

PREMIUM

10D7N
FINLAND WITH
NORTH CAPE,
NORWAY

TOUR CODE: ENFNCS

Make your way from the Finnish Lapland and leave your footprints in the northernmost tip of Europe, representing the final frontier with the arctic sea.



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HIGHLIGHTS

FINLAND

HELSINKI

- Market Square
- Senate Square
- Helsinki Cathedral
- Government Palace
- National Library of Finland
- University of Helsinki
- Sibelius Monument
- Temppeliaukio Church

ROVANIEMI

- Santa Claus Village
- Santa's Main Post Office
- Arctic Circle stamp
- Arctic Circle Crossing Certificate
- Reindeer Sleigh Ride

4★HOTELS

HELSINKI Sokos Original

KIRKENES Thon

SAARISELKA Kakslauttanen

HONNINGSVAG Scandic

ALTA Thon

ROVANIEMI Hotel Santa Claus

DELICACIES

Meal Plan

7 Breakfasts, 5 Dinners

DAY 1 HOME ▶ HELSINKI

Meals on Board

Assemble at the airport and take-off to the vibrant seaside city of **Helsinki**, capital of Finland.

DAY 2 HELSINKI

Meals on Board

Once you arrive, meet up with a local city guide for a **sightseeing tour** around the alluring city. Drive past the bustling **Market Square** and absorb its scents, sounds and atmosphere, then drop by the **Senate Square** for a unique and cohesive spread of neoclassical architecture, where you can take in the sights of the **Helsinki Cathedral**, the **Government Palace**, the **National Library of Finland** and the main building of the **University of Helsinki** all in one place. Continue your journey to the **Sibelius Monument**, a structure resembling organ pipes that is dedicated to world famous composer Jean Sibelius. Lastly, visit the **Temppeliaukio Church**, where the interior walls are created naturally by rock, giving rise to its nickname as the 'Rock Church'.

DAY 3 HELSINKI

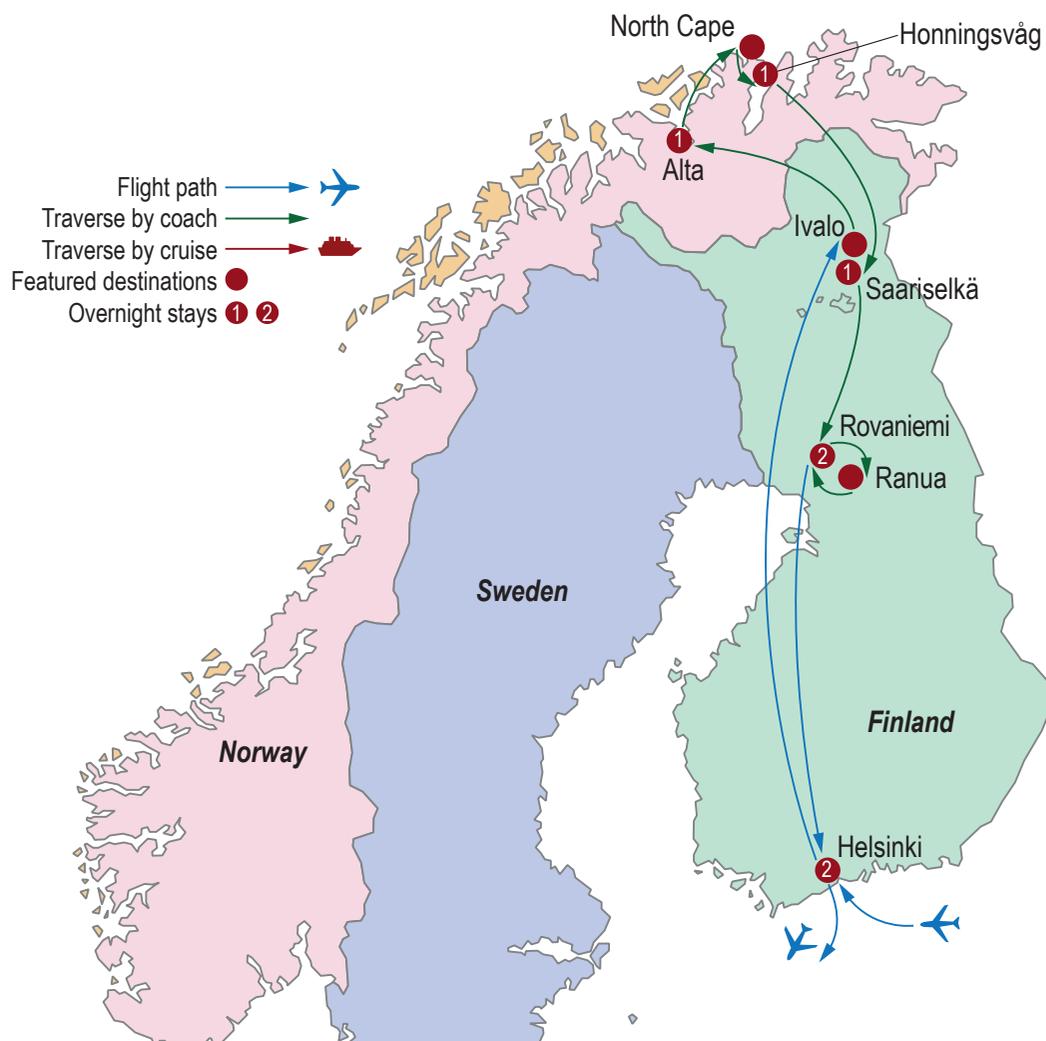
Breakfast

Enjoy the day free at your leisure to explore **Helsinki** on your own, where there's plenty to do and see. You may wish to take up an optional excursion to Tallinn, the capital city of Estonia, via ferry for the rich cultural scene and the stunning medieval and historical structures.

DAY 4 HELSINKI ▶ IVALO ▶ ALTA

Breakfast, Dinner

Board a domestic flight to **Ivalo**, a small village in the municipality of Inari in Finland. Drive to **Alta**, a town on Norway's northern coast, at the head of Alta Fjord. Due to its location on the inner part of the Altafjorden (Fjord) and the fact that Norway's coast gets a taste of the Gulf Stream, **Alta** doesn't get bitterly cold. The low level of annual precipitation, provides optimal aurora conditions from September to April each year. View the **Northern Lights Cathedral** – a huge modern church in the center of town. While here, you will experience Northern Europe's largest and richest rock



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carving site,

Alta Museum – a world heritage rock art centre, inscribed on the UNESCO's World Heritage List. Walk on pathways arranged around the rock carving area with a fantastic view that overlooks the **Alta Fjord**.

DAY 5 ALTA ▶ NORTH CAPE ▶ HONNINGSVAG

Breakfast, Dinner

Drive north and enter the northernmost point of Europe, imagine a place in the far north, where the Atlantic Ocean meets the Arctic Ocean and their frigid waters mix. This place is situated at **Nordkapp – the North Cape – in Western Finnmark, Northern Norway**. Here, the only dry land between you and the North Pole is the Svalbard archipelago. Visit the **North Cape Plateau** with its cliff face jutting into the sea, the plateau rises 307 metres above sea level. The **North Cape Hall**, holds various exhibitions throughout the year, and the chapel St Johannes Kapell is the world's northernmost ecumenical chapel. Afterwards, embark on a phenomenal **King Crab Safari** experience, where you will get to catch the Arctic King Crab (metaphorically, not literally) before learning how to cook and eat these huge creatures that can weigh up to 15 kilograms. Indulge in a hearty seafood meal and savour the sweet freshness of the king crab.

DAY 6 HONNINGSVAG ▶ SAARISELKA

Breakfast, Dinner

Journey back to Finland and get set for a night of wonder as we make the necessary arrangements for you to stay in a comfortable and unique **glass igloo** for the night. Be mesmerised by the clear starry skies as you cuddle up in the warm, toasty bed, and admire the unmarred beauty of the surrounding snowy landscapes. If weather conditions are good, we will set out in search of the Northern Lights with the tour manager.

DAY 7 SAARISELKA ▶ ROVANIEMI

Breakfast, Dinner

Fulfil your childhood dreams as we depart for **Rovaniemi**, the official hometown of Santa Claus and land of fairy tales. Pay a visit to **Santa Claus Village** where you can peruse through the numerous souvenir shops and send a postcard from the **Santa's Main Post Office** to receive a special **Arctic Circle stamp**. You will also be awarded with an **Arctic Circle Crossing Certificate** as proof of your journey across the Arctic Circle. On top of that, **meet Santa Claus** in the Christmas House of the Santa Claus Holiday Village and receive a lasting memory of the meeting in the form of a high-quality photo. Wrap up your day with an unforgettable **reindeer sleigh ride** and grab the opportunity to earn your very own **reindeer driving license**.

DAY 8 ROVANIEMI ▶ RANUA ▶ ROVANIEMI

Breakfast, Dinner

Visit the **Ranua Wildlife Park**, which consists

of approximately 50 wild animal species and 200 individuals. Follow a local guide as he leads you around to see bears, reindeers, wolves, gluttons, lynxes, moose, birds and polar bears (in Finland). Learn more about these Nordic and Arctic animals. Make your way back to Rovaniemi for the night.

DAY 9 ROVANIEMI - HELSINKI - HOME

Breakfast

Enjoy the rest of the day at your leisure till it is time to transfer to the airport for your flight home.

DAY 10 HOME SWEET HOME

We hope you enjoyed your trip with our company and we look forward to seeing you again for your next trip.

Suggested Excursion:

- (Helsinki) Tallinn: €180

These additional activities enrich your experiences; however, it is entirely optional and will be at your own discretion. Minimum group size may apply and subject to schedule.

Tipping Guideline: (based on 10D7N)

- €80 per person

Note:

- A minimum group size of 15 passengers is required for a confirmed departure.
- The sequence of the itinerary, flight schedules and hotels are subject to change without prior notice in the event of unforeseen circumstances.
- Activities are subject to weather conditions.
- During major events and festivals, accommodation may be re-located to outside of the city or in another city without prior notice.