

In Rovaniemi, December 26th 2016

Dear Marc,

How are you? I wish you Happy New Year 2017!

I decided to spend Christmas time in Rovaniemi in Lapland, Finland. The Finnair Santa flight from the capital of Finland Helsinki to Rovaniemi arrived on time. Rovaniemi is Santa's official home town in Lapland.

The city of Rovaniemi was decorated for Christmas time. There were beautiful Christmas trees with lights all around the city. The weather was freezing cold. So I had to do some shopping. I bought warm winter clothes, e.g. woollen mittens. I also bought soft reindeers as souvenirs.

In Rovaniemi I visited Santa Claus Village on the Arctic Circle. In Santa Claus Village there were Christmas trees, snowmen, beautiful lights and ice sculptures. In Santa Claus Village I crossed the magical Arctic Circle and had a chance to meet Santa Claus. It was great to meet Santa Claus himself. I have always wanted to ask Santa how old he is. Santa told me that's something not even he can remember exactly.

One of the most interesting places was Santa's post office. Santa's Elves were sorting out letters from all over the world. I got a very special chance to see Santa's workshop. There were big and small presents waiting for delivery on Christmas Eve.

In Santa Claus Village, there were reindeers with a wooden sleigh. I jumped on the sleigh and rode like Santa through a snowy forest. For the first time in my life, I saw The Northern Lights. In the evening it was fun to go to the sauna and swim in the snow.

On Christmas Eve I was invited to a Finnish Christmas dinner. As a dessert I tasted gingerbread cookies. I liked them a lot. I sent you a gingerbread mould with a recipe for gingerbread cookies. So you can bake them, too.

I took videos about Rovaniemi city and Santa Claus Village. I hope you enjoy them.

Best wishes,

Max