

Northern Lights & Glass Igloo Explorer

March 02 - 08, 2025: Lapland, Finland

\$2260/pp DBL Occupancy/Excluding International/Domestic Flights
(Single Supplement Additional Fee);
RT Flights from Tampa-Helsinki from \$868 / MCO: \$806 /Cebu:\$1153;
RT Domestic Flights from Helsinki to Rovaniemi: about \$200



Highlights

- Embark on a reindeer ride through frozen forests and encounter hard working huskies
- Enjoy a cosy night in a glass igloo with uninterrupted views of the night sky above at Santa's Igloo Arctic Circle & other nights at a regular hotel at Hotel Sokos Vaakuna
- Keep your eyes peeled for sightings of the spectacular lights that dance in the sky

Itinerary

Introduction

SEMI-INDEPENDENT TOUR: Spend an exciting 5 days exploring the beautiful scenery of Lapland as you take a reindeer ride through frozen forests and enjoy a Lappish picnic whilst hunting for auroras. Also enjoy a night in a glass igloo with uninterrupted views of the night sky above, a perfect place to watch out for the magical Northern Lights.

1. Day 1 (March 3) – Arrive Helsinki airport & transfer to your domestic flight to Rovaniemi

Welcome to Finland, an exciting adventure in Lapland awaits you. Upon arrival at Rovaniemi Airport you'll be met and transferred to your hotel. You might wish to head outside this evening in an attempt to spot the elusive but dazzling Northern Lights, being close to the arctic circle gives you a great chance of spotting them, provided the weather is clear and the conditions are right.

2. Day 2 (March 4) - Husky Sleigh Ride & Aurora Picnic

We head out on an exciting journey today as we start with a visit to a husky farm before being whisked away on sleighs pulled by our furry friends. Making our way across the pristine winter forest close to the Arctic Circle, each sled will have 2 riders who will take it in turns to control the reins. Passing through beautiful scenery we'll witness the power of these incredible animals before we return to their home where we have the opportunity to learn more about the life of a husky and enjoy a hot drink to warm us up. This evening we'll head out of town to a secluded spot offering us the best open sky vision to enjoy a Lappish picnic hopefully under the Auroras. Our location on the Arctic Circle gives us the best possibilities to see them.

3. Day 3 (March 5)- Booked Activities: Snowmobile Safari, Reindeer/Husky Sleigh Rides, Santa Claus Village & Northern Lights Hunt

Today is spent at our own leisure. Enjoy an action-packed day out in Lapland including four memorable activities and attractions. Ride a snowmobile safari across the snow-covered plains of the Arctic Circle for 1 hour and visit Reindeer where you can experience the animals on short sleigh rides for 500m. Continue to a husky dog farm, hop aboard for a short sled ride for 500m (shared sleigh ride), and meet the dogs and puppies. Finally, arrive at the Santa Claus Village and enjoy free time to browse the shops, meet Santa, or post a letter from the official post office.

- Spectacular views as you ride a snowmobile across snowy plains
- Winter Clothes & Snowmobile Equipment available
- Try riding in a reindeer sleigh and husky sled
- Free time to explore the Santa Claus Village at your own speed
- Hassle free pickup and drop off from Rovaniemi
- Hot juice and biscuits

In the evening, we will go on a **Aurora Hunting and Photography Tour**. This tour will take you on a guided northern lights hunt. A professional guide will drive you to the optimal dark location based on weather conditions so that you have the highest chance of witnessing the Aurora Borealis. When we arrive at the observation site, there will be a warming campfire where you can enjoy a barbecue with snacks and hot drinks.

Photos are also included. There will be a professional camera optimized for night sky photography. If you want to take your own camera, you will get some useful tips for aurora photography.

- Hotel pick up and drop-off
- Barbecue with snacks and warm drinks (vegetarian options on request)
- Air-conditioned vehicle
- Fully guided tour

4. Day 4 (March 6) – One night at Glass Igloo at Santa's Igloo Arctic Circle & Northern Lights / Optional Activities / Free time at your own leisure

Today is spent at your own leisure with no included activities during the day, to do as much or as little as you like. You can spend more time around Rovaniemi, the official home of Santa Claus, where Christmas magic lives year round. At your own leisure you can visit the following at your own cost for entrance fees when required:

- **Artikum** - Explore the history and culture of Lapland and the Arctic at Arktikum, one of Finland's most impressive museums. Peruse exhibits dedicated to the Sámi culture and history of Rovaniemi, as well as a section on the plants and animals of the Arctic. Lucky visitors can glimpse the Northern Lights from the museum's modern glass tunnel.
- **Santa Claus Office** - You will meet the Santa Claus in his office, have some talks, and take photos with him! (20 minutes • Admission Ticket Free)
- **Arctic Circle Information** - The Arctic Circle is crossing the Santa Claus Village. You will have the chance to cross this line and enter the Arctic Circle officially! After that, you will receive a certificate of crossing the Arctic Circle for this special experience. (10 minutes • Admission Ticket Free)
- **Santa Claus' Main Post Office** - In Santa Claus Main Post Office, you may buy the post cards you like, write your greetings to your loved ones, and send it. You will also find many lovely goods here, which is suitable for serving as gifts to your friends and family. (30 minutes • Admission Ticket Free)
- **Santa Claus Village** - Discover the charming city of Rovaniemi and meet Santa Claus in his village office. This tour is an excellent opportunity to immerse in the local culture and go on sightseeing.
- **Santa Park** - the Home Cavern of Santa Claus - You can go to the Santa Park, enjoy lunch when watching the fantastic show, and spend a nice afternoon in the Santa Park.(1 hour 30 minutes • Admission Ticket Required)

In the evening: Later today you'll be transferred to your special overnight spot this evening, a glass igloo with fantastic views of the sky above. Before you settle into your cosy surroundings you'll enjoy a sumptuous 3-course dinner (included).

5. Day 5 (March 7)– Rovaniemi Departure / Optional Tour: Helsinki Sightseeing

A shuttle bus transfer is offered from the hotel at 7:00, 8:30, 10:00, 11:30 and 13:30 back to Rovaniemi Airport today. Check-in for your flights at Rovaniemi Airport and optional 1 day/night stay at Helsinki for sightseeing (at additional Cost).

6. Day 6 (March 8)– Depart Helsinki/Homebound for Optional Tour to Lofoten,Norway

***** **POST TOUR: NORTHERN LIGHTS IN LOFOTEN, NORWAY – call later for details** *****

What's Included:

- **Accommodation**

- 3 nights at Hotel Sokos Vaakuna (4*) and 1 night Glass Igloo in Rovaniemi-Santa's Igloo Arctic Circle.
- **Guide**
 - Tour guide included for sightseeing
- **Meals**
 - 4 breakfasts and One (3) course dinner
- **Included Tours**
 - Aurora Borealis hunting with Lappish picnic
 - Husky Sleigh Ride with 60 minute sleigh ride and warm drinks
 - Reindeer Farm & Sleigh Ride
 - Snowmobile Safari
 - Additional Northern Lights Hunt
- **Transport**
 - Arrival and departure airport transfers from Rovaniemi Airport on days 1 and 5

What's Not Included:

- **Flights**

International flights to/from our tour start/end points/flights to-from Rovaniemi/ and visas are excluded

- **Insurance**

Travel insurance is not included

- **Optional/Not included**

Optional Activities & Sightseeing tours on Days 4-5 ; Optional 1 hotel stay in Finland

- **Additional Services**

- Items of a personal nature and additional meals
- International flights to/from our tour start/end points /flights to-from Rovaniemi and visas
- Tips for guides and driver
- Optional excursions

FOR REGISTRATION & MORE INFO

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