



Production Guide

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1 Introduction

Welcome to Finnish Lapland!

Lapland, the northernmost region of the country, is one of the most exotic areas in Finland. Lapland offers untouched wilderness combined with modern facilities. Thanks to the extensive road network and the tourism industry in the region, the wonders of nature are easily at your reach. With four distinct seasons Lapland can offer versatile locations. The scenery changes from high fells to beautiful lakes and rivers, from arctic treeless land to deep pine forests. Top class services for film crews including accommodation and transportation are at your disposal.

Over the decades the unique landscapes of Lapland have been used as a setting for many feature and short films, television series and commercials as well as documentaries. The treeless tundra-like landscapes and snow-covered sceneries have also successfully replicated locations such as Siberia or the North Pole. Many world famous animation films have also been set in Finnish Lapland.

Lapland hosts film festivals, which take place in beautiful arctic surroundings. In Sodankylä The Midnight Sun Film Festival has been attracting world famous auteurs to Lapland since 1986. The festival was founded by Aki and Mika Kaurismäki who still attend the festival regularly. Indigenous peoples film festival Skábmagovat has been held in Inari every January since 1999. The festival celebrates the Sami culture.

Finnish Lapland Film Commission provides consultation for audiovisual productions in Lapland. FLFC offers location scouting, information on production facilities and locations in the region. Finnish Lapland Film Commission can help you find professionals and equipment for your production – be it feature, commercial, animation or documentary.

This guide provides practical information on working and filming in Lapland as well as information on the production resources in Finland. It lists contact details of local production services, equipment rentals and professionals, as well as data about sunlight, average temperatures and other issues that need to be taken into account when making a production decision.

2 Working in Finland

Permits of Filming

Filming in Lapland is simple thanks to a national law called Everyman's Right. It allows everyone free access to the land and waterways without having to go through the process of applying for a permit. Landowners permission is though required for filming on private property or land.

Metsähallitus is a state enterprise that administers more than 12 million hectares of state-owned land and water areas of which 6.2 million hectares in Lapland. Most of Finland scenic places like national parks and other places of natural beauty are governed by Metsähallitus.

Permits for Metsähallitus, contact Ms. Kristiina Vuopala Manager, Corporate Relations (tel.) +358 205 64 7695 | (mobile) +358 40 729 8819 e-mail: kristiina.vuopala@metsa.fi www.metsa.fi www.pilke.info

It takes app. around two weeks to apply for permit.

Special traffic arrangements require a permit from the police.

Visas

EU citizens have the right to enter Finland freely with a valid passport or an identity card.

In accordance with the Schengen agreement citizens with a passport of any of the following countries do not need a visa to visit Finland: Andorra, Argentina, Australia, Bolivia, Brunei, Canada, Chile, Costa Rica, Croatia, El Salvador, Guatemala, Honduras, Israel, Japan, Republic Of Korea, Liechtenstein, Malaysia, Mexico, Monaco, New Zealand, Nicaragua, Panama, Paraguay, San Marino, Singapore, Switzerland, the United States, Uruguay, Vatican and Venezuela.

More information: <http://formin.finland.fi/public>

Working in Finland

EU citizens and citizens of Iceland, Liechtenstein, Norway and Switzerland can freely work in Finland for a maximum of three months, after which they must register their right to reside in Finland. Citizens of countries outside the EEA need a worker's residence permit to work in Finland.

More information: www.formin.fi

EU based production companies are allowed to operate in Finland as long as they have received the required authority to do so in the country of their headquarters. Finnish working conditions also apply to foreign workers posted in Finland. If the worker is not a union member and not covered by a collective agreement, he is still protected by Finnish employment law.

Co-production and Film Financing

The Finnish Film Foundation is an independent foundation, which is supervised by the Department for Cultural Policy in the Ministry of Education. It grants film production support. International co-productions with a Finnish producer can apply for financial support from The Finnish Film Foundation. www.ses.fi

AVEK (The Promotion Centre for Audiovisual Culture) was established in 1987 by the Finnish copyright organization Kopiosto. AVEK funds short films, documentaries, videos, media art as well as experimental work. International co-productions with a Finnish producer can apply for financial support from AVEK. www.kopiosto.fi/avek

The Finnish Broadcasting Company YLE grants funding for television productions. www.yle.fi

SATU ry is an organization representing the field of independent producers of audiovisual content in Finland. SATU maintains a list of Finnish Production companies at its website. www.satu.fi

3 Practical info / Finland

Information about Finland

Capital city: Helsinki
Population: 5,3 million
Country phone code: 358
Cellular phone network: 100 % of the country GSM covered
Internet: WLAN is very common
Voltage: 220 V / 50 Hz, a two-pin plug system, AC
TV/Video system: PAL
Weights & Measures: Metric

A valid passport is required when entering Finland (except citizens of the Nordic countries or the EU). Residence permit is needed if the stay lasts longer than three months. Finland is a member of the EU, so travel regulations are the same as in other EU countries.

Economy

Currency: 1 EUR
Exchange rate: USD 1 = EUR 0,79, EUR 1 = 1,27 USD
Credit cards: American Express, Visa, Master Card, Diners, Eurocard
Traveller's cheques: accepted in banks and money exchange offices.
If going to smaller villages carrying cash is a good idea.

Banks

Osuuspankki, Sampo, Nordea, Handelsbanken (and others) open mon-fri from 10 am to 4.30 pm.
ATMs are marked OTTO.

Drinking Water

Finnish tap water is drinkable. In addition, bottled water is available in shops and restaurants.

Alcohol

Supermarkets, kiosks and gas stations sell only mild alcoholic beverages, such as beer and cider, which can be sold 9am - 9pm. Spirits and wines are sold by the state-owned chain Alko. Age limit for alcohol with less than 22% ABV is 18 and for stronger 20, although an 18-year-old can consume them in restaurants and bars.

Driving In Finland

Finland has right-hand traffic. Headlights must be used at all times and seatbelts are compulsory both in the front and the rear. Minimum age for driving is 18. From December to February snow tires are required. The maximum speed limit for cars and buses is 100 km/h on summertime, (high ways 120 km/h) and 80 km/h on wintertime (high ways 100 km/h). In all urban areas and villages the maximum speed ranges from 60 km/h to 40 km/h. Please note that in Finland emergency flash is allowed to be used exclusively in a case of emergency.

Smoking

Smoking is banned in all indoor public places, with an exception of enclosed smoking booths in bars and trains. You can buy cigarettes at the age of 18.

Calling to Finland from Abroad

Dial the international access code of the country you call from
--> the country code of Finland (358),
--> the area code without the prefix 0,
--> the local phone number.

For example Lapland area code is 016.

Calling from Finland to Abroad

Dial the international access code (00, 990, 994 or 999),
--> the country code (without the prefix 0),
--> the area code (without the prefix 0),
--> the local phone number.

National Holidays

Holiday in Finnish	2011
New Year's Day	Jan 1
Epiphany	Jan 6
Good Friday	April 22
Easter	April 24-25
Mothers Day	May 8
May Day	May 1
Ascension Day	June 2
Whitsun	June 12
Midsummer Day	Jun 25
All Saints Day	Nov 5
Fathers Day	Nov 13
Independence Day	Dec 6
Christmas Eve & Day	Dec 24-25
Boxing Day	Dec 26

Note that May Day Eve, Midsummer Eve and Christmas Eve are only half a day of work.

Health Care

Everyone has the right to health care. Local authorities provide health services.

Emergency number: 112

Local health centers can be contacted in case of minor injuries. For example, you can reach Rovaniemi Emergency Polyclinic (First Aid) from 8am to 10pm at +358 (0)16 328 2140 and from 10pm to 8am at +358 (0)16 328 2100.

Pharmacies are called Apteekki in Finnish. Pharmacies are normally open from 9am to 5pm. In Rovaniemi there is always one pharmacy open at weekdays from 9am to 9pm, weekends and holidays from 12pm to 8pm.

Weather

Please find tables and charts about daylight and average temperature later.

Finnish Meteorological Institute's service number 24h: +358 (0) 600 1 0600 (3,98 €/min).

4 About Lapland

Finnish Lapland is located for the most part above the Arctic Circle. The province of Lapland is Finland's largest. It is bordered by Russia in the east, Norway in the north, Sweden in the west and in Finland the province of Oulu in the south.

The city of Rovaniemi is the urban heart of Lapland with 60 000 inhabitants. It is the centre of administration, commerce, tourism and culture in Lapland. As the capital of the Province of Lapland it is the gateway to Finnish Lapland with its train and flight connections.

Lapland is the land of the Midnight Sun. The sun does not set in midsummer and does not rise in midwinter. The Arctic Circle crosses Finland about 8 km north of Rovaniemi. The office of Santa Claus, Santa Claus' Village, is on the Arctic Circle.

Scenically Lapland can be divided into five distinct regions.

The Kemi-Tornio area, the so called Sea Lapland, is bordered by the Northern Gulf of Bothnia. The close proximity of the Swedish border and the Tornio river are imbedded in the local culture.

Central and eastern Lapland, the so called Forest Lapland, is known for sparsely wooded pine forests.

The Rovaniemi district is the international centre of urban life in Lapland.

Fell Lapland is an area in western Lapland with a cluster of fells including Pallas, Olos, Ylläs and Levi. There are many popular skiing resorts and culture destinations in the area.

Northern Lapland is characterised by treeless wilderness with sparse vegetation. The highest fells are found in Northern Lapland, rising above 1000 metres.

Area

Total area of Lapland is 99,300 km² (representing 30% of Finland's total area). Land areas in Lapland account for 93,000 km² and waterways take up to 6,300 km². Lapland's greatest lake is Lake Inari (1,100 km²) in Inari.

Highest point is Halti mountain (1,300 m) in Kilpisjärvi.

Population

Lapland has a population of 184,000 inhabitants, which is 3 % of Finland's population. Population density is 2.1 people/km². Lapland is home to approximately 7,000 indigenous Sámi people.

Tables and charts

Sunset / Dawn

Instructions for reading the data sheets.

Dawn and dusk mean that the sun is 10 degrees below the horizon, LoD (Length of Day) refers to the time between sunrise and sunset. Length of Light (LoL) is the time the sun is higher than 6 degrees below the horizon, i.e. including civil twilight.

Rovaniemi

Date	Dawn	Rise	Set	Dark	Lod	LoL
2011-01-01	08:22	10:58	13:42	16:19	02:44	06:08
2011-02-01	07:30	09:19	15:42	17:31	06:22	08:32
2011-03-01	06:01	07:33	17:26	18:59	09:52	11:37
2011-04-01	04:51	06:33	20:11	21:53	13:38	15:27
2011-05-01	01:14	04:33	21:58	01:14	17:25	20:18
2011-06-01	01:14	02:14	00:20	01:14	22:05	24:00
2011-07-01	01:20	01:20	01:21	01:21	24:00	24:00
2011-08-01	01:23	03:55	22:48	01:23	18:53	23:59
2011-09-01	03:52	05:49	20:42	22:37	14:53	16:52
2011-10-01	05:54	07:27	18:44	20:16	11:17	13:00
2011-11-01	06:33	08:14	15:45	17:26	07:31	09:29
2011-12-01	07:53	10:11	13:59	16:18	03:47	06:42

Ivalo

Date	Dawn	Rise	Set	Dark	Lod	LoL
2011-01-01	-	-	-	-	24:00	24:00
2011-02-01	07:32	09:37	15:10	17:15	05:32	08:04
2011-03-01	05:52	07:34	17:12	18:53	09:37	11:33
2011-04-01	04:26	06:20	20:09	22:05	13:49	15:51
2011-05-01	01:07	04:02	22:14	01:06	18:11	22:39
2011-06-01	01:07	01:07	01:07	01:07	24:00	24:00
2011-07-01	01:13	01:13	01:13	01:13	24:00	24:00
2011-08-01	01:16	03:10	23:17	01:16	20:06	23:59
2011-09-01	03:12	05:31	20:45	23:01	15:13	17:30
2011-10-01	05:40	07:22	18:34	20:16	11:12	13:05
2011-11-01	06:31	08:24	15:20	17:14	06:55	09:09
2011-12-01	08:01	11:11	12:45	15:55	01:34	05:55

Utsjoki

Date	Dawn	Rise	Set	Dark	Lod	LoL
2011-01-01	-	-	-	-	24:00	24:00
2011-02-01	07:39	09:57	14:54	17:12	04:57	07:46
2011-03-01	05:53	07:41	17:09	18:57	09:28	11:30
2011-04-01	04:15	06:18	20:15	22:21	13:56	16:07
2011-05-01	01:09	03:48	22:33	01:09	18:44	23:59
2011-06-01	01:09	01:09	01:09	01:09	24:00	24:00
2011-07-01	01:15	01:15	01:15	01:15	24:00	24:00
2011-08-01	01:18	02:40	23:49	01:18	21:08	23:59
2011-09-01	02:48	05:26	20:54	23:27	15:27	17:56
2011-10-01	05:38	07:26	18:35	20:22	11:09	13:08
2011-11-01	06:36	08:39	15:10	17:12	06:31	08:57
2011-12-01	-	-	-	-	24:00	24:00

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Average Temperature, Rain Fall and Snow Depth

Rovaniemi Airport

	Jan	Feb	Mar	Apr	May	June	Jul	Aug	Sept	Oct	Nov	Dec
Temp (°C)	-11,7	-11,0	-6,1	-1,0	5,8	12,2	14,9	12,1	6,6	0,2	-6,1	-10,0
Rain (mm)	42	34	36	31	36	59	69	72	54	55	49	42
Snow (cm)	46	62	69	62	2					2	14	29

Ivalo Airport

	Jan	Feb	Mar	Apr	May	June	Jul	Aug	Sept	Oct	Nov	Dec
Temp (°C)	-13,6	-12,2	-7,3	-2,2	4,2	10,7	13,9	11,1	5,9	-0,6	-7,8	-11,8
Rain (mm)	23	21	22	23	31	52	63	66	42	40	29	23
Snow (cm)	47	61	66	54	15					3	16	31

Utsjoki Kevo

	Jan	Feb	Mar	Apr	May	June	Jul	Aug	Sept	Oct	Nov	Dec
Temp (C)	-14,8	-12,8	-8,2	-3,1	3,3	9,6	13,0	10,4	5,4	-1,2	-8,9	-12,9
Rain (mm)	26	22	21	22	24	49	61	56	41	37	30	26
Snow (cm)	51	63	68	68	24					3	19	35

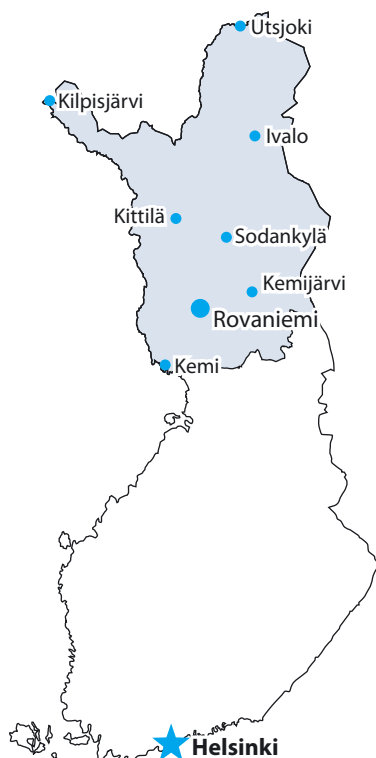
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Distances

Rovaniemi	- Kemi	117 km
	- Kittilä	149 km
	- Enontekiö (Kilpisjärvi)	429 km
	- Inari (Ivalo)	288 km
	- Utsjoki	453 km
	- Sodankylä	129 km
	- Kemijärvi	85 km

	Rovaniemi	Ivalo	Kemi	Kemijärvi	Kilpisjärvi	Kittilä	Sodankylä	Utsjoki
Rovaniemi		288	117	85	429	149	129	453
Ivalo	288		406	269	472	233	161	164
Kemi	117	406		203	487	266	246	570
Kemijärvi	85	269	203		474	194	108	434
Kilpisjärvi	429	472	487	474		280	366	558
Kittilä	149	233	266	194	280		86	320
Sodankylä	129	161	246	108	366	86		325
Utsjoki	453	164	570	434	558	320	325	

Road info and more distances: Finnish Road Administration, www.tiehallinto.fi



Crew Wages

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set@teme.fi
www.teme.fi/set

Salaries of Independent Production in 2011 (euro)

Daily Salaries

	2-10 days	11-29 days	30-60 days
Wage class I -Production assistant (unresponsible), (runner, lightning assistant)	116,53	106,90	98,36
Wage class II - Practical, professional work (camera-assistant, electrician)	205,27	175,34	150,75
Wage class III -Practical and artistic work (gaffer, key-grip)	245,90	187,11	162,51
Wage class IV -Fully responsible and artistic work (director, DoP, editor, set designer)	288,67	224,53	203,14

Normal working time is 8 hours per day and 5 (40h) days a week Monday through Friday.

The first two (9th and 10th) extra hours are paid time and a half. The following hours (11th ->) are paid double. The first 8 hours of the 6th and 7th working days of the week are paid time and a half, the following hours are paid double.

Monthly salaries

Wage class I	1.604,79 - 1.893,46
Wage class II	2.172,50 - 2.771,22
Wage class III	2.672,87 - 3.325,05
Wage class IV	3.100,53 - 4.020,00

The wage class is determined by the demands and responsibility of the work. This must be discussed between the employer and employee together.

Holiday compensation pay in the collective agreement is 13,5 %, according to law the minimum is 9 % or 11,5 %.

The minimum wage in each wage class will be raised by 5% if the person has over 8 years of working experience.

The basic hourly wage is counted dividing the monthly wage by 162.

World



Finland

Total length: 1160 km
Total area: 338 424 km²
Lapland area: 92 664 km²



Flight time from Helsinki:
 to Rovaniemi around 1 hour
 to others around 1,5 hour

Lapland

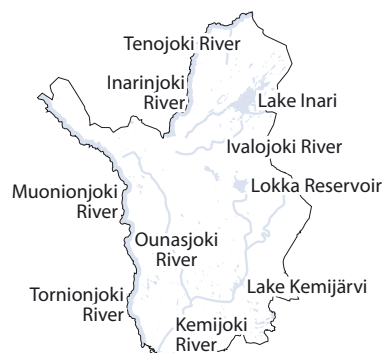
Towns and Villages



Main Roads



The Biggest Lakes and Rivers



Fells

