



SCANDINAVIA

FABULOUS LAPLAND

 (TOUR CODE: 12622)

STARTS AND ENDS

Levi to
Rovaniemi

TRAVEL PERIODS

15 Jan 24 - 25 Mar 24

EXPERIENCE

Escorted
Snow & Ski

TRAVEL STYLE

Escorted Group Tour

Experience this unique journey to Lapland and embark on a Sampo' icebreaker Cruise where you have a chance to take a swim in the fresh arctic waters!

Highlights

- Enjoy a stay in an **Aurora Igloo Cabin**, half igloo and half cabin! It is a magical way to experience the wintry star-filled sky and some with luck the dance of the Northern Lights, while lying comfortably in the warm bed!
- **Guaranteed Departures**
- Discover Rovaniemi and visit the **Santa Claus Village!**
- Embark on the incredible Sampo **Icebreaker cruise** and jump into the open **Arctic sea for a unique floating experience!**
- Husky farm & safari with 3 km **Husky sleigh ride**
- Small Group Tour up to **25 passengers**

Stay in Rovaniemi with its dazzling white landscape as well as in Levi, with two nights in the extraordinary aurora cabin. Weather permitting, you will see the breath-taking northern lights from your bed. Experience Santa Claus village and visit the home of Santa Claus in Rovaniemi. The highlight of this winter adventure is the 'Sampo' icebreaker cruise where you have a chance to take a swim in the fresh arctic waters.



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

INCLUSIONS

- 3 nights in 4* hotels centrally located
- 2 nights at the Northern Lights Village Levi- 4* in an Aurora Igloo Cabin
- Regular arrival transfer in Levi
- Bi-lingual Tour Escort (English & Spanish) from Day 2 to Day 9 inclusive
- 6 buffet style breakfasts
- Meals: 2 lunches & 3 dinners
- Coach transfer from day 2-9
- Regular Departure transfer to Rovaniemi Airport
- Luggage allowance is 1 suitcase & 1 piece of hand luggage per person
- Visits, excursions and entrances as mentioned in the program

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Intro Map

Fabulous Lapland



Day 1

Levi

Welcome to **Finland and to Levi** a winter paradise like no other. Nestled in the heart of Lapland, Levi offers breathtaking landscapes, thrilling outdoor activities, and a warm, welcoming atmosphere. Located in in Sirkka Village approximately 170 north of the Arctic Circle its natural surroundings are guaranteed to impress. During the next two night your accommodation will be **the Aurora Igloo Cabin half igloo half cabin at the Northern Lights Village Resort**- a magical way to experience the wintry star-filled sky and some with luck the dance of theNorthern Lights, while lying comfortably in the warm bed.

Enjoy a local dinner at the restaurant and maybe take an extra optional experience like *Aurora Hunting by heated sleigh* available in our optional extras. Also remember to set your watch one hour forward!

Overnight stay in Levi at **Northern Lights Village Levi** or similar.

Dinner

Day **2**

Levi

Breakfast at the Hotel.

The natural beauty, diverse wildlife, varying terrain and, of course, the **Northern Lights** make Lapland and Levi very special places. From its river valleys and frozen lakes up to the fells with their spectacular views over the arctic landscape, Levi is all about northern nature at its best. Today you will have opportunity to get familiar with Lappish animals and the life of the locals. Enjoy the magical tranquility in Arctic nature.

Meet the **Reindeer 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. Sami and his family have been living in the farm more than 300 years. Visit the café, the museum and enjoy a typical three-course home made lunch. Afternoon free at leisure.

Enjoy dinner at your Hotel.

If you would like to add an extra activity, please check out our optional extras for an authentic Finnish experience.

Overnight stay in Levi at **Northern Lights Village Levi** or similar.

Breakfast, Lunch, Dinner



Day **3**

Levi Haparanda

Breakfast at the hotel followed by an early departure.

The route between Levi and Haparanda (290km) is quite scenic, especially during the winter months when the landscape is covered in snow. As you travel east from Levi towards Haparanda, you'll pass through the forests and hills of Finnish Lapland, which are dotted with small towns and villages.

As you approach the border between Finland and Sweden, you'll cross the Muonio River, which forms the border between the two countries. The river is quite wide and frozen in the winter, and you may be able to see people ice fishing or skiing on the river. Once you cross into Sweden, you'll notice a change in the landscape, as the terrain becomes flatter, and the forests give way to open fields. **Haparanda** is located on the coast of the Gulf of Bothnia, so you may be able to catch glimpses of the sea as you approach the town. Overall, the drive between Levi and Haparanda is a beautiful journey through the winter wonderland of Lapland, with plenty of opportunities to appreciate the natural beauty of the region.

After arrival in Haparanda in Swedish Lapland, you will have a chance to try unique ways of fishing as **optional experiences**.

Tonight, you will stay at one of the most famous turn-of-the-century hotels in Sweden, restored to its former glory, with the authentic character of the town's number one establishment: red plush, crystal chandeliers, stucco. Haparanda, with Stadshotelletat its center, at periods has been the European town with the fastest pulse rate. The building was designed by the architects Fritz Ullrich and Eduard Hallqvist from Stockholm. The hotel was built in the classical style, the master builder and the carpenters coming from Sundsvall, Sweden, the stucco workers came from Italy, much of the building material was from Silesia.

Enjoy dinner at your Hotel

Overnight stay at **Haparanda Stadshotel** or similar.

Breakfast, Dinner



Day **4**

Haparanda Sampo Icebreaker Cruise Rovaniemi

Breakfast at the Hotel.

Time for a swim as you head to the town of Kemi for a full day of activities. First a visit to the **Winter Park*** with its special snow slides, enjoy the snow sculptures and Snow Experience 365 complex, followed by three-course or buffet lunch at Seaview Restaurant.

Short drive to the harbour where you embark the impressive vessel **SAMPO ICEBREAKER for a cruise** through the ice of the Northern Gulf of Bothnia to make your adventure unforgettable. **Sea Lapland** is one of the few extraordinary places where the sea completely freezes over in the winter. Enjoy an unforgettable sea, snow and ice adventure on a cruise on the

frozen Gulf of Bothnia. Let the magical moments in arctic nature blow you away. The crew gives a presentation of this historical ship and provide a guided tour around the vessel all the way from the Captain's bridge to the engine rooms. Feel the arctic freedom on the deck or relax in the warm indoors sipping hot beverages in Icebreaker Bar.

Before returning to the port, the ship will make a one-hour stop to enable **each visitor to participate in the ice floating event—in the middle of the largest ice field in Europe**. You can jump into the sea and float! Of course, comfortably dressed in survival suits (*Please note that the ice floating experience requires min. height of 130cm due to safety reasons*).

The adventure continues, as you make your way to Rovaniemi, located right on the Arctic Circle. **Rovaniemi capital of Finnish Lapland**, home of Santa Claus counts with more than 60.000 inhabitants. Evening at leisure to enjoy one of the many wonderful restaurants of the capital of Lapland.

Overnight stay in Rovaniemi at **the Santa's Hotel Santa Claus** or similar.

**Please note that the construction of the Winter Park is dependent on the weather conditions and therefore not guaranteed to be open during January.*

Breakfast, Lunch



Day 5 Rovaniemi Santa Claus Village Rovaniemi

Breakfast at the hotel and depart for the next step on the winter adventure. Drive through the white nature to visit a Husky Farm located right on the Arctic Circle. 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 (3-5km).

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. After the visit to Santa Claus Village, return to your hotel by bus. The rest of the afternoon and evening at leisure.

Overnight stay in Rovaniemi at **the Santa's Hotel Santa Claus** or similar.

Breakfast



Day **6** Rovaniemi

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

Breakfast

OPTIONAL EXTRAS

Day 1: Aurora Hunting by heated sleigh

Meeting Time: 20:15 at hotel reception

The silent, snow-covered forest, and the magical Northern Lights above you. Take a seat in the heated aurora sleigh! This is the best option if you do not wish to ride a snowmobile and rather sit in the comfort of a heated sleigh pulled by the guide. Your guide tows the sleigh with a snowmobile through the snowy, moon and starlit landscape, all the way into the forest, far away from the residential areas and their light pollution. After arriving, we prepare our cameras and take photographs of the northern night sky. If the luck is with us the Northern Lights will appear. Sit comfortably by the fire, enjoying hot drinks and listening to tales until someone spots the first flare. Now your imagination is the only limit: The Northern Lights waving across the sky, the constellations, and the glittering snow-covered trees... How will you compose your photos?

Inclusions:

- guiding, warm berry juice, cookies and marshmallows, thermal clothes

REQUIRES PRE-BOOKING AND SUBJECT TO AVAILABILITY

3 hours

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

Day 2: Finnish Sauna & Jacuzzi

A beautiful setting to enjoy Finnish sauna and possibly Northern Lights. Built in the same style as our Aurora Cabins with a large sky window, the Igloo Sauna offers a perfect combination of viewing the night sky while warming up in the Sauna and relaxing in a hottub.

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1 hour

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Day 2: Aurora Expedition on Snowshoes

Meeting Time: 20:15 at hotel reception

The Laplanders hung the wings of a willow grouse over the crib of a baby girl so that the girl would grow up to be as pure as the white willow grouse on top of the snow. Snowshoeing is the closest way to experience the nature of Lapland. The deep snowcrunching under the shoes, the snow-hooded trees, and the pearly-white willow grouse watching you from afar—the winternature is a magical world of its own. We hike through the forest in snowshoes to a nearby fell where we will build a fire, enjoy a delicious meal outdoors, and enjoy the spectacular scenery. The guide will provide information on the nature and animals of Lapland, and with any luck we may see a Siberia jay, a willow grouse, or a herd of reindeer wandering by. This trip is especially suitable for nature-lovers, who wish to take great photographs and enjoy the natural scenery in an ecological way.

Inclusions:

- guiding, hot berry juice, cookies, marshmallows, snowshoes, thermal clothes

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2 hours

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Day 3: Trying Burbut fishnets and Ice-fishing

Meeting Time: 15:30 at hotel reception

Tornionjoki river is the biggest free-flowing river in Europe in which whitefish and salmon spawn. Kukkolankoski rapids are a crown jewel of Tornionjoki river. It flows unobstructed even in winter. Would you like to try your luck in ice-fishing? Ice fishing is the activity of catching fish with lines and hooks. Our guide will teach you how to drill a hole in the ice and prepare the ice-fishing rod and baits. Then it's time to test your skills.

REQUIRES PRE-BOOKING AND SUBJECT TO AVAILABILITY

2-3 hours

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Day 5: Aurora Borealis Safari by Snowmobiles

Meeting Time: 17:20 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.

Inclusions:

- transportation, thermal outfit, guide, snack, hot beverage

REQUIRES PRE-BOOKING AND SUBJECT TO AVAILABILITY

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.*

3 hours

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ADDITIONAL INFORMATION

OFFICIAL LANGUAGE

Danish, Swedish, Norwegian, Icelandic, and Faroese

LOCAL CURRENCY

Danish Krone (DKK)

- It is important to note that in all our winter programs can be lightly physically demanding and the passenger may be exposed to different kinds of light physical strain. Uneven grounds during walking tours, snow and ice are common surface in the Nordic destinations. All activities involving arctic sailing, snowmobiling, reindeer sleighs, husky sleighs & ice breaker will include appropriate thermal equipment provided for each guest prior to the start of each activity. Warm winter clothing and suitable winter shoe ware are a must.
- The Itinerary may change without notice due to weather conditions. The weather in Norway, especially on fjord area, can be unpredictable during the season and road closures may be enforced by local authorities.

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