



The one and only official Santa Claus' Main Post Office is located in the heart of Santa's Workshop Village on the Arctic Circle, eight kilometres north from the centre of Rovaniemi. Santa Claus' Main Post Office is under the responsibility of Finland's post company, Itella Corporation. Santa Claus' Main Post Office is located in an impressive building of handsome natural stone and aged pine, with a splendid landmark of the Tower of the Christmas Elf in front of it.

Santa Claus' Main Post Office attracts some 400,000 visitors every year, nearly 10 per cent of them Finnish and more than 90 per cent coming from abroad. Since the 1980s, Santa Claus has received more than 15 million items from 198 countries, and annually Santa receives more than half a million letters. In Christmas 2011, approximately 600,000 letters arrived at Santa Claus' Main Post Office.

Santa Claus' Main Post Office's special postmark

Santa Claus' Main Post Office has its own special postmark. Each card, letter or parcel mailed from Santa's post office is stamped by hand with the special postmark and has postage stamps added. The special postmark as well as the Santa Claus' Main Post Office logo were designed by graphic designer Pekka Vuori. The new postmark of Santa Claus' Main Post Office, with the new reindeer-graphic designed by Finnish artist Tapani Talari, was published in 26.9.2012.

The special postmark of Santa Claus' Main Post Office also serves as the Arctic Circle's special postmark. For decades, it has been a collector's item and a very popular souvenir. The Arctic Circle's first postmark was introduced on 11 June 1950, honouring the visit to Lapland of Mrs Eleanor Roosevelt, spouse of the President of the United States.

As another unique feature, Santa Claus' Main Post Office offers its customers the opportunity to bring various items to the post office throughout the year for postmarking and mailing and to request delivery at a later date – in time for Christmas, for instance.

Santa Claus' Main Post Office is an extraordinary post office

In Santa Claus' Main Post Office, every day is Christmas, with the sound of Christmas carols in the air, and joyful elves hand-stamping and processing the mail and serving the customers in several languages. A broad range of unique Christmas cards, delightful Christmas stamps and beautiful scenery postcards depicting Finland, and particularly Lapland, are displayed in the post office. Santa's wide range of stamp products includes unique stamp collections and gift products. Throughout the year, customers can order an authentic Letter from Santa Claus to be sent to children and the young-at-heart.

Welcome to the Arctic Circle, to the extraordinary world of Santa Claus' Main Post Office!

Opening hours: **Open every day:** in December from 9 am to 7 pm, in June, July and August from 9 am to 6 pm, and at other times of the year from 10 am to 5 pm..

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