

**In the footsteps of the Lapps**

**9 days – 8 nights**

**Rovaniemi, Levi, Ylläsjärvi, Äkäslompolo, Muonio, Pallas-Yllastunturi Nat'l Park, Siida-Inari, Ivalo, Saariselkä, Tankavaara, Sodankylä, Luosto, Pyhätunturi, Kemijärvi, Rovaniemi**  
**Nature, Discovery, Culture, History**

**This program may be operated for individual or for groups**  
**This is a suggested itinerary – Please call us to customize**

*Not far from the village of Santa Claus, Rovaniemi, capital of Lapland, is the gateway to the great outdoors. Under the midnight sun, explore villages and national parks with excellent hiking trails, and stay in hotels surrounded by nature.*

**Day 1: Helsinki, Rovaniemi**

In Helsinki transfer to a domestic flight to Rovaniemi, Capital of Lapland. After your arrival at Rovaniemi airport you'll be met by our representative and transferred to your hotel. Rest of the day at leisure. Dinner at the hotel. [D]

**Day 2: Rovaniemi, Levi**

This morning, take 3-hour scenic drive north, following the Ounasjoki River, to Kittilä where we stop for lunch. Short drive to Levi and free afternoon. Dinner and overnight at the hotel. [B/L/D]

*Winter option: Reindeer safaris in millennial landscapes or self-driven dog sled safaris are the best way to experience the purity of this nature.*

*Summer option: Finish Spa treatment at one of the local Spas.*

**Day 3: Levi, Ylläsjärvi, Äkäslompolo, Pallas-Yllastunturi Nat'l Park, Muonio**

The day will be dedicated to nature around the Pallas-Yllastunturi Nat'l Park area. First, we head to Ylläsjärvi, a rather quiet village stretching south of Mount Ylläs. Then, Äkäslompolo which is a small, lively village concentrated around the ski resort. Continue towards Pallas-Yllastunturi Nat'l Park a part of the Finnish Lapland where you'll find the purest air in Europe. Lunch and free afternoon to take advantage of the many scenic trails of the park. Finally, continue to Muonio, a supply point in northwestern Lapland, on the Swedish border, near the most beautiful hiking routes in Finland. Agriculture, reindeer herding and tourism are the main sources of income in the region. Dinner at the hotel. At night, you can admire the impressive celestial ballet of the Northern Lights. Overnight at the hotel. [B/L/D]

**Day 4: Muonio, Siida-Inari, Ivalo**

Take the road back to Levi and continue northeast toward Inari where we stop for lunch. In the afternoon visit the open-air Lappish ethnographic museum in Siida where archaeologists have found traces of habitation in this emblematic site dating back 9,000 years. Observe how the Sami people lived in harmony with nature, learn to distinguish the different ethnic groups and admire the incredible number of collected objects: tools, weapons, household items ... And don't miss the film about the Northern Lights. Continue to Ivalo. For dinner and overnight. [B/L/D]

**Day 5: Ivalo, Saariselka**

Discover Saariselkä and the freshness of the far north of Finnish Lapland! Ski resort during the winter and full of activities during the summer. A tourist center appreciated by Finns, nature has nevertheless remained intact. Hiking, mountain biking, fishing, panning for gold and canoeing ... No doubt you are in Finland! Dinner and overnight in the Saariselkä region. [B/D]

**Day 6: Saariselkä, Tankavaara, Sodankylä, Luosto**

Departure from Saariselkä to the south of Lapland. In Tankavaara, the Gold Museum is a true masterpiece that has required more than 35 years of research and effort. It was originally a nut-shaped

lumberjack's hut, but today it is considered a veritable scientific center on an international scale. In Sodankylä, do not miss the Andreas Alariesto art gallery, whose work delves into the sources of Lapp tradition. After lunch, we leave for Luosto and spend some time at the Pyhätunturi National Park surrounded by forests. Dinner and overnight in the Luosto region. [B/L/D]

### Day 7: Luosto, Pyhätunturi, Kemijärvi, Rovaniemi

Return to Rovaniemi, on the Arctic Circle, via Pyhätunturi and Kemijärvi to enjoy the activities offered in the region. Lunch en route and free afternoon in Rovaniemi. Dinner and overnight. [B/L/D]

### Day 8: Rovaniemi

Today we visit the capital of Finnish Lapland. There are scores of sights and attractions in the Official Hometown of Santa Claus. Christmas magic can be experienced year-round in places like Santa Claus Village and SantaPark. As the capital of Lapland, Rovaniemi is home to Lapland's Provincial Museum Arktikum, the forest-themed Pilke Science Centre and the Korundi House of Culture. For animal lovers, the various reindeer and husky farms are a must along with Ranua Zoo that specializes in Arctic fauna; its 'royal residents' are the mighty polar bears and their cousins, the Finnish brown bears. Dinner and overnight in Rovaniemi. [B/D]

### Day 9: Rovaniemi, Helsinki, USA

Enjoy breakfast at the hotel. At the appointed time you be met and transferred to the airport for a flight to Helsinki where you'll board your flight back home. [B]

[B] = Breakfast | [D] = Dinner | [B/D] =  
Breakfast and Dinner | [B/L/D] =  
Breakfast, Lunch and Dinner



### Your Tour includes:

- Round-trip airfare USA-Helsinki
- Round-trip airfare Helsinki-Rovaniemi
- Arrival and departure transfers
- 8 nights' accommodation:
  - Rovaniemi 3 nights
  - Levi 1 night
  - Muonio 1 night
  - Ivalo 1 night
  - Saariselka 1 night
  - Luosto 1 night
- Meals:
  - Breakfast daily
  - 4 lunches
  - Dinner daily
- Scenic route along the Ounasjoki River
- Excursion through the Pallas-Yllastunturi Nat'l Park region
- Lappish ethnographic museum in Siida
- Tankavaara Gold Museum
- Sodankylä art gallery

- Pyhätunturi National Park
- Tour of Rovaniemi
- Private transportation for transfers & tours
- English speaking guide
- All local taxes

### Tour does not include:

- Taxes and surcharges relating to airfares
- Travel insurance
- Wi-Fi at hotels
- All alcoholic and non-alcoholic drinks
- Other meals not mentioned in the itinerary
- Extras and gratuities
- Early check-in, late check-out (Most hotels begin check-in around 2:00pm).
- Expenses of personal nature
- Portorage at airport and hotels
- Optional tours and activities
- Any service not specifically listed under "included"

**Recommended hotels for your Tour:**

City	Hotel Name	Tripadvisor
<b>First Class</b>		
Rovaniemi	Arctic City Hotel	4
Levi	Levi Hotel Spa	4
Muonio	Lapland Hotel Pallas	4.5
Ivalo	Aurira Village	4.5
Saariselka	Kakslauttanen Arctic Resort	4
Luosto	Santa's Aurora Hotel	4.5

Hotels will be confirmed at time of booking

**Tour Prices:**

**From: \$2,215 including airfare**

Add-ons available from all US gateways.

Prices are per person and may change without notice

These programs can be customized for individuals and for groups

Changes to this program may be requested by phone (1855-55-TOURS) or using the web FIT Quote Request

- Airfare  
We also be glad to add the necessary airfare from your gateway so you take advantage of our special discounted leisure fares
- Program  
You may add or remove;
  - Trip days
  - Cities and sites
  - Meals
- Other options
  - The program was designed with private services, however, we may substitute shared sightseeing where available
  - If you prefer deluxe services we may operate this program including private driver, private guide and concierge service.
- Quotation  
Once we have designed the program the way you want we'll give you a quote within 2 business days.

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**Options:**

- Lunches and dinners can be arranged for individuals, families and groups at top restaurants or any restaurant requested by you.
- We can revise the itinerary to spend more time and provide more depth in those areas that you are interested on.
- Any other changes to the itinerary will be accommodated depending on the facilities available in the area.

**Group Quotations**

- If you wish to use these programs for your group or as the basis for a customized journey please either call us (1-855-55-TOURS or use the web Group Quote Request.
- In either case our specialists will work with to refine all the details and they will get you a quote with 2 business days. Quotes may be obtained for the air and land portions of just for the lad

journey.

- Booking both air and land with us will represent savings for you because of our buying power and longtime relationship with the airlines.
- We will also may have the choice between regular fares and special leisure fares not available to the public.