

## Helsinki and North Finland

### Programme:

HELSINKI L / D

**1. day** Arrival to Helsinki-Vantaa airport, meeting the Chinese speaking guide. Pick up and transfer to the 3 star hotel in Helsinki centre area. The rest of the day is free. Dinner in a local Chinese or local restaurant.

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**2. day** Breakfast in a hotel. Departure at 09.00am to the three hours guided city sight-seeing tour by bus, during the tour the guide will show following sights: the main railway station, Kiasma modern art Museum, The Parliament building, National Museum, Finlandia house, Opera house, Orthodox Cathedral, The Dom, Market square, Sibelius Monument. Later a side-trip to the neighbour city Espoo. Drive back to Helsinki and Lunch. After lunch a short walk to the market square from where a short ferry cruise to Suomenlinna island (Finnish historical fortress). Walking around the island and will be taken a cruise back to the market square around 17.00pm. Dinner in a local restaurant.



HELSINKI - KEMI B / L / D

**3. day:** After breakfast at 08.00am departure by bus from the hotel to Helsinki-Vantaa Airport for the domestic flight to KEMI. It is 45 minutes flight. Kemi is the northernmost harbour city in Finland and the bay is covered by ice during the winter. Finnish ice breakers keeps the seaway open for a cargo ships through out the winter.

After arrival to Kemi, meeting the local guide and transfer to the city center to wear warm clothes and shoes for the visit to Snow castle (Lumilinna). Walking about 200 metres to Lumilinna. Lumilinna is a temporary winter hotel made of snow and ice. There are rooms to sleep in a sleeping bags.

From Lumilinna proceed to the snow mobile safari. Snow mobiles are motorized vehicles and very easy to drive. Driving to the Kotakyla, a local reindeer village, where you can have a short ride with a reindeer. You can taste a reindeer sandwich and juice or coffee in a local hut.

Driving back to Kemi harbour to the ice breaker "Sampo". Sampo starts for a cruise and during the cruise you will have a lunch on board. Before lunch a guided tour around the ship and possibility for a "swim" in icy water. However you will be warmly dressed with proper floating dress. Very exotic experience.

At about 16.00 walking back to change your clothes and a bus tour to Rovaniemi, the capital of Lapland.

Kemi - Rovaniemi is about 90 minutes drive. Arrival to the hotel\*\*\* and at 19.00 dinner in a local restaurant.



## ROVANIEMI

**4. day:** Breakfast in a hotel. Pick up from the hotel to change again the proper warm clothes for a snow mobile drive to the reindeer farm. During the day trip you will have a possibility to sit in a sledge which is driven by the reindeer or husky dogs. Pick-nick lunch at the Polar Circle. Visiting the world famous real Santa Claus and the Polar Circle village. After the tour return by snow mobiles to Rovaniemi and back to the hotel.



## ROVANIEMI

**5. day:** Breakfast in a hotel. Pick up at 09.00am from the hotel to change the proper winter clothes for a walking tour by snow shoes. Walking by snow shoes for fishing through the ice. A hole will be made through the ice to the water. Reindeer burger outdoor pick-nick lunch .



(OPTIONAL visits on 5. day:

visit to Arktikum, a Lapland museum and exhibition center (2 hrs) .

Off-road mikro car race.

Back to the hotel and check-out. Transfer to the airport and flight back to Helsinki-Vantaa airport

Check-in for flight to China.

End of the tour.