



Rovaniemi is...

- The Official Hometown of Santa Claus[®]
- Vibrant town located on the Arctic Circle
- Administrative center of Lapland Finland
- Having great connectivity all year round
 - Finnair & Norwegian & several seasonal flights
 - VR = train connections from Southern Finland
 - Busses from all over the Finland and Arctic Route bus connection from Tromssa
- Having 6500 registered bedplaces
 - Great number of <u>unique accommodations</u> like glass-igloos, suites, villas etc
- The town is surrounded by app. 30 villages
- Home to 63 000 locals & 12 000 reindeer



Local way of living and Lapland culture

- Rovaniemi is the cultural center of Lapland unique local lifestyle and rich culture
- History is present in city architecture
 - Alvar Aalto
 - Ferdinand Salokangas
- Lumberjack culture is strong part of Rovaniemi's past
- Rovaniemi's war history is interesting and a lot can be learnt during the visit
- Rovaniemi is home to many artists & authors
- In summer there are many small, local events organized





Cultural Sights

Arktikum Science Center and Museum

- Experience northern nature, culture, and history up close
- Contact: <u>Hannele.koskiniemi@arktikum.fi</u>

Korundi House of Culture

- Exhibitions and Concerts
- Art museum
- Lapland Chamber Orchestra
- Book an art workshop & create your own piece of art for a souvenir!
- Contact: <u>heli.Huhanantti@korundi.fi</u>

Pilke – Science center of forest

- Learning about sustainable way of using the Northern forests
- Contact: pilke@metsa.fi





Local Handicraft Workshop & Home

Learn and be part of the authentic local lifestyle at <u>workshop and home of Irene and Ari Kangasniemi</u>

- For small groups & FIT
- Deep dive into Lappish way of living together with local handicraft workers
- Authentic experience
- A lot of information of Lapland & doing a small personal handicraft
- Contact: <u>kangasniemi@hornwork.fi</u>





Alvar Aalto's heritage

- Alvar Aalto (1898-1976) is widely regarded as one of Finland's national architects
- Rovaniemi is proud to have several major features designed by Alvar Aalto, one of Finland's foremost architects
- Aalto's main work in Rovaniemi is the administrative and cultural centre, also known as the Aalto centre
 - Rovaniemi City Hall (pictured)
 - Rovaniemi City Library and
 - Lappia House, a congress venue and the home of Royaniemi Theatre
- City plan with the shape of reindeer head by Alvar Aalto
- Inquire guided Alvar Aalto tours from Rovaniemi city guides: info.rovaniemiguides@gmail.com







Activities with culture twist

Wild About Lapland – Visiting the cultural sights by canoe

• Contact: sales@wildaboutlapland.com

Bearhill Husky – Living of the land

• Contact: <u>booking@bearhillhusky.com</u>

Nordic Odyssey - Cultural e-fatbike tour

• Contact: info@nordicodyssey.net

Safartica – Arctic Survival

• Contact: lotta.lonka@safartic.com

HuskyYogaNature by Aksana Kurola

- Visit to local reindeer farm by canoes
- Contact: aksana@yoganature.fi







Sauna experiences

Public sauna in Finnish style at Kesärafla Sauna

- The log-built 35-person sauna with a terrace stands in the panoramic landscape of the Kemijoki River.
 Restaurant serves cosy meals and good drinks.
- True Finnish sauna atmosphere guaranteed.
- Contact: mira.soderlund@laplandhotels.com

Happy Fox

- Traditional sauna experience at floating sauna by the river Ounasjoki
- Contact: hello@happyfox.fi

<u>Kotatuli Experience</u> – Silence of sauna

Contact: info@kotatuli.fi

More sauna experinces







Food experiences

Traditional Lappish restaurant Nili

- Unique and authentic Lappish restaurant in the downtown of Rovaniemi
- Specialties from Lapland prepared from fresh Arctic ingredients
- Contact: <u>restaurant@nili.fi</u>

Glowing ember by local chef Mr Joel Manninen

- Glowing Ember provides an unforgettable journey to Lappish ingredients in unique hut milieu.
- The experience consists of an innovative, seasonal tasting menu paired with suitable beverages.
- The key parts of the experience are dishes made, and stories told by bonfire
- Contact: <u>sales@glowingember.fi</u>

LOCAL FOOD WITH LOCAL STYLE together with Kimmo local fisherman from <u>Finncredible</u>

- Get a taste of not only the Lappish food, but also of the history of Lapland
- The menu includes the finest local ingredients from Lapland's pure nature such as game meat, fish, berries and mushrooms
- Contact: Mr Kimmo Tuunala: <u>kimmo.tuunala@finncredible.com</u>

More food experiences







Atmospheric, local accommodation

Bear's Den – perfect cabin by a lake experience

- legendary log cabin with sauna & nature experiences
- Accommodates upto 14 persons
- Located by a remote lake
- Contact: marika.tomminen@laplandsafaris.fi

Villa Rehto

- Authentic T& traditional log milieu by the River Kemi
- Space for 10 persons
- Contact: info@rehto.fi

Vaattunki Wilderness Resort

- 25 cabins + other cottage and loghouse accommodation
- Located app. 30min drive from Rovaniemi city centre towards North
- Next to Arctic Circle hiking area and beautiful rapids
- Many nature activities available on site
- Traditional Finnish sauna experiences
- Contact: Lotta Lonka, <u>lotta.lonka@safartica.com</u>







Other culture related accommodation

Arctic Light Hotel

- Boutique hotel in the heart of city
- Building is the old city hall of Rovaniemi
- Designed by Finnish archtiect mr Ferdinand Salokangas
- Contact: Ms Susanna Degerman: susanna.degerman@arcticlighthotel.fi

Haawe Boutique Apartment Hotel

- 14 rooms in one of the old buildings in Rovaniemi
- Lapland nature inspired interior
- Centrally located in Rovaniemi
- Contact: <u>info@haawe.fi</u>

Posti Boutique Hotel Rovaniemi

- Historical building from 1950's
- Town's old post office
- 33 rooms
- Contact: <u>hotel@arcticlifestyle.fi</u>

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