

Santa Claus Village - Finland

1. Warm-up

Where do you think this place is?

What do you know about it?

Have you ever been there? If not, would you like to go to? Why?





2. Vocabulary

1. To cross	a) To reduce
2. To pass along	b) To have a snack or a small meal that can be consumed quickly
3. A dream-come-true	c) A reservation that was scheduled to happen
4. A long queue	d) something which has long been desired for and which has finally happened
5. A pre-booked slot	e) A zone of a city or town reserved for pedestrians only and in which most or all automobile traffic may be prohibited
6. To shorten	f) To intersect
7. To grab a bite to eat	g) To move in a specified direction
8. A pedestrian walkway area	h) A waiting line especially of people or vehicles

3. Reading

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First, our guide will give you a short presentation of the Village. You will learn a bit of its history, which started with the first celebrity visitor in 1950.

You will **cross** the official Arctic Circle line on your way to the entrance door to the Santa Claus office and receive your personal Diploma for crossing the Arctic Circle.

To meet Santa in his office, you will have **to pass along** the Magic Path. Meeting Santa Claus is **a dream-come-true** for most of the visitors of Lapland, and in high season there can be **a long queue** to his office, but on our excursion, we will use **a pre-booked slot**, which might **shorten** the waiting time.

Finally, you will have a meeting with Santa - the biggest attraction in Lapland, you will also visit the Official Santa Claus Post office, which receives thousands of letters from children and adults from all over the world.

Here you can send a postcard to your friends and family with the official Santa Post Office stamp and order a letter from Santa to your beloved ones for the next Christmas. Here we will have some free time, you can visit numerous Finnish design and souvenir shops in the village or **grab a bite to eat** or drink.

After that according to client's wish we may visit Rovaniemi city.

Guide will tell a short story about it, and we will stop in the city center, where you will have some free time for exploring the **pedestrian walkway area**, or visit Arktikum museum, Wood or Art museums or Martiini knife factory outlet.

In the evening in good time for the dinner you will return to Levi.

3a. Reading Comprehension:

- a) What is the text about?
- b) How long will take the trip?
- c) How far is the village Rovaniemi from Levi?
- d) When did the first famous celebrity visit the village?
- e) What will visitors receive after crossing the Arctic Circle?
- f) What do tourists have to do to meet Santa in his office?
- g) What does meeting Santa Claus mean for most of the visitors of Lapland?
- h) How can visitors shorten their waiting time?

- i) What is the biggest attraction in Lapland?
- j) What things can people do at the Official Santa Claus Post office?
- k) How will tourists spend their free time in the village?
- l) What would you do in your free time in Rovaniemi city?
- m) When will visitors return to Levi?

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