and weather permitting you will have the opportunity to marvel at the amazing Northern Lights (Aurora Borealis) and the millions of stars from the comforts of your bed.

In the evening, you are invited for a **traditional Lappish three course**.

Overnight stay at **Santa's Igloos Hotel** in a **private Glass Igloo**.

Breakfast, Dinner



Day **4**

Santa Claus Rovaniemi

In the morning after breakfast, you will travel by bus to Rovaniemi where you will check-in at Santa's Hotel Santa Claus and your Christmas adventure can begin.

Once you have settled into the hotel, you can enjoy a **buffet dinner of traditional Lappish food**. You may choose to round off the night with the unique experience of a Finnish sauna included. Otherwise, please check out the optional extras to add one more activity (additional cost).

Overnight stay at **Hotel Santa Claus** or similar.

Breakfast, Dinner



Day **5**

Rovaniemi Santa Claus Village Rovaniemi

Enjoy a Scandinavian breakfast buffet, before going on your next adventure, **the Husky Farm and Safari**.

The barking of enthusiastic dogs will welcome you to the most genuine Husky farm in Rovaniemi. The head musher will talk about the life and training of these Arctic animals and you will also have the chance to take some great photos. After brief instructions you embark, riding in pairs, on a run through the forest behind your pack of huskies (3 km).

The day continues with a **visit to the world-famous Santa Claus Village, built right on the Arctic Circle** and home to Santa Claus. Stop by his busy post office where you can ask Santa to send a letter to your loved ones just before Christmas. Take a step into the magical world of Santa's home and meet Santa himself. No words can describe the emotions of this fairy-tale-like moment. It is something you will always remember. An absolute must for any visit to Lapland.

At approximately 16:00, all children are invited to participate in the traditional activity of decorating the Christmas tree.

Around 18:00 Santa Claus will pay a visit to the hotel where he will deliver Christmas presents to our youngest guests. There will be a small gift per child from the hotel and the possibility for families to arrange, that Santa Claus special delivers a present to their children on behalf of the family.

Christmas Eve Gala Dinner buffet will be served at the hotel Santa Claus. An aperitif and one glass of house wine, beer or soft drink per person are included

Overnight stay at **Hotel Santa Claus** or similar.

Breakfast, Dinner



Day **6**

Rovaniemi Ranua Rovaniemi

Scandinavian buffet breakfast at the hotel before departing on another day of adventure. This morning we will visit the **Ranua Wildlife Park**, situated 80 km south of Rovaniemi, 1 hour by coach.

The Ranua Wildlife Park, established 1983, specializes in arctic and northern animal species. The spacious animal enclosures are amid northern conifer forests, the natural habitat of most of the animals. You will be able to enjoy a guided tour of this beautiful park and visit different animals and birds. The guide will provide you with interesting and detailed information about the animals and their personalities, as well as answer whatever questions you might have about the animal life and arctic nature. Enjoy a self-service lunch at the restaurant in Ranua Wildlife Park. After lunch, you will have one hour to visit the surroundings. You may want to visit the souvenir shops, the Fazer factory and the local wine shop with their unique selection of wines made from berries. Return to Rovaniemi, remainder of the afternoon is at leisure.

In the evening, enjoy a **Christmas Gala Dinner buffet** at the hotel Santa Claus. An aperitif and one glass of house wine, beer or soft drink per person included.

Overnight stay at **Hotel Santa Claus** or similar.

Breakfast, Dinner



Day **7**

Rovaniemi Rovaniemi Airport

Breakfast and the rest of your day at leisure until your regular transfer to Rovaniemi airport in good time for your departure flight.

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Breakfast

OPTIONAL EXTRAS

Day 2: Aurora Borealis by heated sleigh

The silent and snow-covered forest, night fell on the edge of the boundless desert and the magical Northern Lights above you. Take a seat on the heated Aurora sleigh and enjoy! Your guide tows the sled with a snowmobile through the snowy, lunar and starry landscape, to the top of the fall, away from residential areas and their light pollution. After arriving, we set up our cameras and take pictures of the northern night sky. We wait for the Northern Lights to appear comfortably by the fire, enjoying hot drinks and listening to tales until someone sees the first aurora. Now your imagination is the only limit: the Northern Lights fluttering across the sky, the constellations, the snow-capped trees and the bright snow-capped hills... How will you compose your photos?

Inclusions:

- Thermal outfit, English guide, hot juice and cookies

REQUIRES PRE-BOOKING

2 hours

Prices are dynamic based on travel dates. Please proceed to [Book Now](#) or [Contact Us](#) for details.

Day 4: Artic Ice Floating - Day Floating

Meeting Time: 13:45 at hotel reception

Come and experience the lightness of your body during the arctic ice floating! Don't fear the cold as you are totally protected with high quality rescue suit. Let your body and mind float, enjoy this frozen adventure. This guided adventure is safe with a high-quality rescue suit that covers your whole body and keeps you dry. As you have your own clothing under the suit you will not get cold even in the open 0-degree water. Lying down in the ice hole between the ice blocks is something worth trying, the circumstances truly are arctic!

REQUIRES PRE-BOOKING

3 hours

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Day 4: Aurora Borealis Safari by Snowmobiles

Meeting Time: 19:45 at hotel reception

Drive through the wilderness and discover the phenomena of the northern sky at our Northern Lights base. Experience the Arctic night by driving through the snow-covered forest and on the frozen river. With a little luck, you will travel under a bright sky lit by the moon and the stars. Perhaps the Aurora Borealis—the Northern Lights—will appear to show you the way. Sip warm beverages and savor a snack by a campfire and learn more about the Northern Lights and the beauty of Lapland.

REQUIRES PRE-BOOKING

Note: To drive a snow mobile in Finland you must have a **valid driver's license from a country of issue which has signed the Road Traffic Convention of Geneva. We cannot accept responsibility for licenses that are not accepted. Please consult if you have any doubts*

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ADDITIONAL INFORMATION

OFFICIAL LANGUAGE Danish, Swedish, Norwegian, Icelandic, and Faroese	LOCAL CURRENCY Danish Krone (DKK)
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Excluded

- International airfares and taxes
- Domestic airfares and taxes, unless otherwise specified in our holiday package
- Visa expenses, processing and issuance fees
- Meals other than as specified in our holiday package
- Travel Insurance or expenses of a personal nature (mini-bar, phone call, laundry, etc.)
- Tips or gratuities to guides, drivers, porters, hotel, restaurant or boat staff, etc.
- Or any other travel expense that has not been included in our holiday package