

Finland Christmas Markets & The Northern Lights



Join Limitless Planet and get in the holiday spirit on our Winter Wonderland Adventure to Finland!

Christmas markets in Finland are a must-visit for anyone looking to experience the true magic of the holiday season. With their cozy atmosphere, twinkling lights, and delicious treats, these markets offer a unique and unforgettable experience for visitors of all ages.

From hand-carved wooden toys to delicate glass ornaments, these markets are a treasure trove for anyone looking for one-of-a-kind souvenirs to take home. But it's not just the shopping that makes these markets so special. The Finnish tradition of "hygge" (coziness) is alive and well in the Christmas markets, with fire pits, hot drinks, and warm blankets provided to help visitors stay warm and comfortable as they explore.

And of course, no visit to a Finnish Christmas market would be complete without sampling some of the delicious food on offer. From gingerbread cookies to smoked salmon, there's something to please every palate.

After you have shopped and ate to your heart's desire, we'll head north to see the Northern Lights.

Finland is one of the best places in the world to see the Northern Lights. The Northern Lights, also known as Aurora Borealis, are a natural light display in the Earth's sky, predominantly seen in the high-latitude regions. Finland, being in the northern hemisphere and close to the Arctic Circle, offers an excellent opportunity to witness this incredible phenomenon.

Whether you're looking for a unique gift, a taste of Finnish culture, or simply a warm and cozy atmosphere to enjoy with friends and family, this is a trip for the whole family not to be missed.

Join us on a winter wonderland adventure!

Day 1 | December 1, 2024: Depart from the US to Finland

Depart from your home city to Finland.

Day 2 | December 2, 2024: Arrive in Helsinki Finland

Meals: Breakfast, dinner

Upon arrival in Helsinki, Finland, meet your driver at the exit of the airport, and transfer to your hotel.

Enjoy your afternoon and evening at leisure to battle jet lag.

Tonight, we'll have a Welcome dinner at Lapland Hotel's Kultá Kitchen (included).

Overnight: Lapland Hotels Bulevardi

Day 3 | December 3, 2024: Walking Tour & Christmas Market

Meals: Breakfast

After breakfast, meet your guide in the lobby for a walking tour throughout the city.

We'll explore all the highlights of Helsinki from the open-air market to Senate Square, Rock Church, Parliament, and the Market Square. Get to know the destination and learn about the quirkiest traits of Finnish people.

Lunch on own.

After lunch, visit the Helsinki Christmas Market.

From December 1 to 21, Senate Square hosts the capital's Christmas market in the shadow of Helsinki Cathedral. More than 100 stalls offer homemade gifts, Christmas decorations and local food. Santa Claus pays a visit every day.

Optional evening activity: If you want to ask like a real Finn, enjoy a trip to sauna tonight. Kuusijärvi is a hugely popular year-round recreational center just north of Helsinki in the city of Vantaa.

Kuusijärvi offers both electric public saunas, as well as the classic Finnish smoke sauna experience. Right outside the saunas, you can dip your toes into Lake Kuusijärvi. Kuusijärvi also has a restaurant and café serving burgers, salads, soups, and refreshments.

Overnight: Lapland Hotels Bulevardi

Day 4 | December 4, 2024: Winter Garden & Christmas Market

Meals: Breakfast

After breakfast, we'll visit the Helsinki Winter Garden.

Although open year-round, the glasshouses of the Winter Garden are a popular winter destination. During the Christmas and New Year period, the gardens are fully decorated with flowers such as azaleas, amaryllises, and hyacinths.

Afternoon at Christmas Market.

Dinner and evening at leisure.

Overnight: Lapland Hotels Bulevardi

Day 5 | December 5, 2024: Helsinki / Night Train to Rovaniemi

Meals: Breakfast

Enjoy your full day at leisure to explore some of Helsinki many art galleries, cute boutiques, and lovely cafes.

If you haven't had enough, head back to the Christmas Market for final purchases and holiday cheer.

Tonight, we'll depart on the Santa Claus Express to Rovaniemi.

Snuggle down into your private two-bunk sleeping cabin and wake up the next morning to the snowy landscape of Finnish Lapland.

The journey is about 885 kilometers and takes eight to 10 hours depending on the scheduled stops. Each sleeper car has a shared bathroom, but the cabins are kitted out with their own sink, fresh linens, power outlets, and a window. Sure, it's dark when you board the train, but the thrill of waking up to see the sunrise over snow-covered pine trees while hurtling towards the Arctic Circle is truly unique.

Overnight: Santa Claus Express

Day 6 | December 6, 2024: Arrive in Rovaniemi, Finland

Meals: Breakfast

Morning arrival in Rovaniemi, Finland, and transfer to your hotel, The Arctic Treehouse.

The Arctic Treehouse Hotel provides a unique blend of luxury comfort in the heart of Arctic nature, local Lappish traditions, and modern Scandinavian design. In contrast to the meticulously designed accommodation and nest-like coziness, the panoramic views from the windows provide impressive spectacles of the forest and Arctic skies: the Northern Lights and Midnight Sun can be admired from the comfort of your bed.

The hotel has an exceptional restaurant serving culinary delights prepared in stylish surroundings using Arctic ingredients.

Welcome to the Arctic Circle; unforgettable accommodation experiences await you!

Afternoon and evening at leisure.

Complimentary activities at the hotel are: Toboggans, kick sleds, snowshoes, ski shoes and fat bikes.

Overnight: Arctic Treehouse

Day 7 | December 7, 2024: Santa Claus Village and Northern lights safari

Meals: Breakfast

After breakfast, head out to Santa Claus Village. Rovaniemi is the official hometown of Santa Claus in Lapland.

Just eight kilometers north of Rovaniemi city (either take Highway 4 towards Ivalo or hop on the local #8 bus labelled "Santa Express"), this festive holiday village is where you'll find all things Christmas and Kris Kringle related. The Main Post Office has a direct mail route to Santa himself, Mrs. Claus bakes traditional gingerbread cookies and tells stories about Lapland at her Christmas Cottage, and Santa explains how he and his jovial elves prepare for Christmas each year in his work chambers.

This is also where you can take a photo (and get a certificate) of yourself stepping over the Arctic Circle, with a painted sign marking the circle of latitude that runs 66°33'45.9" north of the Equator.

In the evening meet with your guide for a Northern Lights Safari to find the best views of the Aurora Borealis while enjoying hot drinks and cookies.

Dinner and evening at leisure.

Overnight: Arctic Treehouse

Day 8 | December 8, 2024: Choose your Adventure | Reindeer Sled or Ice Skating

Meals: Breakfast

After breakfast, choose one of the optional activities below or spend the day at leisure.

Reindeer Sledding

Reindeer sleds have been transporting families and goods across Europe's Arctic for as long as there have been people to pull. Settling into one of these specially designed wooden sleighs piled high with pillows and blankets behind the furry tails of a well-trained reindeer feels like you're a part of living history. As their hooves quietly pad through a snowy forested trail and their harness bells gently ring, it's hard not to be swept away in the picturesque magic of it all. From Rovaniemi, there are plenty of options when it comes to visiting a local reindeer farm and booking a sleigh ride, such as Christmas House Safaris and Raitola Reindeer and Husky Farm.

Or

Visit Kotatieva Winter Leisure Park for some Ice Skating in the forest!
After your adventure, head back to relax at the hotel.

Dinner at leisure.

Overnight: Arctic Treehouse

Day 9 | December 9, 2024: Choose your Adventure | Finnish Sauna or Ice Swimming and Smoke Sauna

Meals: Breakfast, dinner

After breakfast, choose one of the optional activities below or spend the day at leisure.

Finnish Snow Sauna. Prepare to be awed: This sauna is made entirely of snow and ice, offering a unique bathing experience that contrasts thick, hot steam with icy snow walls. If this combination doesn't appeal, the Arctic Snow Hotel also has more traditional log-built sauna buildings, complete with hot tubs. All sauna bookings include a chance to try cold water dipping.

Or

Ice swimming (or winter swimming) in Lapland is something many Rovaniemi people find refreshing and healthy. Ice swimming is an experience normally combined with sauna – the combination of hot and cold in your body is amazing and it's good for your health. Swimming in a hole in the ice really does you the world of good.

Group Dinner – Let's celebrate our unforgettable trip together.

Overnight: Arctic Treehouse

Day 10 | December 10, 2024: Depart the Rovaniemi Airport back to the USA

Meals: Breakfast

After breakfast, your driver will meet you in the lobby of the hotel to take you to the airport for your international flight back to the UA.

Safe travels.

Thank you for traveling with Limitless Planet!

Your deposit will be going towards the hotel as the rates are non-refundable due to it being peak season in Finland.

To ensure your space, we recommend putting your deposit down immediately. This trip is only open to 8 people and the Treehouse hotel is based on a first come first served basis. As soon as we receive your deposit, we will confirm your room at the Treehouse hotel.

Once the Treehouse hotel is sold out, we will try to accommodate at a separate comparable property.

We recommend also purchasing travel insurance due to the non-refundable aspect of this trip. For your convenience Limitless Planet offers travel protection plans through Travelex Insurance Services. We are happy to send you a link to get a quote.

PRICING

Total Trip Cost- \$4,689 per person (based on double occupancy)/\$3,977.92 (triple)

WHAT'S INCLUDED:

- Hotel Accommodations
- Tours – Helsinki Walking Tour, Christmas Markets and Northern Lights tour
- Entrance Fees- All entrance fees to the sites mentioned in the program.
- Transportation- All transportation from your arrival and departure is included in the program.
- Meals- Breakfast every day, Welcome Dinner, and Finale Dinner
- Living like a Local- Travel with us and find out

NOT INCLUDED:

- International Airfare
- Choose Your Own Adventure Tours
- Personal expenses such as laundry, beverages, phone calls, internet access
- Services not mentioned in the program.
- Tips for guides and drivers
- Travel Insurance
- Meals not specified in the itinerary.

CANCELLATIONS

Full charge for no shows and cancellations. Due to the high season in Finland, this trip is completely non-refundable.

**Prices do not include credit card fees. All credit card fees come from the company and not Limitless Planet. We cannot waive or remove credit card fees. You do have the option of paying with a check or Venmo to bypass any credit card fees.*

**Payment plans available upon request. Deposit will be required to confirm the reservation.*

GENERAL INFORMATION

Airfare and Transfers

Limitless Planet is happy to book your airfare. We charge a \$75 per person fee if we book your flights. If you use miles, you will be responsible for booking your airfare on your own. If you are arranging your own flight arrangements, please send a copy of your itinerary to katie@limitlessplanettravel.com

Passport

Each traveler will be required to have a passport valid for at least six months after your travel departure date. Limitless Planet is happy to assist you with your passport application or renewing an expired passport. Additional fees may apply. Please send a copy of your valid passport with your deposit payment.

Visa

A visa is not required for US citizens to enter Finland.

Travel Insurance

Travel insurance is not included in the quote of this itinerary. For your convenience Limitless Planet offers travel protection plans through Travelex Insurance Services. We are happy to send you a quote. A Limitless Planet Travel staff member will be onsite to assist in case of any emergency.

Health & Wellness

Your health and wellness are very important to us. We are happy to accommodate any dietary restrictions and special requests. All participants of Limitless Planet's tours must be physically fit enough to participate in the tour. Limitless Planet reserves the right to deny participation on any of our tours, according to the tour itinerary.

IMPORTANT:

- For every booking entrusted to us, we require the following information:
- Full passengers' name, date of birth, nationality & passport number
- International arrival/departure flight (if not arranging through Limitless Planet)
- Active medical problems
- Bed preference (subject to availability)

LIMITS ON LIMITLESS PLANET'S RESPONSIBILITY:

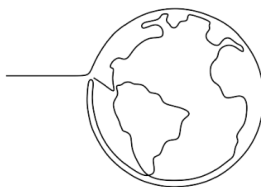
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Optional Activities that may be Dangerous

Depending on the itinerary you have selected, optional activities will be available at some of the places they will visit. Some of these activities carry with them the inherent risk of serious personal injury. These activities include, but are not limited to horseback tours, canoe trips, hiking, river rafting, etc. You should be aware that your personal safety cannot be guaranteed, and Limitless Planet assumes no responsibility for your safety.

Acts of God and the Like

Limitless Planet is not responsible for acts of God, fire, acts of local government or other authorities, wars, civil disturbances, riots, terrorist acts, strikes, thefts, pilferage, epidemics, quarantines, earthquakes, adverse weather conditions, dangers incident to sea, land, and air travel and other similar acts or incidents beyond its ability to control or its suppliers.



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