

An aerial photograph of a small, grassy island in a calm lake. The island features two prominent red barns with white roofs, surrounded by trees with vibrant autumn foliage in shades of yellow, orange, and green. The island's reflection is clearly visible in the still water. In the background, a larger body of water stretches towards a distant shoreline with more trees and buildings under a cloudy sky.

**BUCKETLIST AUTUMN HOLIDAY  
IN ROVANIEMI  
INSPIRATION ITINERARY**





Arctic Circle  
Hiking area  
provides  
easy access  
to the  
wilderness.



# Autumn foliage and Northern Lights - Let Rovaniemi enchant you

## DAY 1 WELCOME TO ROVANIEMI!

### Arrival to Rovaniemi the capital of Lapland

*Welcome to Rovaniemi, the urban city surrounded by arctic nature, where Lappish culture and a wide range of nature activities meet. In Rovaniemi you can visit Santa Claus and cross the Arctic Circle every day of the year!*

@visitrovaniemi

**Check-in Vaattunki Wilderness Resort**, which is located on the shores of Raudanjoki River and at the gateway to the Arctic Circle Hiking Area. This tranquil and peaceful setting allows you to unwind, de-stress and be at one with the nature. There are ample opportunities to explore the natural surroundings, with several hiking trails starting from the resort area offering great photo spots all year round. @Safartica

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**Sauna experience** at which is perfect for you to have a very Finnish experience: a sauna! Our sauna host will give you an introduction of the sauna, the process and you will be in the best conditions to enjoy the temple of the body and the mind. You will also have chance to dip in the jacuzzi and enjoy the great view of the nature surrounding you!

**Dinner prepared by the open fire** at Vaattunki Wilderness Resort's Kota. Menu: glow fried salmon, potato salad, local pastry, tea, coffee.



Northern  
Lights are  
visible on  
around 150  
nights a year



## DAY 2 LOCAL CULTURE & NATURE WONDERS

### Morning:

**Experience Northern nature, culture, and history** up close. Guided tour (1 hour + free time to explore on your own) in **museum and science center Arktikum** highlights the most important facts about Lapland and the Arctic area. @arktikumofficial  
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**Lunch at Korundi Kitchen & Café** is a fresh lunch restaurant, an atmospheric art café and an enchanting meeting spot in a refurbished historical post bus depot in central Rovaniemi. @korundikitchencafe  
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### Afternoon:

There are long traditions of making arts and handicrafts out of local materials like wood and reindeer antler in Lapland. We will familiarize with the **local handicraft workshop & home of Mrs Irene and Ari Kangasniemi**. This talented couple is deeply involved nurturing the traditions of Lapland. @kangasniemihornwork  
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### Dinner in Kota at Vaattunki Wilderness Resort

### Evening:

**Northern Lights excursion – Photography tour by Beyond Arctic** (STF labelled company)

Going Aurora hunting with the professional guides, you have the best possible chance to witness the Northern Lights. Beyond Arctic is Lapland's top tour company specialised in Aurora photography and will ensure that you get the photos of a lifetime. @beyondarctic  
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## DAY 3 ARCTIC ANIMALS - Highlighting the responsible travelling and animal tourism

**Morning: Born to Run sled dog excursion at Bearhill Husky** (STF labelled company)

Huskies are not born fit, it takes lots of preparation and conditioning before the dogs are as fit as they can be. Visit the kennel and get a feel for how the dogs are prepared to be the amazing athletes they are. The enthusiastic dogs will happily take you down the forest trail for an unforgettable experience and one cart is shared by 2 adults, halfway there will be a chance to switch drivers.

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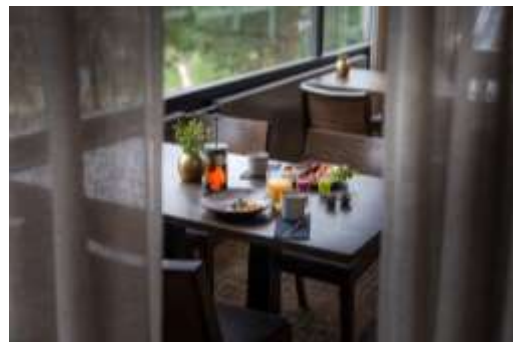
**Lunch in** city centre of Rovaniemi in **restaurant Gustav**, which is known for it's high quality Bistro style. @gustav\_rovaniemi

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**Noon: Visit authentic reindeer farm Sieriporo**

Sieriporo's reindeer herder families have been practicing reindeer husbandry in Rovaniemi since at least the year 1800, so this experience will certainly introduce you to the life of the reindeer herders and teach about the yearly cycle of the reindeer. This experience highlights the appropriation of reindeer husbandry. @sieriporo\_safaris

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**Farewell dinner at Sky Kitchen & View** (STF labelled company) where you will enjoy the beautiful view and high-quality Northern ingredients in one of the best restaurants in Finland. @skykitchenview

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### BUCKETLIST EXPERIENCES

- \* Cross the Arctic Circle line
- \* Meet Santa Claus



## DAY 4 FAREWELL ROVANIEMI, LAPLAND!

### Morning

**Check-out & Transfer to Santa Claus Village** which is Lapland's best-known attraction. Cross the iconic Arctic Circle line and see the Roosevelt cottage the historical, first building at the Arctic Circle.

Meeting Santa Claus in his very own office (STF labelled company) and sending post cards from Santa Claus' Main Post Office are surely must-do's in Santa Claus Village.

There are several other activities available like meeting the reindeer and meeting the huskies . Also sweet and charming Mrs Santa Claus has her Christmas Cottage to be visited during the day.

Santa Claus Village is also **a place for good shopping** as well-known Finnish brands like Iittala, Marimekko and Pentik have their stores in the attraction. Other smaller souvenir shops are offering wide range of Christmas decorations and other mementos from Lapland.

Tip, enjoy Christmassy drinks in Loft Lounge cocktail bar.

### Noon

Transfer to Rovaniemi airport (STF labelled airport)