

**Conference Location:**



**City Hotel**  
**Pekankatu 9, FI-96200**  
**Rovaniemi, Finland**  
**[www.cityhotel.fi/en/](http://www.cityhotel.fi/en/)**

## How to get in Rovaniemi from Helsinki

### **By Air:**

Most of the flights go south to Helsinki and not direct to Rovaniemi. Flights from Helsinki to Rovaniemi operated by **Finnair**, **Blue1** or **Norwegian** and maybe cheaper than corresponding train. Rovaniemi Airport (RVN or EFRO) is located about 11 Km / 8 Miles north from the City Center.

**Helsinki Airport:** <http://www.helsinki-vantaa.fi/home>

**Rovaniemi Airport:** [http://www.finavia.fi/airports/airport\\_rovaniemi](http://www.finavia.fi/airports/airport_rovaniemi)

### **By Train:**

If you would like to travel by train, you can check Timetables and buy your train tickets directly on **VR**, <http://www.vr.fi/en/index.html>. The journey takes approximately 9-12 hours and you can choose a night train without losing a minute of the day!

The railway station is located right next to the city centre and is within an easy walking distance.

**Tip:** The easiest and fast way to get to Rovaniemi center is to take the “**Airport Taxi Express**” is the best, the most comfortable and cheaper than the Taxi.

This service costs €7 per person and can be booked in advance through:

**Airport Taxi Express:** +358 16 362 222

### **By Coach:**

You may contact **Gold Line** or **Matkahuolto**. Both operate in a daily base night buses to Rovaniemi from Helsinki via Helsinki-Vantaa Airport. Coming by bus from the south is relatively cheap but requires about 14 hours of sitting! The bus station in the city center is just a few hundred meters away from the railway station.

**Gold Line** <http://www.goldline.fi/etusivu/12-etusivu/1502-briefly-in-english>

**Matkahuolto** <http://www.matkahuolto.fi/en/>

City Map



## Rovaniemi

**Location:** 66° 30' North, 025°44' East

**Population:** 60,707

**Area:** 8,016.72 km<sup>2</sup> (3,095.27 sq mi)

**Land:** 7,581.97 km<sup>2</sup> (2,927.41 sq mi)

**Water:** 434.75 km<sup>2</sup> (167.86 sq mi)



**History:** Located at the confluence of two large rivers, the most important transport routes at the time, Rovaniemi began to adopt the role of the "gateway to Lapland". There has probably been continuous settlement in the Rovaniemi area since the Stone Age. Periodic clearances of new land for agriculture and the practice of slash-and-burn cultivation began around 750-530 B.C. Meanwhile, artefacts found in the area suggest that an increasing number of travellers from Karelia in the east, Häme in the south and the Arctic Ocean coast in the north, must have come there 500 A.D. onwards. One cannot talk about the people of Rovaniemi until the time when the area was first given its name. The oldest surviving instance of the name in writing dates from 7th September 1453 when the bailiff of Ostrobothnia confirmed a transfer of land between the farms of Korkalo and Rovaniemi, although the name must have been in existence much earlier. The word Rovaniemi has often been considered to be of Lappish origin, as "*roavve*" in Saami denotes a forested ridge or hill or the site of an old forest fire. In the dialects of southern Lapland, however, "*rova*" means a heap of stones, a rock or group of rocks in a stretch of rapids, or even a sauna stove.



Source: <http://www.rovaniemi.fi>

**Official Web Page of Rovaniemi:** <http://www.rovaniemi.fi/Intro.iw3?lang=en>

## Information



### Distances from Rovaniemi to other Finish cities:

Helsinki:	835 km
Kiruna:	300 km
Narvik:	500 km
North Cape:	600 km
Murmansk:	500 km
Inari:	332 km
Kilpisjärvi:	428 km
Oulu:	220 km
Turku:	858 km
North Pole:	2500 km

#### **Rovaniemi Tourist Information Office**

Maakuntakatu 29-31, Lordi's Sq.

FIN-96200, Rovaniemi

Tel.: +358-(0)16-346 270

Email: [travel.info@rovaniemi.fi](mailto:travel.info@rovaniemi.fi)

**Open:** Mon-Fri at 9-17

The **Tourist Information Office** of Rovaniemi provides you through the link below a very comfortable and easy way to explore the City.

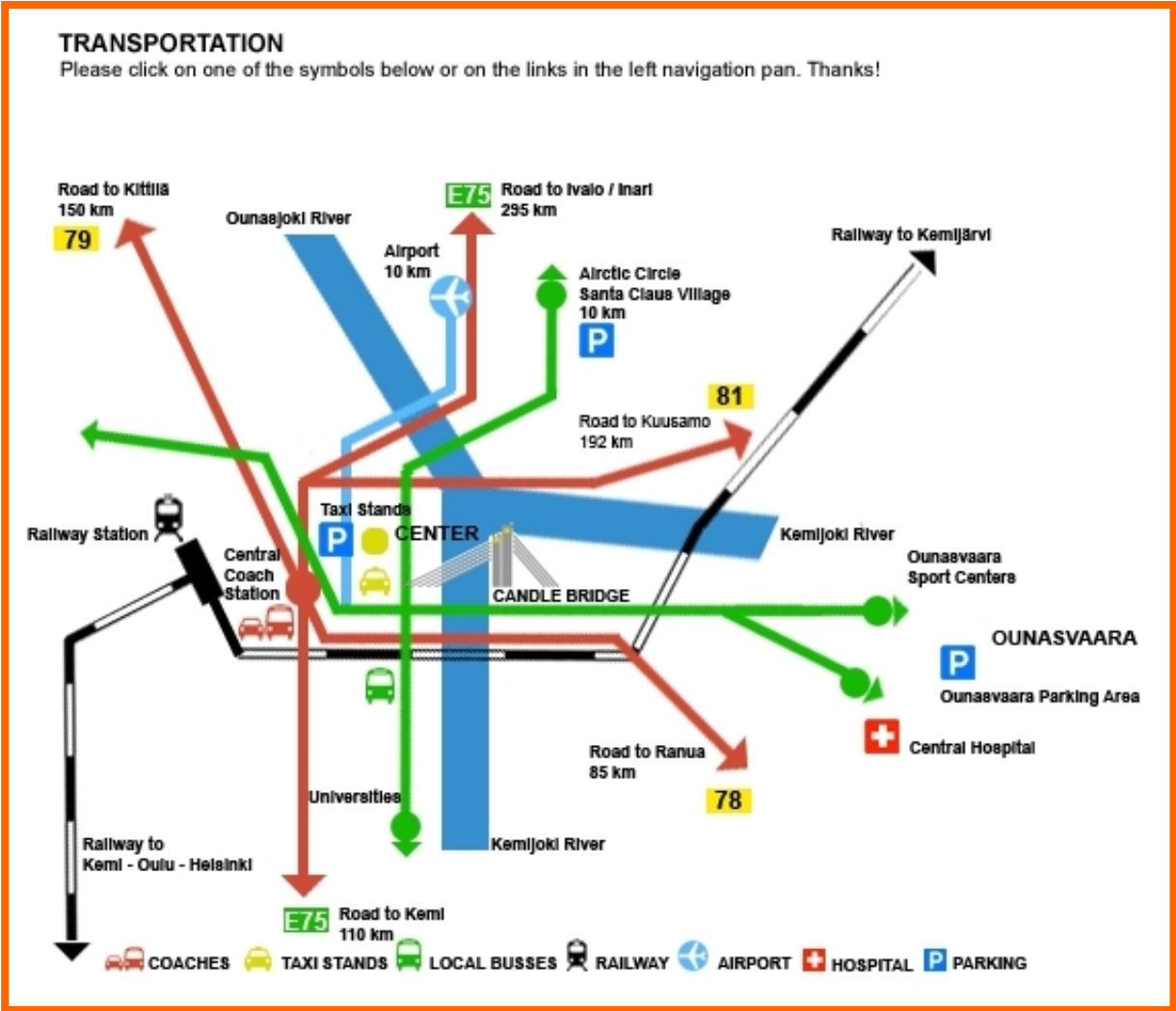
[www.rovaniemi.fi](http://www.rovaniemi.fi)

Rovaniemi Tourism & Marketing Ltd provides tourist information about Rovaniemi region.

- Tourist information, Rovaniemi-brochures, maps, timetables, events
- Programme services (safaris etc.)
- Rovaniemi Design -products and souvenirs
- Internet for customers
- Mailbox (postcards will be cancelled by special Santa's stamp)

## Transportation in Rovaniemi

It is easiest to walk in Rovaniemi city centre but if you would like to go somewhere more far, for example *Santa Claus Village* or *SantaPark*, hop in to local bus! The bus stops in the centre are located in **Ruokasenkatu**. From there you can get to all directions and parts of Rovaniemi.



## By Bus:

Timetables for local public transport are available at the bus station, from the general service desk at **OSVIITTA** and from local buses themselves. Be also aware in case of less departures on weekends. You can get a route map from the general service desk at Osviitta. Most of the busses depart every hour, during rushhours (during morning and late afternoon) every 30 minutes.

### **Here is a short listing of interesting and useful destinations with related bus line numbers:**

- Line 8: Takes you to the ARCTIC CIRCLE (Napapiiri) and SANTAPARK  
Lines 2, 4, 10 or 14: Take you to the LAPLAND UNIVERSITY (Lapin yliopisto) and UNIVERSITY OF APPLIED SCIENCIES (Rovaniemen ammattikorkeakoulu)  
Line 8: Takes you to the RAILWAY STATION (Rautatieasema)  
Lines 3, 5, 6 or 12: Take you to the CENTRAL HOSPITAL (Lapin keskussairala, LKS)  
Line 1A: Takes you to the OUNASVAARA DOWN HILL CENTER (Hiihtokeskus)  
Lines 1A, 3, 5, 6 and 9: Take you to the OUNASVAARA side of town

Timetable: [http://www.rovaniemi.fi/Kansainvalinen\\_sivusto/English/City-info/Transportation/Local\\_Buses/Timetable.iw3](http://www.rovaniemi.fi/Kansainvalinen_sivusto/English/City-info/Transportation/Local_Buses/Timetable.iw3)

Tickets: [http://www.rovaniemi.fi/Kansainvalinen\\_sivusto/English/City-info/Transportation/Local\\_Buses/Tickets.iw3](http://www.rovaniemi.fi/Kansainvalinen_sivusto/English/City-info/Transportation/Local_Buses/Tickets.iw3)

### **Travel Agencies / Tour Operators in Rovaniemi:**

Schedule your Trip:

[http://www.visitrovaniemi.fi/In\\_English/Connections/Tour\\_Operators.iw3](http://www.visitrovaniemi.fi/In_English/Connections/Tour_Operators.iw3)

## Place of Interest

### ■ **ARKTIKUM**

Arktikum is a science centre and a museum. The exhibition of the Arktikum leads you through Arctic areas' and Finnish Lapland's history and modern day. You can see the Northern Lights multivision show almost every day in the Polarium Theatre. Arktikum also arranges several temporary exhibitions and events related to Northern themes.

*Arktikum Cafe & Restaurant serves delicious menus and selfbaked cakes.*

#### **Experience the Arctic!**

The Arctic in Change is set up in very friendly, interactive and aesthetic environment based on the human and seasonal cycles in the Arctic. The exhibition is dealing with the current changes in the Arctic.

#### **Chronicles from the Finnish Lapland.**

Northern Ways is an exhibition about stages in man and nature in the North. Find out about the life of the moose and bear in the wild, take a glimpse at city birds and pearl catching. The exhibition also features Sami culture, with its costumes and languages, and small-scale models of Rovaniemi from 1939 and 1944.

#### ***Entrance fee:***

Adults: 12 €, Children (7-15 yrs.): 5 €, Seniors and Students 8 €.

Family Ticket (2 adults + 2 children): 27 €.

Group Ticket (min 15 pax): 9,50 €/adult (*reservation required*).

#### ***Joint ticket to exhibitions in Arktikum and Korundi:***

Adults: 15 €, Children (7-15 yrs.): 6 €, Seniors and Students: 10 €.

Family Ticket (2 adults + 2 children 7-15 yrs. + children under 7 yrs.): 33 €

#### ***Joint ticket to Arktikum-Korundi-Pilke:***

Adults 20 €, Children (7-15 yrs.): 10 €



#### **ARKTIKUM**

Pohjoisranta 4

Tel. +358 (0)16 322 3260

[info@arktikum.fi](mailto:info@arktikum.fi)

[www.arktikum.fi](http://www.arktikum.fi)

**Open:** Tue-Sun 10-18



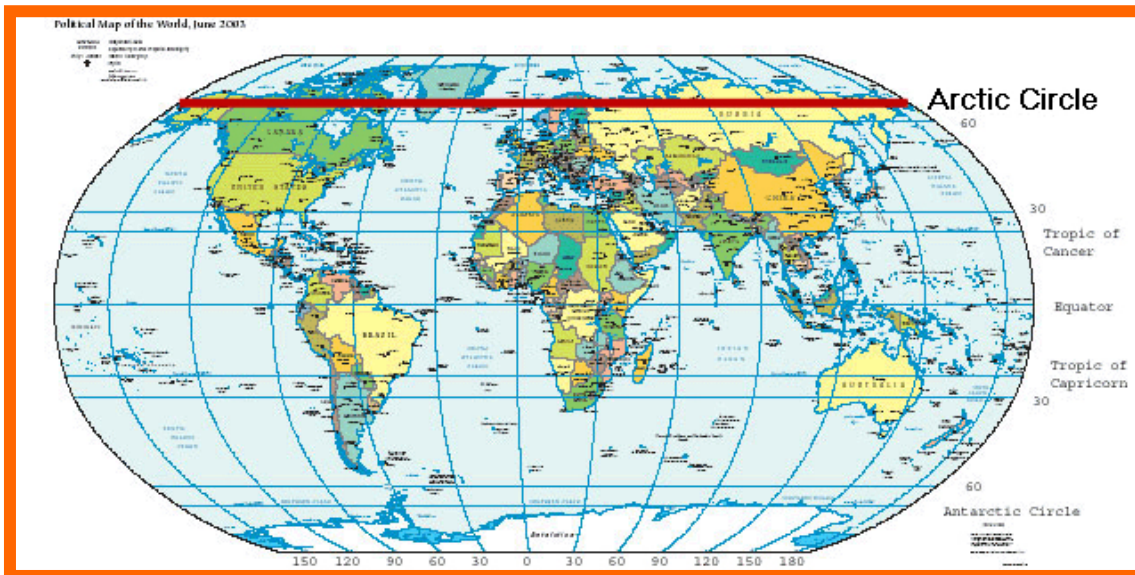
## ■ SANTA CLAUS VILLAGE

You can meet Santa Claus and cross the magical Arctic Circle every day at the Santa Claus Village in Lapland!

There are many souvenir shops as well as **Santa's Main Post Office**, programme service companies and cafes and restaurants in the Santa Claus Village. And of course, Santa is there too, in his chamber every day of the year.

Information, guide service and **Arctic Circle Crossing Certificates** are available from the **Arctic Circle Information Office**.

Santa Claus Village is situated 8 km to the north of Rovaniemi direction Ivalo along highway number 4.



### **SANTA CLAUS VILLAGE**

Tel. +358 (0)16 3562 096

[www.santaclausvillage.info](http://www.santaclausvillage.info)

**Open:** Daily 10-17

*Santa's Express* (No. 8). It starts from the Railway Station and stops in Rovaniemi main spots. The trip to Santa Claus takes 15 / 20 minutes and be sure to warn the driver where you want to stop so he can let you at the main door of the Park or the Village.

Each trip costs 3,60€ and you can buy the return trip at the beginning for 6,60€. (Childrens pay only 1,80€).

You can also ask for a Taxi at your hotel main desk. This is a very personal way to get to the parks, a bit faster but more expensive. A single way ride from Rovaniemi city center to Santa Village can cost you 20€.

Source: [http://www.visitrovaniemi.fi/In\\_English/Sights.iw3](http://www.visitrovaniemi.fi/In_English/Sights.iw3)

■ **THE PILKE SCIENCE CENTRE**

The Pilke Science Centre tells us, through all our five human senses, about the sustainable use of northern forests.

Pilke Shop offers the products of Finnish forest to all senses. The customer service of Pilke House helps you in matters related to the Pilke Science Centre and Metsahallitus.

***Entrance fee:***

Single Tickets: Adults 7 €, Children and young people (7-15 years): 5 €.

Students, Pensioners and Unemployed: 5 €.

Family Tickets (1 adult + 3 childrens **or** 2 adults + 2 children ): 20 €.

Group Tickets: (15-50 persons): 6,50€/person. (over 50 persons is 6 €.)

*The group price requires an advance booking.)*



**THE PILKE SCIENCE  
CENTRE**

Ounasjoentie 6

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[info@sciencecentrepilke.fi](mailto:info@sciencecentrepilke.fi)

[www.sciencecentre-pilke.fi](http://www.sciencecentre-pilke.fi)

**Open:** Tue-Fri at 9-18,  
Sat-Sun at 10-18  
*(closed on Mondays)*

**More Attractions**

■ **KORUNDI HOUSE OF CULTURE - ROVANIEMI ART MUSEUM**

Lapinkavijantie 4, Tel. +358 (0)16 322 2822

[info@korundi.fi](mailto:info@korundi.fi), [www.korundi.fi](http://www.korundi.fi)

Opening Hours: Tue-Sun at 11 – 18

■ **RANUA WILDLIFE PARK**

Rovaniementie 29, Ranua, Tel. +358 (0)16 355 1921

[ranuan.zoo@ranua.fi](mailto:ranuan.zoo@ranua.fi), [www.ranuazoo.com](http://www.ranuazoo.com)

Opening Hours: Daily 10 – 16

■ **ARCTIC CIRCLE HUSKYPARK**

Santa Claus Village, Arctic Circle, Tel. +358 40 824 7503

[ac.huskypark@gmail.com](mailto:ac.huskypark@gmail.com), [www.huskypark.fi](http://www.huskypark.fi)

Opening Hours: Daily 10 – 16

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## Restaurants - Cafe - Bar

The Fork of Plenty leads you by *RovaniemiMenu*

*RovaniemiMenus* bring out the best of the Finnish flavours and the top experience of the chefs. The raw materials are chosen to emphasize the seasons and locality. *RovaniemiMenu* changes at least four times a year, and will be different in all restaurants, but the main ingredients are jointly defined by the chefs. The menu has been designed to promote Lappish cuisine for tourists as well as for local people and companies.

You can enjoy *RovaniemiMenu* at **Lapland Hotel Sky Ounasvaara, Restaurant Gaissa in Santa's Hotel Santa Claus, City Hotel, Restaurant Nili and Rantasipi Pohjanhovi.**

From January-April the *RovaniemiMenu* includes roe, reindeer and black crowberry.

Restaurants: [http://www.visitrovaniemi.fi/In\\_English/Eat\\_and\\_Enjoy/Restaurants.iw3](http://www.visitrovaniemi.fi/In_English/Eat_and_Enjoy/Restaurants.iw3)

Cafe - Bar: [http://www.visitrovaniemi.fi/In\\_English/Eat\\_and\\_Enjoy/Baramp;Caf%C3%A9.iw3](http://www.visitrovaniemi.fi/In_English/Eat_and_Enjoy/Baramp;Caf%C3%A9.iw3)