

BALTIC LUXURY

Unique Lapland Experience

Duration 3 nights/4 days

Specially designed **for families & people that wish to experience something truly different**, our **Christmas Adventure** will introduce you to some **unique arctic activities**, and take you **on a journey in search of Santa Claus**.



Day 1 **Arrival to Rovaniemi**

Your plane descends towards Rovaniemi Airport, and you get your first glimpse of the winter wonderland where you'll spend the next few days.

As you step off the plane, you catch your first breath of the cold, clean air as you are welcomed by your personal host/guide, who will look after you during your stay. **You will make your first stop at our airport-based private lounge to get your winter clothing that will keep you warm and dry the coming days.** You'll emerge into the cold air, wearing our comfortable, arctic-proofed gear, ready for adventure.

After leaving the airport, you will have transfer into the arctic wilderness, where the warm fire of your **Christmas wooden chalet** awaits. During your three nights stay, your very own private chef will prepare your meals, so you can relax and enjoy the Christmas spirit.



Christmas Chalets

Year-round Christmassy accommodation situated near the top of Ounasvaara fell, just a mere five minutes drive from Rovaniemi city centre or 10km from Rovaniemi Airport and Arctic Circle. The chalets are overlooking vast forests and have a direct access to the nature; illuminated cross country ski tracks, winter walk routes, mountains biking and hiking paths are available from your door step. Even downhill skiing and snowboarding is possible at the ski centre within walking distance from your chalet.

The chalets will be decorated to celebrate **authentic Finnish Christmas spirit**, including a **real Christmas trees**. You will have an own entrance directly outdoors, a private porch and a fireplace with firewood always available.

Each well-equipped 67m² (721 ft², 80 yd²) apartment comes with 1 double room, 1 twin room and a loft with 2 additional beds, fully equipped kitchen, living room, and sauna.

There are two bathrooms with toilet; one downstairs and one upstairs. TV, Radio with CD player, Sony Play Station 2 and fast Internet access will be at your disposal.

The chalets are located on the top of a fell nearby Rovaniemi centre. Here you have **direct access to winter hiking routes and cross county ski tracks**.

After a **welcome meal**, your guide will take you out to introduce you to the region. We'll get on the snowshows and toboggans that will be available for you to use for the entire duration of your stay. Once we're comfortable with our Arctic transport, your host will take you out in hunt of the **Northern Lights**, and show you the best places to spot the phenomenon. During your stay your host will also keep an eye on the **Northern Lights activity**, and alert you at any time, should our skies be dancing.

Day 2

Breakfast at your hotel

Husky Ride & Snowmobile Adventure

After tasty breakfast, your guide knocks on the door, ready to take you out for **dog sledding**.

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At the husky kennels, you'll meet the dogs, their excited barks filling the air. You are provided with all the necessary equipment, and taught how to drive a team of dogs.

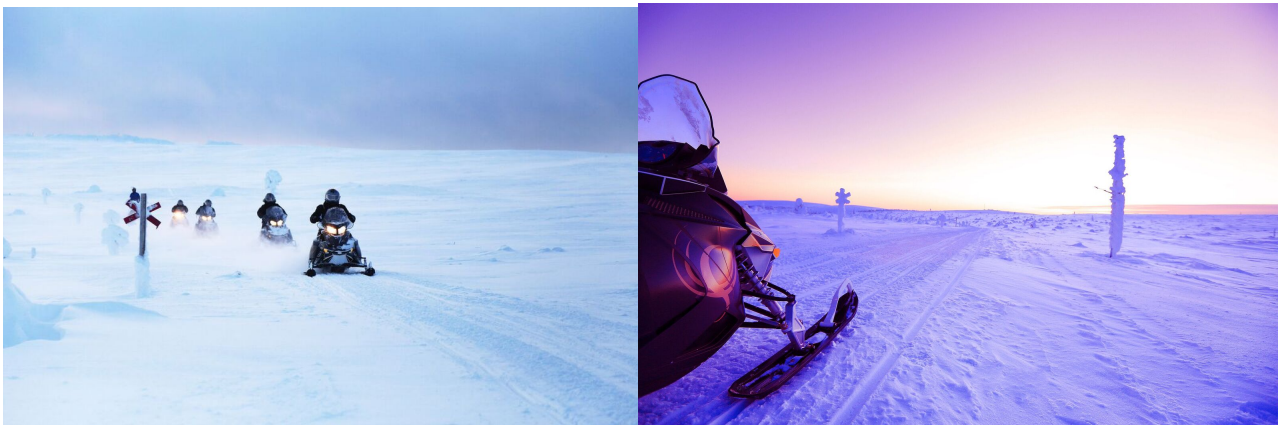
As you slide through the snow and into the wilderness, the barking of the dogs subsides, and all you can hear is the pounding of paws and the sound of the sledge on the snow. With a shout and a pull of the reins, the dogs turn, and you are entirely in the moment.

The white and magical landscape slips by as the dogs pick up speed. Their joy at pulling the sleigh is contagious, and you see broad, happy smiles on everyone's faces.



Afterwards you will have time at the kennel to **visit the dogs and their puppies**, while your chef is preparing you a forest meal that you will enjoy by a **camp fire in a cosy, Lappish 'kota' building**.

Leaving the eager sled dogs behind, we set off for the next adventure – **snowmobiling**. **A snowmobile ride is a highlight of any arctic adventure**, and not to be missed. After a brief introduction to safety and the controls of the snowmobiles, it's time to set off on our state-of-the-art snowmobiles for your tailor-made excursion into the wild. Through forests and over hills packed with snow, you'll drive deep into the wilderness where not many have been. You'll get the chance to let rip across a frozen lake and experience the speed, the freedom, and the adrenaline rush that can only be had when these thrilling machines roar over the snow.



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While a driving licence is needed to operate a snowmobile, those without licences get to enjoy being pulled along in a sleigh. You can also share a snowmobile with the driver as you ride through the beautiful snowy landscapes. The snowmobile safari will take about 2 to 3 hours, depending on the weather conditions.

During or after the snowmobile ride there is an opportunity to make a stop at the **Santa Claus Village** to cross **the Arctic Circle in the Santa Claus Village**, where's also various **design & hand craft shops**. Here's also the **office of Santa Claus**, as well as his **official post office**.

After all day outdoors, you are surely happy to return to your chalet where your chef is waiting for you with the dinner.



Day 3

Breakfast at your hotel

The Life of a Reindeer and in the Search of Santa

You wake up to **another snow-white morning** and the inviting **smell of fresh breakfast prepared by your chef**.

Your host will pick you up for another day of adventure. Driving through the **snowy landscape**, surrounded by **never ending wilderness**, you arrive to **a magical home of the reindeer**. Here's the reindeer waiting for you to hop on the sleigh. Warmly wrapped and tucked in the sleigh, you start yet another journey in the forest. Until you **arrival to a hidden hut**, smoke coming out of the chimney, who may live in here, hidden away? And did we just see an **elf**, disappearing toward the hut? **Is it the Santa himself, waiting with the presents?**

The reindeer will pull you through the forest, and **introduce you to the life of a reindeer**, until you arrive to **a Lappish kota** where **the reindeer herder is waiting for you with a lunch and so many stories to tell**. While you enjoy a delicious lunch cooked by an open fire, you will hear fascinating stories about the life in Lapland that evolves around the reindeer.



For afternoon **you will have time at leisure to enjoy many delights of Lapland**; your host can take you out **tobogganing, skiing** or for a **snow shoe walk in the forest**, or perhaps you wish to visit [ARKTIKUM](#) and interactive science centre where you can learn everything about the **life in the Arctic**. Alternatively you can **visit the city centre**, local natural attractions or **simply enjoy cosy private time in the chalet**.

After the dinner your host will pick you up for **another Northern Lights adventure – this time by snowmobiles**. Warmly tucked in the sleigh, we'll drive out in the **darkness, away from the light pollution and the city noises**. It is so quiet you can hear the silence, as we make a stop in the forest overlooking Northern sky. **We'll make a fire to keep us warm and enjoy some snacks and warm drinks, ready for the nature's own show**.

Day 4

Breakfast at your hotel

The Departure

After your breakfast, it's time to check out and your host is waiting to take you for **your last adventure before your departure**. You will visit an **exclusive handcraft workshop** in true Lappish settings. As you step inside the **cosy red cottage, you'll be welcomed by one of the region's best handicraft artisans**. After introducing you to some of the materials and methods she uses to make her delightful souvenirs, you'll get a chance to make your own.

Using the shed reindeer horns that can be found lying in the Lapland wilderness, you'll learn how to craft your own unique horn souvenir to take home with you, so you can impress your friends with your newly acquired skills.

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As you work on your masterpiece, you might notice a delicious aroma wafting through the house. Your host is also an excellent cook, and likes to share her delicacies with a warm drink and a story from Lapland.

The Handicraft Workshop is a unique opportunity to get a real taste of life in Lapland, and a chance to take something special home.



After your hand on Lapland experience and a delicious lunch you will have transfer to airport.

Rates will be based on your departure date and based on confirmed activities/itinerary.

Examples of additional experiences available on request: visit to a Christmas theme park, ice driving or ice karting, true Finnish sauna experience by a forest lake.