

*christmas in*  
**LAPLAND**



# SAARISELKA - SINETTA - ROVANIEMI

7 DAYS / 6 NIGHTS



**WINTER GUARANTEED DEPARTURE**  
**20 DECEMBER 2018**

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EXPERIENCE THIS UNIQUE JOURNEY TO LAPLAND AND BE AMAZED BY A BLEND OF FIRST CLASS TRAVEL, WITH THE MOST FASCINATING AND INVIGORATING WINTER ACTIVITIES IN THE REGION. YOU WILL STAY IN SAARISELKA WITH ITS DAZZLING WHITE LANDSCAPE AS WELL AS IN ROVANIEMI. IN SINETTA YOU ARE TREATED TO A NIGHT IN A GLASS IGLOO, AND WEATHER PERMITTING, YOU WILL SEE THE BREATH TAKING NORTHERN LIGHTS FROM YOUR BED. SANTA CLAUS WILL BE EXPECTING YOU AT SANTA CLAUS VILLAGE.

YOU WILL ALSO EXPERIENCE A VISIT AT THE SAMI REINDEER FARM AND SLEIGH RIDE, AS WELL AS A HUSKY SAFARI, ENDING WITH A VISIT TO THE KINGS OF THE ARCTIC, THE POLAR BEARS, LIVING IN THEIR NATURAL NORTHERN CONDITIONS, AT RANUA WILDLIFE PARK.

#### HIGHLIGHTS:

- Activities everyday
- 1 night in a Glass Igloo
- Visit Arctic Snow Hotel and dinner
- Reindeer farm visit with sleigh ride
- Snowshoes Safari
- Husky farm visit with sledge drive
- Rovaniemi and Santa Claus Village
- Visit to Ranua Wildlife park
- 2 Christmas gala dinners
- A visit from Santa Claus at Santa Claus Hotel



#### RATES:

Per person in double/twin room:

- **EUR 3.450.00**  
Supplement for single room:
- **EUR 880.00**  
3<sup>rd</sup> person in extra bed sharing a double/twin room:
- **EUR 3.170.00**  
Child (4 – 12 years), per child when sharing room with parents:
- **EUR 2.935.00**

*Max. 2 children per room sharing with parents up to the age of 12 years. This does not apply to Glass- and Snow Igloos and must be pre-booked and confirmed by Borealis Destination Management. Due to the nature of the tour children under the age of 4 will not be accommodated.*


*The Northern Lights are weather dependent and cannot be guaranteed as they are a natural phenomenon*

#### TOUR INCLUSIONS:

- ✓ 6 nights in First Class hotels in standard double/twin rooms with private facilities
- ✓ 6 breakfasts, buffet style
- ✓ 4 dinners, 2 lunches & 1 picnic as mentioned in the program
- ✓ Bi-lingual Tour Escort (English & Spanish or Portuguese) from Day 1 to Day 7 inclusive
- ✓ Arrival transfer from Ivalo Airport
- ✓ Departure transfer to Rovaniemi Airport
- ✓ The long-distance coach from day 2 – 6 offers WIFI
- ✓ All tours and transportation, as mentioned in the program
- ✓ Visits, excursions and entrances as mentioned in the program
- ✓ Outdoor clothing for winter activities/safaris mentioned in the program. For further information please consult the general conditions

*Please note! Regular Transfer Service included in the program are only available for transfers from Ivalo Airport & to Rovaniemi Airport and only on the published official date of end of the tour. The transfers are escorted by an English-speaking representative from Borealis Destination Management and is shared with other fellow passengers; therefore, minor waiting time at the airport may occur. This transfer service is not valid for passengers with pre/post nights or passengers who require private transfers – for a supplement, private transfers can be reserved.*

**ITINERARY:**

<b>DAY</b>	<b>THURSDAY – 20 DECEMBER</b>
<b>1</b>	<b>Arrival – Saariselka</b>
	Santa's Tunturi Hotel ****

Arrival to Ivalo Airport and regular transfer to the hotel for check-in. In Saariselka, the far north of Finnish Lapland, lies the popular resort of Inari-Saariselka. The unique northern countryside, national parks, lake areas, rivers and highland fells offer a wealth of opportunities for year-round travel. In winter, the Northern Lights dance across the sky up to 200 days a year. The legendary Saariselka is the northernmost travel destination in Finland and boasts a variety of services. In Inari and other villages in the area, the Sami culture is still very evident in everyday life. This is where you will find the genuine Lapland. The rest of the day is at leisure. Please consult the Borealis Destination Management welcome letter, which you will receive upon check-in at your hotel, and kindly note where and when to meet your Tour Director.

**OPTIONAL: NIGHT TO REMEMBER BY SNOWMOBILES**

PRICE/PERSON: 198 EUR

18:00 – 23:00


Dinner included

Includes: Transfer, traditional Lappish dinner incl. fresh bread & butter, water & berry juice, berry pie, coffee/tea

Come and experience an exotic Arctic evening by driving through snow-covered forests and over treeless fells. With a little luck, if the sky is clear, the moon, stars and even the Northern Lights may show you the way. The safari is heading to the Igloo site, where you have the possibility to roam around the forest nearby, and watch the Northern Lights show inside the igloo. A Northern Lights dinner will be served at the traditional Lappish wooden Kammi. Return to the hotel in bus. **REQUIRES PRE-BOOKING**



*\*Note: To drive a snow mobile in Finland you must have a valid driver's license from a country of issue which has signed the Road Traffic Convention of Geneva. Borealis Destination Management cannot accept responsibility for licenses that are not accepted. Please consult if you have any doubts.*

<b>DAY</b> <b>2</b>	FRIDAY – 21 DECEMBER <b>Saariselka</b>	Breakfast
	Santa's Tunturi Hotel****	

In the morning, get ready for some fresh air activity literally following the footsteps of the Sami.

### SNOWSHOES SAFARI

INCLUDED

DURATION: 1:30-1:45 HOURS

Put on your snowshoes and feel the crunch of snow under your feet. Capture the true feeling of winter in the northern woods as you explore the nearby white wilderness of forest and hills and Urho Kekkonen National Park, surrounding Saariselka. The afternoon is at leisure and we recommend trying a Finnish sauna, available at the hotel.



### OPTIONAL: EVENING SAFARI BY REINDEER


PRICE: 136 EUR /PERSON

19:00 – 21:00

Min 2 persons

Get yourself ready for the unique experience of sitting in a sleigh pulled by reindeer. The journey will take you into the quiet evening forest and maybe you will even get to marvel at the beautiful Northern Lights dancing in the sky. Once you are back at the camp, a nice warm campfire and warm drink will be waiting for you to enjoy. **REQUIRES PRE-BOOKING**



<b>DAY</b> <b>3</b>	SATURDAY – 22 DECEMBER <b>Saariselka - Sinetta</b>	Breakfast, Lunch & Dinner
	Arctic Snow Hotel & Glass Igloos	

In the morning after breakfast, the adventure continues as we make our way to Sinetta, located 25 km from Rovaniemi. Along the way, we will visit one of the highlights of the tour.

**SAMI REINDEER FARM & SLEIGH RIDE**

INCLUDED

DURATION: 2:00-2:30 HOURS, TOTAL LENGTH OF THE VISIT

Meet the traditional Sami farmers who will tell you about the reindeer, the Sami and teach you how to throw Suopunki (Sami lasso). Sitting in a two-person sleigh, pulled by your reindeer, you will experience this traditional and peaceful way of moving through the white landscape over the lake and through the forest, where the only sound you will hear is the melody of reindeer bells. A typical three course lunch is included at the farm.

**OVERNIGHT IN A GLASS IGLOO**

INCLUDED

The journey continues south to Sinetta following the winding roads through the snowy forest and arriving at the unique Arctic Snow Hotel, where you will check-in to your private Glass Igloo. Enjoy the warmth of your Glass Igloo and weather permitting you will have the opportunity to marvel at the amazing Northern Lights (Aurora Borealis) and the millions of stars from the comforts of your bed. In the evening, you are invited for a traditional Lappish three course dinner in a magnificent wooden "Kota" where fresh salmon is slowly grilled over the fire on a huge fire pit in the center.

**OPTIONAL: SNOW SAUNA & OUTDOOR JACUZZI**

PRICE: 65 EUR /PERSON

22:00 – 23:30

EXCLUSIVE FOR BOREALIS DESTINATION MANAGEMENT GUESTS

Even the most enthusiastic sauna bathers are deeply impressed by the snow sauna with its walls made of snow and ice. Only the sauna benches are made of wood! The sauna bathing experience is an astonishing combination of thick steam within intimate snow walls. Afterwards jump into the outdoor Jacuzzi and admire the Northern Lights or the spectacular starry night skies of Lapland. **REQUIRES PRE-BOOKING**



**OPTIONAL: OVERNIGHT IN A SNOW SUITE with EVENING SAUNA & OUTDOOR JACUZZI EXPERIENCE**

PRICE: 110 EUR /PERSON

OVERNIGHT INCL. SNOW SAUNA & OUTDOOR JACUZZI 22:00 – 23:00  
SAUNA & JACUZZI ARE SHARED WITH OTHER BOREALIS DESTINATION MANAGEMENT GUESTS


Each year the snow hotel is built with local artists designing and creating the ice and wall sculptures that decorate the hotel and Snow suites. Each Snow Suite is different each year and offers a unique arctic experience to spend the night as the Sami once did in a snow igloo. A mattress on an ice bed with special arctic sleeping bags keep you warm in the ambient temperature of 0 and-5 C. **REQUIRES PRE-BOOKING**



<b>DAY</b>	SUNDAY – 23 DECEMBER	Breakfast & Dinner
<b>4</b>	<b>Sinetta – Santa Claus Village - Rovaniemi</b>	
	Santa’s Hotel Santa Claus****	

In the morning after breakfast you will travel by bus to Rovaniemi where you will check-in at Santa’s Hotel Santa Claus where your Christmas adventure can begin. Once you have settled into the hotel, you can enjoy a buffet dinner of traditional Lappish food. You may choose to round off the night with the unique experience of a Finnish sauna **included**.



<b>DAY</b>	MONDAY – 24 DECEMBER	Breakfast & outdoor picnic & Christmas Dinner
<b>5</b>	<b>Rovaniemi</b>	
	Santa’s Hotel Santa Claus****	

Enjoy a Scandinavian breakfast buffet before going on your next adventure, the Husky Farm and Safari.

<b>HUSKY FARM &amp; SAFARI</b>	INCLUDED
DURATION: 2:00-2:30 HOURS - TOTAL LENGTH OF THE VISIT	2 persons per sledge

The barking of enthusiastic dogs will welcome you to the most genuine Husky farm in Rovaniemi. The head musher will talk about the life and training of these Arctic animals and you will also have the chance to take some great photos. After brief instructions and riding in pairs, you embark on a run through the forest behind your pack of huskies. After the trip there is time to visit the farm and enjoy a traditional outdoor lunch of Lappish sausage grilled on the campfire followed by Lappish pancakes.



The day continues with a visit to the world-famous Santa Claus Village, built right on the Arctic Circle and home to Santa Claus. Stop by his busy post office where you can ask Santa to send a letter to your loved ones just before Christmas. Take a step into the magical world of Santa's home and meet Santa himself. No words can describe the emotions of this fairy-tale-like moment. It is something you will always remember. A must for any visit to Lapland.




**VISIT FROM SANTA CLAUS & CHRISTMAS EVE GALA DINNER**

INCLUDED

At approximately 16:00, all children are invited to participate in the traditional activity of decorating the Christmas tree.

Around 18:00 Santa Claus will pay a visit to the hotel where he will deliver Christmas presents to our youngest guests. There will be a small gift per child from the hotel and the possibility for families to arrange, that Santa Claus special delivers a present to their children on behalf of the family. Christmas Eve Gala Dinner buffet will be served at the hotel Santa Claus. An aperitif and one glass of house wine, beer or soft drink per person are included.



<b>DAY</b>	TUESDAY – 25 DECEMBER	Breakfast, Lunch & Dinner
<b>6</b>	<b>Rovaniemi – Ranua – Rovaniemi</b>	
	Santa's Hotel Santa Claus ****	

Scandinavian buffet breakfast at the hotel before departing on another day of adventure. This morning we will visit the Ranua Wildlife Park, situated 80 km south of Rovaniemi, 1 hour by coach. The Ranua Wildlife Park, established 1983, specializes in arctic and northern animal species. The spacious animal enclosures are amid northern conifer forests, the natural habitat of most of the animals. You will be able to enjoy a guided tour of this beautiful park and visit different animals and birds. The guide will provide you with interesting and detailed information about the animals and their personalities, as well as answer whatever questions you might have about the animal life and arctic nature. Enjoy a self-service lunch at the restaurant in Ranua Wildlife Park. After lunch, you will have one hour to visit the surroundings. You may want to visit the souvenir shops, the Fazer factory and the local wine shop with their unique selection of wines made from berries. Return to Rovaniemi, remainder of the afternoon is at leisure.



**CHRISTMAS GALA DINNER**

INCLUDED

In the evening enjoy a Christmas Gala Dinner buffet at the hotel Santa Claus. An aperitif and one glass of house wine, beer or soft drink per person included.

**DAY** WEDNESDAY – 26 DECEMBER

Breakfast

**7****Rovaniemi - Departure**

Breakfast and the rest of your day at leisure until your regular transfer to Rovaniemi airport in good time for your departure flight.

**END OF SERVICES**  
**THANK YOU FOR TRAVELLING WITH VIAHANSA & BOREALIS**



**WINTER LAPLAND – ULTIMATE ARCTIC ADVENTURE – CHRISTMAS IN LAPLAND***07 days/ 06 nights.*

BOOKING CODES:	DATES:
- BDMWLD02:	20 – 26 DECEMBER

**THE RATES DO NOT INCLUDE:**

- Beverages or any extras
- Porter Service
- Any services not mentioned in the program

**HOTEL DESCRIPTIONS:**
**Santa's Tunturi Hotel**  
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Santa's Hotel Tunturi offers cozy accommodation with 260 rooms and apartment suites. Sweet dreams in the silence of arctic wilderness. All rooms and apartments are located in six different blocks, reception being in the main building. The main building has a long history and its facade has functionalism features and was designed by awarded Finnish architect, Kurt Moberg.

Santa's Hotel Tunturi has something to offer for all tastes. At their restaurants you can dine and dance from dusk till dawn. Whether you are fond of Lappish a la carte or Scandinavian fine dining you'll find something for your taste.


**Arctic Snow Hotel & Glass Igloos**

The Arctic SnowHotel in Sinetta has since December 2014 offered unique Arctic Glass Igloos. They are ideally located next to the Snowhotel and optimized for the observation of the northern lights. The glass igloos are located in the Arctic Circle, far from the city lights of the town of Rovaniemi, Finland. Although there is no way to guarantee an Aurora sighting – since a clear sky, geomagnetic activity and a dash of luck are all needed – the probability of a great northern lights show at the Arctic Glass Igloos is almost optimal. The glass igloos are private, comfortable and spacious (20m<sup>2</sup>). They are warmly insulated with thermal-glass roofs and heated floors. In addition, the hotel offers their guests an optional northern light “Aurora Alarm” service free of charge.


**Santa's Hotel Santa Claus**  
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Santa's Hotel Santa Claus is a modern hotel in the heart of the capital of Lapland as well as very close to nature. There is a total of 168 well-equipped, spacious rooms, decorated in Scandinavia style and with a fantastic room height of 3.5 meters in most cases. The hotel restaurant “Gaissa” offers an award-winning (Chaine des Rotisseurs) Lappish cuisine.

In addition, the hotel bar is ideal for those who wish to enjoy a cup of coffee or a drink.

## Conditions – Winter Guaranteed Departures 2019

### 1) RATES

All rates are retail sales rates and given per person in Euro. The rates include all service taxes and reservation charges as well as the VAT percentage known on day of issuing the program of each country included in the respective programs. We reserve the right to amend the rates in case of governmental interference beyond our control.

### 2) RESERVATIONS

We kindly ask you to send your reservations by e-mail to [Guaranteed.Departures@bdm-info.com](mailto:Guaranteed.Departures@bdm-info.com) stating the tour code.

The following information is needed to confirm the reservations: *Booking code, type of room, full name, sex, date of birth, nationality, passport number and expiry date.*

Confirmation is subject to availability and therefore to confirmation. Our confirmation will be returned within 48 hours during weekdays (Mon-Fri).

We should be glad to sign you up for a free sales agreement, information and requirement thereto to be forwarded separately.

### 3) PAYMENTS

The rates are based on full pre-payment prior to departure. Invoices will be forwarded in due time prior to the traveler's arrival to destination.

### 4) GRACE PERIOD FOR RESERVATIONS

\* Reservations made more than 45 days prior to the beginning of the tour, may be cancelled within 10 working days (weekdays) from date of booking without cancellation charges.

\* Reservations made between 45 days and 36 days prior to the beginning of the tour, may be cancelled within 5 working days (weekdays) without penalties.

\* Reservations made between 35 and 21 days prior to the beginning of the tour, may be cancelled within 3 working days (weekdays) without cancellation charges.

\* Penalty will be imposed for cancellation of reservations made less than 20 days prior to the beginning of the tour, no matter the time of cancellation as follows.

### 5) CANCELLATION CONDITIONS FOR TOURS IN LAPLAND

After confirmation the reservation cannot be cancelled or changed without penalty. All cancellations will be charged with a minimum cancellation fee of EUR 75.00 per person.

The following cancellation charges apply:

\* Cancellations until 91 days prior to the arrival of the passenger are subject to a fee of EUR 75.00 per person for tours excluding overnight in Glass Igloos, and EUR 275,00 for tours including overnight in Glass Igloos.

\* Cancellations between 90 – 45 days prior to the arrival of the passenger are subject to a charge, per person, of 50 % of the total cost of the reservation.

\* Cancellations between 44 – 15 days prior to the arrival of the passenger are subject to a charge, per person, of 75% of the total cost of the reservation.

\* Cancellations made within less than 14 days of arrival of the passenger are subject to a charge, per person, of 100% of the total cost of the reservation.

**Name changes are considered as cancellation and rebooking and can only be done up to 21 days prior to arrival. Name changes will be charged with a fee of EUR 75.00 per name change.**

### 6) VISA & PASSPORT

It is the travelers own responsibility to hold and present valid documents (passport & visa) to the immigration authority of each

country. Borealis Destination Management is pleased to provide a visa support letter as basis for the travelers' application to the Embassy of his or her home country should a visa be required for the travelers in question. In order for us to supply such a support letter we must receive the following information: *full name, sex, date of birth, nationality, passport number and expiry date.*

### 7) FORCE MAJEURE

Borealis Destination Management Aps shall not be liable for any delay or failure in its performance of any of the services when such delay or failure arises beyond its reasonable control, including without limitation, acts of terrorism, civil insurrection, revolution, blockade, labor disputes and strikes, material shortages, supplier failure, embargoes, rationing, acts of local, state or national governments or public agencies, utility or communication failures or delays, fire, acts of war, floods, epidemics, and riots.

### 8) ITINERARY AMENDMENTS

We reserve the right to amend the itinerary and/or included entrances without notice due to weather conditions or interference of local authorities, which is out of the control of Borealis Destination Management Aps and its suppliers. The weather in Norway, especially on fjords area, can be unpredictable during the season and road closures are sometimes enforced by local authorities, therefore some of the activities on this tour are subject to change or cancelation without notice. Should the itinerary be amended due to unforeseen circumstances then we will endeavour to find suitable alternative activities.

### 09) HOTELS

Hotels confirmed for the respective dates are as per the program, there however might be a variation on some of the tours due to a difficult booking situation or similar. Should the actual hotel vary from the program, the tour operator will always be notified in advance and prior to the arrival of the passenger.

The Hospitality in Scandinavia is not officially classified by the international star system. The classification of the hotels described in our programs are as for the official classification, when existing, or with the number of stars based on the professional evaluation of Borealis Destination Management Aps.

The classification/evaluation used in our programs are based on the date of print of the program and could vary from the date of print to the date of the start of the actual tour.

### 10) CHILD POLICY – WINTER PROGRAMS

Borealis Destination Management ApS cannot be held responsible if the equipment or facilities provided by its suppliers does not ideally suit or fit to the needs of young children. Due to the nature of the tours and the destination, we are unfortunately not able to accept children younger than 7 years old on these programs. Children between 07-12 years, when sharing room with adults, receive a reduction.

### 11) IMPORTANT NOTE:

It is important to note that in all our winter programs can be physically demanding and the passenger may be exposed to different kinds of physical strain. Uneven grounds during walking tours, snow and ice are common surface in our destinations. All activities involving sailing, snowmobiling, reindeer sleighs, husky sleighs, igloo dinners & ice breaker will include appropriate thermal equipment.