

FINLAND · WINTER · 6 DAYS

A Finnish Fairy Tale

Helsinki to Lapland — Santa Claus Express, Northern Lights & the Arctic Circle

DURATION

6 days / 5 nights

ROUTE

Helsinki → Rovaniemi → Helsinki

SEASON

November – April

TOUR CODE

21073

Take in the capitals of both Finland and Lapland on one seamless journey. After two days in Helsinki, the overnight Santa Claus Express carries you north to Rovaniemi for a reindeer expedition across the Arctic Circle, a campfire under the Northern Lights and a visit to Santa Claus at his home village.

Hand-picked 4★ central hotels · private airport transfers · English-speaking guides · every detail handled by our team.

Tour page: scandi.travel/tour/visit-rovaniemi

Dates & booking: booking.scandi.travel/tour/booking-fairy-tale

WHY YOU'LL LOVE THIS TRIP

Nordic design capital meets the silent forests of the Arctic

What makes this journey special is the blend of urban Nordic culture and the raw beauty of the North. Our guests often tell us that the transition from Helsinki's design district to the snowy forests of Lapland feels like stepping into another world.



01

Immersive Helsinki

Design District, Senate Square and the Rock Church, a stroll through the City Winter Garden and the best of Finnish cuisine.

03

Northern Lights chase

A secluded wilderness camp by the river, Lappish sausages over a campfire and the Aurora Borealis overhead.

05

4★ central hotels & sauna

Hand-picked hotels in the heart of Helsinki and Rovaniemi, with complimentary Finnish sauna.

02

Santa Claus Express overnight train

The legendary overnight train from Helsinki to Rovaniemi, with a cosy sleeping compartment.

04

Santa Claus Village & Arctic Circle

Reindeer farm, a short reindeer ride, the Arctic Circle crossing ceremony with diploma and a meeting with Santa himself.

06

Optional winter activities

Snowshoe hikes, cross-country skiing or a husky safari on your free day in Lapland.

“Our adventure to Rovaniemi with Scandi Travel was truly enchanting. The highlight was witnessing the awe-inspiring Northern Lights — a sight we will forever cherish. Santa Claus Village brought out the childlike wonder in us.”

Two travellers from California · ★★★★★ · March 2025 · more reviews on TripAdvisor

Day by day



DAY 1 · HELSINKI

Welcome to Helsinki

Our driver meets you at the airport and transfers you to a 4★ hotel in the heart of the city – Scandic Grand Central, Clarion Mestari, Radisson Plaza or similar. The afternoon and evening are yours: the Design District, the City Winter Garden, Michelin-starred cuisine or a quiet walk through the Nordic capital.

Private airport transfer · Overnight in Helsinki



DAY 2 · HELSINKI → ROVANIEMI

City tour & Santa Claus Express

After breakfast, a panoramic audio tour takes in Senate Square, the Presidential Palace, Parliament, Finlandia Hall, the Opera House and – when open – the Rock Church. In the late evening, stroll to the railway station a few hundred metres from your hotel and board the overnight Santa Claus Express in your sleeping compartment.

Breakfast · Panoramic city tour · Evening train to Rovaniemi · Night on board



DAY 3 · ROVANIEMI

Arrival in Lapland & Northern Lights

Arrive in Rovaniemi in the morning; our driver meets you at the station and transfers you to a central 4★ hotel – Scandic Pohjanhovi, Santa Claus Hotel, Arctic City Hotel or similar. After dark, the Aurora Borealis Adventure takes you to a secluded riverside spot in the wilderness. Guides light a campfire and grill Lappish sausages while you wait for the lights to dance.

Morning arrival · Station transfer · Aurora tour in the evening · Overnight in Rovaniemi



DAY 4 · ROVANIEMI

Santa Claus Safari & the Arctic Circle

A full-day safari begins at a reindeer farm with an introduction to Lappish culture and a short reindeer ride, followed by the ceremonial crossing of the Arctic Circle and your commemorative diploma. In the afternoon, Santa Claus Village: ice sculptures, elf workshops, mail stamped with the unique Arctic Circle postmark and a meeting with Santa himself, then a hearty festive lunch. In the evening, an optional dinner at a traditional Lappish restaurant.

Breakfast · Santa Claus Safari · Lunch included · Overnight in Rovaniemi



DAY 5 · ROVANIEMI → HELSINKI

Free day in Lapland & overnight train

Your third day in Lapland is open for optional adventures: a moonlight snowshoe walk, cross-country skiing through the frosty countryside or a husky safari at a local farm. After check-out, your luggage stays safely at the hotel until our driver takes you to the station for the comfortable overnight train back to Helsinki.

Breakfast · Day at leisure · Evening train to Helsinki · Night on board



DAY 6 · HELSINKI

Final morning & departure

Arrive in Helsinki in the morning with time to spare for the Market Square, Helsinki Cathedral or any corner of the compact city centre you didn't reach on day one. We arrange your transfer to the airport, bringing your Lapland adventure to a close.

Morning arrival · Private airport transfer

The Northern Lights are a natural phenomenon and cannot be guaranteed. Warm outdoor clothing is provided for all safaris. Full program online: scandi.travel/tour/visit-rovaniemi

THE DETAILS

What's included

- 4★ centrally located hotels in Helsinki and Rovaniemi, with complimentary sauna
- Daily breakfast in hotels and one local lunch during the Santa Claus Safari
- Overnight Santa Claus Express train between Helsinki and Rovaniemi with sleeping compartments
- Private transfers: Helsinki airport ↔ hotel and Rovaniemi station ↔ hotel
- Panoramic audio-guided tour of Helsinki
- Aurora Borealis Adventure with campfire, beverages and light snacks
- Santa Claus Safari: reindeer farm, Arctic Circle crossing with diploma, Santa Claus Village
- Expert English-speaking guide on excursions and safaris (other languages on request)
- Warm outdoor clothing for the safaris

NOT INCLUDED

- International flights
- Optional activities on day 5 (snowshoeing, skiing, husky safari) and the optional Lappish dinner
- Meals not mentioned, personal expenses and travel insurance

GOOD TO KNOW

- **Best Price Guarantee** and flexible payment plans
- Available November – April
- Suitable for families, couples and small groups

HELSINKI · 4★ CENTRAL

Scandic Grand Central, Clarion Mestari, Radisson Plaza or similar

ROVANIEMI · 4★ CENTRAL

Scandic Pohjanhovi, Santa Claus Hotel, Arctic City Hotel or similar



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