

NEW YEAR'S ADVENTURE IN FINNISH LAPLAND

ITINERARY

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1****DAY 1: ARRIVAL IN KEMI**

Arrive at Kemi Airport where you will be met by a driver and transferred to your hotel in Kemi. The rest of the day is free for you to explore the town or relax in a traditional Finnish sauna at the hotel. In the evening, you will meet your travel companions and tour leader for a welcome dinner at the hotel.

Up for a little adventure this evening? If so, you can take part in a guided snowmobile excursion to experience the tranquil beauty of Lapland's wilderness and, if conditions are favourable, the northern lights (optional; not included).

Spend the night in Kemi.

Helpful notes:

- Transfer from Kemi Airport is included in this package. We can also arrange a transfer from Oulu Airport for an additional fee. See 'Not Included List' for details.
- Please note that the northern lights are a natural phenomenon and sightings cannot be guaranteed.

Attractions: Finland, Finnish Sauna, Kemi, Northern Lights in Lapland

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2****DAY 2: SANTA CLAUS & REINDEER**

Today you'll enjoy a day-long excursion to Rovaniemi, the capital of Finnish Lapland. The first stop will be at the famous Santa Claus Village. There you'll get to meet Santa himself at his workshop and do a bit of souvenir shopping if you wish. Then you'll return to Kemi to visit a reindeer farm and learn about reindeer herding and Sami culture from the farmers. You'll enjoy a delicious Lappish lunch in a traditional Kota before going on a fun 1.5-kilometre reindeer sleigh ride through the woods, which will earn you a special "reindeer driver license"!

Later, you'll have some time to relax and enjoy a stint in the sauna before having dinner in the hotel restaurant.

Spend the night in Kemi.

Helpful note:

- The ride to Rovaniemi is about 1.5 hours each way. Transportation is by comfortable coach bus.

Attractions: Dog sledding, Ranua Wildlife Park

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DAY 3: HUSKIES, ARCTIC WILDLIFE & NEW YEAR'S PARTY

Make this last day of the year memorable with an action-packed itinerary. Start your day with a visit to a husky kennel. Here you'll enjoy a short (1.5 kilometre) but thrilling dog sled ride, followed by a chance to take photos with the huskies. Then you'll enjoy a hot beverage and snacks in a traditional Sami tent.

Then your group will continue onwards to Ranua Wildlife Park, where you'll go on a guided walking tour through the park to observe arctic wildlife such as polar bears, lynx and wolves. You'll then enjoy a lunch buffet of local specialties in the park's restaurant. Before the ride back to Kemi, you'll have a chance for some souvenir shopping at the park's gift and candy shops.

Back at the hotel, dress up in your warm outdoor party outfit before the ride to tonight's enchanting venue in the middle of a forest. This will be a New Year's to remember, with a festive dinner in a wooden hut followed by unique local traditions. Among the activities, you'll get to partake in the old Finnish custom of tin casting, a form of fortune telling, and be baptised by a Sami shaman. Before the countdown to midnight, you'll be taken to Victoriatorget on the Finnish-Swedish border where, thanks to the time zone difference, you'll be able to catch the midnight fireworks in Finland and then do it all over again one hour later in Sweden! After the celebrations you'll be returned to your hotel and, if you're up to it, you can explore the nightlife in Kemi.

Spend the night in Kemi.

Helpful notes:

- Two people will share one dog sled and take turn driving.
- The ride to the husky kennel is 30 minutes, the ride to the wildlife park is 1.5 hours, and the ride to the forest venue is about 20 minutes. All transportation is by comfortable coach bus.

Attractions: Reindeer Farm, Santa Claus Village

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DAY 4: DEPARTURE

After this exciting New Year's getaway in Finnish Lapland you will be transferred back to Kemi Airport for your departure flight.

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Whatever your needs, we are here to help. If you have any questions about our packages or services, please do not hesitate to contact us.

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