

HUNGRY TRAVEL FAMILY · WRITTEN FROM ROVANIEMI

Your 3-Day Rovaniemi Planner

The winter trip we plan for our own friends: which tour on which day, what it costs, what to wear, and the mistakes that waste a night. Every price below is a live StayLapland price at time of writing.

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The four things that decide a good Lapland trip

Rovaniemi is easy once you know how the days work. Read this page first; the day plans will make more sense.

1 • Book the animals first

Husky and reindeer slots sell out weeks ahead in December and February half-term. Aurora tours and snowmobiles have more capacity. Order of booking: huskies → reindeer → everything else.

2 • Give the aurora two nights

The sky doesn't work to a schedule. One aurora evening is a gamble; two is a plan. Mix a "hunting" tour (the guide drives to clear sky) with a cosy "waiting" tour (campfire or cottage).

3 • Daylight is short — use it

In December the sun is up roughly 11:00–13:30. Daytime tours (huskies, reindeer, snowmobiles) run in that window; aurora tours run 17:00–23:00. Don't stack two daytime tours on one day.

4 • Thermal gear is (usually) included

Full tours include overalls, boots and gloves. Short rides at Lapland Winter Park do not. Either way, bring your own base layers.

Packing checklist

- ☐ Merino or synthetic base layer, top and bottom (never cotton)
- ☐ Fleece or wool mid-layer
- ☐ Wool socks ×3 — thick, not tight
- ☐ Mittens (warmer than gloves) + thin liner gloves for phones
- ☐ Warm hat that covers ears, plus a neck tube
- ☐ Waterproof winter boots, one size up for thick socks
- ☐ Sunglasses — snow glare is real even in December
- ☐ Power bank; cold kills phone batteries
- ☐ Swimsuit for sauna & ice swimming
- ☐ Lip balm and moisturiser (−20 °C air is very dry)

How booking works on our site: tap "Check dates & book" on any tour → StayLapland's booking window opens on the page → choose date & participants → enter **HUNGRYTRAVELFAMILY5** → pay by card. Confirmation and pickup details come from StayLapland by email.

DAY 1

Huskies by day, aurora hunt by night

The day everyone remembers. Arrive, get outside fast, and use the first clear-sky chance the same evening.

MORNING · FROM 09:00–10:00

Nulkki Husky Adventure

From €189 per adult · 4 hours · Easy · self-drive 5 km sled · winter clothing, cookies & juice included · not for under-3s

Hotel pickup, a short briefing, then you drive your own sled through the Kuoksajärvi forest while the guide leads. Under-13s ride as passengers. The moment forty dogs go silent as the sleds start moving is the sound of Lapland.

AFTERNOON · FREE

Walk Rovaniemi's riverside, warm up with a coffee, nap. You'll want the energy for the night. If you have small children who need a gentler day, swap the morning for **Arctic Paws** (from €65, 10-minute guide-driven ride at Lapland Winter Park, no pickup) and visit Santa Claus Village next door.

EVENING · DEPARTURE CONFIRMED BY EMAIL, USUALLY 17:00–21:00

Guaranteed Northern Lights Hunting Tour by Bus

From €109 per adult · 5 hours · child rate 3–12 · professional guide & photos included

The cheapest way to hunt properly: the guide reads cloud maps in the afternoon and drives wherever the sky is clearest. If no aurora is photographed, you get a full refund. Want a quieter van and more photo time? The Small Group version (2–8 people) is from €199.

DAY 2

Reindeer and snowmobiles, then a fire

Slower morning, one big combined day out, and a cosy aurora evening that is lovely even if the sky stays cloudy.

LATE MORNING · AROUND 10:30–11:00

Kuoksa Reindeer & Snowmobile Adventure

From €249 per adult · 5 hours · reindeer sleigh 2–3 km + snowmobile safari · winter clothing included

Two icons in one day at the same family-run base: a reindeer sleigh through the forest, then snowmobiles on private trails, with a hot meal by the fire in between. If you'd rather keep it short, the **Kuoksa Reindeer Adventure** alone is from €159 (3 h) and the **Arctic Snowmobile Tour on Private Trails** from €99.

EVENING · AROUND 19:00–22:00

Northern Lights Tour at the Campfire

From €99 per adult · 3 hours · snacks & drinks by the fire · winter clothing included

The "waiting" style aurora evening: one dark, quiet spot, a fire, hot juice, and a guide who explains what you're looking at. Perfect after a long day out — and the version we recommend for families. The **Atmospheric Cottage** variant (from €109) swaps the teepee for a 100-year-old lakeside cottage.

Cold-day rule: if the forecast shows below -25°C , plan for tours to run with extra warm-up breaks, and check your booking email — some rides are shortened for safety on the coldest days.

DAY 3

Santa, sauna, and one last look at the sky

The gentle day. Do the Village properly, then end the trip the Finnish way.

MORNING · FROM 09:30

Santa Claus Village Tour

From €169 per adult · 5 hours · guided · winter clothing included

The Arctic Circle line, Santa's office, the post office and the reindeer — with a guide who knows which queue is worth it and which isn't. If you'd rather explore alone, the Village is free to enter; the tour is about time and knowing the shortcuts.

LATE AFTERNOON · 4 HOURS

Private Wooden Heated Sauna & Ice Swimming

From €199 · 4 hours · private sauna + a hand-cut ice hole · instructions included

Your own wood-fired sauna by a frozen lake and a hole in the ice. You go in for three seconds the first time and thirty the third. There is no better last afternoon in Lapland. Group version:

Traditional Finnish Sauna Experience from €149.

EVENING · OPTIONAL SECOND AURORA NIGHT

If night one was cloudy, this is your second chance: rebook the bus hunt (from €109) — bookings for the small-group hunt close only one hour before departure, so you can decide at lunch when the forecast is in.

What the plan costs per adult (before your 5% code)

TOUR	FROM
Day 1 · Nulkki Husky Adventure	€189
Day 1 · Northern Lights Hunting by Bus	€109
Day 2 · Kuoksa Reindeer & Snowmobile Adventure	€249
Day 2 · Northern Lights Tour at the Campfire	€99
Day 3 · Santa Claus Village Tour	€169
Day 3 · Private Sauna & Ice Swimming (per booking)	€199
Total, roughly — with HUNGRYTRAVELFAMILY5 you save about €50 on this plan	≈ €1,014

Prices are StayLapland "from" prices at the time of writing (August 2026) and can change by date and season; the live price is always shown in the booking window.

Make it yours

Families with under-6s

Swap Nulkki for **Arctic Paws** (€65) and the reindeer/snowmobile day for the **Kuoksa Reindeer Adventure** (€159). Keep the campfire aurora; skip the bus hunt.

Couples

Upgrade night one to the **Small Group Hunting Tour** (€199) for better photos, and book the private sauna on the last afternoon. Proposal planned? Ask us — StayLapland has private set-ups.

One big day instead of two

The **Lapland Bucketlist Adventure** (from €449, 6 h) does huskies, reindeer and snowmobiles with lunch and a photographer in one go. Then you have a whole free day.

Budget version (≈ €430)

Nulkki huskies (€189) + campfire aurora (€99) + snowmobile on private trails (€99) + a free wander of Santa Claus Village. Still every icon; still 5% off.

Hikers

Replace Day 3 with the **Korouoma Frozen Waterfalls Hike** (from €139, 6 h) — frozen waterfalls in a canyon an hour from town.

Six mistakes that waste a night

- Booking one aurora tour and expecting a guarantee from the sky.
- Two daytime tours on the same day — daylight won't allow it.
- Cotton socks, tight boots.
- Arriving without booking huskies in December.
- Forgetting the code at checkout (it's **HUNGRYTRAVELFAMILY5**).
- Skipping the sauna. Don't.

Book everything on one page: hungrytravelfamily.com/blog/activities-in-rovaniemi — live dates, live prices, your code. Questions? Reply to any of our emails; we answer from Rovaniemi.