Finland Winter Journey: Helsinki, Kemi & Rovaniemi

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Discover Finland through three distinct northern experiences: Helsinki's coastal architecture, Kemi's frozen seascape and Rovaniemi's Arctic adventures. Begin with an unhurried day in the capital before travelling north in an overnight sleeper compartment. In Kemi, board the Sampo Icebreaker for a rare journey across the frozen Gulf of Bothnia, with lunch on board and the option to float safely in the sea wearing a thermal survival suit. Continue through Lapland to Rovaniemi, where Santa Claus Village and optional reindeer, husky or snowmobile safaris bring the Arctic landscape to life. This suggested six-day route leaves generous room for personal pacing and seasonal adjustments.

DAY

01

HELSINKI · OVERNIGHT 1 OF 1

Arrive in Helsinki — a gentle introduction to the capital

Arrive in Helsinki and transfer privately from the airport to your hotel. The rest of the day is left open so the journey can begin at an easy pace. Depending on your arrival time, explore the city independently through landmarks such as the rock-hewn Temppeliaukio Church, Helsinki Cathedral, Esplanade Park, the Sibelius Monument, Havis Amanda fountain, Uspenski Cathedral, Finlandia Hall and the Presidential Palace.

OVERNIGHT

Helsinki

DAY

02

HELSINKI · OVERNIGHT 1 OF 1

Helsinki at leisure — overnight train to Kemi

After breakfast, check out and enjoy another unhurried day in Helsinki. In the evening, transfer to the railway station and board the overnight train north to Kemi. Settle into an upper-deck ensuite sleeper compartment as the city gives way to Finland's forested interior.

MEALS

Breakfast

OVERNIGHT

Overnight sleeper train

DAY

03

KEMI · OVERNIGHT 1 OF 1

Kemi — Sampo Icebreaker and the frozen sea

Arrive in Kemi early in the morning, check in and take time to rest. In the afternoon, transfer to the pier for the Sampo Icebreaker excursion across the frozen Gulf of Bothnia. Lunch is served on board. During suitable conditions, step onto the sea ice and try floating safely in the water while wearing a thermal survival suit. Return to Kemi after the voyage. An evening visit to the seasonal SnowCastle can be arranged separately.

MEALS

Lunch

OVERNIGHT

Kemi

DAY

04

ROVANIEMI · OVERNIGHT 1 OF 2

Kemi to Rovaniemi — north through Lapland

Spend the morning at leisure in Kemi. Later, make your way to the railway station for the journey to Rovaniemi, watching the snowy Lapland landscape unfold along the route. On arrival, transfer to your hotel and settle in for the evening.

OVERNIGHT

Rovaniemi

DAY

05

ROVANIEMI · OVERNIGHT 2 OF 2

Rovaniemi — Santa Claus Village and Arctic adventures

Enjoy a flexible day in Rovaniemi. Visit Santa Claus Village on the Arctic Circle, then shape the remainder of the day around the season and your preferred pace. Optional experiences may include a reindeer safari, husky ride or snowmobile excursion. Leave some unscheduled time to take in the surrounding winter landscape rather than trying to fit every activity into one day.

OVERNIGHT

Rovaniemi

DAY

06

ROVANIEMI

Depart Rovaniemi

After breakfast, check out and transfer to Rovaniemi Airport for your onward flight. The itinerary ends at the airport.

MEALS

Breakfast