

Practical guide
Winter School “Legal Challenges in International Investments, Indigenous Peoples
and Environment Protection» (3IPEP)
Rovaniemi (Finland) 19 – 26 January 2020

Dear participant,

This guide will help to prepare for your visit to Rovaniemi and the University of Lapland. We recommend that you read it carefully. Please note that you can find more information about the University of Lapland on the Internet at www.ulapland.fi/english and https://issuu.com/ulapland/docs/studyinlapland_uusin_vuorovaik_lopu?e=17547094/36887063.

WELCOME TO UNIVERSITY OF LAPLAND

The mission of the University of Lapland is captured in its watchword, “For the North – for the world”. Originally established in 1979 to provide higher education opportunities for people living in northern Finland, the university has now become an important educational institution for the entire country. The University of Lapland has produced every fourth lawyer, every third university-educated expert in art and design, close to ten percent of the social scientists, and many talented educational professionals here in Finland.

LAPLAND

Lapland is the northernmost province of Finland and the European Union. It represents about one-third of the total area of the country (about 99,000 km²). It is also a very sparsely populated area with only 2.1 people/ km². Lapland is known for its treeless fells and wildlife. The seasons are very pronounced in Lapland. During the six months of winter there is a lot of snow, and sometimes the temperature can drop to –40 ° C. The spring, when the days are longer, is very short. Summers can be very warm with daylight 24 hours a day.

ROVANIEMI – THE OFFICIAL HOMETOWN OF SANTA CLAUS® AND ARCTIC DESIGN CAPITAL®

Rovaniemi is the administrative, cultural and educational centre of Lapland. Santa Claus has his permanent home in Rovaniemi and welcomes visitors at his office in his very own village on the Arctic Circle every day, all year round.

Rovaniemi is a dynamic northern town with growing population of 62 000. Being the educational centre of Lapland, Rovaniemi is a youthful student city, and the number of students is 10,000. Unique city plan and various prominent buildings in Rovaniemi were designed by the world-famous architect Alvar Aalto. The many visiting exhibitions attract friends of the arts to the exhibition halls of the Rovaniemi Art Museum - Korundi, the Arktikum, the Regional Library of Lapland, and a number of smaller galleries. The Arktikum also houses the Provincial Museum of Lapland and the exhibitions of the Arctic Research Centre.

PRACTICAL INFORMATION FOR YOUR VISIT:

Flights. Your flight tickets are provided by organizers and sent to your email addresses. 1 piece of checked-in luggage, max 23 kg + 1 hand luggage is included in the ticket fare. Please note that it is your own responsibility to check-in for the flights and be on time for the flights and transfers!

Keep your boarding pass, digital or print, and send/give it to Olga Pushina on the first day. Please, also send us your boarding pass after the return flight.

Upon arrival. To get from the airport to the city of Rovaniemi you need to take a taxi (approximately 25 euro/car) or use Airport shuttle bus. The bus from the airport leaves immediately after the arrival of flights. The route takes you to the city center (tell the driver the name of your hotel). The price is 7 € per person. More information <https://airportbus.fi/en/>.

Accommodation. You will be staying at **Hostel Café Koti** (address: Valtakatu 21) that is situated in the city center of Rovaniemi. Your accommodation (twin or family rooms) is paid by the organizers. All rooms have their own bathrooms, and **breakfast is included** in the room price. Please note that check-in at Hostel Café Koti starts at 15.00h and check-out time is at 11.00h. on the last day (26 January). All rooms are also guaranteed for late arrival.

Special info for UVSQ students. You have a very tight flights schedule. After landing in Helsinki, please, proceed directly to the Rovaniemi flight's gate.

Special info for RGSJL students:

Hostel Café Koti's reception is normally open only until 21.00h. For your group they will stay at reception on Sunday until 23.30h.

Your group's scheduled arrival time in Rovaniemi is 21.15h. **If everything goes well**, you should be at Hostel well before 23.30h. When you arrive, outdoor will be closed and **you will have to ring a door bell outside**, there will be someone at the reception who will open the door for you.

In case there will be a flight delay, so that your group will be arriving even later than 23.30, Hostel will send all of you CODES to your mobile telephone numbers and with these codes you will get your keycards from keyboxes outside the Hostel. Keep in mind that Hostel will send the codes only on Sunday IF the flight will be delayed so much that you will arrive after 23.30. You will not get the codes earlier.

IF your group comes as planned with the reserved flights, you do NOT have to do anything, just go from airport directly to Hostel and in Hostel you have to ring the doorbell outside as the outdoor will be closed after 21.00. There will be someone to meet you until 23.30h.

But if there will be longer delays, someone from the group should call to the Hostel. Your group is having also very quick flight change in Helsinki, **it is important that you go quickly in Helsinki to the Rovaniemi flight's gate (do not go to toilet or anywhere else at the airport!)**. And in Rovaniemi go directly from the airport to Hostel! If there will be longer delay, each participant will get the access code to the key box on his/her mobile telephone number but ONLY if you will be arriving to Hostel after 23.30h.

IF the Riga-Helsinki flight is delayed, there is still one flight later to Rovaniemi on Sunday evening at 21.20-22.45, it is Finnair's responsibility that your group will come to Rovaniemi with the later flight if the Riga flight is delayed.... but IF your group will catch only the later flight, you should call to Hostel that you will come with the later flight.

Café Hostel Koti telephone number: +358 44 7961 333.

About your clothes. Our Winter school takes place in the coldest time of the year. Between December and March temperatures of -20°C or even -30°C are very common in Rovaniemi. That is why **you are strongly advised to take with you comfortable warm clothes and shoes**. The best way to dress is to wear clothes in layers: a long-sleeved undershirt and long underpants, pants and a shirt/wool sweater over these, and a warm coat on top. And don't forget a hat, gloves and warm winter boots or shoes! In the winter it is best to wear clothes made of natural materials, such as wool and cotton. Thick-soled, insulated shoes or boots are essential. Your winter coat should be a quilted one or wind-proof with a lining.

How to get to University. University campus (address: Yliopistonkatu 8) is situated in approximately 2,5 km distance from the city centre. To get to University area, you may choose - to

have a walk or to take a bus No.4. It takes **approximately 30 minutes to get to University by walking**. Keep this in mind when planning your route in the morning!

The bus schedule can be found on <https://www.linkkari.fi/In-English> -> [Journey Planner](#). Alternatively, you may download the bus timetable beforehand from <https://www.linkkari.fi/In-English/Routes-and-timetables/Route-maps-winter-782019-3152020>. The closest to Hostel Café Koti bus stop is called Ruokasenpuisto (alin) I (situated on Ruokasenkatu). Your destination bus stop is Yliopisto L. The price of a single bus ticket is 3,50€. You can purchase single tickets on the bus in cash or with the most common debit/credit cards (<https://www.linkkari.fi/In-English/Tickets-and-fares>).

Where to have lunch at the University. There are three student cafeterias at the main university building: Felli, Petronella and Café Lovisa. Lunch for visitors at Felli and Petronella costs 7,95€, at Lovisa - 7,20€. You can also go to "Sale" grocery store to buy a snack (on the opposite side of the street, from the main University entrance).

Where to have lunch at Arktikum. During the lunch break you can go to Arktikum Café situated on the first floor of the building. The price of a lunch buffet there is 14€, soup and salad lunch 9,50€. Another option is that you take a snack with you.

In the case of emergency

General emergency number, police 112

Lapland police switchboard +358 295 460 321

In emergency always call 112. Cases requiring immediate treatment: the emergency health care is located in Lapland Central Hospital (Lapin keskussairaala) (address: Ounasrinteentie 22). Telephone health service (7/24h) - call before you come to Hospital +358 (0)16 322 4800. Emergency Clinic (016) 328 2100.

Our team is happy to help you during your stay. About all practical issues, please, contact Olga Pushina (olga.pushina@ulapland.fi, tel.+358 404 844 235).

We hope you enjoy your stay in Rovaniemi!