

TRAVEL WITH ASHLEY ON THE FESTIVE POLAR ESCAPE

DECEMBER 5, 2026 TO DECEMBER 11, 2026



OVERVIEW

Prepare to be wowed on this Festive Polar Escape. Encounter natural beauty and festive friends with fewer crowds around on this off-season escorted tour of Finland, with a touch of Sweden. Your adventure begins in Oulu, a perfect mix of northern nature, urban city culture, and original local flavor. From Oulu, visit a fishing village and an authentic organic brewery. Continue to Tornio, in Lapland. Visit a reindeer farm, enter the Arctic Circle, cross the border into Sweden, and to top it all off meet Santa Claus in his hometown of Rovaniemi. Remember to get your Christmas list ready to deliver personally to Santa! Join us to experience this exquisite mix of natural beauty and festiveness, that will stay with you for years to come—a guided vacation you'll treasure forever.

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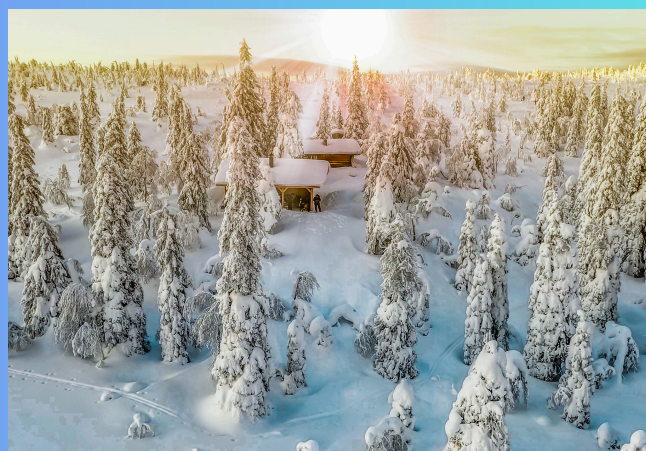
\$1942.00 per person based on double occupancy, land-only. Singles and triples available on request.

Travel protection from \$199 per person. Request travel insurance quote and air pricing upon inquiry.

RESERVATIONS & INQUIRIES



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DAY ONE

Welcome to Oulu! This is your pre-day and you are free to explore on your own.

DAY TWO

At 6 pm, meet your Tour Director and traveling companions for a welcome dinner at the hotel.
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DAY THREE

Enjoy an orientation tour to introduce you to Oulu, the 2026 European Capital of Culture. Then board a ferry for a ride to Hailouto, the largest island in the Bothnian Bay. The island of Hailouto started to rise from the sea approximately 2,000 years ago and continues to do so. Eventually the island will adjoin the mainland as the rising shoreline is constantly changing to form a living conservation area. The manmade environment in Hailuoto, characterized by well-preserved traditional buildings, together with its unique natural features, has earned Hailuoto the designation as one of Finland's national landscapes—and the only national landscape covering the entire municipality. Take a guided visit of the Marjaniemi fishing village, before getting a real taste of the island with lunch and a guided visit to an organic brewery, including a tasting. Later, return to Oulu for an evening at leisure.

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DAY FOUR

Enjoy free time this morning to explore more of Oulu; browse the Market Square, taste some local specialties at the Market Hall, take a selfie with the famous Policeman statue, or head over to Piksaari Island to stroll around the wooden district. This afternoon, a real treat awaits with a visit to a reindeer farm, connect with the local culture and learn all about these gentle animals. Enjoy an evening at leisure in Tornio and start getting acquainted with the city that sits on Finland's border with Sweden or join an optional excursion to view the Northern Lights

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DAY FIVE

About a hundred years ago, a passer-by started spreading the word about the true location of Santa's real home. Since then, Santa has traveled to the Arctic Circle to meet with kids from 1 to 92 to hear Christmas wishes in his remote Santa's Village in Rovaniemi. Enjoy a visit with Old St. Nick and receive your official Arctic Circle Certificate documenting your crossing this hemispheric line. Today, get into the festive spirit as you drive to Rovaniemi to visit Santa Claus's village. Keep an eye out for the elves and Santa Claus, himself. This enchanting village sits directly on the Arctic Circle. Step across the latitudinal line and receive your Arctic Circle Certificate.

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DAY SIX

This morning, enjoy an orientation drive of Tornio that includes a border crossing into Sweden to visit the neighboring town of Haparanda. Later, stop in Kemi to visit the Ice Experience. Step into a winter wonderland any day of the year in Kemi. Walk on the snowy floors and admire the amazing ice sculptures as their themes and colors change before your eyes. Slip down the ice slide, sit by the ice tables, and snap selfies in this snowy scene. This evening, join your travel companions for a farewell dinner at a local restaurant.

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DAY SEVEN

Your vacation ends with breakfast this morning.
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