

FINLAND



Eurolynx is proud to present a selection of tour options that focus on exploring the Arctic Circle during the winter months. Tours are escorted or non-escorted and have options for activities ranging from Snowmobile Safaris to Dogsled adventures. Most tours start in the town of *Rovaniemi*, home to Santa Claus and the Reindeer.

TOUR OPTIONS:

<u>Tour name</u>	<u>Number of days</u>	<u>Price Guide from (NZD pp)</u>
Escorted:		
Christmas at the Artic Circle (22-26 Dec)	5	\$2,220
New Year at the Arctic Circle in Rovaniemi (29 Dec – 2 Jan)	5	\$2,030
Non Escorted:		
Arctic Circle Impressions	8	\$1,400
Night in an Igloo under Northern Lights	5	\$2,360
Polar Safari Adventure	4	\$1,870
The Winter's Tale	6	\$2,870

Additional services

- Eurolynx also has access to a wide range of other services including: accommodation, car hire, motor home hire, rail tickets and passes, sightseeing excursions, ferry tickets.



Information and rates based on information as at October 2005 (guide prices based on 'Twin Share') and are subject to tariff and exchange variance.

NB: Detailed itineraries on following pages are priced in Euros.

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Arctic Circle Impressions

The tour combines the winter pleasures of Lapland with the ample opportunities for sightseeing, fine dining and shopping that the capital city Helsinki offers. Rovaniemi, a town on the Arctic Circle, is home to Santa Claus, who has his own workshop village there. A range of optional snowmobile safaris are available at extra cost in Rovaniemi.

Departures

On request from 1 December 2005 to 30 April 2006 excluding Christmas / New Year's season from 22 December 2005 to 8 January 2006.

Duration

8 days / 7 nights

Days 1-5: Rovaniemi
Day 6: Rovaniemi-Helsinki
Day 7: Helsinki
Day 8: Helsinki

Prices per Person

- In shared twin room EUR 765
- Single Supplement EUR 365
- Child under 12 years in extra bed sharing the room with two adults EUR 240
- Extra bed for adults EUR 360

Tour Includes

- accommodation in twin-bedded rooms with bath or shower including breakfast, 5 nights at Sokos Hotel Vaakuna or similar in Rovaniemi, 2 nights at Sokos Hotel Helsinki or similar in Helsinki
- airport transfers by private car in Helsinki and Rovaniemi

NOTE! This is a non-escorted tour. Services of a guide, optional tours, and domestic air fares Helsinki-Rovaniemi-Helsinki are not included in the price.

A minimum of two (2) passengers are required for the tour to be operated.

Day 1: Santa's Home Town

Late arrival in Rovaniemi, transfer from the airport to hotel.

Days 2-5: Arctic Adventures

Enjoy the fun of driving a snowmobile in the northern wilderness, selecting the excursions of your choice.

Optional Safaris Available in Rovaniemi

The safari leader will pick up you from your hotel in Rovaniemi. You will be provided with appropriate protective clothing. There will be two persons to a snowmobile taking turns in driving. Minimum age of 15 years is required for driving a snowmobile. Children under 15 (under 12 for the Husky Dog Safari) are charged at half the price, excluding the high season between 1st December 2005 and 9th January 2006, when children are given a 25% discount off the prices mentioned below. We offer the following safaris, which are operated daily.

Snowmobile Safari into the Wilderness

You will learn the art of driving a snowmobile, as you travel along frozen rivers and through forests covered with snow. Hot beverages are served during a break.

2 hours, Price per person EUR 95

Highlights of Lapland

(Note! Santa Claus safari includes this safari) A snowmobile safari to a reindeer farm. You will be familiarized with our Lappish culture and reindeer husbandry. Everyone passing a reindeer driving test will be issued an international reindeer driver's license and you have a possibility to participate in a special Lapp ceremony of crossing the Arctic Circle. Enjoy a cup of hot coffee or berry juice before returning back to the town.

3 hours, Price per person EUR 115

Safari to a Husky Dog Farm

Drive by snowmobile to the hilltop to enjoy the Lapp scenery. Continue to a local husky dog farm, where the hosts will tell you about the training of the dogs. Attempt a ride in a sled pulled by a team of huskies, which is sure to be a thrilling experience. Hot coffee is served around a campfire on the farm.

3,5 hours, Price per person EUR 115

Santa Claus Safari

You will ride by snowmobile to a reindeer farm, where you will experience a special Lapp ceremony of crossing of the Arctic Circle. You will also take part in a reindeer driving test and have a cup of coffee, sitting around a campfire. Lunch is served at a cosy restaurant with a rustic atmosphere. Continue to the Arctic Circle to meet Santa Claus in his workshop village. Some time is allowed for souvenir shopping in the gift shops. Part of the transportation is by car.

6 hours, Price per person EUR 160

Day 6: Good-bye to Rovaniemi

Transfer to Rovaniemi airport for the return flight to Helsinki. Upon arrival in Helsinki, your driver will take you to your hotel.

Day 7: Capital Experience

The day is free for you to explore the sights on your own, to make some souvenir shopping or to visit a museum.

Day 8: Homeward-bound

Transfer to Helsinki airport for your flight back home.

Christmas at the Arctic Circle

Imagine a Christmas adventure for young and old to experience the spirit of Christmas in an enchanting land that Santa Claus chose for his home. Spend a Christmas holiday of a lifetime in a land of breathtaking beauty and spellbinding atmosphere. A land of unspoiled, snow-covered scenery and magical winter twilight. A land of sleigh rides, reindeer and husky dogs. This is Rovaniemi, the capital of Finnish Lapland at the Arctic Circle. Here, your children will experience a true Christmas fantasy, which will long remain vivid in their memory. See their eyes sparkle with delight and excitement, as they meet the real Santa Claus and his reindeer.

Period: 22 to 26 December 2005 at Scandic Hotel in Rovaniemi

Prices per Person

• In shared twin room	EUR 1,220
• Single supplement	EUR 280
• Child under 15 years in extra bed sharing the room with 2 adults	EUR 670
• Additional Nights (pre or post)	
• In shared twin room	EUR 110
• In single room	EUR 180
• extra bed	EUR 35

The Prices Include

- Transfers from/to airport in Rovaniemi by private car with driver
- accommodation in shared twin room for 4 nights including breakfast
- 2 x buffet dinner at the hotel
- excursions and activities as outlined in the itinerary

Thursday, 22 December

Transfer from Rovaniemi airport to hotel by private car with driver. Overnight at Scandic Hotel Rovaniemi.

Friday, 23 December

Start your Christmas adventure with thrilling Nordic activities such as snowmobiling and husky dog sledding. In the morning meet with guide and get equipped with appropriate thermal clothing that will keep out the chill. After receiving instructions on how to drive a snowmobile, you set out, heading towards a local husky dog farm. There you will experience an exhilarating drive in a sled pulled by a team of eager husky dogs.

A wonderful excursion under the arctic night sky is in store for you in the evening. The lights of your snowmobile reflect off the snow in the dark, as you drive through the wintry forest and on the frozen river. With clear skies you will enjoy the gorgeous moonlit starry sky and, with some luck, you may even experience the spectacular display of the Northern Lights or Aurora Borealis, a phenomenon peculiar to the northern regions. The safari includes a leisurely break around a campfire with hot drinks and the guide's stories about the Northern Lights and Lapland.

Overnight at Scandic Hotel Rovaniemi.

Saturday, 24 December

Today you go in search for Santa. Drive by snowmobile to a secluded forest location to meet Santa's reindeer. Take a reindeer-driving test and participate in a special Lapp ceremony of crossing the Arctic Circle.

Friendly animal characters greet you upon arrival and take the children walking along a trail lit with torches and candles. Here and there along the path there are some traces of Santa having been there recently, and Santa's little helpers play cheerfully with snowballs amidst the trees. In a small hut, decorated in Christmas style, each child will find a letter from Santa saying that he will come and pay a visit in the evening, if the kids first feed the forest birds and animals together with his little helpers. Last but not least, it is time to go and fetch Christmas trees to be decorated. Before returning to hotel, you enjoy a light Christmas meal, served in the rustic atmosphere of an old wooden house with a big fireplace. In the evening, buffet Christmas dinner, appearance by Santa Claus and overnight at Scandic Hotel Rovaniemi.

Sunday, 25 December

On an arctic picnic you have the chance to enjoy Lapland's fascinating scenery at its best. You start off with your guide and ride by snowmobile through the picturesque woods to a nice place where you can stop and enjoy the peace and quiet of the great Lapp outdoors. During the break try your luck in ice-fishing and fry sausages over a campfire. Buffet dinner and overnight at Scandic Hotel Rovaniemi.

Monday, 26 December

Transfer by private car with driver from hotel to Rovaniemi airport to catch your flight home via Helsinki.

New Year at the Arctic Circle in Rovaniemi

The beautiful Lapp scenery covered with a mantle of dazzling white snow, the crackling frost and the magical winter darkness create a special atmosphere for the New Year's celebrations in Rovaniemi, Santa's home town at the Arctic Circle. Scandic Rovaniemi is located in the very centre of Rovaniemi, within walking distance of all services in the city.

Period: 29 December 2005 to 2 January 2006

Prices per Person

- In shared twin room EUR 1,115
 - Single supplement EUR 280
 - Child under 15 years in extra bed sharing the room with 2 adults EUR 600
- Additional Nights (pre or post)
- In shared twin room EUR 110
 - In single room EUR 180
 - extra bed EUR 35

The Prices Include

- Transfers between Rovaniemi Airport and Hotel Scandic Rovaniemi by private car with driver
- 4 nights accommodation in shared twin-bedded rooms including breakfast
- hotel sauna at disposal daily
- New Year Eve's gala dinner at the hotel
- programme as outlined

Thursday, 29 December

Transfer from Rovaniemi airport to downtown hotel by private car with driver. Overnight at Scandic Hotel Rovaniemi.

Friday, 30 December

Discover the winter beauty of the surroundings on a three-hour snowmobile safari to a reindeer farm. You will be familiarized with the Lappish culture and reindeer husbandry. Everyone passing a reindeer driving test will be issued an international reindeer driver's license and you have a possibility to participate in a special Lapp ceremony of crossing the Arctic Circle. Enjoy a cup of hot coffee or berry juice before returning back to the town.

The rest of the day is yours to take advantage of the great opportunities that Rovaniemi offers for culture and recreation.

Overnight at Scandic Hotel Rovaniemi.

Saturday, 31 December

Start the day by making acquaintance with the nice and friendly huskies. After a brisk snowmobile ride you reach the husky dog farm where the dogs welcome you with friendly barking. Experience a 1km ride in a sledge pulled by a team of these well-trained and strong dogs. Can you imagine a more exciting way to experience the overwhelming peace and silence of the arctic wilderness! Hot beverages are served around a campfire at the farm.

After a special New Year's dinner, which is served at the Scandic Hotel Rovaniemi, you will be taken to the magical cave of Santa Claus, the Santa Park. The evening programme includes Shamans, a dance spectacle, fortune telling by casting tin, visit of Santa Claus and a surprise.

Return to hotel by private motor coach.

Overnight at Scandic Hotel Rovaniemi.

Sunday, 1 January

On an arctic picnic you have the chance to enjoy Lapland's fascinating scenery at its best. You start off with your guide and ride by snowmobile through the picturesque woods to a nice place where you can stop and enjoy the peace and quiet of the great Lapp outdoors. During the break try your luck in ice-fishing and fry sausages over a campfire.

Overnight at Scandic Hotel Rovaniemi.

Monday, 2 January

Transfer by private car from hotel to Rovaniemi airport.

Night in an Igloo under the Northern Lights

Hotel and Igloo Village Kakslauttanen, half an hour drive from Ivalo airport, is a perfect location for a holiday to escape the rush and bustle of city life. It has a beautiful location amidst the untouched Lapp wilderness, 300 kilometres north of the Arctic Circle. Far away from city lights, the place is also excellent for viewing the aurora borealis, or northern lights, whenever they adorn the dark sky with their colourful waves.

Guests will enjoy comfortable lodgings in rustic log cabins which reflect the traditional Lapp style. Each cabin has a peaceful location not too close to the other ones.

The resort provides an exotic holiday experience with an opportunity to sleep in an igloo made of snow. Imagine sleeping in a temperature below zero, warm and snug in your padded sleeping bag, breathing in crisp, fresh air. Alternatively, you may choose to experience the polar night in a glass igloo with normal room temperature and panoramic view of the night sky. Here you will experience the true nature of the Arctic winter and still enjoy modern conveniences.

Departures

On request from 1 December 2005 to 30 April 2006 excluding Christmas season 23 to 26 December 2005.

Duration

5 days / 4 nights

Prices per Person

- In shared twin room EUR 1,300
- Single supplement EUR 340
- Child under 12 years sharing the room with 2 adults EUR 760
- Third person (adult) EUR 1,125
- Supplement per person for overnight in a glass igloo instead of snow igloo (max 2 persons/igloo) EUR 55

Supplement for New Year Eve's dinner with programme

- Adult EUR 130
- Child under 12 years EUR 95

Tour Includes

- 4 nights accommodation in a log cabin equipped with own sauna and fireplace, two persons in a cabin
- 1 night in a snow igloo, double occupancy (the cabin is also at your disposal for this night)
- half board (dinners)
- airport transfers between Ivalo airport and Kakslauttanen by hotel's shuttle bus
- Dog sled excursion with picnic lunch
- Reindeer excursion with coffee and light refreshments

NOTE! This is a non-escorted tour. Services of a guide and domestic air fares are not included. A minimum of two (2) passengers are required for the tour to be operated.

Day 1 – Arrival in the Land of Snow

Transfer from Ivalo airport to Hotel and Igloo Village Kakslauttanen. Dinner at the village restaurant. Overnight in log cabin with private facilities, kitchenette, fireplace and private sauna.

Day 2 – Dogsled Adventure

Buffet breakfast is served in the beautiful log restaurant, located within walking distance from your accommodation. After breakfast meet a team of friendly husky dogs who are eager to take you on a dogsled adventure. These northern dogs are perfectly suited to harsh Arctic conditions and enjoy pulling the sledge to their hearts' content. A stop is made to enjoy a picnic lunch in open air. Duration of the excursion is 4 hours. Dinner at village restaurant. Overnight in log cabin.

Day 3 – Reindeer Excursion

After breakfast enjoy an excursion to a local reindeer farm, where you will learn about the culture and lifestyle of the Lapp people. You also have a chance to try a ride in a reindeer sledge. A stop is made to enjoy a picnic lunch in open air. Duration of the excursion: 4 hours. Dinner. Overnight in log cabin.

Day 4 – Igloo Night

Today is a day at leisure to relax and enjoy the beautiful, peaceful settings. You may want to try cross-country skiing or ice-fishing. There is a real arctic, yet perfectly comfortable experience in store for you tonight, as you have a rare opportunity to try sleeping in an igloo made of snow. Reindeer hides and woollen rugs will keep you warm. The temperature inside the igloo varies between minus 3 and minus 6 degrees Centigrade, but the padded sleeping bags would keep you warm even at much lower temperatures. There are also a few glass igloos available with normal room temperature and you have the option to experience the polar night in one of them. Your log cabin is also at your disposal should you prefer not to stay all night in the igloo. Dinner and overnight.

Day 5

Transfer by hotel's shuttle bus to Ivalo airport for the flight back to Helsinki.

Polar Safari Adventure

Lapland's winter is magic: blueish twilight, pure snow-white scenery and the spectacular Northern Lights provide a unique setting for a memorable adventure. The northern towns, Rovaniemi and Kemi, have a special arctic atmosphere combined with the charm of a small town. In Rovaniemi, which lies almost on the Arctic Circle, you will meet Santa Claus and attempt his method of moving - in a sledge pulled by reindeer. Kemi, Finland's northernmost seaport, boasts a tourist icebreaker, which will take you on a one-of-a-kind arctic cruise.

Departures

Dec 2005: 14, 15, 20, 21, 26, 27, 28, 29*, 30*, 31*

Jan: 1, 2, 3, 4, 5, 10, 11, 12, 17, 18, 19, 24, 25, 26, 30, 31

Feb: 1, 2, 6, 7, 8, 9, 13, 14, 15, 16, 20, 21, 22, 23, 27, 28

Mar: 1, 2, 6, 7, 8, 9, 13, 14, 15, 16, 20, 21, 22, 23, 27, 28, 29, 30

Apr: 4, 5, 6, 11, 12, 13, 18, 19

Duration

4 days / 3 nights

Day 1: Helsinki-Rovaniemi

Day 2: Rovaniemi

Day 3: Rovaniemi-Kemi

Day 4: Kemi-Helsinki

Prices per Person in Shared Twin Room

• Minimum 2 persons	EUR 1,025
• Minimum 4 persons	EUR 950
• Minimum 6 persons	EUR 915
• Single Supplement	EUR 330
• Child under 12 years in extra bed sharing the room with two adults	EUR 430
* Supplement for the departures on 29, 30 and 31 December	EUR 190

Tour Includes

- accommodation in twin-bedded rooms with bath/shower
- 3 breakfasts, 2 lunches, 3 dinners
- airport transfers in Rovaniemi and Kemi by private car with English speaking driver
- four-hour cruise on icebreaker with lunch
- transfer from Rovaniemi to Kemi before, and from Kemi harbour to hotel after the icebreaker cruise
- Safari to the Arctic Circle including lunch, 2 persons per snowmobile
- service charges and taxes on included items

Note! This is a non-escorted tour to Lapland. Services of a guide and domestic air fares Helsinki-Rovaniemi and Kemi-Helsinki are not included

A minimum number of 2 passengers are required for the tour to be operated.

Day 1: Sensational Lapland

(D, private car)

As your flight from Helsinki lands at the airport of Rovaniemi, you will find the arctic town folded in her snow-white winter attire. Transfer from the airport to Hotel Sky Ounasvaara or similar for dinner and overnight.

Day 2: The Land of Santa Claus and Reindeer

(B, L, D, private car)

Finnish Lapland is home to Santa Claus, and today you will have a chance to tell your Christmas wishes to the jolly old man in person. You will first travel by snowmobile to a local reindeer farm. Your safari guides will instruct you on how to ride a snowmobile and then, appropriately dressed in warm clothing, you set out driving two persons to a snowmobile. At the reindeer farm you will take part in a mysterious Arctic Circle Crossing Ceremony. You will learn about the Lapp culture and reindeer husbandry, and experience a ride in a reindeer-pulled sledge. After the visit a car will take you to a local restaurant to enjoy a delicious lunch. In the afternoon, visit Santa Claus Village where you can say hello to Santa himself, do some shopping and mail a card or two from his post office. Dinner and overnight at Hotel Sky Ounasvaara or similar.

Day 3: At the Head of the Gulf of Bothnia

(B, L, D, private car)

After breakfast, your driver will take you from Rovaniemi to Kemi, located at the northern end of the Gulf of Bothnia. Leave your luggage at your hotel in Kemi and continue to the home harbour of the Arctic Icebreaker Sampo. Throughout the winter, the shipping lanes to the northern ports are kept open by massive icebreakers. Now you have a unique opportunity to visit one of them and take part in its journey through the ice, so thick that you can drive a car on it. After lunch on board and exploration of the ship from the bridge down to the engine room, it is time to take a dip in the sea amidst freshly broken ice. You will find the experience very comfortable, though, as you wear a thermal suit that covers you from top to toe keeping you warm, dry and floating. After four hours on and among rocks, you will return by car to your hotel in Kemi. Dinner and overnight at Hotel Cumulus or Hotel Merihovi in Kemi.

Day 4: Good-bye to Lapland

(B, private car)

After breakfast transfer to Kemi airport by private car.

The Winter's Tale

Saariselkä ski resort in northern Lapland is famous for its gently rolling fells and unspoiled wilderness. The optional excursions in Saariselkä offer the possibility to experience the real winter, as you travel by snowmobile through forests and over fells, covered by a mantle of pure snow. You can also visit a local husky farm and get to know the friendly husky dogs. Rovaniemi is known as the home town of Santa Claus. In Kemi, you will travel by snowmobile on the vast expanse of ice for a rendez-vous with the icebreaker Sampo and take part in its journey through the frozen sea. During this excursion you will also visit a site of Lapp "kota" tents and get a chance to drive a sledge pulled by a reindeer.

Departures

December 2005: 12, 13, 18, 27*, 28*, 29*, 30*, 31*
 Jan: 1, 2, 3, 8, 9, 10, 15, 16, 17, 22, 23, 24, 28, 29, 30, 31
 Feb: 4, 5, 6, 7, 11, 12, 13, 14, 18, 19, 20, 21, 25, 26, 27, 28
 Mar: 4, 5, 6, 7, 11, 12, 13, 14, 18, 19, 20, 21, 25, 26, 27, 28
 April: 2, 3, 4, 9, 10, 11, 16, 17

Duration

6 days / 5 nights
 Day 1: Helsinki-Ivalo-Saariselkä
 Days 2-3: Saariselkä
 Day 4: Saariselkä-Rovaniemi
 Day 5: Rovaniemi-Kemi
 Day 6: Kemi-Helsinki

Day 1: A Land of Snow and Fells

(D, Private Car)
 After a short ride from Ivalo airport, you arrive in Saariselkä. After check-in, you can relax in the warmth of a genuine Finnish sauna. Dinner and overnight at Hotel Riekonlinna.

Day 2: Travelling Through Winter Wonderland

(B, D, Snowmobile) Optional Tour: Snow mobile safari to the fells

You will be shown how to drive a snowmobile. Two persons will ride on each snowmobile (1 person per snowmobile available for extra charge). During this brisk safari you will drive around the area of Saariselkä to see all the beautiful fell scenery. You will also enjoy a coffee break by the open fire in the nature. The driving distance is about 20 kilometres.

Duration: 2 hours, Price: EUR 100 per person
 Sauna, dinner and overnight at Hotel Riekonlinna.

Day 3: Husky safari through the fells

(B, D)
 Optional Tour: Husky safari through the fell area
 You will speed through the spectacular forest- and fell area by the sledges pulled by 5 – 7 husky dogs. The silence around you is enormous when only thing you hear is the skis of the sledge touching the snow. On the way you will have a lunch break by the warm open fire in kota. After the lunch you will return back to Saariselkä.

Duration: 4 hours, Price: EUR 185 per person
 Sauna, dinner and overnight at Hotel Riekonlinna.

Prices per Person in Shared Twin Room

- Minimum 2 persons EUR 1,580
- Minimum 4 persons EUR 1,370
- Minimum 6 persons EUR 1,285
- Single Supplement EUR 320
- Child under 12 years in extra bed sharing the room with two adults EUR 525

***Supplement** for the departures on 27, 28, 29, 30, 31 December (New Year): EUR 195

Tour Includes

- Accommodation in twin-bedded rooms with bath or shower. Evening sauna is included at Hotel Riekonlinna.
- 5 breakfasts, 2 lunches, 5 dinners
- transportation by private car with driver
- icebreaker cruise with snowmobile safari on day 5
- service charges and taxes on included items

Note! This is a non-escorted tour. Services of a guide, optional tours and domestic air fares Helsinki-Ivalo and Kemi-Helsinki are not included in the price.

A minimum number of two (2) passengers are required for the tour to be operated.

Other optional excursions in Ivalo available on request.

Day 4: Across the Land of the Lapps

(B, L, D, Private Car)
 After breakfast, your driver will take you to Rovaniemi. Enjoy lunch on the way in an idyllic log house restaurant at Hotel Luosto. Before arrival in Rovaniemi, you cross the Arctic Circle and visit the Santa Claus workshop, meeting Santa in person. In the shopping village, you can make a browse around for local handicrafts and souvenirs. Dinner and overnight at Hotel Sky Ounasvaara in Rovaniemi.

Day 5: Through Arctic Ice

(B, L, D, Private Car)
 Transfer by private car to Kemi, Finnish Lapland's seaport situated on the Gulf of Bothnia. Leave your luggage at your hotel and walk a few steps to the Safari Office, where you will be equipped with appropriate clothing. Set out, two persons to a snowmobile, for a ride to meet up with the Arctic Icebreaker Sampo. Step on board and take part in a memorable cruise through the frozen sea. It is an amazing experience to see the ship crushing its way through the ice that can be many meters thick. After lunch on board, a guided tour of the ship will be given. The brave can experience a dip in the sea amidst the freshly broken ice, safe and warm in a special survival suit. After the cruise, get on the snowmobile again and ride to a site of traditional Lapp 'kota' tents, where you have a chance to try driving a sledge pulled by reindeer. Dinner and overnight at Hotel Merihovi in Kemi.

Day 6: Good-bye to Lapland

(B, Private Car)
 Transfer to Kemi airport for the return flight to Helsinki.

Terms and Conditions

Tour Price:

Prices are quoted in Euro (EUR). All tour costs are based on tariffs and exchange rates in effect on 15 August 2005 and are subject to change. Tour prices are commissionable to tour operators. Child prices apply to children under 12 years in extra bed sharing the room with two adults.

Services Included in Tour Price:

The tour price includes transportation according to programme, accommodation in hotel rooms for 2 persons (twin, double or combi), meals as defined in the itinerary, sightseeing and entrance fees according to programme, services of multilingual tour leader except on non-escorted tours, taxes and service charges. The tour price does not include beverages or personal items not included in the itinerary.

Taxes and Service Charges:

All taxes and service charges for items specified in the tour itinerary are included in the tour price.

Booking Conditions:

A non-refundable deposit of EUR 50 per person will secure and hold reservations for your Friendly Finland Tour. The balance of payment is due 60 days before departure. Full payment is due at the time of booking if the reservation is made 60 days or less before the departure date. You should make your reservations as early as possible to ensure the dates of your choice.

Cancellations and Refunds:

Cancellations must be made in writing to Finland Travel Bureau Ltd.

If you cancel any of the following tours **Scenic Finland, Saimaa Lake, Lapland Summer Experience, Highlights of Helsinki and Tallinn, Polar Safari Adventure, Winter's Tale or Arctic Circle Impressions**

- at least 21 days prior to departure: full refund, except EUR 50 per person administration fee
- 20-08 days prior to departure: 50% refund
- 07-01 days prior to departure: 20% refund.
- Cancellation on the day of departure, no show or interrupted tour: no refund.

If you cancel your **Night in an Igloo under the Northern Lights Tour**

- at least 35 days prior to departure: full refund except EUR 50 per person administration fee
- 34-01 days prior to departure: no refund

If you cancel any of the following tours **North Cape Tour, Christmas at the Arctic Circle or New Year in Rovaniemi**

- at least 60 days prior to departure: full refund, except EUR 50 per person administration fee
- 59-35 days prior to departure: 80% refund
- 34-15 days prior to departure: 50% refund
- 14-01 days prior to departure: 20% refund
- Cancellations on the day of departure, no show or interrupted tour: no refund.

If you cancel your **St. Petersburg by Train, Czarist St. Petersburg or Best of the Baltics tour**

- at least 35 days prior to departure: full refund, except EUR 50 per person administration fee
- 34-15 days prior to departure: 50% refund
- 14-02 days prior to departure: 20% refund
- Cancellations made less than 02 days prior to departure, no show or interrupted tour: no refund.

Please note that these cancellation terms are applied also in the event of your visa application being refused by the Russian or Baltic authorities. If, for any reason, Finland Travel Bureau Ltd. cancels the tours, your money will be fully refunded, in which case Finland Travel Bureau Ltd. has no further obligation.

Visa for the Baltic Countries:

Citizens of some nations need a visa for entry into one or all three of the Baltic Countries. It is of extreme importance that you check the up-to-date visa requirements at the time of booking your tour.

Visa For Russia:

A visa is compulsory for all passengers on the tours to Russia. Each passenger must apply for the visa in his/her country of domicile. The visa application must be accompanied by confirmation documents provided by Finland Travel Bureau. To obtain the necessary visa support letter, FTB needs to know the personal data of each passenger at the time of booking (i.e. surname, first names, date of birth, sex, nationality and passport number). A handling fee of EUR 25 is charged for the visa support letter per party travelling together.

Tour Arrangements in Finland and Norway:

Tour guides: Every Friendly Finland Tour group will be accompanied by a multilingual tour leader when mentioned in the tour inclusions. The Polar Safari Adventure, Winter's Tale, Arctic Circle Impressions, Night in an Igloo under the Northern Lights, Christmas at the Arctic Circle, New Year in Northern Lapland and Lapland Summer Experience tours will not be accompanied by a tour leader, but the excursions will be guided by local guides.

Hotels: Carefully selected first-class hotels. The standard of Norwegian hotels varies from tourist class to first-class. In Northern Norway single rooms cannot be guaranteed.

Tour Arrangements in Russia:

Tour guides: Every St. Petersburg by Train Tour group will be accompanied by a multilingual tour leader; excursions will be guided in English by local guides. The Czarist St. Petersburg Tour is not escorted; transfers and city tour in St. Petersburg will be guided by local guides.

Hotels: Moderate tourist class hotels. Single rooms cannot be guaranteed.

Terms & Conditions Cont.

Tour Arrangements in the Baltic Countries:

Tour guides: Every Best of the Baltics Tour group will be accompanied by a multilingual tour leader. Excursions are guided in English by local guides.
Hotels: Superior tourist-class hotels. Single rooms cannot be guaranteed. Note! The quality of hygiene and cleaning does not always reach the western standards.

Meal Plan:

Finland: The hotel breakfast is typically a Finnish buffet breakfast, though the contents of the buffet table vary slightly from one hotel to another. Lunch and dinner are always 2- or 3-course menus including coffee.

Norway: The hotel breakfast is a Scandinavian buffet breakfast. Dinner is a 2- or 3-course menu.

Russia: Breakfast at hotels in St. Petersburg is a continental breakfast. Lunch and dinner in Russia are usually 3-course menus but the quality of the food may not always reach western standards.

Baltic Countries: The hotel breakfast is a buffet table. Lunch and dinner are 3-course standard menus, the quality of which may not always reach western standards.

Baggage and Porterage:

One piece of luggage per person is allowed on Friendly Finland Tours. Each passenger is also allowed one carry-on bag. Porterage for one bag per person is included in the tour price except on the winter tours. Baggage is carried at owner's risk. Friendly Finland Tours is not responsible for loss, theft or damage. Baggage insurance is strongly recommended.

Responsibility:

All the tours are guaranteed on the dates specified but Finland Travel Bureau Ltd. reserves the right to recheck the booking status, to decline, to accept or retain any person on the tour, and eventually cancel the tour and inform all parties concerned, thereof, one month prior to the departure date at the latest.

All tour costs are based on tariffs and exchange rates in effect on 15 August 2005 and are subject to change. We reserve the right to change the prices in the event of devaluation of the euro, increase in taxes or service charges, or other such events beyond our control. We cannot assume responsibility for acts of omission of any person or firm other than Finland Travel Bureau Ltd. The operator is not responsible for accidents, loss, detention, annoyance, delays and expenses arising from the same, quarantine, strikes, force majeure, failure of boats or coaches to arrive and depart as scheduled, disturbances, government restrictions or regulations, weather conditions, and other eventualities over which we have no control. The hotel names mentioned in the programme are suggestive and subject to changes according to the booking situation. Timetables are subject to change. Reasonable changes in the itinerary may be made by Finland Travel Bureau Ltd. where deemed advisable for the comfort and well-being of the passengers.

General Information

Weather Conditions

Due to the warm Gulf stream, the climate in Finland is considerably milder than at the same latitudes in other parts of the world, and the climates in North, East, South and West Finland are slightly different from each other.

In the north and east the winter is cold but dry whereas the winter in the west and south coast is quite mild.

The summer in the north is short and intensive. The summer begins in South Finland at the beginning of June and ends by mid-September. It is warm, but not humid. In North Cape, Norway, the sun is above the horizon from May 10 to July 25. However, you can experience "the White Nights" until mid-August after which the days shorten rapidly. The weather in St. Petersburg and in the Baltic Countries is similar to that of East Finland - in the coastal areas moderate to high wind, otherwise warm.

Snowmobile Safaris

A person driving a snowmobile has to be at least 15 years old and in possession of a valid driving licence, which must be shown upon request. Children under 15 years old are seated in a sledge pulled by snowmobile.

The driver of the snowmobile is held liable for damages caused to the vehicle. The self-risk amount is EUR 505.

The duration and length of the safaris are subject to change without prior notice according to prevailing weather and snow conditions.

Our snowmobile safaris include:

- the use of a snowmobile, which is reliable and easy to handle and drive, even for beginners, including fuel and necessary maintenance. Each snowmobile is shared by two persons taking turns in driving.
- the use of thermal overalls, boots, scarves, caps, woollen socks, gloves, goggles, and helmets on loan basis
- professional safari leader who is first-aid trained and possesses necessary mechanical skills
- traffic insurance as required by Finnish law with coverage for personal injury

Insurance

For your own protection make sure that you have valid travel insurance when travelling abroad. (Insurance on snowmobile safaris, see above.)

Special Conditions on Air Travel

The costs of the programme include Finnair domestic flights when such flights are specified in the itinerary. The fares used are special domestic fares that are available only in conjunction with Finnair's international flights.