

# Practical information for the PAME 1-2013 meeting in Rovaniemi, Finland

## Rovaniemi

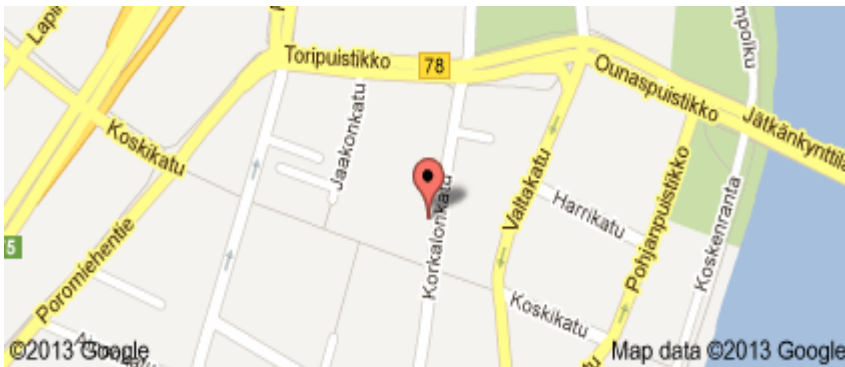
<http://www.visitrovaniemi.fi/In-English>

<http://www.lonelyplanet.com/finland/travel-tips-and-articles/77540>

## Meeting location and recommended hotel

The meeting venue for the upcoming PAME I-2013 working group meeting (12-14 February 2013) is **Hotel Santa Claus**, Korkalonkatu 29, FI-96200 Rovaniemi. The block booking has been made at the same hotel from 11th to 15th of February. The prices are 160 Euros per night for single room and 104,50 Euros per person for double room.

Further information on this hotel can be found at: <http://www.hotelsantaclaus.fi/en>



For further information: [View map](#)

Other hotels can be found at: <http://www.visitrovaniemi.fi/In-English/Accommodation/Hotels>

## Transportation from the Rovaniemi Airport

Rovaniemi Airport is located about 10 kilometres from Rovaniemi city centre.

### **Bus transportation:**

A regular connection from Rovaniemi Airport to the city centre is operated by Airportbus (Airport express). The airport bus from the airport leaves immediately after the arrival of Finnair (AY), Blue1 (KF), Airbaltic (BT) and Norwegian (DY) flights. The route takes to the hotels, as necessary.

Route from the City to Airport: bus station - Hotel Scandic - City-Hotel - Hotel Cumulus - Hotel Santa Claus - Hotelli Vaakuna -Hotel Pohjanhovi - airport. The bus starts from the bus station 1 hour before the departure of the flight. The cost of the transfer is 7 €. To check schedules and possible service changes and for further information: <http://airportbus.fi/?language=en>

### **Taxi Services:**

Taxis operating in the Rovaniemi region are on call at the taxi stand in front of the airport during the scheduled arrival times. If you wish to confirm a ride or you have special requests, you can book a taxi before arriving at the airport (phone number +358 200 88 000). The cost from the Rovaniemi airport to the city centre is 22-30 euros. [Taxi Rovaniemi](#)

## Weather and recommended clothing

The Rovaniemi area is located in the arctic zone; the climate is mild, subarctic, and characterised by extreme seasonal changes between darkness and light, cold and warmth. In February, at coldest the temperature can go down to -40 degrees Celsius.

Month	Average highest temperature	Average lowest temperature
February	-8.6 °C	-18.4 °C

Time	Sun rises	Sun sets
February the 12th.	08.33	16.20

Weather forecast: [Rovaniemi local weather](#)

To prepare for winter-time freezing temperatures, you should have warm layers of clothing and thick outdoor clothing and footwear.

## Optional guided tour on Wednesday 13 February

to the Arctic Centre <http://www.arktikum.fi/EN/arktikum.html>

and Marttiini Knife Factory Shop, see [http://www.marttiini.fi/epages/MarttiiniShop.sf/en\\_GB/?ViewObjectID=10782](http://www.marttiini.fi/epages/MarttiiniShop.sf/en_GB/?ViewObjectID=10782)

## Restaurants close to the Hotel Santa Claus

- **Restaurant Nili**  
Valtakatu 20: [View map](#)  
Tel. +358 400 369 669  
<http://www.nili.fi/EN/home.html>  
Specialities from Lapland prepared from fresh Arctic ingredients.
- **Sokos Hotel Vaakuna Restaurants**  
**Restaurant Amarillo**  
Tex-mex and steaks  
**Restaurant Fransmanni**  
Finnish & French country cooking  
Koskikatu 4: [View map](#)  
Tel. +358 20 1234 695  
vaakuna.rovaniemi@sokoshotels.fi  
<http://www.sokoshotels.fi/en/hotels/rovaniemi/restaurants/>
- **Rosso**  
Maakuntakatu 30: [View map](#)  
<http://www.rosso.fi/menu-in-english/>  
Finnish and Italian cuisine
- **Restaurant Monte Rosa**  
City Hotel, Pekankatu 9: [View map](#)  
[http://www.cityhotel.fi/en/wine\\_dine/monterosa/](http://www.cityhotel.fi/en/wine_dine/monterosa/)  
International
- **Akropolis**  
<http://akropolis.fi/menu/>  
Rovakatu 26: [View map](#)  
Greek restaurant
- **Hai Long**  
Valtakatu 22: [View map](#)  
Chinese restaurant

## **Outdoor activities**

- **Fun on skis:** Ounasvaara is the best place for downhill and cross-country skiing. It is located across the river about 4 kilometres from the Hotel Santa Claus. You can best reach Ounasvaara by bus or taxi. For further information contact the hotel reception. Ounasvaara Website: <http://www.ounasvaara.fi/en>
- **Visit Santa Claus:** The Santa Claus Village is located 8 km north of Rovaniemi. The opening hours are 10 a.m. – 5 p.m and buses depart once an hour from the Rovaniemi Railway Station every day: local bus network -> bus number 8. In addition, there are many different kinds Santa Claus excursions. For further information: [The Santa Claus Village](#) & [Santa Claus excursions](#)
- **Other activities:**
  - [Snowmobile safaris](#)
  - [Reindeer safaris](#)
  - [Husky rides](#)
  - [Ice fishing excursions](#)