



4.10.2020

Dear exchange student, host family and host club,

The Traditional Lapland Tour for the inbound exchange students takes place on Dec 4th- 10th 2020

Lapland Tour is traditionally one of the optional trips offered to the exchange students in Finland. Under the unusual circumstances with the pandemic, it turns out to be the only trip we are able to offer to our students this year. It is a unique opportunity to experience Lappish culture and a totally different part of Finland. In addition to skiing and other winter fun, you will see reindeers, have a husky ride and hopefully get a glimpse of the Northern Lights! **We sincerely hope that you can take part in this trip!** We have only 12 students in Finland at the moment – it is only 10 % of the normal group size.

In the normal years, the whole cost of the trip is paid by the student's own parents. This year, we are happy to let you know, that the Rotary clubs sponsor the trip considerably to bring the cost down to enable everyone's participation. Therefore, the cost is only 560 € per student. In addition, the trip takes a full week as opposed to four days previously.

The venue is **Jeris Hotel** in Muonio. Google for info: <https://harriniva.fi/harriniva-viisi-lomakohdetta/jeris/?lang=fi>

Register to the Lapland Tour latest on Oct 20th here: <https://forms.gle/v3Y3qt8kkB3Zxzbq9>

Before signing up, please:

- ask your club counsellor to send a signed and scanned Club Recommendation Form by e-mail to ptronkko@gmail.com.
- ask your own parents to send a letter of consent by email to ptronkko@gmail.com.
- show this letter to your December host parents and make sure that you have transportation to and from the closest railway station where you are able to board the train to Kolari.

We'll travel return to Kolari by night train (sleeping car) and it takes 16 hours one way from Helsinki. Some of the students are able to catch the train along the way. From Kolari we travel by private coach yet another hour to Muonio. The train leaves from Helsinki on Fri Dec 4th and arrives in Kolari on Sat Dec 15th. When returning, the train leaves from Kolari on Thu Dec 10th and arrives in Helsinki on Fri Dec 11th. **Please, see the train time table below for further information! Note, that students getting on or off the train in Tampere or Seinäjoki, will do it around midnight or correspondingly at around 3 a.m. the following day!**

The student's HOST FAMILY or the YOUTH EXCHANGE OFFICER must ensure that the student is at the station at the correct time!

At Jeris Hotel there will be full board and all-inclusive program. Rotary Rules apply.

At Olostunturi Ski Center, all equipment (skis/snowboard + boots + helmet) is provided. The use of helmet is compulsory when skiing or boarding downhill! The rental fee and the ski lift ticket are included in the price of the trip. Don't take any own ski equipment with you! The program includes also cross-country skiing, tobogganing down a slope and – ice situation providing – fishing on the ice. In addition, we celebrate the Finnish Independence Day Dec 6th during the trip. And if you are good, you may meet Santa Claus! After all, he lives in Lapland. The temperatures in Lapland may go down to minus 20° – 30° C in early December. Therefore, make sure to have warm clothes including winter **BOOTS, GLOVES and HAT**. Thermal underwear is recommended highly. Please, ask help from your host family with packing sensible clothes for the trip!

THE COST OF THE TRIP MUST BE PAID BY THE STUDENT by October 31st.

- RECIPIENT: Suomen Rotary ry NV-LAPIN MATKA
- ADDRESS: Iso Roobertinkatu 9 C, 00120 Helsinki Finland
- AMOUNT EURO: € 560,00
- BANK ACCOUNT, IBAN: FI93 1745 3000 0001 27
- SWIFT: NDEAFIHH
- NAME and ADDRESS of the bank: NORDEA, Aleksanterinkatu 17, 00100 Helsinki, Finland
- ADDITIONAL INFORMATION: Student's name and host club

See you in Lapland! Best regards,

Paavo Rönkkö

Lapland Tour 2020 / tour leader

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Train timetable Helsinki-Kolari and Kolari-Helsinki:

Pikajuna 269 (meno)

Asema	Saapuu	Lähtee
HELSINKI		20.28
PASILA	20.33	20.35
TIKKURILA	21.11	21.13
RIIHIMÄKI	21.56	22.00
HÄMEENLINNA	22.26	22.28
TAMPERE	23.17	23.50
SEINÄJOKI	01.48	03.07
LAPUA	03.24	03.27
KAUHAVA	03.41	03.42
PÄNNÄINEN	04.30	04.31
KOKKOLA	04.52	04.55
KANNUS	05.19	05.20
YLIVIESKA	05.44	05.49
OULAINEN	06.18	06.21
VIHANTI	06.38	06.39
RUUKKI	06.53	06.54
KEMPELE	07.22	07.25
OULU	07.36	08.06
KEMI	09.14	09.18
TORNIO ITÄINEN	09.43	09.46
YLITORNIO	10.34	10.38
PELLO	11.23	11.26
KOLARI	12.17	

Pikajuna 272 (paluu)

Asema	Saapuu	Lähtee
KOLARI		17.40
PELLO	18.27	18.29
YLITORNIO	19.17	19.19
TORNIO ITÄINEN	20.09	20.12
KEMI	20.40	20.44
OULU	22.05	22.50
KEMPELE	23.00	23.01
RUUKKI	23.25	23.26
VIHANTI	23.50	23.55
OULAINEN	00.14	00.15
YLIVIESKA	00.33	00.36
KANNUS	00.59	01.00
KOKKOLA	01.25	01.28
PÄNNÄINEN	01.49	01.50
KAUHAVA	02.59	03.00
LAPUA	03.10	03.11
SEINÄJOKI	03.26	03.29
PARKANO	04.17	04.18
TAMPERE	05.24	06.26
TOIJALA	06.51	06.53
HÄMEENLINNA	07.18	07.51
RIIHIMÄKI	08.14	08.18
TIKKURILA	08.58	09.00
PASILA	09.38	09.40
HELSINKI	09.45	