



## Fabulous Finnish Lakes And Stockholm

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**Visit:** STOCKHOLM – HELSINKI - LAPPEENRANTA – SAVONNLINNA – LAKELAND AREA  
RANTASALMI – JARVISYDAN RESORT - HELSINKI

### Detailed Itinerary

#### Day 01: DAY 1 THURSDAY ARRIVAL – STOCKHOLM

Arrival to Stockholm Airport and regular transfer to the hotel for check-in. Please consult the welcome letter, which you will receive upon check-in to your hotel, and kindly note where and when to meet your Tour Director. A short welcome meeting will be held at 18:00, where you will receive information on the upcoming tour program. **STOCKHOLM EVENING WALKING TOUR - INCLUDED DURATION:** approximately 2 hours (20:00 – 22:00) **MEETING TIME:** 19:45 at the hotel reception **INCLUDES:** guided

tour Join us for a walking evening tour of the beautiful Swedish capital. Meet your Tour Director at the lobby of your hotel to explore this beautiful city regardless of the time of the year. Your hotel located in the very heart of the capital gives easy access to the main sights such as the walking street Drottningsgatan, the beautiful Kungstradgaarden and the emblematic Old Town with the Royal Palace.

**Day 02: DAY 2 FRIDAY STOCKHOLM – HELSINKI (OVERNIGHT FERRY)**

Breakfast at the hotel. Morning at leisure. Early PM Meet with local guide and depart by private coach for a 3-hour city sightseeing. The city of Stockholm is built on 14 islands and connected by 57 bridges. The city embraces the unique character of the 13th century Old Town and modern high-tech architecture. Stockholm's islands are bordered by Lake Malaren in the west and the Baltic Sea in the east where the archipelago, with its 30.000 islands awaits exploration. The capital is a big city with a small-town personality. Stockholm is proudly called “Beauty on Water” and a sightseeing tour, which includes a walk in the Old Town makes for a memorable morning tour. Discover a city of contrasts. Go back 750 years in time and feel the medieval atmosphere of the Old Town "Gamla Stan" as you wander through its narrow streets. The seven-hundred-year-old cathedral of Stockholm, Seat of the Archbishop, will be seen during your stroll through Old Town, where you will also get a chance to see Stortorget, where the Stockholm Blood Bath took place. The visit ends at the pier where to board the comfortable overnight ferry of Tallink Silja Line, sailing along the Baltic Sea, bound for Helsinki. (Tour Director will not travel on board)

**Day 03: DAY 3 SATURDAY HELSINKI - LAPPEENRANTA (260 km/4 hrs)**

Breakfast on board. After disembarking in Helsinki, meet your Tour Director and enjoy a short panoramic tour of Helsinki the capital of Finland, also known as “The Daughter of the Baltic Sea”. Along the way you will admire the Senate Square, the University and Lutheran Cathedral – all displaying neoclassical architecture of the 1840's, the colourful Market Square by the sea in the South Harbour, Kaivopuisto Park and diplomatic residences, the imposing statue of Marshall Mannerheim, the Parliament Building, Finlandia Hall, the Orthodox Russian Church Uspenski and the Sibelius Monument. Some free time before heading East via Kouvola to Lappeenranta. You will enjoy incredible views of South Finland area, called Karelia. Arrival to a hotel, check-in and free time to explore and enjoy the many possibilities this hotel offers (Spa and swimming pools area open until 20:00 h.) Dinner at the hotel is included.

**Day 04: DAY 4 SUNDAY LAPPEENRANTA – SAVONNLINNA – LAKELAND AREA RANTASALMI – JARVISYDAN RESORT (208km/4 h 30 min)**

Breakfast at the hotel and meet up at the hotel reception to depart by private coach towards Punkaharju. We drive along the Road of the century, through one of the most beautiful natural scenarios in Finland always bordering the spectacular lakes, surrounded by old snow-covered forests and at some points, you will see the frozen lake on both sides of the road, no more than 10 meters from the shore of Lake Puruvesi to the shore of Lake Pihlajavesi. We arrive to Savonlinna, an enchanting small city founded in 1639 and dominated by the

impressive Olavinlinna castle, the northernmost medieval stone fortress still standing. Here, you will have the opportunity to enjoy a local dish for lunch, “Muikku” consisting of small white fish caught from the nearby lake Saimaa, fried with rye flour and butter and served with fresh creamed potatoes (lunch not included). Later, we drive on towards Rantasalmi until we reach the spectacular Hotel & Spa Resort Jarvisydan, a place that will mesmerize you. This beautiful resort was founded in 1658 by direct orders of Karl X Gustavs, king of Sweden. After the war between Russia and Sweden, the Swedish king and the Russian tsar agreed that travelers should have a place to rest and eat every 30 Km. The actual owners are direct descendants of the first Heiskanen family member that received a 600-hectare in the Porosalmi peninsula, thanks to a good military service. Check-in and prepare yourself to relax and enjoy all the different wellness experience this beautiful place has to offer. We will have 3 nights’ accommodation in spectacular Scenery Suites – newly developed cottages, with glass ceiling. NOTE that Scenery Suites have only double beds, -- for guests, who chose twin beds – three nights’ accommodation in Jarvisydan hotel, instead of Scenery Suites. Dinner at the hotel in the medieval restaurant Piikatyttö is included.

#### **Day 05: DAY 5 MONDAY JARVISYDAN**

Breakfast at the hotel. Depart from the hotel by private coach. Short drive to Sahanlahti Resort for a day in the snow where you will enjoy the peace of the frozen white landscape around the resort including lunch in the warmth of the restaurant. We will start this group activity by warming up the body with the guidance of our local guide, walking in the snow with snowshoes is good exercise and fun, but it demands concentration and physical effort. We will follow the guide and if the ice on the lake is strong enough to support walking on it (the local guide will decide if this is the case) the group will move into the frozen lake and walk still following the guide’s instructions. You will have an amazing time doing this activity. After lunch we begin the drive back to the hotel. The rest of the day is at leisure to enjoy all the different wellness experience this beautiful place has to offer. The Scenery Suites are located close to the lake shore of the resort, so you can enjoy the beautiful lake views and the scenery of Linnansaari National Park. Big roof windows allow you to enjoy the beautiful dark starry sky, and maybe even the Nordic Lights. Dinner at the hotel is included.

#### **Day 06: DAY 6 TUESDAY JARVISYDAN**

Breakfast at the hotel. Day at leisure to enjoy the Spa or to take one or two of the optional safaris offered around this area. The Spa of the hotel offers a great recreative area with different types of saunas, ice swimming, treatments etc. Dinner at the hotel after a long day, full of optional activities. **OPTIONAL:** Beginners snowmobile trip **DURATION:** approximately 1,5 hours, route 25km (10:30 – 12:00) **MEETING TIME:** Your Tour Director will inform the time of pick-up **INCLUDES:** Transportation, guide, winter overall, shoes, gloves, helmet, coffee/break **Min 2 persons** During this guided tour you will learn the basics about snowmobiling and visit our lovely reindeer. Your Guide will pick you up from Jarvisydan and we head off to Porokyla the Reindeer village. Safari starts with outfitting in Porokyla’s safari house and the basic safety training for the safari. Safari route goes through the old forests of Porosalmi in varying terrain. This



safari is suitable for beginners and the guide regulates the pace according to the group. At the end of the safari you can meet our reindeer and feed them. A warm drink is served during the program. **REQUIRES PRE-BOOKING** Rules on our snowmobile safaris 1. All drivers need to have a driver's license. 2. Do not drink any alcohol before or during the trip. 3. Always wear a helmet, also in the sledge. 4. Listen to the guide and do as the guide says 5. In case of damage the self-risk there is a hefty fine. **OPTIONAL:** Ice Floating in Oravi channel Min 2 persons **DURATION:** approximately 1 hour **MEETING TIME:** Your Tour Director will inform the time of pick-up **INCLUDES:** Transportation, guide & gear Put on a dry suit and jump into the freezing water. No worries, floating among ice is very comfortable and peaceful when you stay warm and dry. In the evening you can admire stars on the sky and listen to the quietness. During the day enjoy the shining winter sun. You can also practice how it is to be a Saimaa ringed seal and crawl up on the ice. During the tour we put on warm clothes, dry-suits and safety vests. Everyone over 12 years can participate and no swimming skills are required. **REQUIRES PRE-BOOKING** **OPTIONAL:** Visit to a Reindeer farm and sleigh safari Min 2 persons **DURATION:** approximately 1,5 hours **MEETING TIME:** Your Tour Director will inform the time of pick-up **INCLUDES:** Transportation, guide, safari gear, warm drink The reindeer village is located in Porosalme, whose name dates back to the area's littoral roots. In this case, there were also many reindeer or forest reindeer in the area, and their effect is still visible in many areas of the region. Later, the wild reindeer disappeared from the area and the locals moved north. However, the names of the area and the traditions remained alive. Hunting and fishing are still strongly present in the region's traditions. We start the safari from the Jarvisydän reception where our guide will meet you and take you to Porokyla. In Porokyla we will gear up warmly for the safari. During this guided sleigh safari, you can enjoy the beautiful wintery forests while sitting cozy and warm under the blankets. Your guide will take you around the old forests of Porosalmi and to the reindeer pen to feed the reindeer. After the safari outdoors, we'll enjoy a warm drink by the fire place. Minibus transport back to Jarvisydän. This tour is suitable for everyone. **REQUIRES PRE-BOOKING**

### **Day 07: DAY 7 WEDNESDAY JARVISYDÄN – HELSINKI (319 km)**

Breakfast at the hotel and meet up at the hotel reception to drive back to Helsinki via the cities of Mikkeli and Lahti. On arrival to Helsinki you will have the time to enjoy the city, visit the interesting boutiques with the famous Finnish design and enjoy a nice dinner in many of the excellent restaurants the city has to offer.

### **Day 08: DAY 8 THURSDAY HELSINKI – DEPARTURE**

Breakfast at the hotel and end of tour. Transfer to the airport by your own arrangement.

### **Inclusion**

? 7 nights in First Class hotels in standard double/twin rooms with private facilities ? 1 night on board Tallink Silja Line Ferry (exterior cabin) ? 7 breakfasts, buffet style ? 4 dinners & 1 lunch (all lunches & dinners are 3-course meals or buffets including coffee, unless otherwise specified) ? Bi-lingual Tour Escort (English & Spanish or Portuguese) from Day 1 to Day 7 inclusive ? City tour of Stockholm ? City tour of Helsinki ? The

long-distance coach from day 3-7 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 as mentioned in the program. For further information please consult the general conditions ? Luggage allowance is 1 suitcase & 1 piece of hand luggage per person

**Exclusion**

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

**Note**

HOTELS Scandic Anglais Tallink Silja – Accommodation in exterior cabins Holiday Club Saimaa Hotel & Spa Resort Jarvisydän SOKOS PRESIDENTTI (to be reconfirmed) 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. Child supplement is available on request Cost for Optional activities is available on request The Northern Lights are weather dependent and cannot be guaranteed as they are a natural phenomenon. Please note! Regular Transfer Services included in the program are only available for transfers from Stockholm Airport and only on the published official start date of the tour. The transfers are escorted by an English-speaking representative and is shared with other fellow passengers; therefore, minor waiting time at the airport may occur. This transfer service is not valid for passengers who require private transfers – for a supplement, private transfers can be reserved. This tour does not include transfer service to Helsinki Airport. The transfer can be booked optionally at a supplement cost on request.

**Tour Dates & Pricing**