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Arctic Finland With Gem 2025

8Nights/9Days



<u>Highlight</u>

- One of the best travel Agency in India serving Pure Vegetarian Food "GEM TOURS AND TRAVELS"
- Gem Tours & Travels is a 41 year's old trusted Luxury travel company. Guaranteed Departures.
- **Explore Helsinki:** Discover the southern capital of Finland with visits to iconic landmarks like the Temppeliaukio Church and Helsinki Cathedral.
- Tallinn Excursion: Experience a ferry ride to Estonia's capital, Tallinn, and explore its medieval Old Town.
 Stay in a Glass Igloo: Witness the Northern Lights from the comfort of your Arctic Fox Igloo in Finnish Lapland.
- Arctic Adventures: Enjoy activities like Reindeer Sledge Rides, Husky Safaris, and Snow Mobile Sledging in Rovaniemi.
- Santa Claus Village: Cross the Arctic Circle and meet Santa Claus in his hometown, Rovaniemi.
- Ice Breaker Cruise: Embark on a thrilling cruise on the frozen Bothnian Sea aboard a historic icebreaker.
- Wildlife Encounters: Visit Ranua Wildlife Park to see arctic animals like Polar Bears, Arctic Foxes, and more.
- Arktikum Museum: Learn about life in the Arctic at this fascinating heritage center.



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Detailed Itinerary

Day 01: Destination – Helsinki

Arrive at the Helsinki International Airport. After clearing Customs and Immigrations proceed towards hotel. Helsinki, Finland's southern capital, sits on a peninsula in the Gulf of Finland. Its central avenue, **Mannerheimintie**, is flanked by institutions including the **National Museum,** tracing Finnish history from the Stone Age to the present. Arrive and check in at hotel. Evening is free for leisure. Overnight is at Helsinki.

Day 02: Helsinki (City Tour) – Tallin – Helsinki

After breakfast we proceed for Guided city tour of Helsinki; **Temppeliaukio Church** is a Lutheran church in the Töölö neighborhood of Helsinki. The church was designed by architects and brothers Timo and Tuomo Suomalainen and opened in 1969. Built directly into solid rock, it is also known as the Church of the Rock and Rock Church. **Helsinki Cathedral** is the Finnish Evangelical Lutheran cathedral of the Diocese of Helsinki, located in the neighborhood of Kruununhaka in the center of Helsinki, Finland. The church was originally built from 1830-1852 as a tribute to the Grand Duke of Finland, Tsar Nicholas I of Russia Later we proceed for the Excursion Tour of **Tallinn by ferry**. Tallinn, Estonia's capital on the Baltic Sea is the country's cultural hub. It retains its walled, **cobblestoned Old Town** feel, home to cafes and shops, as well as **Kiek in de Kök**, a 15th-century defensive tower. Its **Gothic Town** Hall, built in the 13th century and with a 64m-high tower, sits in historic Tallinn's main square. Later in the Evening we return back to hotel. Overnight is at Helsinki.

Day 03: Helsinki – Rovaniemi (Flight) - Glass Igloo

After Breakfast at the Hotel check out and proceed to Airport to board flight to Rovaniemi. Arrive in Rovaniemi. Later we proceed to The Arctic **Fox Igloos in Ranua**, in the Finnish Lapland that is named in the honor of the animal arctic fox; the Igloos offer ideal conditions for observing and admiring the **northern skies** and its phenomena. Overnight is at Glass Igloo.

Day 04: Rovaniemi – Reindeer Sledge - Ranua Wildlife Park – Rovaniemi After breakfast we proceed for **Reindeer sleigh rides** that are a popular way to get close to the fabled animal. Eco-friendly holiday activity at its best, the sleigh ride is not a tourism industry innovation, but an ancient Sámi way of getting around, Speeds stay moderate, which makes them suitable for all ages. Later we proceed to **Ranua Wildlife Park**. Ranua Wildlife Park is a zoo that opened in 1983 in the municipality of Ranua, Lapland, Finland. It is the northernmost zoo in Finland and the second in the world. The park animals consist of approximately 50 wild animal species. Many arctic and northern species are endangered. At the park you'll encounter A **POLAR BEAR**, **ARCTIC FOX**, **SNOWY OWL** and **MUSK OX**, which are threatened by climate change. Evening is free at Leisure. Overnight is at Rovaniemi.

Day 05: Rovaniemi – Husky Farm – Santa Claus Village – Rovaniemi

After breakfast we proceed to **Husky Farm Safari**, the enthusiasm of running dogs, the atmosphere of old days and the exoticism of Lapland. Meet the genuine **Siberian Huskies**, enjoy the environment and get thrilled by the speed of the sled. Later we proceed to **Santa Claus Village**, in Rovaniemi in the Lapland region of Finland. It was opened in 1985. You can meet Santa Claus and cross the magical **Arctic Circle** at Santa Claus Village in Rovaniemi in Lapland, Finland. The Arctic Circle is a circle of latitude that runs 66°33'45.9" north of the Equator. It marks the southernmost



latitude where the sun can stay continuously below or above the horizon for 24 hours – these phenomena are known as the **Midnight Sun** in the summer and the **Polar Night** ("Kaamos") in the winter Overnight in Rovaniemi.

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Day 06: Rovaniemi — Ice Breaker Cruise – Rovaniemi

After breakfast we proceed for **Kemi** for the **Ice breaker** Cruise, **Sampo** is a Finnish icebreaker built in 1960 in Helsinki and now stationed in Kemi. We then proceed for a 3-hour cruise in the frozen water of **Bothnian Sea** in Lapland. During 3 hours you will be a witness of a massive ice breaking power of the vessel, have a guided tour all the way down to the engine rooms and all way up to **Captain's bridge.** Tour is available on 16 languages via audio guide application and includes 11 min movie in icebreaker cinema about icebreakers all over the world. You can relax in the cozy saloon, enjoying warm juice or go for walk on the **frozen sea** ice during the stop. In the evening return back to the Hotel. Overnight is at Rovaniemi.

Day 07: Rovaniemi - Arktikum – Snow Mobile Sledge - Rovaniemi

After breakfast, proceed for a tour of the Arktikum. You will see and experience the peculiarities of everyday living on the **Arctic Circle**. How do the locals cope with deep darkness and cold of the winter and never-ending light of summer? You will also learn the dramatic history of Rovaniemi whilst walking your way to Arktikum which is a heritage center of **Arctic living**. In the Arktikum you'll have a short break and then it's time for deeper knowledge of Arctic. Arktikum is fabulous place with massive amount of impressive exhibitions, a guide will help you catch the crucial point without being drowned by information. Evening we proceed for the unique experience of **Snow Mobile Sledge**. You will also be taken into different areas to look for the **Polar Lights**. Rovaniemi is one of the world's best places for a Northern Lights Adventure – especially if you also enjoy nature! This could become one of your greatest experiences, if we are lucky and the sky is clear, we might see the flaming northern lights dancing in the sky while we experience the tranquility of the arctic night. Overnight is in Rovaniemi.

Day 08: Rovaniemi – Helsinki (By Flight)

After breakfast we proceed to Rovaniemi airport to board the flight for Helsinki, Arrive Helsinki and Check in at the Hotel. Evening is at Leisure. Overnight is at Helsinki.

Day 09: Helsinki

After Breakfast we proceed to International Airport to board the flight for Home bound Destination, the tour ends with lot of beautiful experience & Memories

NOTE

Aurora Borealis is a natural phenomenon, so we cannot guarantee its visibility during the tour it is subject to availability.

TOUR COST

ADULT – Euro 3400 per person on twin sharing basis

Departure Dates 2025

Feb –28



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TOUR COST INCLUDES

- Accommodation in 3*/4* star hotels on twin sharing basis.
- Meals as per the itinerary.
- Service by our Indian Chef.
- Entire road journey and sightseeing by super deluxe A/C luxury vehicle.
- All sightseeing and excursion mentioned in the itinerary with entrance fees.

TOUR COST DOES NOT INCLUDE

- Any Airfare (Main + Internal Flight)
- Visa and Insurance
- Tips (Euro 45 pp.)
- GST & TCS
- All expenses of personal nature like tips, laundry charges, telephone charges, food, drinks, Porterage, gratuities and mineral water not forming part of the group menus.
- Any items not specifically mentioned in "tour cost includes".

<u>NOTES</u>

- If there are less than 20 passengers then a surcharge will be charged extra based on the number of passengers booked.
- Route & itinerary can be shuffled anytime as per availability of hotels & airline Sightseeing will be subject to change
- Company holds the rights to amend the tour plan depending upon the operational viability Accommodation might be in the city center or outside the city center base on availability
- A single transfer will be provided for arrival on the first day and departure on the last day.
- Company's Standard booking Terms & Conditions are directly applicable once the above tour is confirmed. All Extras to be settles separately.