



GENERAL INFORMATION LIFE2021

Rovaniemi is the administrative capital and commercial centre of Finland's Lapland.

The city is about 800 km north from Helsinki, the capital of Finland. In the past few decades Rovaniemi has grown into a busy and active town with now more than 61.000. Rovaniemi is also the educational centre of Lapland and there are two universities located in Rovaniemi. The University of Lapland is the northernmost university in Finland and in the European Union. Lapland University for Applied Sciences has its home base in Rovaniemi. The unique location of Rovaniemi on the Arctic Circle has attracted more than 400.000 tourists each year from all over the world. For information about Rovaniemi, visit www.rovaniemi.fi.

How to get there

Despite its northern location, Rovaniemi is well connected to the rest of the world. From abroad, the town is easiest to get to by about one hour flight via Helsinki. Daily flights between Rovaniemi and Helsinki are operated by Finnair and Norwegian throughout the year. In addition, more and more airlines offer direct flights to Rovaniemi. For instance, Norwegian flies from London and Germania from Berlin.

www.finnair.com

www.norwegian.com

Train

Having problems finding proper flights between Helsinki and Rovaniemi? Night train and sleeping compartment can be an interesting, exotic and economic option for those who don't want to stay extra night in Helsinki or Rovaniemi. There are two night trains available every day and the trains during the daylight offer a good opportunity to see more of Finland. Visit www.vr.fi/en for more information.

How to get from the airport/railway station to the hotels

Airport Express – bus from Airport to the city centre and back – drives to all the centre hotels as well as bus station, ca. 15 minutes, price 8 € / person. Airport Express departs from the airport after every flight arrival. Check your hotel reception about the pickup time from your hotel back to the airport. For further information call +358 (0)16 – 362 222.

Airport Taxi: Cars available at the airport when flights arrive. Airport Taxi transports in the city area and surroundings. Price 10-12 € / person, takes more than one customer at the same time (car pool). For further information call +358 (0)16 – 362 222.

Normal Taxi: Price from the airport to the city centre ca. 20 €. Phone +358 (0)200 88 000.

The railway station is located about 1.5 kilometres from the city centre. There is no direct bus connection. The easiest way to get to the hotel is to either walk or to take a taxi.

www.airporttaxirovaniemi.fi

Car rentals

All major car rentals have an office in Rovaniemi for those who are interested in traveling around the surrounding areas and Lapland by themselves.

Taxi

Finnish taxis are reliable and accept credit cards. The following taxi companies operate in Rovaniemi:

Rovaniemi Taxi Services, tel: +358 60 030 030 / +358 29 009 1090;
email: info@rovaniementaksipalvelu.fi

Taxi Rovaniemi, tel: +358 16 106 410; email: info@taxirovaniemi.fi

Weather in Rovaniemi

March is still a full winter month in Lapland, average temperate being -6,1. Have that in mind when choosing your clothing. For the winter activities, however, there is always proper clothing available for the participants. Please visit the Finnish Meteorological Institute's website for updated news on weather in Rovaniemi [HERE>>](#)

Language

The official languages in Finland are Finnish and Swedish but practically everyone knows basic English, and especially the people involved in tourism speak very good English. *LIFE2021 language is English.*

Currency

The Finnish currency unit is the Euro. You can exchange foreign currency and traveller's cheques either in banks, airport or hotels. There are numerous cash machines (ATMs) open around the clock and accepting all major credit cards. Major credit cards, in particular Visa, Eurocard and Mastercard are widely accepted almost everywhere (in hotels, restaurants, shops, taxis, cafeterias, bars, etc.).

Voltage

The electric current in Finland is 230V, 50Hz. Plugs are two-pin continental size.

Time

The time in Finland is GMT+2

ACCOMMODATION

LIFE2021 venue is at the legendary hotel [Scandic Pohjanhovi](#) in the best location in Rovaniemi, and you can reserve a room there on the hotel website. Rooms facing the river offer a pleasant, open view. The buses for the school visits also leave from that hotel.

Another highly recommended option is [Forenom's](#) 2-year-old apartment building located only 100 meters from the venue. LIFE2021 participants will get a 10% discount using discount code VISITEDU10.

As March is still high season in Rovaniemi we recommend booking your hotel room quickly. **All bookings directly to the hotel/hostel/apartment/igloos.**

Want a unique experience that you will never forget?



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- [Santa's Igloos Arctic Circle](#)
- [Arctic SnowHotel & Glass Igloos](#)
- [Igloo Hotel \(The place for Ice Restaurant Dinner Experience on Saturday evening\)](#)

Other accommodation options in the city center

- [Café Hostel Koti](#)
- [Economy Hotel Rudolf](#)
- [Hotel Aakenus](#)
- [Scandic Polar](#)
- [City Hotel](#)
- [Sokos Hotel Vaakuna](#)
- [Hotel Santa Claus](#)
- [Hotel Arctic Light](#)