12 DAY LAPLAND ADVENTURE

$5999

THE OFFER

You've heard the stories, seen the pictures. Now it’s time to experience the wonders of Lapland and the Northern Lights in person. From urban exploration in Helsinki to husky sleigh rides and a snowmobile safari, this 12 day adventure will create magical memories that last a lifetime.

Fulfil a lifelong dream with two excursions to see the Northern Lights, one of the most awe-inspiring sights on earth. Discover the best of Helsinki, including the harbour markets and Church in the Rock, plus enjoy a day to explore the city at leisure. Visit Santa Claus’ village in Rovaniemi, spot polar bears and lynx in the remote Ranua Wildlife Park, take an unforgettable snowmobile safari through the frozen landscape, go for a cross country ski trip in the Ruka wilderness, and so much more. With return international flights, seven nights hotel accommodation, two nights in private cabins aboard the InterCity Express overnight train, and 11 meals, this trip has it all.

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Day 1 Australia - Helsinki, Finland
Today depart from either Sydney, Melbourne, Brisbane, Adelaide or Perth for Helsinki, Finland! Fly with award winning airlines such as Etihad Airways, Air France, KLM, Finnair or Austrian Airlines to name a few (subject to availability)
Meals included: In-Flight

Day 2 Welcome to Helsinki, Finland
Upon arrival, transfer to your hotel for check in. Tomorrow, your once-in-a-lifetime winter holiday really begins!
Overnight: Crowne Plaza Hotel, Helsinki
Meals included: None

Day 3 Helsinki City Tour - Porvoo – Rovaniemi (Approx. 100km day)
Enjoy breakfast at the hotel before departing on a guided city tour of Helsinki. Visit the colourful harbour market, the neo-classical Senate Square, the Cathedral, Sibelius Monument, Russian orthodox Uspenski Cathedral, and the famous Church in the Rock - Temppeliaukio.

In the afternoon enjoy an excursion to the old town of Porvoo, one of the six medieval towns in Finland. For centuries, the city has served as a home and source of inspiration for many Finnish artists. Porvoo's most well-known landmarks, its red shore houses, were painted red in honour of the arrival of Gustav III, the king of Sweden.

Enjoy a traditional three course dinner (coffee/tea included) in a restaurant in Porvoo before to be transferred to the train station for your overnight journey to Rovaniemi (twin share cabins with private facilities are provided). Train journey takes up to approximately 9-12 hours.
Overnight: Finnish Intercity Express Night Train (Twin share cabins with private facilities)
Meals included: Breakfast;Dinner;In-Flight

Day 4 Rovaniemi – Santa Claus’s Village & Arktikum Museum - Northern Lights Adventure (Approx. 100km day)
Upon arrival in Rovaniemi, transfer to the Scandic Hotel for breakfast. After breakfast visit Santa Claus’s Village located on the Arctic Circle, where you have a chance to meet Santa himself, visit his post office, and perhaps send some post-cards. Here they will be stamped by hand with special postmark of the Santa Claus Post Office. You can also shop for unique Finnish handicrafts and design products. Afterwards visit the Arktikum, a popular museum and science centre in Rovaniemi.
Tonight, around 9:00pm, take part in another unforgettable Northern Lights excursions (approx. 3 hours). Be patient though, as the aurora loves playing hide-and-seek; you never know if or when it will appear. As you wait for the sky to begin its dance, enjoy fried sausages and the warmth and aroma of a crackling fire. Before returning to civilisation, drop by Poro Pekan pirtti, a cosy old building built in 1894. Return to your hotel.
Overnight: Scandic Hotel, Rovaniemi
Meals included: Breakfast

Day 5 Rovaniemi - Ranua Wildlife Park (Approx. 80km day)
Todays excursion is to Ranua Wildlife Park, the northernmost zoo in the world. Here you will have the chance to see Arctic animals in as authentic an environment as possible for the animals. There are around 50 different species in the park. During your walk in the park, you might see polar bears, lynxes, moose etc. Enjoy the rest of the day at leisure in Rovaniemi.
Overnight: Scandic Hotel, Rovaniemi
Meals included: Breakfast

Day 6 Rovaniemi - Kuusamo - Forest skiing trip (Approx. 190km day)
Drive today to Kuusamo, a region of fells and forests adorned by lakes and rivers. Kuusamo is one of Finland’s premier holiday
destinations, particularly in winter where the excellent skiing always draws a crowd. Upon arrival, experience a leisurely forest skiing trip. Visit some remote and spectacular areas, breathe in the fresh air, and hear more about life in Lapland from your guide.

The guide will also provide a short briefing about the technique of skiing cross-country. The traditional forest skis are very easy to use in deep snow, and the program suited to beginners. Enjoy skiing around the forests in the Ruka surroundings. Skiing distance is about 3-5kms depending of the group condition. During the trip you will enjoy a warm drink and picnic snack.

**Overnight: Holiday Club, Kuusamo**

**Meals included: Breakfast**

**Day 7 Kuusamo - Husky Sleigh Ride - Snowshoe Hiking (Approx. 28km day)**
A new adventure awaits you after breakfast with a visit to a husky farm. Here you will learn about the history, life, breeding, feeding and training of huskies. You will also get to enjoy a 5km sleigh–ride pulled by a husky team. Their eagerness to run through the silent forest makes this adventure magical. In the afternoon, participate in a snowshoe hike through the majestic wintery landscape. Build a snowman, create snow angels, or perfect your snowball making skills. Drive back to your hotel and enjoy the rest of the time at leisure in Kuusamo.

**Overnight: Holiday Club, Kuusamo**

**Meals included: Breakfast**

**Day 8 Kusaamo - Reindeer Sleigh Ride - Northern Lights Hunting (Approx. 100km day)**
Today visit to a Reindeer farm to learn more about the life of reindeer and their herders. You’ll also get to enjoy a 1.5 km reindeer sleigh-ride. Continue your day with a northern lights hunting excursion (approx. 3 hours), departing around 8:00pm. A coach will drive you to a nearby area where you will have the best chance to see the Northern Lights. Stop and wait for the beautiful Northern Lights to appear.

**Overnight: Holiday Club, Kuusamo**

**Meals included: Breakfast**

**Day 9 Kuusamo - Snowmobile Safari - Helsinki (Approx. 20km Day)**
Enjoy breakfast at the hotel. Afterwards, experience an unforgettable snowmobile safari. A safari guide will provide a briefing and driving instructions, then the fun will begin. There will be two people per snowmobile, and stops will be made during the tour to switch drivers. Drive on the frozen river and enjoy the silence of the nature. After this experience return to the city by snowmobile. Upon return to Rovaniemi, stop for a typical three-course dinner at a restaurant before saying goodbye and boarding the overnight train back to Helsinki.

**Overnight: Finnish Intercity Express Night train (Twin share cabins with private facilities)**

**Meals included: Breakfast;Dinner**

**Day 10 Helsinki Free Day**
Arrive in the early morning into Helsinki and transfer to the hotel for breakfast. Enjoy the remainder of the day free in Helsinki, a quirky city renowned for its cafe culture, boutique designers, and laid back charm.

**Overnight: Crowne Plaza Helsinki**

**Meals included: Breakfast**

**Day 11 Helsinki, Finland - Australia**
After breakfast transfer to airport for your return flight home to back to Australia, after one magical adventure you won’t soon forget!

Please note: if your flight departs early, breakfast will be arranged for pick up from the hotel reception the night before.

**Meals included: Breakfast;In-Flight**

**Day 12 Arrive in Australia**
Please note, some flights may arrive in Australia +1 day later

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**THE ITINERARY**

**12 DAY BUCKET LIST TRIP**

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HIGHLIGHTS
• Experience 2 unforgettable excursions to witness the Northern Lights
• Sit around a fire while waiting for the glimmering Aurora Borealis
• Explore Helsinki on a guided city tour plus enjoy a day free at leisure
• See Temppeliaukio, the famous church in the Rock
• Visit a husky farm and take a husky-sleigh ride
• Hike through the magical winter landscapes with snowshoes
• Visit a reindeer farm and take a reindeer-sleigh ride
• Look for polar bears and lynx at Ranua Wildlife Park, the world’s northernmost zoo
• Enjoy the thrill of a Snowmobile safari
• Stay in the quaint town of Kuusamo in Eastern Lapland
• Enjoy a guided forest skiing trip in the Ruka wilderness (suitable for beginners)
• Explore Santa Claus’ Village in Rovaniemi and meet the man himself
• Visit Rovaniemi’s popular Arktikum Science Museum
• Wander the streets of medieval Porvoo, a city dating back to the 14th century

MEALS
• Enjoy 11 meals including a traditional three-course dinner

TOUR ESSENTIALS
• English-speaking tour leader (Day 3–9)
• English-speaking tour guides with all snow activities
• Airline taxes and surcharges

TRANSPORT
• Transportation by private vehicles

TRANSFERS
• Return airport and train transfers

FLIGHTS
• Return international flights ex SYD/MEL/BNE/ADL/PER

ACCOMMODATION
• 7 nights hotel accommodation
• 2 nights onboard the InterCity Express overnight train in private cabins with private facilities
**IMPORTANT INFORMATION**

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**BOOKING INFORMATION**

After purchase, you will receive a receipt and a Purchase Confirmation email. You will also be directed to an online Passenger Information Form. You must complete your Passenger Information Form within 72 hours of purchase.

Any special requests, preferences and optional extras MUST be clearly stated in your Passenger Information Form. Any change requested after submitting your Passenger Information form cannot be guaranteed, is strictly subject to availability and will incur surcharges as outlined in the Schedule of Fees below.

On purchasing this Travel Offer you are bound by TripADeal’s standard Terms and Conditions in addition to the specific terms and conditions outlined in this Important Information.

Please Note: all additional charges are payable direct to TripADeal (unless otherwise stated).

**OFFER ESSENTIALS**

Travel offer is valid for travel on the 28th November 2017

Travel offer is valid for one person based on twin share

**Single Traveller Supplement**

For solo travellers a mandatory single supplement of $880 applies

**Departure Dates**

28th November 2017

**Departure Cities**

Sydney, Melbourne, Brisbane, Adelaide or Perth

**FLIGHTS**

**Airline(s) Used**


**Arrive early in Helsinki, Finland**

$200 per person, subject to availability

Please note:
- This fee does not include extra nights accommodation, meals or airport transfers
- No flight booking changes or cancellations permitted after air tickets have been issued
- Flight changes are subject to availability at the time of booking

**Stay behind in Helsinki, Finland**

$200 per person, subject to availability

Please note:
- This fee does not include extra nights accommodation, meals or airport transfers
- No flight booking changes or cancellations permitted after air tickets have been issued
- Flight changes are subject to availability at the time of booking

**Stopover Packages**

Twin share: $450 per person/each way
Solo Traveller: $700 each way

Locations:
*Singapore
*Abu Dhabi

Includes:
- 2 Nights in 4 star accommodation
- Daily breakfast
- Return airport transfers

Please note:
- An outbound and inbound stopover may be chosen; however the stopover location must be the same each way, due to the airline used
- Stopover packages are subject to availability

**Flight Class Upgrades**

- Premium Economy: starting from *2899 per person
- Business Class: buy now for $6999 per person

Please note:
- *Starting from quotes will be processed and returned for your consideration
- All Premium Economy and Business Class upgrades are subject to availability (if we are not able to fulfill your business class request the upgrade cost will be refunded)
- On any upgrade purchase, short haul flights and domestic flight sectors are not guaranteed in a Premium or Business cabin; subject to aircraft configuration

**ACCOMMODATION**

**Accommodation Used**

3-4 Star (self-rated)

- Helsinki (Finland): Crowne Plaza Hotel
- Rovaniemi (Finland): Scandic Hotel Rovaniemi
- Kuusamo (Finland): Holiday Club Kuusamon Tropiikki
- Overnight Train: Intercity Express Night Train: Twin share cabin with private facilities

*Please note: rooms offered are based on a lead-in room type, and are subject to availability based on seasonality. Properties will be confirmed, no later than two weeks prior to travel.

**Extra Nights**

Helsinki (Pre/Post Tour): $200 per room including breakfast

Please note: extra nights are subject to availability until the time of booking. Airport transfers are not included if you wish to arrive early or stay behind

**Maximum Room Capacity**

3 people (subject to availability, on a request basis only)

**Child Policy**

- Children 2 to 11 years old travelling with parent/s are discounted (including all inclusions) at $4999 per child based on twin or triple share with a responsible adult/s
- Strictly valid for Children/infants 2 years old and over
- Children 12 years old and over are classed as adults

Please note: Children must be
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accompany (and sharing a room) by a responsible adult 18 years old and over to travel. No unaccompanied minors allowed.

**Triple Share**
No discounts apply for 3rd adult travelling. Full price applies, subject to availability on a request basis only. Please note: Train cabins are only available on a twin share basis. A 2nd cabin will be booked in the instance triple share is made available for the whole tour.

**Bedding Configuration**
Double or Twin Bedding (subject to availability)

**Adjoining Rooms (Interconnecting Rooms)**
Subject to availability and at the hotels discretion. Please enquire on booking if you require this option.

**GENERAL TOUR INFORMATION**
Minimum group size 20, maximum group size 40 per vehicle

**EXCLUSIONS**
- Visa fees and requirements (A visa is not required for Europe if travelling on an Australian Passport)
- Meals/beverages not stated in the itinerary
- Recommended gratuities/tipping at €5 per person/day payable on tour
- Optional activities/tours
- Personal expenses
- Winter clothing hire (approx. €18 per person per day)
- Travel insurance (Mandatory)

Please Note: A comprehensive travel Insurance policy must be organised BEFORE all details can be finalised with TripADeal

**OTHER IMPORTANT INFORMATION**

**MISCELLANEOUS:**

**Winter Clothing**
All thermal winter clothing (overalls, gloves, hat, boots, socks and scarf) will be payable on tour at approximately €18 per person per day:

**Snowmobiles**
For security reasons, children under the age of 4 OR less than 1.4m tall are not allowed to ride the snowmobiles, but can be seated in a sleigh behind the snowmobiles. Please note: that customers must have a driving licence in order to drive a snowmobile.

**Forest Skiing Trip**
Minimum height for participating is 150cm tall

**InterCity Overnight Train**
Comfortable night train from Helsinki to Rovaniemi (and return) in the far north of Finland. Conveys car carriers from Helsinki (Pasila station) to Oulu and Rovaniemi. The train consists of the modern Finnish double deck cars with very comfortable two-bed sleeping cabins, each with a private bathroom. The Intercity train has a Bar/Restaurant onboard. Please note: Cabins are only available on a twin share basis. A second cabin will be booked in the instance triple share is made available for the whole tour.

**TOUR GUIDE vs TOUR LEADER**

**Tour Guide:**
Often locals with intimate knowledge of an area, its culture, and history. Their role entails providing commentary, routing the tour, and seeing that people have a good time. They are a licensed, qualified expert who supplies specific information on history, art, architecture and culture of the city/village/attraction in which he or she is guiding the tour. The guide meets the group at the required place and leaves the group at the end of the tour, they do not travel with the group.

**Tour Leader:**
An experienced person tasked with ensuring the smooth operation of tours, as well as providing practical support to passengers throughout the whole trip. Their role primarily includes assisting with accommodation, transportation between locations, and communication with tour guides in each stop. A tour leader may provide general guidance around a city or village, and offer information on the place visited on the bus, however they are not required to have specific knowledge on art, architecture, or history. They are not allowed to provide a guided tour or commentary of a city/village/attraction once there and if caught doing so, can be fined.

Please note: Tour leaders/guides are not a standard inclusion in all TripADeal travel offers. Tour leaders/guides will only be made available when particularly required to enhance the experience of the destination featured.

**COACH TOUR:**

**Meals:**
13 meals are included on tour, for all other meals, lunches and dinners the tour leader (when available) will offer assistance with reservations, suggestions and directions to local restaurants. You can also enquire about any allergies and food and if necessary advise meals to be to be prepared with any medication you require.

**Luggage:**
You will be responsible for all your personal belongings whilst on the tour. With regards to luggage, you must carry your own luggage from the coach to the hotel room and back to the coach. The driver will assist with the uploading and offloading of their luggage from the coach.

**Gratuities:**
Gratuities (tips) are not included in the tour price for services of the tour leader (when available) and driver throughout the tour. The recommended tip for the tour leader and driver is €5 per person per day, which will be collected whilst on tour.

**Fitness Level Required / Mobility:**
Our vehicles are not equipped with wheelchair access, so unfortunately our tours are currently not suitable for wheelchair users and those less mobile. Please note; a standard level of fitness will be required. If you have any concerns please consult your healthcare provider prior to purchase/travel.

**VISAS**
A Tourist visa for Europe is not required for stays up to 90 days if travelling on an Australian Passport. Please Note: Passengers who are not Australian citizens must check with the respective consulate or a visa agency to determine what their visa requirements are.
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are and what personal identification is required.

INSURANCE

TripADeal is proud to offer a range of travel insurance products in partnership with My Travel Insurance.

SCHEDULE OF FEES

Voluntary Changes
This includes booking changes requested by you, including but not limited to those changes requiring airline ticket or a Purchase Confirmation reissue.

· 1st Change - $100.00 per person + any additional charges applied by the airline/ cruise company/ other travel provider.
· 2nd Change - $150.00 per person + any additional charges applied by the airline/ cruise company/ other travel provider.
· Subsequent changes - $250.00 per person + any additional charges applied by the airline/ cruise company/ other travel provider.
· Changes within 30 days of departure $350.00 person + any additional charges applied by the airline/ cruise company/ other travel provider.
· Changes within 14 days of departure $500.00 per person + any additional charges applied by the airline/ cruise company/ other travel provider.

Name Changes Due To Passenger Error
· If the incorrect name has been advised to TripADeal, charges of $150.00 per person + any additional charges applied by the airline/ cruise company/ other travel provider will apply.