

FINLAND · WINTER · 8 DAYS

Arctic Circle and Beyond

Helsinki, Rovaniemi, Saariselkä & Inari — glass igloo, husky safari, Sámi culture and the Northern Lights

DURATION

8 days / 7 nights

ROUTE

Helsinki → Rovaniemi →
Saariselkä → Inari → Helsinki

SEASON

November – April

TOUR CODE

21013

The best of Finnish Lapland on one carefully crafted winter journey: from Helsinki by the overnight Santa Claus Express to the Arctic Circle, then deeper north to Saariselkä and Inari. Sleep in a log cabin and a glass igloo, drive a husky team, meet a Sámi family and their reindeer — and search for the Aurora where it shines brightest.

4★ central hotels with sauna · glass igloo village stay · private transfers · English-speaking guides · warm clothing for every safari.

Tour page: scandi.travel/tour/see-northern-lights-lapland

Dates & booking: booking.scandi.travel/tour/see-northern-lights-lapland

WHY YOU'LL LOVE THIS TRIP

From the design capital to the northernmost point of Lapland

This tour blends adventure, culture and pure Lapland charm. You travel by overnight train, by bus through the fells and by private transfer to the cultural heart of the Sámi north — with two different Northern Lights viewpoints along the way: a riverside campfire and the transparent roof of your own igloo.



01

Guided panoramic Helsinki tour

Senate Square, the Presidential Palace, Parliament, Finlandia Hall and Uspenski Cathedral on a guided tour of the capital.

03

Northern Lights wilderness camp

A secluded riverside spot in the Lappish wilderness: roast Lappish sausages over an open fire and await the Aurora.

05

Husky safari

A sled ride through silent pine forests led by energetic huskies, with all thermal gear provided.

02

Santa Claus Express overnight train

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

04

Log cabin & glass igloo

Two nights at a glass igloo village: one in a cosy Lappish log cabin, one under a transparent roof watching the northern sky from your bed.

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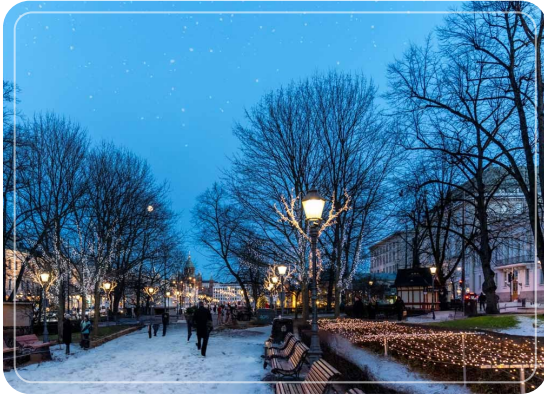
A local Sámi family in Inari

Welcome into the wilderness home of a local Sámi family by Lake Muddus: feed their reindeer herd, learn traditional crafts and visit the Siida Sámi Museum.

"I recently had the pleasure of taking the See Northern Lights in Lapland tour with Scandi Travel, and it was an incredible experience. The tour was well-organized, and the itinerary provided a great balance of activities and relaxation time."

Emma W. · ★★★★★ · April 2023 · more reviews on TripAdvisor

Day by day



DAY 1 · HELSINKI

Arrival in Helsinki

Welcome to Finland. We meet you at the airport and provide a private transfer in a premium vehicle to your hand-picked central hotel – Scandic Grand Central, Clarion Mestari, Radisson Plaza or similar. The afternoon and evening are at leisure: relax after your flight or take your first steps through the vibrant Nordic capital.

Private airport transfer · Check-in from 15:00 · Overnight in Helsinki



DAY 2 · HELSINKI → ROVANIEMI

Helsinki city tour & Santa Claus Express

After breakfast, a fully guided tour of Helsinki takes in the historical centre, City Hall, the Presidential Palace, Senate Square, the Parliament Building, the diplomatic quarter, Finlandia Hall and Uspenski Cathedral. In the evening you board the overnight train to Rovaniemi, Lapland, and settle into your sleeping compartment.

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



DAY 3 · ROVANIEMI

Arrival in Lapland & Northern Lights adventure

Your train arrives in Rovaniemi in the morning; a private transfer takes you to a central hotel – Scandic Pohjanhovi, Santa Claus Hotel, Arctic City Hotel or similar. The day is yours to explore the capital of the Finnish North. In the evening, the Aurora Borealis Adventure drives you into the Lappish wilderness: walk through the snow to the riverbank, enjoy fried sausages by the campfire and wait for nature's light show.

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

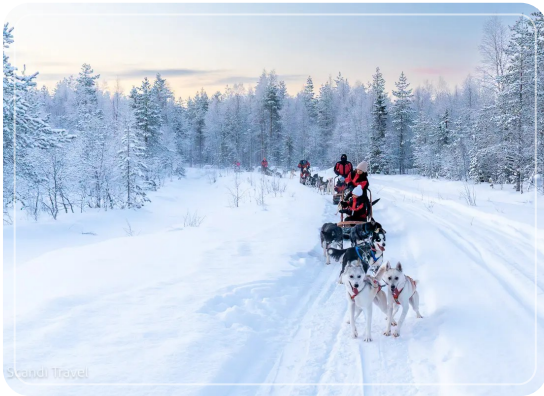


DAY 4 · ROVANIEMI → SAARISELKÄ

Santa Claus Safari & glass igloo village

After a hearty northern breakfast, the Santa Claus Safari begins at a reindeer farm with an introduction to Lappish culture and reindeer husbandry, a short reindeer ride and the ceremonial crossing of the Arctic Circle — diploma included. Then on to Santa Claus Village to meet Santa, send postcards from the North Pole post office and enjoy a Lappish lunch. In the afternoon, a bus journey of about 150 km brings you to the glass igloo resort for check-in and a local dinner. The village offers a unique opportunity to see the Northern Lights.

Breakfast & lunch · Safari from the morning · Bus to igloo village · Dinner · Night in a log cabin



DAY 5 · SAARISELKÄ

Husky safari & a night in a glass igloo

The husky farmer collects you at the resort for an invigorating husky safari, warm thermal clothing provided. Meet the happy, excited dogs, learn how to turn, drive and stop, and take turns mustering the team with two persons to a sled. Afterwards, refresh with coffee and hear about the life of a husky in Lapland. In the evening, a Finnish dinner — and then your night under a transparent roof, watching the stars and, with luck, the Aurora from your bed.

Breakfast · Husky safari · Dinner · Night in a glass igloo



DAY 6 · SAARISELKÄ → INARI

Inari & a local Sámi family

After an early breakfast, our driver collects you at the resort for a private transfer to Ivalo / Inari — the northernmost point of your journey and the cultural heart of Lapland's north. In the afternoon you are welcomed into the home of a local Sámi family: your hostess Tuula lives in the wilderness by Lake Muddus with her reindeer. Meet and feed the friendly herd, learn the history of the homestead and watch the traditional making of Sámi fur boots.

Breakfast · Private transfer to Inari · Sámi family visit · Overnight in Inari



DAY 7 · INARI → ROVANIEMI → HELSINKI

Siida Sámi Museum & overnight train

After breakfast, visit Siida — the heart of the Sámi area of Finland, where the National Museum of the Finnish Sámi and the Metsähallitus Nature Centre present the region's art, culture and nature. Then travel by bus back to Rovaniemi, where your overnight train to Helsinki departs after 20:00.

Breakfast · Siida museum · Bus to Rovaniemi ·

Train dep. after 20:00 · Night on board



DAY 8 · HELSINKI

Return to Helsinki & departure

You reach Helsinki in the early hours. A driver greets you at the railway station for your airport transfer. If your flight is later in the day, relax in the lobby of a nearby hotel — we align the transfer with your flight times.

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/see-northern-lights-lapland

THE DETAILS

What's included

- 4★ centrally located hotels in Helsinki and Rovaniemi, with complimentary sauna; hotel in Inari
- Two nights at a glass igloo village: one in a traditional log cabin and one in a glass igloo
- Overnight Santa Claus Express train between Helsinki and Rovaniemi with sleeping compartments
- Bus travel between towns and villages in Lapland and private transfers as per program
- Guided panoramic tour of Helsinki
- Aurora Borealis Adventure with campfire, Santa Claus Safari with Arctic Circle diploma, husky safari, Sámi family visit and Siida museum entry
- Meals as per program: daily breakfast in hotels, Lappish lunch on day 4, dinners on days 4 and 5
- Expert English-speaking guide on excursions and safaris (other languages on request)
- Warm outdoor clothing for the safaris

NOT INCLUDED

- International flights
- Meals not mentioned, optional activities, personal expenses and travel insurance

GOOD TO KNOW

- **Best Price Guarantee** and flexible payment plans
- Available November – April
- Two different Northern Lights viewpoints: campfire and glass igloo

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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