Magical Lapland is an area in northern Finland Sweden Russia and Norway. It is most likely that Lapland does not resemble anything else on earth.

You are going on an adventure where you will see landscapes and places that you have never seen before. You will return with white photographs of snowy hills and rare photos of the famous northern light – the Aurora Borealis. You will ride snowmobiles though breathtaking landscapes, you will sail on a real ice breaker and visit the ice palace. You will take a crash course in Husky dog sleighs and ice fishing and have a drink at the famous snow hotel. This will be a trip to another world, a journey of a lifetime, and a place so unique you will remember it forever.
Day 1- Wednesday, February 1
Welcome to Lapland! A Lapland local guide will welcome us at the airport in Rovaniemi, the capital of Finnish Lapland and winter paradise! We immediately transfer straight to the safari houses where you will be equipped with safari gear (thermal overalls, shoes, socks, gloves & caps). Continue by bus to the hotel for a welcome dinner buffet in the hotel.

Day 2- Thursday, February 2
After a delicious breakfast, Continue by bus to Vaattunki nature area, where local lumberjacks still live and work. Vaattunki is a great example of natural unspoiled Arctic forest. We will transfer by coach to the husky farm where dozens of huskies greet us with their howling and yapping. These friendly husky dog teams are anxious to take us for a safari in the surrounding wilderness. After a short training session, we set out for an unforgettable journey, which will give us a glimpse into the old Lappi way of life. On return enjoy a hot drink, as there is nothing better then a hot drink after a cold journey! Continuing on to a reindeer farm where we will have a chance to ride the reindeer sledges for a short while. We then hear from a reindeer shepherd about his everyday life, reindeer and their special habits.

After a buffet dinner at our hotel, we will have a special evening snowmobile ride. The lights of our snowmobiles will light up the magical arctic forest, and the moon will guide our way. As this night ride grants us an unmatched opportunity for stargazing, we will plan on the snowmobile ride based on the appearance of the Northern Lights.

Day 3- Friday, February 3
After breakfast we continue to our snowmobile safari! Before we start out we get a briefing on the use of snowmobiles. At the end of the training we’ll practice what we learned in our thermal clothing and helmet, riding on a snowmobile. Our journey will take us through deep snow at the foot of mountains and river ice. We will travel approx. 10 km to a fishing camp on a frozen river to experience how the local people called “Lapps” live in this land. We’ll learn how to catch fish on a frozen river with a special drill to make a hole in thick ice and throw your stick into frozen water.

Return to hotel to prepare for a restful and warm Shabbat.

Friday night dinner and Tefillah at hotel
Day 4- Saturday, February 4
After Kiddush and Tefillah, we will take a walking tour to the Arktikum museum. The Artikum exhibitions lead guests on an adventure to Finnish Lapland and the Arctic region. The review of the history of Finnish Lapland spans from Rovaniemi to Upper Lapland and from prehistory to about the 1970s. The Arctic region is examined in light of the Arctic research of today and the future.

The exhibitions provide a comprehensive section of the history and culture of Lapland as well as of Arctic knowledge.

Return to hotel for an early “seudah shlishit.” Overnight at hotel

Day 5- Sunday, February 5
After breakfast we have an hour ride to Kemi. Departure to the harbor and board the Sempo ice-breaking cruise ship. We sail out into the frozen bay. The ship will stop in the bay to allow you to walk on the ice or for the heroes among you jump into the icy waters! The ship’s crew will hand out special suits to provide floatation and resistance to moisture for this activity. Next stop is a visit to the ice hotel for a your and drink at the bar! This hotel is rebuilt every year and is a not to be missed part of a trip to Lapland.

We will continue to Ounsavaara to see a private ski jump show from the highest ski jump in Lapland! Dinner buffet at the hotel

Day 6- Monday, February 6
After breakfast we begin a journey to the area of Posio to visit the “frozen falls” in Korouoma. A short walk through a beautiful winter paradise brings us to the frozen falls, a view not to be missed!

After lunch we continue to the world’s Northernmost Wildlife Park Ranua Zoo. There are about 55 species of Northern and Arctic animals and birds living in their natural habitat. The zoo is set up among the forest, and will take a leisurely walk along well-prepared paths. Many of the arctic animals are most active in winter and snow provides a good background for watching them. You will see the few tricks by the polar bears and meet the speaking black raven. Next we will make a quick stop at the Fazer chocolate factory to buy a few sweets (kosher).

Tonight night, we will have the opportunity to see a hockey game, a very fitting sport for the arctic!
Day 7- Tuesday, February 7
After breakfast we will drive out to the nearby wilderness for some snowshoeing. After a brief lesson (it’s very easy!) we continue Eskimo style to the Arctic village, located directly on the Arctic Circle. Upon returning to the hotel, we will transfer to the airport for our flight back to Tel Aviv.

Flight Schedule-Sun D’or Airline
LY 5875 01FEB DEPART TEL AVIV: 08:00 ARRIVE ROVANIEMI: 13:50
LY 5876 07FEB DEPART ROVANIEMI: 15:20 ARRIVE TEL AVIV: 21:00 08FEB

Price Per Person In A Double: AACI Members – 2940 Euro  [CURRENCY CONVERTER]  
AACI Non Members – 2990 Euro
Single Supplement- 260 EuroAirfare credit provided. Please ask about our land only packages.

Important Facts:

- Special insurance is needed for winter sports activities
- Snowmobile drivers and dog sled drivers must be 18 years old with valid driver’s license. Riding two people per snowmobile and dog sled.
- Important to bring sunglasses, sunscreen and appropriate clothing such as:
  Warm socks, wool gloves, boots, scarf, woolen hat, tracksuit clothing, wool or any comfortable clothing for use under the thermal clothing you get there.

Included in the price:

International air fare and all relevant taxes.

- 6 nights accommodation at 4 star hotel.
- Fresh and delicious Kosher breakfast and dinner with arrangements for making sandwiches for lunch
- Transportation in heated coach as per itinerary
- Local guides for the excursions and visits as per program including entrance fees
- Israeli English-speaking tour leader
- Porterage at hotels and tips for drivers and guides
- AACI staff escort
Not included in the price:

- Activities during free time
- Insurance
- Personal expenses
- Additional payment for single usage of snowmobile (must be reserved in advance)

Minimum number of participants required

Itinerary is subject to change without notice. Weather dictates much of our activity in Lapland and we cannot be held responsible for alterations to the program. Please note there are no refunds for unused services or meals.

Lapland Registration Form 2017
Lapland Insurance Form

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