Sleigh bells ring, are you listening, in Finnish Lapland at Christmas time, the snow is glistening... and it’s a truly dazzling sight to behold. If you’ve ever dreamed of experiencing a magical white Christmas, ice-fishing in the wilderness or snowmobiling through the wintery landscape, this is your chance!

Embrace the spirit of Christmas on this 11 day bucket list tour visiting Helsinki, Rovaniemi in the Arctic Circle and more! Discover the vibrant city of Helsinki on a locally guided tour, taking in the colourful Old Harbour, the unique Temppeliaukio Church in the Rock, magical harbourside markets and more. Travel on an overnight train to the famous Santa Claus Village in Rovaniemi, where you’ll get to meet the big man himself, and also experience a thrilling snowmobile safari on Christmas Day. Go ice-fishing in the snow-clad wilderness, feed reindeer at a reindeer farm, see polar bears and lynx at Ranua Wildlife Park, the world’s northernmost zoo, and complete the journey with two nights at leisure to explore more of beautiful Helsinki. This sensational package includes return flights, six nights hotel accommodation, two nights onboard an overnight Intercity train with private facilities, 13 meals and more.
11 Day Standard Tour

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, Emirates, Qatar Airways, Singapore Airlines, Qantas Airways, Air France, KLM, Finnair or Austrian Airlines to name a few (subject to availability).
Please note: some flights may depart day 2 and arrive on day 2.
Meals included: In-Flight

Day 2 Welcome to Helsinki
Upon arrival you will be met by a representative and transferred to the hotel. Tomorrow you will start your once in a lifetime Christmas holiday!
Overnight: Original Sokos Hotel Presidentti or similar, Helsinki
Meals included: None

Day 3 Helsinki City Tour
Enjoy breakfast at the hotel before embarking on a city tour of the Finnish capital with a local guide. See the colourful harbour market, the neo-classical Senate Square, the Cathedral, the Sibelius Monument and the Russian Orthodox Uspenski Cathedral. Also visit the famous Church in the Rock; Temppeliaukio (entrance included). Enjoy some free time in the afternoon, perhaps shop for some last minute Christmas gifts, visit the Christmas market or just enjoy the Christmas spirit and decorations.
Overnight: Original Sokos Hotel Presidentti or similar,

Day 4 Helsinki Free Day - Rovaniemi
Today enjoy the day at leisure in the Finnish capital city. Later you will be transferred to the train station for an overnight train journey to Rovaniemi (twin share cabins with private facilities are provided). The train will depart at approximately 7:30pm. Dinner is available for purchase onboard (not included).
Overnight: Intercity train (twin share cabins with shared facilities)
Meals included: Breakfast

Day 5 Rovaniemi - Tornio (approx. 120km day)
This morning you will arrive into Rovaniemi. After disembarking you will be transferred to a hotel to enjoy breakfast. Later you will visit Santa Claus’s Village which is located on the Arctic Circle. Here you will have the chance to meet Santa himself and visit his post office, maybe send some post-cards. Here they will be stamped by hand with a special postmark of the Santa Claus Post Office. In this magic world it will also be possible to find some unique gifts of Finnish handicrafts or top Finnish design products. Next drive to Tornio and check into the hotel. This evening you will enjoy a traditional Christmas Eve dinner.
Overnight: Park Hotel or similar, Tornio
Meals included: Breakfast;Dinner

Day 6 Tornio - Kemi (Christmas Day) Snowmobile Safari

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and Ice Fishing (approx. 28km day)

Start Christmas Day with breakfast at the hotel. Afterwards drive to Kemi for a snowmobile safari adventure including ice fishing. A safari guide will give you a briefing and driving instructions. As you drive along on the frozen river the guide will choose a nice spot to stop and try ice fishing. After drilling a hole in the ice, you can give it a go!

Afterwards jump back on the snowmobiles and head towards the frozen Gulf of Bothnia and the fisher’s winter camp which is located in the middle of the sea. Here you can take in the silence of nature and breathe the fresh air of Lapland. Afterwards return to the city by snowmobile and enjoy a typical Christmas lunch in Kemi. This afternoon take the opportunity to join an optional Husky ride through the snowy magic of Lapland (not included).

Tonight you will be delighted with a traditional Finnish Christmas dinner.

Optional Activity: Husky Ride: $315 per person
After a short drive you’ll arrive at the husky farm, where these friendly dogs will bark an enthusiastic welcome to you. You will be given instructions on how to control the sleds before departing on the incredible experience. Once you return to the farm, enjoy some hot berry juice by an open fire and chat away with the head musher about these amazing northern animals.
Tour includes: transfers, thermal clothing and a hot beverage. Please note: the tour requires a minimum of 10 people to run.

Overnight: Park Hotel or similar, Tornio
Meals included: Breakfast;Lunch;Dinner

Day 7 Tornio - Kemi - Reindeer Camp (approx. 28km day)

After breakfast a new adventure awaits you with a visit to a Reindeer Camp. During the visit, you’ll get the chance to have a closer look at some reindeer, take pictures and also feed them. After meeting the reindeer, sit around the campfire in a cosy kota-restaurant and enjoy a cup of coffee or hot berry juice. You may also try a traditional Lappish comb-shaped pastry (not included) as you listen to the herders’ stories. Afterwards enjoy a traditional lunch. Drive back to the hotel where this evening you will enjoy a 3 course dinner.

Overnight: Park Hotel or similar, Tornio
Meals included: Breakfast;Lunch;Dinner

Day 8 Tornio - Ranua Wildpark - Rovaniemi - Helsinki (approx. 145km day)

Today’s excursion is to the northernmost zoo in the world, Ranua Wildlife Park, where you can see up to 50 different species of Arctic animals. During your walk in the park you might see polar bears, lynxes, moose and more. Afterwards return to Rovaniemi to board the overnight train back to Helsinki. Dinner is available for purchase onboard (not included).

Overnight: Intercity train (twin share cabins with shared facilities)
Meals included: Breakfast

Day 9 Helsinki Free Day

Enjoy breakfast onboard before arriving back into Helsinki in the early morning. After disembarking you will be transferred to the hotel, where early check-in has been organised. Enjoy the remainder of the day at leisure.

Overnight: Original Sokos Hotel Presidentti or similar, Helsinki
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**Meals included: Breakfast**

**Day 10 Helsinki, Finland - Australia**
Today at the appropriate time you will be transferred to the airport for your return flight back to Australia, after one magical Christmas you won’t soon forget!

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

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

**Day 11 Arrive in Australia**
*Please note: some flights may arrive in Australia +1 day later.*

**Day 12 Stockholm - New Years Eve**
Today the day is free at leisure to enjoy the city and prepare for tonight’s New Year’s Eve celebration. Tonight entry is included to the famous Stockholm Ice Bar and includes a drink. This is the planet’s first permanent ice bar, which is made from ice collected from the ice hotel in Swedish Lapland. Everything except the liquids in the drinks is made of ice, including the glasses you drink out of.

**Day 14 with Stockholm NYE extension**

**Day 9 Helsinki Free Day**
Enjoy breakfast onboard before arriving back into Helsinki in the early morning. After disembarking you will be transferred to the hotel, where early check-in has been organised. Enjoy the remainder of the day at leisure.

*Overnight: Original Sokos Hotel Presidentti or similar, Helsinki*

**Meals included: Breakfast**

**Day 10 Helsinki, Finland - Silja Line Cruise to Stockholm**
After breakfast enjoy time at leisure until the late afternoon.

Feel free to leave any luggage at the hotel, until the transfer to the port where you will embark on the Silja Lines overnight cruise to Stockholm, Sweden. Enjoy life onboard the ship, which is full of entertainment, shopping and bars or perhaps relax in the spa. Dinner is available to purchase onboard (not included).

*Overnight: Tallink Silja Line Ship (Outside cabin with private facilities)*

**Meals included: Breakfast**
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Overnight: Scandic Norra Bantorget or similar, Stockholm

Meals included: Breakfast

Day 13 Stockholm, Sweden - Australia
Today you will be transferred to the airport for your return flight back to Australia, after one magical Christmas and New Years you won’t soon forget!

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

Meals included: Breakfast; In-Flight

Day 14 Arrive in Australia
Please note: some flights may arrive in Australia +1 day later.
TOUR INCLUSIONS

HIGHLIGHTS
Experience the best of Finnish Lapland at Christmas time
Explore Helsinki on a city tour with a local guide
See the unique Temppeliaukio Church in the Rock, the harbour markets and more
Visit the famous Santa Claus’ Village in Rovaniemi and meet the man himself
Experience a snowmobile safari on Christmas Day
Go ice fishing in the spectacular Lapland wilderness
Feed reindeer on a visit to a reindeer farm
Visit Ranua Wildlife Park, the world’s northernmost zoo
Look for polar bears, lynx and moose on a walk through the zoo
Enjoy 2 days at leisure in the eclectic city of Helsinki

TOUR ESSENTIALS
English speaking tour leader and tour guide
Airline taxes and surcharges

TRANSPORT
Transportation by private vehicles

TRANSFERS
Return airport and rail transfers

FLIGHTS
Return international flights (economy class) ex SYD/MEL/BNE/ADL/PER

ACCOMMODATION
6 nights quality hotel accommodation

RAIL
2 nights onboard an overnight Intercity train from Helsinki to Rovaniemi return
Stay in a twin share cabin with private facilities onboard the train

DINING
Enjoy 13 meals including a traditional Finnish Christmas dinner

14 DAY PACKAGE WITH STOCKHOLM NYE EXTENSION
All of the Standard Package, plus the following:
1 night onboard the Silja Line from Helsinki, Finland to Stockholm, Sweden
Stay in an outside cabin with shared facilities
2 nights quality accommodation in Stockholm
Enjoy 3 additional meals
Marvel at the scenic archipelago as you arrive into Stockholm
Explore Stockholm on a guided tour
Enjoy Stockholm’s best view from Fjällgatan and see the Royal Palace and more
Tour the ‘Old City’ of Gamla Stan
Celebrate New Years Eve in vibrant Stockholm
Enjoy a drink in Stockholm’s famous Ice Bar
IMPORTANT INFORMATION

*Please note: all information provided in this brochure is subject to both change and availability. Prior to purchase please check the current deal for up-to-date information. If you have already purchased this deal, the terms and conditions on your Purchase Confirmation apply and take precedence over the information in this brochure.

BOOKING INFORMATION

After purchase, you will receive a receipt and a Purchase Confirmation, directing you to an online Passenger Information Form. The Passenger Information Form must be completed 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 the General 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 your Travel Consultant in AUD (unless otherwise stated).

OFFER ESSENTIALS

Travel offer is valid for travel on the 20th December 2020.

This travel offer is priced for one person based on twin share.

Single Traveller Supplement

For solo travellers a mandatory single supplement applies:

- 11 Day Package: $970
- 14 Day Package: $1280

Departure Dates

20th December 2020

Departure Cities

Sydney, Melbourne, Brisbane, Adelaide or Perth

FLIGHTS

Full Service Airline(s) Used

Etihad Airways, Emirates, Qatar Airways, Singapore Airlines, Qantas Airways, Lufthansa, Swiss Airways, Austrian Airlines, Finnair, Cathay Pacific, Air France, KLM, Oman Air, British Airways, Scandinavian Airlines, Virgin Australia, Thai Airways, Virgin Atlantic, Korean Airlines, Malaysia Airlines, China Southern Airlines, China Eastern Airlines, Turkish Airlines, Royal Brunei, Garuda Indonesia, Vietnam Airlines, Air China, China Airlines, Malindo Airlines plus any codeshare partner (subject to availability).

Please note: One way flights cannot be accommodated. Travellers must take all included flights within the package, and any flights intentionally forfeited will result in later flights being subject to cancellation.

Arrive early in Helsinki, Finland

$250 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

(14 Day Package only)

$250 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: $550 per person/one way

Solo Traveller: $800 one way

Locations:

* Singapore
* Dubai
* Doha

Includes:

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

Please note:

- A pre and post-tour 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.
- TripADeal may be in contact if your chosen stopover destination is not possible at the time of ticketing, in this instance an alternative option will be offered.

- Flight changes are subject to availability at the time of booking.

Stay behind in Stockholm, Sweden

(14 Day Package only)

$250 per person, subject to availability

Please note:

- Please contact our friendly reservations team to make this booking and provide your preferred travel dates. This stay behind option is not available through the online check out.
- 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.
Dubai stopover not permitted on and including the following dates 27th November - 1 December 2020 due to the Abu Dhabi Grand Prix.

**Flight Class Upgrades**
- Premium Economy: Not available.
- Business Class: Buy it now for $5999 per person

Please note:
- 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.
- If Abu Dhabi, Dubai or Doha stopovers are offered, Premium Economy upgrades will not be available

**Accommodation**

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**11 Day Package**
- 3-4 Star (self-rated)
- Helsinki, Finland: Original Sokos Hotel Presidentti or similar
- Train: Overnight Intercity train (twin share cabins with shared facilities)
- Tornio, Finland: Park Hotel or similar

**14 Day Package with Stockholm extension**
- 3-4 Star (self-rated)
- Stockholm, Sweden: Scandic Norra Bantorget or similar
- Cruise: Silja Line Ship (Outside cabin with private facilities)

Please note: Accommodation/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, Finland (Pre/Post Tour): $195 per room including breakfast.
- Stockholm, Sweden (Post Tour – 14 Day Package only): $210 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**
- 2 people.

**Child Policy**
- Children 2 to 6 years old travelling with parent/s are discounted including all inclusions (available upon request only, subject to availability).
  - 11 Day Package: $5399 per child / based on twin share with a responsible adult/s
  - 14 Day Package: $5799 per child / based on twin share with a responsible adult/s
- Children 7 to 11 years old travelling with parent/s are discounted including all inclusions (available upon request only, subject to availability).
  - 11 Day Package: $5599 per child / based on twin share with a responsible adult/s
  - 14 Day Package: $6499 per child / based on twin share with a responsible adult/s
- Children 7 to 11 years old travelling with parent/s are discounted including all inclusions (available upon request only, subject to availability).
  - 11 Day Package: $5399 per child / based on twin share with a responsible adult/s
  - 14 Day Package: $5799 per child / based on twin share with a responsible adult/s
- Valid for Children/infants 2 years old and over.

Please note: Children must be accompanied by a responsible adult 18 years old and over to travel. No unaccompanied minors allowed.

**Triple Share**
- Not available.

**Bedding Configuration**
- Land: Twin or double bedding (subject to availability).
- Cruise/Train: Twin bedding (subject to availability).

**Adjoining / Interconnecting Rooms**
- Not available.

**General Tour Information**
- Minimum group size 25, maximum group size 44 per vehicle.

**Optional Tours / Activities**
- Day 6: Husky Ride: $315 per person

Please note:
- prices are based on per person, are subject to availability, time permitting and weather conditions.
- The optional tours listed above must be purchased on checkout or over the phone prior to submitting your passenger information form (subject to availability)
- Some tours require minimum numbers to operate.

**Exclusions**
- Visa fees and requirements (Not required for Europe if travelling on an Australian passport for stays up to 90 days)
- Meals/beverages not stated in the itinerary
- Recommended gratuities/tipping: €5 per person/day payable on tour
- Optional activities/tours
- Winter Clothing Hire: (approx. €38 per person/day) payable in the currency specified on tour.
- Personal expenses
- Travel insurance (Mandatory)

Please note: A comprehensive travel Insurance policy must be organised BEFORE all details can be finalised.

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Winter Clothing
As the temperature can get quite cold it is advisable to bring thermal clothing with you. However, a winter clothing kit (overall, gloves, hat, boots, socks and scarf) is available to hire on tour. The clothing is payable upon the hire at approximately €38 per person/day.

Snowmobiles (Rovaniemi)
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.

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 travel offers. Tour leaders/guides will only be made available when particularly required to enhance the experience of the destination featured.

CLIMATE & AVERAGE TEMPERATURES

Finland / Lapland / Sweden:
In Finland and Sweden the average temperature between December and February is around -4°C. Lapland in December can be quite cold, so travellers should be aware of this and pack accordingly with warm layers, coats and boots. The average temperature in Lapland in December is -6°C though temperatures do vary during the month; highs reach -3°C but lows can fall to -9°C, especially on evenings.

FLIGHTS

Seat Selection & Frequent Flyer Points:
At TripADeal we do not arrange seat selection. It is important to highlight that some Airlines do not allow pre-selected seats. We strongly suggest you contact the Airline directly with seating allocation requirements and or arrive at the airport earlier to arrange your seating. While we do not add frequent flyer member details to bookings, you can do this directly with the Airline once you have your flight information.

Passport Validity:
Customers are required to provide valid passport details either at the time of purchase, or no later than 45 days prior to departure date. Failure to do so may result in cancellation of the booking. In this instance customers will be responsible for any costs and fees incurred.

COACH TOUR

Meals:
13 meals are included in the tour, for all other meals; lunches and dinners the tour leader (when available) will offer assistance with reservations, suggestions and directions to local restaurants. It is your responsibility to notify TripADeal of any dietary requests/requirements. Please note; we will do our best to meet your requests/requirements, however cannot guarantee that we will always be able to.

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 off-loading of the luggage from the coach.

OTHER

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 general level of fitness will be required. If you have any concerns please consult your healthcare provider prior to purchase/travel.

Gratuities / Tipping:
Land

- 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 is €5 per person per day this covers the guide/leader and the driver, which will be collected whilst on tour.

- Tipping for all services provided on tour is always a matter of personal discretion, however please be aware that tipping is considered by many locals to be a part of
their normal remuneration and they may approach you for payment and there is no need to be intimidated by the request.

Sightseeing:
Please note: In the event entrance to a site is affected by changes in operating hours or public holiday closures, your itinerary where possible, will be adjusted or an similar activity will be offered in its place (subject to availability).

Shopping:
Shopping overseas can be a daunting and confusing experience, especially when there is a language barrier. Please be very cautious when foreign currencies and prices are involved. If paying by credit card, please pay close attention to the amount you are being charged and keep all of your receipts.

Do not make any purchases you are not comfortable with or feel pressured into. If you are uncertain or need assistance with the language barrier, please seek assistance from your Tour Guide/Leader.

Please refer to our Terms and Conditions in regards to shopping for further information.

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 visa agency to determine what their visa requirements are and what personal identification is required. It is also important to note, some areas of employment such as journalism, government authorities and charity organisations may have additional restrictions in applying for Visas. This may in turn affect the type of application required.

INSURANCE
We are proud to offer a range of travel insurance products - please ask your Travel Consultant for more information.

SCHEDULE OF FEES

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

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