

**EXCLUSIVE**

# ULTIMATE JOURNEYS

BY **WILLIMENT TRAVEL**

## CHRISTMAS IN FINNISH LAPLAND

5 DAYS/4 NIGHTS



From **\$3,279\***  
per person twin share



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**ULTIMATE JOURNEYS FOR THE INDEPENDENT TRAVELLER**  
**DEPARTS 23 DECEMBER 2022**



Santa Claus Village, Rovaniemi

This unforgettable journey for young and old takes you beyond the Arctic Circle to Finnish Lapland. The northern lights will be dancing over Santa's hometown as you create a lifetime of Christmas memories.



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## YOUR ITINERARY

### DAY 1: FRIDAY 23 DECEMBER WELCOME TO ROVANIEMI

On arrival at Rovaniemi airport or railway station, receive a warm welcome from your Christmas host. On the way to the hotel, a short stop to pick up the winter clothing you'll need to stay snug and warm during the outdoor activities. Check-in to your hotel and receive your Christmas program. Children will receive a Kid's Own Passport to collect stamps from different events throughout their stay.

Remainder of the day is at leisure.

**Meals:** Dinner

### DAY 2: SATURDAY 24 DECEMBER SNOWFUN

Today, experience a real white Christmas full of fun at the fabulous Snowfun park. Choose from a myriad of thrilling activities including a snowmobile safari, a four-wheeled scooter tour, tobogganing, kick sledding or skiing. Ice fishing, ice golf and snow hockey are also on the agenda for the adventurous or you may prefer to relax by the campfire with a hot drink, or even fry sausages and enjoy a lovely bowl of hot soup in a Sámi-style tent.

This evening, enjoy a traditional Finnish Christmas buffet dinner. Santa is sure to take some time out from his busy schedule to meet all the children either before or after your meal!

**Meals:** Breakfast, Lunch and Dinner



Standard Room, Scandic Pohjanhovi



### DAY 3: SUNDAY 25 DECEMBER DISCOVER SANTA'S HIDEAWAY

Enjoy a well-earned sleep-in after last night's feast or consider joining a traditional Lutheran Christmas Day church service delivered in Finnish. Later, travel deep into the majestic forest for a fun-filled day with a distinct focus on the festive season. Glimpse shy forest animals and look out for traces of Santa himself – fresh sled tracks and perhaps a present that may have fallen from his sleigh - as the coach heads along the winding trail. Help Santa's elves feed forest birds and decorate Christmas trees before lunch and a hot beverage at a quaint hut.

After lunch, Santa's reindeers arrive to take you on a test drive. If you manage this Lappish mode of transportation, you will be issued with your very own International Reindeer Driver's Licence! And since you are at the Arctic Circle, you cannot leave without participating in a special Lapp ceremony of crossing the Arctic Circle.

Follow the winding trail back to your hotel where an international Christmas Day buffet-style dinner is served.

**Meals:** Breakfast, Lunch and Dinner



### DAY 4: MONDAY 26 DECEMBER ARKTIKUM & SANTA CLAUS VILLAGE

Learn more about the fascinating history, culture and traditions of the Arctic region at the Arktikum, an internationally renowned museum and science centre.

Journey on to Santa Claus' Village, right on the Arctic Circle, where you can shop for traditional handicrafts and send a postcard home from Santa's very own Post Office! Enjoy lunch in a cosy restaurant, before returning to your hotel.

**Meals:** Breakfast, Lunch and Dinner

### DAY 5: TUESDAY 27 DECEMBER FAREWELL ROVANIEMI

Your extraordinary Christmas experience sadly comes to an end after breakfast, when you will be transferred to Rovaniemi airport or railway station for your onward journey.

**Meals:** Breakfast





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### PRICE PER PERSON TWIN SHARE:

Scandic Pohjanhovi ★★★★★ **\$3,279\***

Artic City Hotel ★★★★★ **\$3,379\***

Scandic Rovaniemi City ★★★★★ **\$3,399\***

Santa's Hotel Santa Claus ★★★★★ **\$3,979\***

Single, triple and quad share prices available on request.  
Other room types also available.

### YOUR 5 DAYS/4 NIGHTS ADVENTURE INCLUDES:

- 4 nights accommodation in a Standard Room
- Buffet breakfast daily
- Meals as specified
- Visit to Snowfun site
- Trip to Santa's Hideaway
- Reindeer sleigh ride
- Visit to Arktikum Science Centre and Museum
- Visit to Santa Claus' Village
- Outer winter clothing for duration of program
- Return transfers from Rovaniemi airport or railway station to hotel

### HIGHLIGHTS:

- Spend Christmas in Finnish Lapland
- Meet Santa in his hometown of Rovaniemi, cross the Arctic Circle and send a postcard from Santa's Post Office
- Gain your Reindeer Driver's Licence
- Try a range of winter snow activities
- Join a traditional Finnish Christmas Day church service
- Feast on a delicious traditional Christmas dinner



### IMPORTANT BOOKING CONDITIONS

\*Prices are in New Zealand Dollars and correct as at 26 Jan 22 but may fluctuate due to surcharges, fees, taxes, or currency exchange. All arrangements are subject to availability, cancellation, or modification due to inclement weather, late running of services or other unforeseen circumstances. A minimum non-refundable deposit of \$250 per person is payable within 7 days of confirmation of your booking. A further deposit equivalent to 40% of the total package price is required by 6 May 22. Cancellation prior to final payment will result in your deposit being forfeited. Final payment of your holiday cost is required by 9 Sep 22. There will be no refund if you cancel your booking on or after 23 Oct 22. The travel services provided by these suppliers are subject to the conditions imposed by the suppliers and their liability may be limited by their tariffs, conditions of carriage, and agreements. Information required at time of booking - full name, including title, initial and surname as per ID, any special dietary requirements and mobile contact number. All travellers must be fully vaccinated for COVID-19 to travel on this tour. A fee will apply for payments made by debit and credit card which may vary. Travel agents may also charge service fees. Please check all prices, availability, and other information with your travel consultant before booking. Images supplied courtesy of Visit Finland. Ultimate Journeys is a brand of GO Holidays. The GO Holidays General Booking Conditions apply, available at [www.goholidays.co.nz/portal/travel/disclaimer.asp](http://www.goholidays.co.nz/portal/travel/disclaimer.asp). Other conditions apply - ask for details.

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