

# SANTA CLAUS GOLF – WINTER GOLF COURSE

With the temperature well below zero and the landscape covered with pure white snow, you need to equip accordingly and note the rules of winter golf. The game is the same, but the experience quite different!

THE GOLF COURSE	HOLE	НСР	PAR	M	
Built at the feet of Ounasvaara fell, the winding fairways on the	1	3	3	101	
forestry hillsides offer a relaxing golfing experience at the winter golf	2	8	4	160	
course of Santa Claus Golf. On the snowy fairways there are no	3	6	3	92	
greens, but whites, trolleys are changed into sledges, white golf balls	4	7	3	81	
into bright orange ones and shorts and t-shirts into warm winter clothes.	5	9	3	73	
	6	2	4	191	
9 holes of winter golf takes around 1,5 to 2 hours and 18 holes 3 to 4 hours. The winter golf course is open from early of February until the beginning of April (depending on the snow situation).	7	5	4	176	
	8	4	3	100	
	9	1	4	202	
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### THE CLUB HOUSE

The Club house of Santa Claus Golf serves you daily when the golf course is open. From the Club house you will find locker rooms, toilets, showers, a small proshop with rental clubs and other winter golf equipment, Caddiemaster and the restaurant. You can take advantage of the club house services before and after your round and between rounds if you play 18 holes.

# LOCAL RULES OF WINTER GOLF AT SANTA CLAUS GOLF

- 1. Clubs permitted: three irons from five to wedge and putter.
- 2. Teeing is allowed on the fairways and placing the ball is allowed by scorecard.
- 3. If the ball is lost on fairway, the drop of the new ball is placed on the estimated spot without penalty.
- 4. All the plowed areas are fairways.
- 5. All unplowed areas and the skiing tracks are hazard areas. With one stroke penalty the stroke can be renewed, or the ball dropped / placed within two clubs length from where the ball last crossed into the hazard. From the skiing tracks the ball must always be dropped to the fairway.
- 6. On the putting whites (greens) snow lumps and loose snow can be brushed.
- 7. While putting you do not remove the flag (the winter holes are bigger than summer ones).
- 8. Players must give way to cross country skiers on ski track crossings.





## **EQUIPMENT**

- ➤ The temperature outside might vary between +5 and -25 degrees Celsius (mostly around -10), so you need to equip accordingly with warm clothes.
- Especially warm shoes and warm gloves to put over your golfing gloves are recommended to keep you warm during your round.
- To be able to find your ball in the snow, orange (or other bright colored) golf balls are used and are on sale at the club house.
- Please note, that the rules of winter golf limit the number and size of the clubs allowed.

#### **DIRECTIONS**

The golf course is situated in Finland, Lapland, the Official Hometown of Santa Claus, Rovaniemi, Arctic Circle. Finnair and Norwegian fly the one-hour flight from Helsinki to Rovaniemi several times a day. There are also direct flights to Rovaniemi from many European cities like London, Paris, Berlin and Frankfurt.

The golf course is located 4 km from Rovaniemi city center on the other side of Kemijoki -river. From the city center cross the Lumberjack -bridge, turn left, follow the Golfpuisto signs, turn right under the railroad bridge and go on until the Golf sign on the right-hand side.

### **ACCOMMODATION**

In Rovaniemi there is a wide variety of accommodation options varying from snowhotels to glass igloos and the best hotel of Finland to atmospheric cottages with fireplaces. Do note that March is high season in Rovaniemi, so we recommend you book in time.

#### OTHER ACTIVITIES IN ROVANIEMI

Rovaniemi with all its services and transportation connections is only a few minutes' drive away from the golf course. In Rovaniemi you can meet Santa Claus in person in Santa Claus Village every day of the year at the Arctic Circle, go on reindeer and husky sleigh rides, snowmobile safaris and much more. For further information visit www.visitrovaniemi.fi.

# **WELCOME TO THE WHITES!**



