



Rovaniemi, husky safari

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Winter in Finland

Tailor-made tour - 9 days/8 nights

Make the most of Finland's invigorating winter climate on this suggested itinerary. You'll visit the beautiful Nordic capital of Helsinki, sample local delicacies in Turku, Finland's food capital, and experience the wonders of Finnish Lapland. Highlights include a husky safari and a night in an amazing Arctic Glass Igloo, deep in the forest, surrounded by pristine Lappish wilderness. You may even catch a glimpse of the Aurora Borealis.

Inclusions

- 6 nights accommodation with breakfast in superior tourist class hotels
- 1 night accommodation with breakfast in Glass igloo at Arctic Snowhotel
- 1 night in 2-berth sleeper with en-suite toilet & shower on board Santa Claus Express
- Meals - 3 dinners
- Economy class rail Helsinki-Turku
- Pre-booked taxi transfers where specified
- Sightseeing as specified with local **English speaking** guides

Your hotels

- **Helsinki** - Original Sokos Vaakuna
- **Naantali** - Naantali Spa & Hotel (*comfort room*)
- **Rovaniemi** - Santa's Hotel Santa Claus
- **Sinettä** - Arctic Snowhotel

Day 1 Helsinki

Arrival Helsinki and make your own way to your hotel. Overnight Helsinki.



Day 2 Helsinki

After breakfast, make your way to the meeting point at Esplanade Park, Fabianinkatu at least 15 mins before your 11:00 Audio City Tour commences (1 hr 45 mins). Your Helsinki Panorama Sightseeing takes in the most interesting parts of Helsinki, such as the historical centre, City Hall, the Parliament buildings, Finlandia Hall and the Opera House. Your afternoon is free. Overnight Helsinki. **B**

Day 3 Helsinki to Turku & Naantali

After breakfast, cross the square to Helsinki train station, approximately 150m from your hotel. At 11:37 board your direct train to Turku (approximately 2 hours). Arrive Turku, where you will be met and transferred by private taxi to Naantali Spa & Hotel (approx. 16 km/ 23 min drive). Overnight Naantali Spa & Hotel. **BD**

Day 4 Naantali

This morning, you have a 4-hour city tour by private car and guide, of Turku, Finland's food capital. Begin with a visit to the Market Hall, the perfect location to learn about the development of

Turku's cuisine. You'll sample some local delicacies, followed by a city tour by car with your own guide. After a photo stop at the Cathedral, you visit the 13th century Turku Castle. The castle is one of the oldest buildings still in use and the largest surviving medieval building in Finland. At the end of your tour you will be transferred back to your spa hotel. (The Market hall is closed on Sundays and the Castle is closed on Mondays in winter.) Overnight Naantali. **BD**

Day 5 Naantali to Rovaniemi

Today is free to relax or explore independently. This evening, you will be transferred by pre-booked taxi to Turku railway station for your overnight train journey on the Santa Claus Express to Rovaniemi, the home of Santa Claus, departing at 21:25. Overnight on board the Santa Claus Express in 2-berth private sleeper cabin with en-suite toilet and shower. **B**



Day 6 Rovaniemi

Arrive Rovaniemi railway station at 11:05. You will be met by an English speaking driver and transferred to your hotel. The remainder of the day is at leisure. Overnight Rovaniemi.

Day 7 Rovaniemi

Today you join a husky safari group with an English speaking guide for 10 km (approx. 2.5 hrs). After a short drive from town, you'll arrive at a husky farm, where these friendly dogs will bark an enthusiastic welcome to you. Before departing on the safari, you will be given instructions on how to control the sleds. Once you return to the farm, enjoy some hot berry juice by an open fire and chat with the head musher about these amazing northern animals. You will be provided with a thermal outfit to wear. Overnight Rovaniemi. **B**

Day 8 Rovaniemi to Sinettä

After breakfast, you will be transferred by your English speaking driver to the Arctic Snowhotel. This evening, enjoy a 3-course dinner at the hotel's Lumikartano restaurant. Overnight Sinettä. **BD**

Day 9 Sinettä to Rovaniemi

Tour services end after breakfast, with your transfer to Rovaniemi airport. **B**

Tour price & departures

Prices shown per person in AUD.

Applicable 2020/2021.

Daily departures 11 Nov 2020-31 Mar 2021.

Departures	Twn	Sgl
11 Nov 2020-31 Mar 2021	4399	6859
If only one person on tour		POA

■ **Surcharge and special conditions apply 23 Dec-8 Jan.**