



## NORTHERN LIGHTS IN FINNISH LAPLAND

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Europe, Finland



8 days from AU\$19,555 pp



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## Journey Overview

Discover the wonder of Finland's northern lights while travelling by snowmobile and snowshoe across a classic white winter landscape. By day, learn all about Lappish culture with a visit to both a reindeer and husky farm in Rovaniemi, a city just south of the Arctic Circle and famous for having a very high number of auroral displays. After dark, search for aurora borealis in the velvet night skies. You'll also enjoy the opportunity to ride a sleigh, mush a dog sled and try your hand at ice fishing.

### Journey Highlights

- Take in some of Helsinki's most iconic buildings at eye-level and from the SkyWheel
- Ride a reindeer sleigh across spectacular frozen landscapes in Rovaniemi, the official home of Santa Claus
- Learn to drive your own dog sled through the snow
- Search for the magical northern lights by snowmobile and by snowshoe
- Try ice-fishing on a frozen lake surrounded by magical snow-covered wilderness



## Itinerary

### **Day 1: Arrive Helsinki**

Welcome to Finland's vibrant seaside capital, Helsinki! On arrival, you are met by your A&K Guardian Angel and transferred by private vehicle to your luxurious hotel.

#### ***Hotel Kamp***

### **Day 2: Helsinki**

You are driven around the city today, to take in its many landmarks including the unique and striking Sibelius Monument, constructed in memory of Finnish composer and violinist Jean Sibelius. See the largest stadium in the country – which hosted the 1952 Summer Olympics – as well as two of Helsinki's most famous churches. The distinctive white Lutheran Cathedral is a national icon whose roofline features statues of the 12 apostles that gaze down from the roofline onto visitors, while atmospheric Temppeliaukio is a church hewn out of solid rock, with excellent acoustics and a beautiful domed roof made of copper.

Cap off the day with a ride on the 40-metre SkyWheel, which offers aerial views of the colourful and charming Finnish capital. Your evening is yours to explore on your own.

#### ***Hotel Kamp / Meals: B***

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**Day 3: Rovaniemi**

This morning, head to the airport for a flight to Rovaniemi, the official home of Santa Claus and a hub of Lappish culture. On arrival, check into your hotel and don your complimentary thermal clothing before your introduction to Lapland begins at a reindeer farm just outside of town. You will be welcomed by herders who will tell you about their way of life and their history. Keep warm with a hot drink and snack, before embarking on an unforgettable sleigh ride across a snowy white landscape.

Afterwards, immerse yourself in the genuine Finnish sauna tradition, a cornerstone of the country's culture where the sauna is revered. Providing a distinct blend of relaxation and social engagement, you will be provided with exclusive access to electric and wood-heated saunas, as well as a jacuzzi. For the courageous, a refreshing dip in the snow in between saunas is also an option.

Return to your hotel for the evening, with free time to relax the Finnish way. You may choose to enjoy another sauna perhaps, followed by some stargazing from a hot tub. Alternatively, boost your circulation with an invigorating dip in the icy waters of Lake Sierri.

***Arctic Tree House Hotel / Meals: B***

**Day 4: Rovaniemi**

It's a dog's day out today, with a visit to a husky farm. Meet the mushers and get some tips on how to operate a dog sled. Then it's your turn to slip into the driver's seat and embark on a thrilling ride with a pack of clever canines across the snow.

This evening, traverse the spectacular frozen landscape by snowmobile, keeping your eyes on the skies for a glimpse of the ethereal northern lights.

***Arctic Tree House Hotel / Meals: B***

**Day 5: Levi**

Transfer to Levi after breakfast and settle into your hotel. The afternoon is at leisure so fuel up and get some rest, because this evening, you'll be going on a guided snowshoeing adventure. Your guide will share insights on the wildlife and natural wonders of Lapland, and if lucky, you might catch sight of a Siberian jay, a willow grouse, or a wandering herd of reindeer while in pursuit of the aurora borealis under the inky night skies on foot.

***Northern Lights Village / Meals: BD***

**Day 6: Levi**

Climb back aboard a snowmobile today, travelling through magical snow-covered forests to reach a small lake. Drop a line down a hole cut in the ice, and hope to land perch or whitefish, just like a local. Warm your fingers around a fire, and tuck into a hearty meal of soup, rye bread, berry juice and cookies before heading back to your hotel where you spend your final night in Finnish Lapland.

***Northern Lights Village / Meals: BLD***

**Day 7: Helsinki**

Fly back to Helsinki, where you are transferred to your hotel. The rest of the day is for you to discover more of this attractive, cosmopolitan city at your own pace.

***Hotel Kamp / Meals: B***

**Day 8: Depart**

Meet your driver after breakfast this morning, for your final airport transfer.

***Meals: B***



## Map



## Accommodation

### Hotel Kamp, Helsinki



Hotel Kamp, A Luxury Collection Hotel is a landmark in Helsinki and has been the choice of royalty and heads of state for many years. It was the first hotel in Finland to have a lift and is in the best location to explore this compact city.

Muted colours and marble bathrooms give the spacious hotel rooms a relaxed feel. Opt for a Junior Suite which are on the highest floors of the hotel and in the historical part of the hotel overlooking Esplanadi Park.

Dinner at the hotel takes you from Asia at YUME to the Brasserie Kamp serving mouth-watering cocktails and a great Sunday brunch. The Kamp Bar is the place to be in the summer when it spills out onto the terrace of esplanade promenade the best address in town.

Kamp Spa will pamper you when you return after a day's exploration. Choose from three different saunas the eucalyptus-fragranced grotto steam sauna, the Turkish hammam and the traditional Finnish sauna.

### Why we like it

- Landmark Helsinki Hotel
- Museums on your doorstep
- Kamp Bar with a summer terrace spilling onto the Esplanadi promenade

- Kamp Spa with a choice of saunas
- Great family option with interconnecting rooms



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