

ROVANIEMI

Located at far north Finland at the Arctic circle, this is the official hometown of Santa Claus and the capital of Finnish Lapland. This is a city with a mixture of culture, wilderness and a little bit a fairytale. With an airport and a train station, this is your usual gateway to Lapland.

TRAVELLING INTO ROVANIEMI

Rovaniemi Airport is located about 10 kilometres from Rovaniemi city centre. Taxis are available at the front of the airport during the scheduled arrival times, the price approx EUR 25.00-30.00 to the city per car. Another regular connection from Rovaniemi Airport to the city centre is operated by Airport bus (SkiBus). For details, please visit the bus operator's website. The price for one way in approx. EUR 7.00 per person.

The bus and railway station are both located in the same area, about one kilometre from the city centre. There is a taxi stand at the station.



CULTURE FASCINATIONS

Santa Claus Village & Santa Park

In Rovaniemi you can visit the Real Santa everyday of the year in the Santa Claus Village, or spend a day or two at the Santapark, Santa's home cavern inside a mountain with fun activities for both young and old. Santa Claus Main Post Office Shop in the Santa Claus Village is the only official post office of Santa Claus. It belongs to Finland's official postal service network. Here you can feel the Christmas spirit every day of the year and be served by the merry post office elves in several languages!

Joulukka – Alternatively you could step straight into a fairytale at Joulukka, which is situated only 16 kilometres from Rovaniemi, deep in the Finnish forest. In Joulukka you can explore Santa's command centre with the help from the elves and meet Santa himself in enchanting surroundings.

Winter Activities - During the winter months, you can try some winter activities including Snowmobiling, Husky or Reindeer safaris. Or why not try your cross country skiing skills.

Ranua Wildlife Park -Ranua Wildlife park is the most northernmost zoo in the World, and about an hour drive from Rovaniemi. Here you can see Polar bears, Elgs, lynxes and about 50 other wild animal species.

Arktikum Museum - If you want to learn more about the Arctic and the people from the north, visit Arktikum museum and science centre right on the arctic circle.



SHOPPING

If you need to do any shopping, the city centre is the right place to go. There you'll also find a shopping centre called Revontuli. If you're souvenir hunting, Santa Claus Village has a good selection of souvenirs available.

For design souvenirs and gifts, head to the Arctic Design Shop in city centre. This boutique shop has a selection of jewellery, home decor, textiles, books, food and clothing from upcoming Finnish designers.

GETTING AROUND

Rovaniemi city centre is relatively small and you can walk to most places in the city. The bus is also an easy way to get around if you need to get outside the city centre. The bus to Santa Claus Village and Santa Park is line number 8, and the same bus also goes to the Railway station (check the direction).



RESTAURANTS

Restaurant Nili

Restaurant Nili offers traditional Lappish dishes, such as reindeer, salmon and bear dishes.

Address: Valtakatu 20, 96200 Rovaniemi

Phone: +358 (0)400 369 669

Website: www.nili.fi/EN

Cafe Linna

Cafe Linna is located at Hotel Santa Claus. It's a perfect spot for an afternoon coffee with cake or a sandwich.

There is also a Brunch served once a month, every first Saturday from 12 - 4pm.

Address: Koskikatu 14-16, Rovaniemi

Phone: +358 (0) 16 321 3279

Web: www.hotelsantaclaus.fi/en/content/café-linna-0



Photos: Restaurant Nili

Nova Restaurant

Locals and visitors alike enjoy eating out at this restaurant because of the high quality meals. The restaurant serves Lappish and Asian meals prepared with local ingredients. They aim to surprise you with flavour combinations you cannot taste anywhere else. The skillful chefs can transform the dishes into tasty combinations to make them suitable for special diets or enjoyable for children. The recipes are planned by Jari Ruonakoski – Maître Rôtisseur Confrérie de la Chaîne des Rôtisseurs.

Address: Tahtikuja 6, Rovaniemi 96930

tel. +358 40 560 38 09

If you visit Lapland in the winter, remember to dress warmly and in several layers! The outer layer should consist of a quality outdoor garment designed to repel wind and frost. However, there is no need to worry if you do not own proper Arctic gear, as you can also rent clothing from many of the safari companies located in the centre of Rovaniemi.