

# **Option 1 - Finland with Northern Lights**

- Helsinki 2 nights, Ivalo 1 night, Rovaniemi 3 nights
- 14 Mar 2025 6 nights/7 days
- 1 room, 2 adults

Embark on an 7-day adventure starting with sightseeing in Helsinki, including iconic landmarks like Helsinki Cathedral and Temppeliaukio Church. Explore the historic town of Porvoo and the scenic National Urban Park. Head to the Kakslauttanen Arctic Resort in Ivalo for a magical Northern Lights experience. Transfer to Rovaniemi to visit the Arktikum Museum, or wildlife park tours, and hunt for the Northern Lights. Conclude with a visit to Santa Claus Village and a thrilling husky safari, capturing the essence of Arctic Finland before departing from Rovaniemi.

Meals	Daily Continental Breakfast and 7 Indian Dinners (Choice of Veg/Non Veg)	Guide Languages	English, Hindi
Tour Manager	Included	Max. Group Size	35

### **Highlights**

- To and Fro Economy Class Flights Included
- Internal Domestic Flight from Helsinki to Ivalo (20 Kg Baggage)
- 06 nights accommodation in 4 star hotels
- Experience staying in a glass igloo at the Kakslauttanen Arctic Resort and Enjoy the Northern Lights Experience
- · Discover the beauty, history and culture of Lapland
- Daily Continental Breakfast
- 6 Indian Dinners (Choice of Veg/Non Veg Food)
- · Covers the best sightseeing in Helsinki and North Finland
- · All Transfers and Tours by Luxury Coach with Heater
- Schengen Visa Charges and Travel Insurance Included
- · Guaranteed Schengen Visa Appointments
- · Services of a English/Hindi Experienced Tour Manager
- Includes Tour Manager and Driver Tips

#### What to Expect

- Please note hotels provided shall be located in outskirts of cities (usually 18 25 km from city center).
- Maximum room occupancy in Europe is 3 persons in a room.
- As a 3rd person in a triple room, most hotels use rollaway beds and room size may be the same as the double room.
- Please note hotels in Europe don't provide free water bottles. Tap water is usually drinkable across Europe.
- Please note we provide one stop flight to Helsinki but return from Rovaniemi to India may be a 2 stop flight (except DEL).
- All airlines provided will include 30 Kg of check-in baggage and in-flight meals.
- Please note we do guarantee Visa appointments, however we don't have any control over the decision of Visa being granted or not.

# **★** Flights

To and Fro Flights Included (into Helsinki out of Rovaniemi on Finnair)

# **Itinerary**



#### Helsinki 2 nights



Scandic Park Helsinki or similar

Mannerheimintie 46-48

Check-in

Check-out

04:00 PM 14 Mar 2025

12:00 PM 16 Mar 2025

Standard Room

Breakfast

Meals included - Breakfast

Day 1

### Arrival at Helsinki

Fri, 14 Mar, 2025



Upon arrival at Helsinki-Vantaa Airport, you will transfer directly to your hotel in Helsinki. In the evening, you'll spend some time at Senate Square, a historic and cultural hub of Helsinki. The square is surrounded by notable buildings such as the Government Palace and the University of Helsinki, all designed by the architect Carl Ludvig Engel. The square often hosts events and markets, making it a vibrant place to experience the local culture. For dinner, you'll enjoy a meal at a local Indian restaurant. After dinner, you'll return to your hotel for a restful overnight stay, ready to explore more of Helsinki in the coming days. (Dinner)

Overnight stay at Scandic Park Helsinki

Dinner

Included



After enjoying breakfast at your hotel, you'll embark on an exciting day in Helsinki, beginning with an orientation tour of the city. This guided city tour will provide you with an overview of Helsinki's main sights and its rich history. Your first stop will be the magnificent Helsinki Cathedral, an iconic landmark located in Senate Square. This stunning white neoclassical cathedral, with its green dome and grand steps, dominates the city's skyline and offers a serene interior that reflects traditional Finnish architecture. It's a great place to admire the architecture and take in views of the surrounding city. Next, you'll visit the unique Temppeliaukio Church, also known as the Rock Church. This architectural marvel is built directly into solid rock and is renowned for its raw rock walls and copper dome, creating a natural and serene atmosphere. The church's excellent acoustics and striking design make it a must-see for visitors. Following this, you will venture to the charming town of Porvoo for a twohour exploration. Porvoo is one of Finland's oldest towns, known for its medieval architecture, narrow cobblestone streets, and colorful wooden houses along the riverbank. The town's quaint charm and historical significance make it a delightful place to visit. Returning to Helsinki, your next destination will be the National Urban Park, a vast green space that showcases the natural beauty of the city. This park is a haven for nature lovers, offering scenic walking paths, lush forests, and serene lakes. It's a perfect spot to unwind and appreciate Finland's commitment to preserving natural landscapes within urban areas. As evening approaches, you'll enjoy dinner at another Indian restaurant. The restaurant will offer a different yet equally delightful array of dishes, ensuring you experience a broad spectrum of Indian cuisine. Finally, you'll return to your hotel for a restful overnight stay, reflecting on a day filled with rich cultural experiences, scenic beauty, and culinary delights. Overnight stay at the hotel in Helsinki. (Breakfast and Dinner)

Overnight stay at Scandic Park Helsinki

Ψ¶ Breakfast Included

Dinner Included

After enjoying breakfast, you'll check out of your hotel in Helsinki and transfer to the enchanting Kakslauttanen Arctic Resort. Known for its stunning natural surroundings and unique accommodations, this resort is situated in the heart of Finnish Lapland. Upon arrival, you'll check in and settle into your accommodation. Lunch on your own. Later we have time to visit the Kakslauttanen Planetaurium where you can see a 30-minute film about the northern lights in the 180-degree planetarium dome. As evening falls, you'll have dinner at the resort's restaurant, where you can enjoy a hearty meal amidst the cozy ambiance of the Arctic environment. After dinner, prepare for an unforgettable experience: viewing the Northern Lights (subject to weather and availability). Later, the excitement continues with a Northern Lights Hunting excursion by bus. This guided tour will take you to the best spots where you'll have the opportunity to witness the mesmerizing Aurora Borealis dancing across the night sky. The resort's location in the Arctic Circle offers prime conditions for witnessing this breathtaking natural phenomenon, with its clear skies and minimal light pollution. You'll spend the night in a Glass Igloo, a unique accommodation that provides an unobstructed view of the sky, allowing you to gaze at the Northern Lights (subject to weather) from the comfort of your bed. This remarkable experience of sleeping under the shimmering Arctic sky will make for a magical and memorable overnight stay. Please note: Northern Lights is a natural phenomenon which is not under human control. The trip is planned as per dates or times when the probability of viewing Northern Lights is high. (Breakfast and Dinner at Resort)

Overnight stay at Kakslauttanen Arctic Resort

**Ψ1** Breakfast Included

Dinner Included





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Kakslauttanen Arctic Resort VIEW
Kiilopääntie 9

Check-in Check-out
02:00 PM 16 Mar 2025 10:00 AM 17 Mar 2025

✓ Glass Igloo

Breakfast

Meals included - Breakfast

# Transfer from Ivalo to Rovaniemi (4 hours) - Visit the Arktikum Science Museum

Mon, 17 Mar, 2025



After having breakfast and checking out from your accommodation, you will be transferred from Ivalo to Rovaniemi, the vibrant capital of Finnish Lapland. Known as the gateway to the Arctic, Rovaniemi offers a rich blend of modern culture and traditional Lappish heritage. Upon arrival, you'll head straight to the Arktikum Museum, a fascinating institution that provides deep insights into the history, culture, and environment of the Arctic region. The museum features engaging exhibits on the Sami people, the natural world of the Arctic, and the effects of climate change on this fragile ecosystem. Following your museum visit, you'll have dinner at an Indian restaurant. After dinner, you'll proceed to your hotel in Rovaniemi for an overnight stay. The comfort of your hotel will provide a restful conclusion to your day, allowing you to recharge for further adventures in this magical Arctic city. (Breakfast and Dinner)

Overnight stay at Scandic Pohjanhovi

Ψ¶ Breakfast Included

Dinner Included







Check-in Check-out
03:00 PM 17 Mar 2025 12:00 PM 20 Mar 2025

Standard Room

Breakfast

Meals included - Breakfast

## Visit Rauna Wildlife Zoo or Polar Ice Breaker Cruise (Optional) -Northern Lights Hunting from Rovaniemi (Optional Tour)



After a delightful breakfast at your hotel, prepare for an exhilarating day in Rovaniemi. First we explore the Ranua Wildlife Park. This well-known zoo houses a variety of Arctic and Nordic animals, including polar bears, lynxes, and reindeer. It offers an immersive experience into the wildlife of the region, with beautifully designed habitats that mimic the natural environment of the animals. Alternative to Rauna Wildlife Zoo you can opt for the Polar Icebreaker Cruise (operational between Jan -March only) at extra cost which offers a 3 hours cruise in the frozen water of Bothnian sea in Lapland. During 3 hours you will be a witness of a massive ice breaking power of the vessel, have a guided tour all the way down to the engine rooms and all way up to Captain's bridge. After your chosen adventure, you'll have some free time to shop for local crafts, souvenirs, or enjoy leisure activities on your own in Rovaniemi. Whether it's browsing through charming boutiques or enjoying a cozy café, this is your time to explore the city at your own pace. In the evening, you'll enjoy dinner at a Indian restaurant. Later we embark on an unforgettable journey to witness the dancing lights of the Aurora Borealis on a guided bus through the beautiful Lapland wilderness of Rovaniemi (at extra cost). Your expert guides will pick you up from your accommodation and take you to the best locations to see the magic of the Northern Lights. If the weather is clear, you'll also have the opportunity to witness star constellations. Overnight stay at the hotel in Rovaniemi. (Breakfast and Dinner)

Overnight stay at Scandic Pohjanhovi

Ψ¶ Breakfast Included

Dinner Included



After a hearty breakfast, you'll board your coach and set off for an exciting, guided city tour of Santa Claus Village. This enchanting destination, located at the Arctic Circle, is a magical spot where you can meet Santa Claus himself and experience the Christmas spirit all year round. During the two-hour tour, you'll explore the charming village, visit Santa's post office, where letters to Santa are received from children worldwide, and cross the Arctic Circle line. In the afternoon, you'll head to a Husky Farm. Here, you'll learn about the traditional Lappish way of life and the importance of reindeer and huskies in the Arctic culture. You'll meet these fascinating animals and even have the opportunity to experience a thrilling Husky Safari. This adventure involves riding in a sled pulled by a team of eager huskies through the stunning snowy landscapes, offering an exhilarating and memorable experience. As evening approaches, you'll have dinner at an Indian restaurant, enjoying another wonderful meal. Afterwards, you'll return to your hotel in Rovaniemi for your final overnight stay, reflecting on a day filled with Arctic adventures and unique experiences. (Breakfast and Dinner)

Overnight stay at Scandic Pohjanhovi

Ψ¶ Breakfast Included

Dinner Included

## Departure from Rovaniemi

Thu, 20 Mar, 2025



Day 7

Following breakfast at your hotel, it's time to conclude your Arctic adventure. After checking out, you'll be transferred to Rovaniemi Airport for your onward journey. As you depart, you'll carry with you cherished memories of your time spent exploring the Arctic wilderness, encountering its unique wildlife, and witnessing the awe-inspiring Northern Lights. Reflecting on the experiences and moments shared, you'll take with you the magic of the Arctic, leaving with unforgettable memories that will stay with you long after your journey has ended. (Breakfast)

Ψ¶ Breakfast Included

# Inclusions

V	<b>HEISINKI</b> 2 nights - 14 Mar 2025
	Stay for 2 nights at Scandic Park Helsinki or similar Standard Room Breakfast
<b>Ø</b>	Visit Helsinki Cathedral at Senate Square
•	Explore Senate Square - The Cultural Hub of Helsinki
<b>Ø</b>	Visit Temppeliaukio Church (Rock Church)
<b>Ø</b>	Enjoy a Helsinki Orientation Tour with a visit to National Urban Park
<b>Ø</b>	Two-Hour Exploration of Medieval Porvoo with Guide
<b>Ø</b>	Multiple Entry Schengen Visa
<b>Ø</b>	Standard Travel Insurance
<b>Ø</b>	Daily Indian Dinners
<b>Ø</b>	Domestic Flight from Helsinki to Ivalo (20 Kg Baggage)
0	Ivalo 1 night - 16 Mar 2025
	Stay for 1 night at Kakslauttanen Arctic Resort Glass Igloo Breakfast
•	Experience Northern Lights Hunting in Wilderness
<b>Ø</b>	Spend the night in a Glass Igloo
<b>Ø</b>	Witness a 30 min show at Kakslauttanen Planetaurium
<b>Ø</b>	Dinner at Resort

- Stay for 3 nights at Scandic Pohjanhovi or similar
  Standard Room
  Breakfast
- ✓ Visit Arktikum Museum
- Optional Northern Lights Hunting from Rovaniemi (at extra cost)
- ✓ Visit Rauna Wildlife Zoo see Arctic animals (like Polar Bear etc)
- Santa Claus Village Excursion
- Spend time at Husky Farm and enjoy Husky Safari
- Daily Indian Dinners
- Northern Lights Hunting in Night Shared Basis

### (!) Exclusions

- Any increase in Airfare, Visa fees, Airport taxes, Govt Taxes, Fuel Surcharges and any applicability of new taxes from Govt.
- Any up gradation in Airline class or hotel room category Cost of Air ticket deviation charges.
- Any Increase in the rate of exchange leading to an increase in all land arrangements which may come in to effect prior to departure.
- · Cost of pre or post tour hotel accommodation.
- Any extra expense such as route change, Airline change, Date change, Accommodation facilities, etc incurred due to the unforeseen, unavoidable forced majeuere circumstances during the tour.
- Porterage, laundry, telephone charges, shopping, wines & alcoholic beverages, items of personal nature and food or drink which is not part of a set group menu.
- Any extra cost incurred on behalf of an individual due to illness, accident, hospitalization, or any personal emergency.
- Any services or activity charges other than those included in the group tour itinerary.

If any other service or commitments have been made apart from the inclusions in the proposal, then please make sure they are mentioned in this section.

## ① Cancellation Policy

- Please note flights provided will be one stop into Helsinki from India and 2 stops while returning from Rovaniemi.
- Booking amount or initial deposit is minimum Rs. 30,000 per person if booking is done 45 days before travel.
- Post Booking within 1 week an additional deposit of Rs. 45,000 per person needs to be paid.
- For travel within 45 days of travel minimum deposit of Rs. 75,000 per person needs to be paid at time of booking.
- Full 100% balance payment is required to be done 21 days prior to travel.
- Full payment must be made in accordance with the policy stated above.
- In case of non-compliance thereto by the client, the company reserves a right to cancel the tour /booking of the client and forfeit the amount already deposited with the Company.
- In case of any visa rejection, the cancellation charges will be Rs. 40,000 per person and the balance will be refunded.
- Passport should be valid for 6 months from the date of departure.
- The Tour can be cancelled 30 days before travel by paying 10% of the tour value as cancellation charges.
- Within 15 days 30 days of travel the tour can be cancelled by paying 50% of the cancellation charge.
- Within 15 days the tour is completely non-refundable.
- . International Check in time is 1500 hours / Check out time is 1100 hours, early check in and check-out is subject to availability and cannot be guaranteed.
- For guaranteed check-in; charges equivalent to 1 night stay will be applicable.
- Tours will operate subject to all Government regulations
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- In case of any increase in any taxes in Europe, there would be a change in price which will be justified
- No refunds for unutilized services.
- Minimum passengers required to operate the tour is 20. In case the group strength falls below 20, the group may be merged with a similar tour. However you will not miss any sightseeings as mentioned in the itinerary.
- On some occasions, you may have to join another group in case your group does not have adequate members.
- If certain sightseeing/excursions are closed, then alternate sight-seeing will be arranged.
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#### **Europe**

#### General

- 1. Please note the hotels used in the fixed departures are usually located in the outskirts of cities (typically 15 18 km) from the city center.
- 2. All tours and transfers shall be done in a AC coach.
- 3. Breakfasts served in the hotels shall be strictly continental breakfast only (unless mentioned otherwise).
- 4. It is strictly not allowed to eat or drink in the coach. Please keep the coaches clean.
- 5. There are no porters available in Europe, and passengers are expected to carry luggage themselves.
- 6. The drivers, bell boy, hotel/restaurant staff, tour managers, waiters have to be treated with high respect and dignity through out the tour.
- 7. Tipping is mandatory in Europe and in order to expect good service please ensure that the drivers and tour manager are tipped as per the tour (EUR 3 per person per day). The tips shall be collected by the tour manager during the tour directly.