Dear exchange student, host family and host club, **21.9.2026**

The traditional Lapland Tour is arranged for the inbound exchange students between 23. – 28.11.2026.

This tour will take place in Muonio, in Lapland Hotel Pallas. Two buses are departing from the south of Finland on 23.11.2026 and the return trip starts from Muonio on 27.11.2026 in the morning. Particularly, notice the fact that the last students will take the bus on the northbound trip after midnight, i.e. on 24.11.2026 – the morning night. Correspondingly, the last students are disembarking the bus on the southbound trip in the morning night on 28.11.2026.

Sign up to Lapland Tour by clicking the Registration link and follow the instructions thereafter. Sign up deadline is 12.10.2026. Please make sure that your club YEO sends the signed Club Recommendation form to me by e-mail no later than 12.10.2026.

REGISTRATION

You will see the bus stops and schedules **HERE**. We ask the host family or youth exchange officer to make sure that the student is at the bus stop they have chosen during registration, and which is closest to their host family.

NOTE! Make sure your host family of November will see this letter! The student must be at the bus stop at least 10 minutes prior to the arrival time of the bus.

At Pallas the students enjoy all-inclusive service according to the Rotary rules.
For safety reasons, we also have a breathalyzer with us, which we will use when necessary.
The temperatures in Lapland may decrease to minus 20 – 30 Celsius in late November.
PLEASE ARRANGE SUITABLE WINTER BOOTS, WINTER GLOVES AND WARM PROTECTION FOR THE HEAD.

Depending on snow conditions we have cross-country skiing, snowboarding, and downhill skiing as skiing options in the program. The student must choose one option when signing up. The use of a helmet is compulsory when skiing downhill or snowboarding!
The equipment rent (not ski goggles) and the ski-lift ticket are included in the price of the trip.
Don´t take your own ski equipment - except ski goggles - with you!

THE STUDENT MUST PAY FOR THE LAPLAND TOUR BY 5.11.2026. We offer bank transfer and credit card payment options.

Bank transfer

- PAYMENT RECEIVER: Suomen ja Viron Rotarypalvelu ry
- ADDRESS: Iso Roobertinkatu 9 C, 00120 Helsinki Finland
- AMOUNT EURO: 830 €
- BANK ACCOUNT: NORDEA IBAN: FI93 1745 3000 0001 27
- SWIFT: NDEAFIHH. Address: Satamaradankatu 5, 00020 Nordea, Finland
- ADDITIONAL INFORMATION: Host Club (club name), Host District (district number) and full name of the student
- **If you are transferring the payment from North or South America, from Asia or from South Africa (ie. outside EEMA/ETA countries) please use a transfer option where the sender (you) pays all the fees for the international transfer, ensuring that the recipient (Finnish and Estonian Rotary Service) receives the full amount of the transfer. Otherwise Rotary must collect the difference from the student which is an extra burden that we like to avoid.**

Credit card payment

- Go to **THIS LINK** and follow the instructions thereafter.
- AMOUNT EURO: 870 € (includes bank costs of credit card payment)
- **The payer needs to have student's full name, Host District number and Host Club name available when paying.**
- Insert payer and student information in the page that opens after clicking the above links. After inserting the information click the blue button **"Save Participants Details"** at the bottom of the page, click the blue button **"Save participants & Continue"** in the second page that opens and click the green button **"Yes, confirm now and proceed to pay"** in the third page that opens. After waiting a few seconds, a view of bank and credit card symbols opens (as shown in the figure below).
- Available credit card options are Visa, MasterCard and American Express. See the figure below for choosing the credit card option when paying. Visa, MasterCard and American Express labels are circled in red. Ignore the other labels and do not try to use them.
- **Make sure that your credit card security limits and daily/weekly/monthly payment limits are set to large enough values to allow the payment.**
- **Please note that in the current geopolitically tense international situation denial-of-service attacks may delay or temporarily block internet connections which may cause difficulties in overseas credit card payments. If you find difficulties in paying with the credit card, use the bank transfer option instead.**

Best regards

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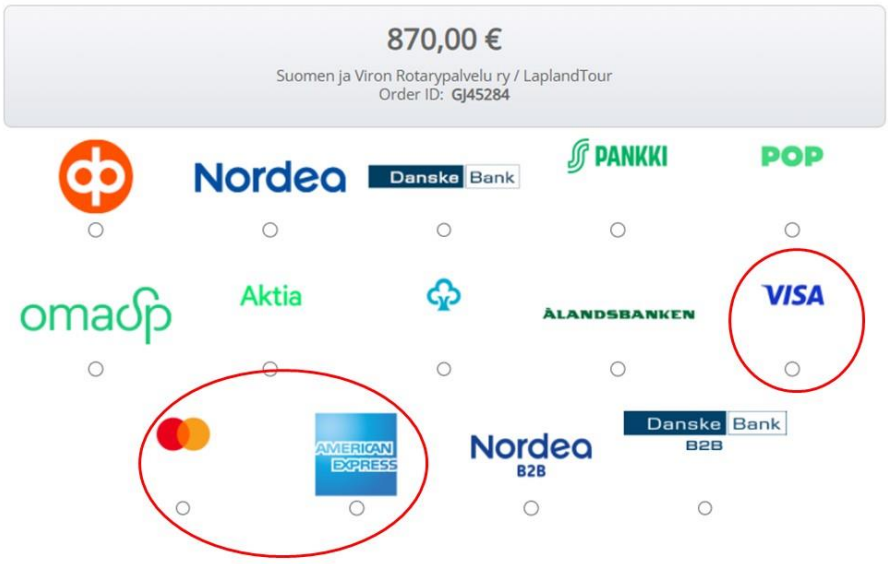

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