



NORDIC
EXPERIENCE



THE SCANDINAVIA SPECIALIST

Let the adventure begin...

- Northern Lights
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- Reindeer Encounters
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- Wilderness Adventures
- ✕
- Whale Watching
- ✕
- Huskies

NORWAY | SPITSBERGEN | SWEDEN | FINLAND | ICELAND | GREENLAND



WHAT IS
MUSHING?
Essentially the use of one
or more Husky dogs to pull
a sled on snow, either for
sport or transportation.
HUSKY POWER!



Why choose Nordic Experience?

THE INDEPENDENT NORDIC SPECIALISTS

We are an independent, family-run company that has been offering holidays to the Nordic region since 2010. Our expertise and knowledge are central to everything we do, and we pride ourselves on our high standards of customer service. We travel to the region regularly to keep abreast of new developments and we never lose our passion for an area that makes few concessions to the mass market. When we arrange your holiday we use our knowledge and expertise to do so, with care and attention to detail.

FINANCIAL SECURITY

When you book through us you can enjoy complete peace of mind knowing that your holiday is ATOL protected under our licence number 6558. We are also members of ABTA under licence number W879X.

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ACCOMMODATION AND EXPERIENCES FOR ALL TASTES

We offer accommodation to suit all tastes – from luxury hotels to Rorbuer, which are traditional fishermen's huts. Stay in an abandoned Arctic radio station or an aurora dome from which to peruse the northern lights from the comfort of your bed.

HOLIDAYS TAILORED TO SUIT YOU

Please remember that all of our holidays can be adapted to suit your individual needs and requirements – the holidays shown in this brochure are just the starting point. Talk to one of our friendly team and they will use their first-hand experience to put together a holiday tailored to you including the excursions and activities of your choice.



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Huskies





How to use our brochure...

CHOOSE BY NORDIC DESTINATION

We have listed our holidays by country and each country has a short introduction giving an overview of the type of holidays which are available. If you're not sure which country you want to visit this is a good place to start. Some of our holidays – especially our tailor-made itineraries – take in more than one country. We have included maps wherever possible to show you where you will be visiting.

CHOOSE BY NORDIC EXPERIENCE – ONCE IN A LIFETIME ADVENTURES

The Arctic adventure playground, which stretches from Norway's Russian border westwards to Greenland offers a wealth of exciting experiences. For some, it's the search for the northern lights which inspires them to visit this beautiful wilderness, for others it's the opportunity to spend a night in an ice or snow hotel or an aurora dome. Others want to experience the adventure of snowmobiling, reindeer sledding or husky mushing; or want to see the unique wildlife of this region – seals, whales, eagles and polar bears.

The following pages set out the wonderful experiences which we offer and where to find them. Look out for the relevant icon for the type of accommodation or experience which you are seeking. Pages are also colour coded by destination country to assist navigation.

CHOOSE BY HOLIDAY TYPE

Our 'experience' hotels are almost like destinations in their own right – find out more on pages 8-9 – they include wilderness lodges and ice and snow hotels. You can stay here and enjoy a variety of different experiences with our optional excursions. Sometimes you have to stay at another destination en route to your hotel, and sometimes it's just more fun to combine with another destination for a twin centre holiday. We also offer tailor-made itineraries, taking in rail travel or cruises for you to experience a number of different destinations. Have a look at pages 12-13 for Arctic journeys and family adventures. If you prefer to be part of a group experience then we also have group activity holidays for everything from snowmobiling to husky sledding and northern lights expeditions. See pages 14-15 for details.

BROCHURE PRICES

The prices in this brochure are lead-in prices designed to give you an approximate idea of the cost of your holiday. They are usually based on departures from London and on two people staying in a twin/ double standard room. When you call or email us to book you will be given a full costing for your holiday, based on your departure dates, flights, choice of accommodation and any additional excursions or experiences you have chosen.



SELF-DRIVE AVAILABLE



INSPIRING ACCOMMODATION



HURTIGRUTEN CRUISE



TWIN CENTRE LOCATION



TAILOR MADE HOLIDAY



RAIL HOLIDAY

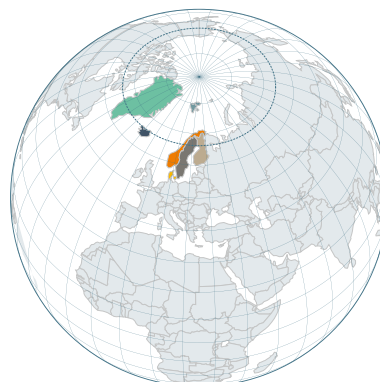


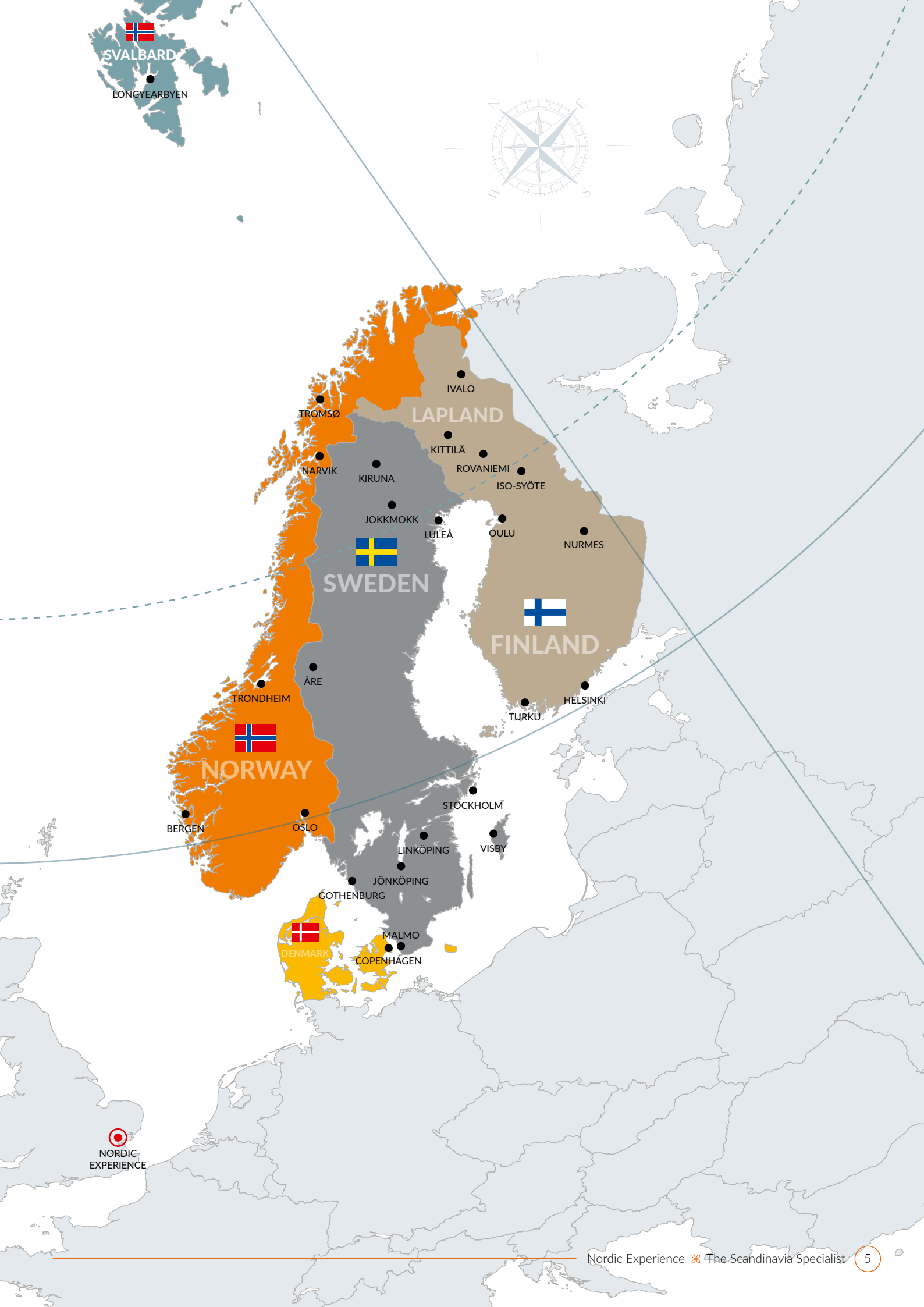
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The Arctic Circle is the most northerly of the five major circles of latitude as shown on maps of Earth. It marks the northernmost point at which the noon sun is just visible on the December solstice and the southernmost point at which the midnight sun is just visible on the June solstice.

The region north of this circle is known as the Arctic, and the zone just to the south is called the Northern Temperate Zone.






SVALBARD
LONGYEARBYEN



NORWAY

SWEDEN

FINLAND

LAPLAND

DENMARK

BERGEN, TRONDHEIM, OSLO, GÖTHEBURG, MALMÖ, COPENHAGEN, JÖNKÖPING, LINKÖPING, VISBY, STOCKHOLM, HELSINKI, TURKU, NURMES, OULU, LULEÅ, JOKKMOKK, KIRUNA, ROVANIEMI, ISO-SYÖTE, KITTILÄ, NARVIK, TROMSØ, IVALO


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OUR EXPERIENCES...

The Northern Lights *'aurora borealis'*

If seeing the northern lights is right at the top of your wish list for your Nordic experience, then read on. Although there are no guarantees of seeing them we have used our many years of experience to choose accommodation and excursions which will give you the best possible chance of witnessing them. Sightings can never be guaranteed but you can enhance your experience by escaping from light pollution, which is why we have chosen much of our accommodation in more remote locations.

You can stay in a remote wilderness cabin or an aurora dome; join a northern lights hunt led by experts; take a cruise or a snowmobile safari – the choice is yours!

The northern lights are best seen between the Autumn and Spring equinoxes, under a cloudless sky during the dark Arctic winter nights. They are most active between 6pm and 2am and displays can last for anything from a few minutes to several hours. They are always there, but conditions are not always right to see them.

According to Norse legend, the lights are the glinting shields of victorious Valkyrie warriors, whilst the Inuits believe that they are part of a sinister game of football played by human spirits. Their dazzling green, yellow and blue display is at the centre of all sorts of myths and legends in Nordic cultures, which simply adds to their appeal.





THE AURORA ZONE

Inspiring Accommodation

We have used our years of experience to seek out unique accommodation – whether you are seeking the ultimate wilderness experience, designer luxury, an igloo made from ice or snow, or an aurora dome which will allow you to view the northern lights from the comfort of your own bed, we have somewhere which is perfect for you.

Ice, snow and igloo hotels

Stay on a bed of snow or ice covered with a natural reindeer hide – the ultimate Arctic experience!

Where to stay...

NORWAY

Sorrisniva Igloo Hotel - page 30

Snowhotel Kirkenes - page 32-33

SWEDEN

ICEHOTEL & ICEHOTEL 365 - page 56-57

FINLAND

Kakslauttanen snow igloos - page 76-77

Torassieppi winter village snow igloos - page 80-81

Aurora domes and cabins

Our glass igloos and glass-roofed cabins enable you to view the northern lights from the comfort of your bed.

Where to stay...

NORWAY

Camp Tamok. Aurora cabin - page 24

FINLAND

Nellim Wilderness Lodge

Aurora bubble - page 70-71

Muotka Aurora log cabin - page 74-75

Hotel Kakslauttanen

Glass igloos and Kelo glass igloos - page 76-77

Torassieppi winter village

Aurora domes - page 80-81

Santa's Hotel Aurora

Arctic view glass igloos - page 90

Arctic Treehouse Hotel

Glass-fronted rooms - page 88-89

Design Hotels - Tree Hotels

These stylish and unique hotels use contemporary architectural design to make the most of their stunning natural environment.

Where to stay...

SWEDEN

Treehotel - page 58-59

FINLAND

Arctic Treehouse Hotel - page 88-89

Wilderness hotels and camps

Get away from it all and escape light pollution in a remote camp or cosy wilderness hotel.

Where to stay...

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Harriniva Wilderness Lodge - page 80-81

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Boutique Luxury

Arctic conditions outside don't mean you have to compromise on comfort inside

Where to stay...

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Lyngen Lodge - page 28-29

SWEDEN

Logger's Lodge - page 60

Arctic Retreat - page 64

FINLAND

Wilderness Nangu Hotel - page 72

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Borg Hotel - page 94 / Hotel Budir - page 104

Hotel Ranga - page 96 / Grimsborgir - page 98

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Fjords & Coast

Dramatic fjords, vast sands and icy waters make for spectacular scenery

Where to stay...

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Malangen Resort - page 22-23

Hamn I Senja - page 20-21

Sommarøy Arctic Hotel - page 26-27

Svinoya Rorbuer - page 34 / Sortland Hotel - page 36

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Hotel Budir - page 104



Adventures with snow and ice

The Arctic is a huge adventure playground, its snowy landscapes stretching from Norway's Russian border westwards to Greenland. This is more than a holiday it's a whole new experience. A visit to the Arctic in winter, is not simply about 'seeing' sights, it's about 'doing' – enjoying new experiences made possible because of the harsh climate and the snow and ice. It's also about learning local skills and enjoying traditions, which are centuries old. When your home is covered with snow and ice for the duration of the winter months, getting about in a husky sled, or on a snowmobile, or learning how to snowshoe is simply a way of life. We feel privileged to be able to offer you an insight into that way of life, and to introduce you to exhilarating new experiences.

These experiences are available in most of our destinations. In most cases, you can pick and choose the ones, which you find most enticing. You can be sure that we will only work with the best local partners to deliver the experiences, which will make your holiday special, and you can feel confident that we will always put your safety and security first. Check our destination pages for a summary of what's available in each place, and visit our website for more details.

HUSKY SAFARIS

Meet the friendly huskies and learn how to mush your own sleigh, taking it in turns to drive in pairs. You can try husky mushing in any of our destinations but those who want to try a unique husky experience should look at our Spitsbergen Cabins and Canines experience on page 48.

SNOWMOBILE SAFARIS

Snowmobiling is a great way to cover a lot of ground relatively quickly, from hills to forests, vast wilderness landscapes to frozen lakes, snowmobiles can cover all types of terrain. You'll be given full instruction but you'll need to be over 18 and in possession of a full driver's licence to drive yourself. You can snowmobile in any of our destinations.

REINDEER SLEDDING

There's something especially charming about the idea of riding in a sleigh pulled by reindeer. Of course, if you want to meet the most famous of all of Lapland's reindeer, you'll need to book one of our Father Christmas experiences (contact us for details) but reindeer play an important role in Sami culture and can be visited all year round.

CROSS-COUNTRY SKIING AND SNOWSHOEING

These fun activities can be attempted in most of our destinations. Take some tips from the locals and give it a try – it will certainly keep you warm in the cold weather!

WHALE-WATCHING AND OTHER WILDLIFE

Check our destination pages to find out more about what wildlife can be found in different locations. If you're lucky you might see whales in Reykjavik page 94 or Lofoten page 34 or polar bears on Spitsbergen page 46 and much more besides.





OUR EXPERIENCES...

Arctic Journeys

GREAT RAIL ADVENTURES

Travelling by train is a fantastic way to travel in comfort, surveying the scenery and navigating high mountains and deep valleys.

Arctic Circle Explorer - page 25

Enjoy one of the most northern railway journeys in the world, travelling along the shores of the Ofotfjord before heading to the Swedish border crossing of Riksansgransen, and through the Abisko National Park to the former mining town of Kiruna.

The Røros Railway - page 38

Travel the length of Norway by train, 383 kms from Oslo in the south to Trondheim in the north, through some of the country's most beautiful snowy landscapes.

A Winter Rail Odyssey in Fjord Norway - page 39

Take the Bergensbanen, Europe's highest railway, which links Oslo and Bergen, climbing to 4000 feet across the barren, snow-clad Hardangervidda mountain plateau and descending through sleepy valleys.

HURTIGRUTEN

Taking a trip on Hurtigruten is like stepping back in time. This ferry is the only way to access some of Norway's most remote places and communities during the winter months and one of the best ways to enjoy the unique scenery of the fjords.

Northern Lights at the Top of the World - page 31

Sail north from Tromsø towards Honningsvåg and across Kjøllefjord to enjoy the dramatic scenery of the fjords

Lofoten and the Aurora - page 34

Sail south from Tromsø towards the Lofoten islands, one of the most beautiful and dramatic archipelagos in the world.





Family Adventures & Group Adventures

FAMILY ADVENTURES

Although the climate in the Arctic may be too harsh for small children in the winter, there are few places which provide as much fun for families with older children or teenagers. Sharing new experiences and learning new skills is a wonderful way to bond with older children. Our family adventures will definitely get them off the sofa and away from their computer screens – although we can't promise that they won't want to share their exploits on social media!

Many of our holidays are suitable for families with older children. Just ask our friendly reservations team if you're not sure whether any particular activity or holiday would work for you and your family. Some activities do have age limits in place for your security and with safety in mind. These small group holidays have been specifically designed with families in mind:

Spitsbergen Winter Family Adventure - page 49

Half-Term Adventure at Brandon Lodge - page 67

Iceland Superjeep Adventure - page 100

FATHER CHRISTMAS ADVENTURES

As experts in the Nordic region, we are, of course, on excellent terms with Lapland's most famous resident. We have many years of experience in arranging trips to visit Father Christmas in the run up to Christmas. As a family company, we have honed our trips through the experience of visiting with our own children. We aim to provide as uncommercialised and individual an experience as possible, ensuring that every family has an authentic experience. Since our hotels and wilderness lodges are off the beaten track and away from the crowds, there is limited light pollution which also means a greater chance of seeing the northern lights. All trips involve Arctic fun activities such as husky-sledding, meeting Santa's reindeer as well as a private audience with the man himself. Call us for details.

SMALL GROUP ADVENTURES

As well as the holidays above, some of our experiences and adventures operate as small group tours, or with expert guides. This allows you to access places or enjoy experiences which simply wouldn't be possible as an individual traveller. For more details see individual pages. We think you will enjoy the following:

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Around the Cape & Northern Lights - page 45

Autumn Aurora and Wildlife Encounter - page 36

SPITSBERGEN

Cabins & Canines - page 48

Isfjord Radio - page 51

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Aurora Nights and Iceland's Natural Wonders - page 101





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NORWAY

Our Norwegian Experiences

Welcome to an almost mystical land of shimmering fjords and towering mountains cloaked in sweeping pine and spruce forests, capped with snow, that stretch all the way northwards to Lapland in the Arctic Circle.

This majestic snow-covered landscape offers a wealth of unforgettable winter experiences. Tromsø, self-styled capital of the Arctic, is one of the best places from which to witness the spectacular northern lights. Enjoy thrilling adventures as diverse as snowshoe treks, husky mushing or a snowmobile safari. Choose to travel by Arctic cruise, by train or by the long-cherished traditional modes of transport of husky or reindeer sledding. Visit the world's northernmost city of Spitsbergen, or the charming islands of the Lofoten archipelago.

You may wish to stay in a luxury lodge on the scenic shores of a fjord, or overnight in the spectacular snow hotel or an aurora cabin. However you choose to spend your time in this enthralling country, travelling through its dramatic landscape brings endless possibilities and very few know it as well as we do.

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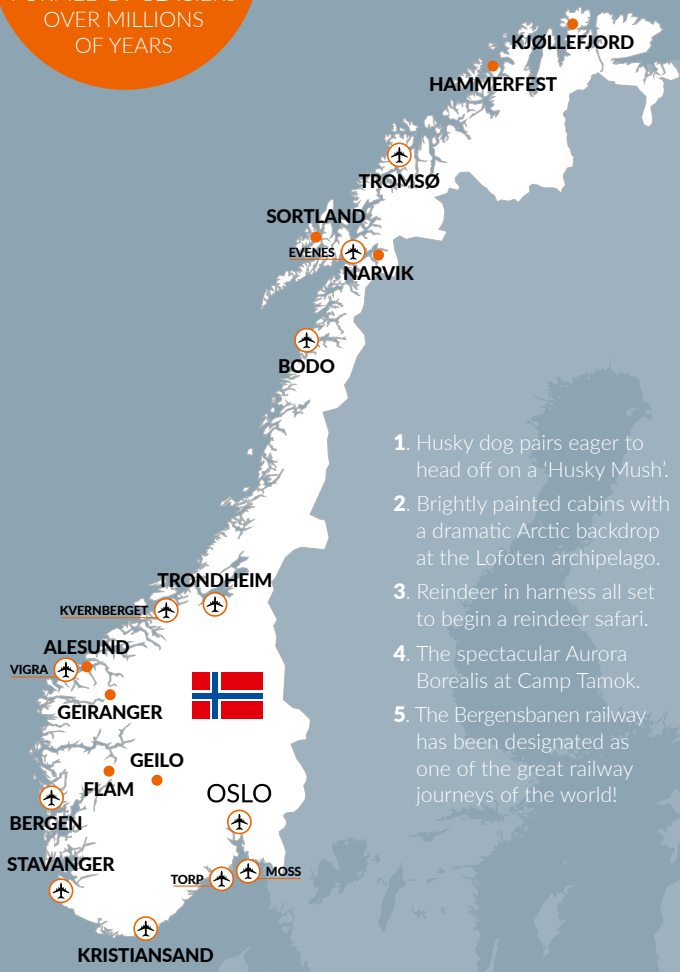
NORWAY
HAS OVER
1,000
FJORDS
FORMED BY GLACIERS
OVER MILLIONS
OF YEARS



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Wherever you go, wherever your gaze should fall, you are rewarded with spectacular views of Norway's natural wonders. Remember that the itineraries and holidays described on the following pages are designed to give you an idea of what is possible during your stay in Norway.

Our expertise and knowledge enables us to tailor a holiday to suit you. Tell us where you would like to visit, what you would like to experience and how long you would like to stay and leave the rest to us.



1. Husky dog pairs eager to head off on a 'Husky Mush'.
2. Brightly painted cabins with a dramatic Arctic backdrop at the Lofoten archipelago.
3. Reindeer in harness all set to begin a reindeer safari.
4. The spectacular Aurora Borealis at Camp Tamok.
5. The Bergensbanen railway has been designated as one of the great railway journeys of the world!

This modern, vibrant city is set on the sea, sheltered by dramatic snow-clad mountains, some 350 kilometres north of the Arctic Circle. It is the self-styled 'capital of the Arctic' and was once the starting point for explorers heading out on Arctic expeditions.

These days it is one of our most popular spots from which to witness the extraordinary phenomenon of the northern lights. Spend a few days here in one of our delightful quayside hotels and take part in our exciting Arctic experiences – search for the northern lights, try reindeer sledding or take part in a husky safari in the surrounding wilderness. Tromsø's many attractions include museums, award-winning restaurants serving delicious local produce, the stunning Arctic Cathedral and Fjellheisen – a cable car journey offering superb panoramic views of the surrounding area.

Tromsø is easily reached by direct flight from the UK and is also a popular choice for a twin centre holiday, combining a stay in the city itself with accommodation in one of our more remote locations. Choose from wilderness cabins, Sami tents and Aurora cabins, stylish fjord-side accommodation or luxury lodges. Tromsø is also one of the best points from which to embark on an individual tailor-made adventure – choose from epic railway journeys and sea cruises on board Hurtigruten. Alternatively join one of our small group adventures.



TWO CENTRE HOLIDAYS

- With Tromsø
- Malangen Resort** (Balsford) Page 22-23
- Hamn I Senja** (Senja) Page 20-21
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TAILOR-MADE ITINERARIES

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SMALL GROUP TOURS

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CLARION COLLECTION HOTEL WITH

This delightful waterfront hotel is our most popular choice for a stay in Tromsø. It is conveniently located on the quayside, close to attractions such as the Polar Museum, Mack's Pub and Brewery and the Arctic Cathedral. Warm Scandinavian décor and friendly staff add to its charm. Your stay includes not only breakfast but also complimentary afternoon waffles and a light evening buffet supper, making it excellent value. If you wish to make the most of the waterfront location, upgrade to a harbour-view room.

FEATURES

- Quayside setting • Free WiFi • Restaurant • Bar • Fitness Centre
- Sauna • Jacuzzi • Parking nearby (with charge)

ROOM FACILITIES

Heating/ air con, TV, telephone, minibar, tea/ coffee-making facilities, hairdryer, shower and WC.

GUIDE PRICE

- 3 nights / 4 days from **£629pp.**
- Including flights from London to Tromsø, return airport shuttle,
- 3 nights accommodation, B&B with complimentary supper.
- Add in excursions from the selection opposite.



CLARION HOTEL THE EDGE

This upmarket hotel is perfect for those seeking contemporary style. This stylish design hotel is set on the quayside in a convenient, central location and prides itself on its eco-friendly credentials. It boasts spacious, modern rooms, many of which offer spectacular views over the water.

Celebrity chef, Marcus Samuelsson combines New York flavours with local ingredients in its Kitchen & Table restaurant, which is popular with locals and tourists alike.

FEATURES

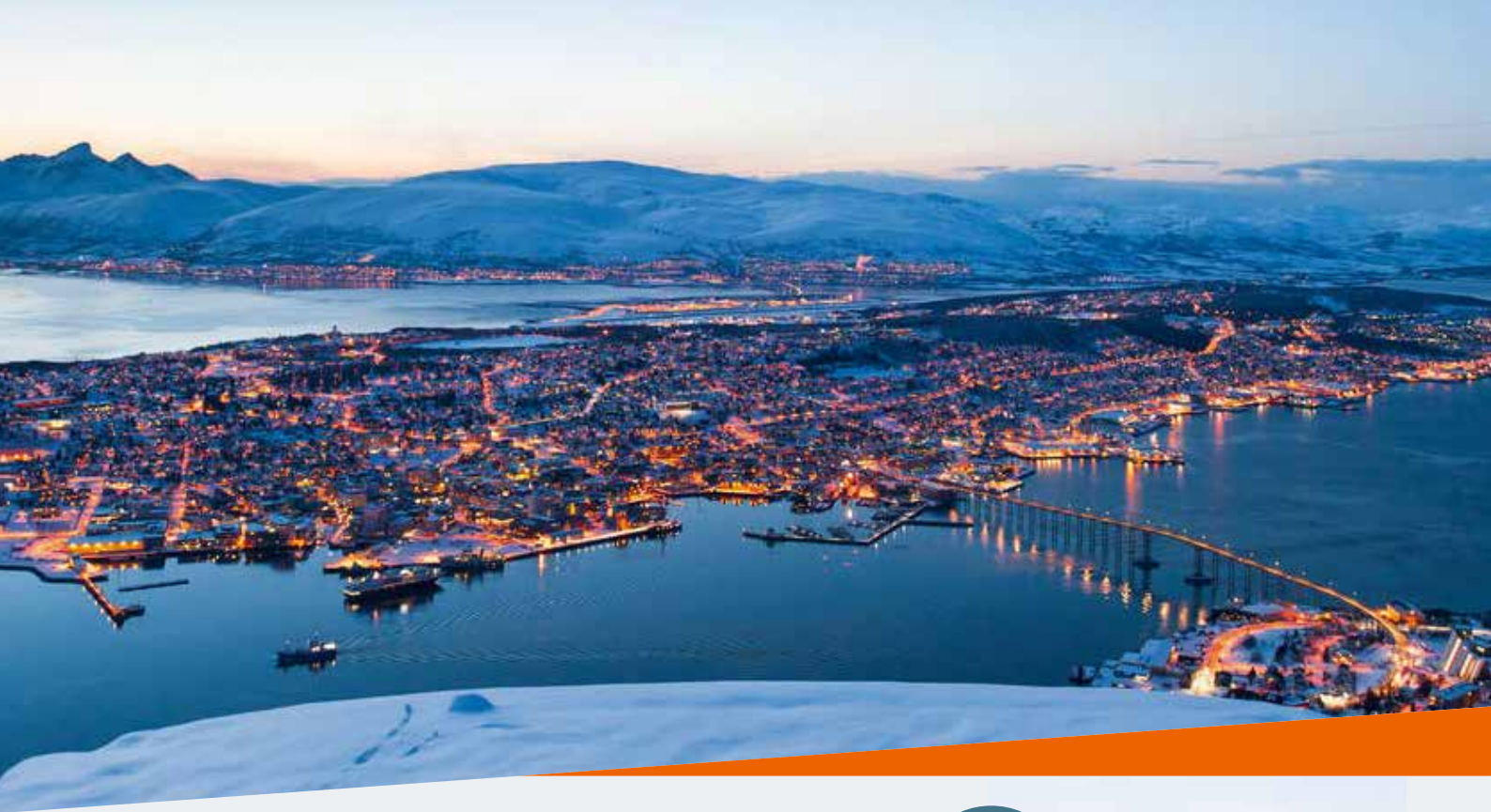
- Quayside setting • Free WiFi • Restaurant • Bar
- Free use of next-door gym • Parking nearby (with charge)

ROOM FACILITIES

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TROMSØ EXCURSION HIGHLIGHTS

NORTHERN LIGHTS

One of the big attractions of a stay in Tromsø is the possibility of witnessing the northern lights. We offer a number of different excursions to give you the best chance of seeing them. You can even take a Northern Lights Cruise. These are our most popular northern lights experiences:

NORTHERN LIGHTS SEARCH

This trip offers you the best possible chance of spotting the aurora. You will be picked up from central Tromsø and taken by an experienced guide, who will spend 6-8 hours with you taking you to different locations, avoiding light pollution, to track down the northern lights. You could go as far east as the Finnish border, or head north to a spot where the Atlantic is on one side and the Lyngen Alps on the other. Your guide will also help you take the best possible pictures of the northern lights. From: **£125pp.**

NORTHERN LIGHTS SPOTTING

This trip combines the chance to view the northern lights with a traditional Sami experience and takes around 4 hours. Escape the urban lights and travel out to the Tromsø Villmarksenter, where you can lie on reindeer skins staring skywards, waiting for the northern lights to emerge. Grill sausages over a Sami Lavvo's open fire and sip hot berry juice. You also have the opportunity to visit the centre's husky kennels. For a supplement you can enjoy traditional reindeer stew 'bidos'. From: **£105pp.**

ARCTIC ACTIVITIES

We offer a full range of winter activities from snowshoe treks to cross-county skiing, snowmobile safaris to cruises. These are some of our most popular excursions but feel free to ask our knowledgeable staff or visit our website for a wider choice.

WILDERNESS REINDEER SLEDDING

Reindeer sledding is the oldest form of transport in the Arctic and an integral part of ancient Sami culture. This excursion takes 7 hours and you can choose whether to take this trip by day for the amazing views of the wild mountain scenery or by night for an opportunity to spot the northern lights. It includes a visit to a Lavvu, which is a traditional Sami tent, for lunch or dinner, where you will be introduced to the Sami history and way of life and have a chance to try lasso-throwing. From: **£199pp.**

WILDERNESS HUSKY SAFARI

Travel to Camp Tamok, a wilderness camp located in stunning uninhabited scenery, a picturesque 75 minute drive from Tromsø. You can choose whether to leave in the morning or late afternoon for this 7 hour trip, depending on whether you want to enjoy the views or have a chance to see the northern lights. Either way you will drive in pairs mushing your own team of huskies through the spectacular landscape. Enjoy a hot meal in a traditional Lavvu tent. From: **£210pp.**

WE HAVE
MANY MORE
TROMSØ
EXCURSIONS AVAILABLE
PLEASE ASK
FOR A FULL
LIST



WHALE WATCHING AND WILDLIFE BY BOAT

Spend the day on board a comfortable cruiser in search of Orca and humpback whales and other wildlife. As you sail into the open sea keep an eye out for sea eagles and seals. You will leave first thing in the morning and spend 3-6 hours at sea. You will be accompanied by an English-speaking guide and transfer to Ersfjord or Sommarøy. Protective clothing, tea, coffee and an Arctic style lunch is included. From: **£155pp.**



OCTOBER - APRIL

TROMSØ & HAMN I SENJA

INDEPENDENT TAILOR-MADE SELF DRIVE ITINERARY

Tromsø is an excellent springboard for a two-centre stay. Contrast this exciting university city with a retreat that showcases some of Northern Norway's most dramatic coastal scenery. Tromsø offers culture and history, while Senja has been selected as one of the most spectacular landscapes in Norway, rivalling Lofoten for its dramatic scenery and wildlife. This self-drive adventure takes you on a journey of discovery.



YOUR ACCOMMODATION

HAMN I SENJA

This hidden gem is in a tranquil setting on the shores of Senja offering superb views. Choose a stylish room or a large suite with a luxury kitchen and living room with floor to ceiling windows framing the ever-changing scenery. The restaurant offers seasonal local produce with a strong emphasis on freshly-caught seafood. Visit the 'lighthouse' to enjoy a digestif as you admire the panoramic views.

- Seafront setting
- 65 Rooms
- Excellent restaurant





6 DAYS FROM
£1250^{PP}



SUGGESTED 6 DAY ITINERARY

DAY 1 Fly from London to Tromsø.

▽ Transfer via 'Flybuss' to the Clarion Collection Hotel With for 2 nights.

DAY 2 Tromsø.

▽ Choose from one of the many excursions.

DAY 3 Collect your hire car and head south for Senja.

▽ The journey will take you over high plateaux and alongside mountains that plunge into the sea. Break the journey with a snowmobile or husky safari or stop off at the Polar Park, which offers a unique opportunity to enter a wolf enclosure. On arrival at Hamn i Senja a 3-course dinner is served in the Storbrygga Restaurant.

DAY 4- Senja.

DAY 5 See opposite for an overview of the hotel's range of activities that showcase the best of the region according to the season. In January killer and humpback whales follow the herring into the fjord. RIB boat rides reveal islands ringed with coral sandy beaches and soaring sea eagles. For more details see our website.

DAY 6 Back to the UK.

□ After breakfast drive back to Tromsø before dropping off your hire car in time for your flight home.



OPTIONAL EXCURSIONS

WHALE & WILDLIFE SAFARI from: £115pp.

ATLANTIC BATHING from: £89pp.

SNOWSHOE SOFT ADVENTURE from: £105pp.

THIS IS
JUST A SMALL
SELECTION OF THE
EXCURSIONS
AVAILABLE
ASK ABOUT THE FULL
RANGE WE CAN
OFFER

It is also possible to take part in an evening snowshoe trek to see the northern lights from £99pp. For full details of all available excursions see our website.



WHAT'S INCLUDED

- Return flights from London to Tromsø
- One way airport/hotel shuttle bus transfer in Tromsø
- 5 nights' hotel accommodation as specified in the itinerary
- Breakfast, light buffet supper in Tromsø and 3 course dinner in Senja
- 4 days (4x24 hrs) Group B car hire (VW Polo or similar) including unlimited mileage, theft protection, CDW and all applicable taxes. Winter tyres are fitted. NB Road tolls and ferry charges to be paid locally.



OCTOBER - APRIL

TROMSØ & MALANGEN RESORT

INDEPENDENT TAILOR-MADE ITINERARY

Just over an hour's scenic drive from Tromsø lays Malangen Resort. This fjord-side residence offers a stylish break in one of Northern Norway's northern lights hot spots. You will enjoy a night in Tromsø, the 'Capital of the Arctic', a choice of Arctic adventures including snowmobile, husky or reindeer safari, as well as two nights in elegant and comfortable accommodation.



ENJOY A WIDE RANGE OF EXCITING EXCURSIONS DURING YOUR 'AT LEISURE' DAY SEE WEBSITE

YOUR ACCOMMODATION

MALANGEN RESORT

This stylish residence sits majestically on the edge of a dramatic fjord, with a backdrop of snow-capped mountains, overlooking the water, just over an hour's scenic drive from Tromsø. All rooms have large panoramic windows framing spectacular views. The restaurant prides itself on producing delicious meals with locally sourced ingredients. It is a great choice for couples and families alike.





5 DAYS FROM
£1040PP



SUGGESTED 5 DAY ITINERARY

DAY 1 **Fly from London to Tromsø.**

- Transfer via 'Flybuss' to the Clarion Collection Hotel With, conveniently located minutes from the Arctic Cathedral & Polar Museum on the harbour. Enjoy afternoon waffles and a light evening buffet supper served until 9pm.

DAY 2 **Tromsø.**

- Today is spent at leisure enjoying this fascinating city or taking part in one of our optional excursions.

DAY 3 **Malangen Resort.**

- Enjoy a leisurely breakfast before checking out and transferring to Malangen Resort. The scenic journey takes just over an hour. Spend the rest of the day relaxing or book one of the optional excursions on offer. A delicious 3-course dinner will be served in the hotel restaurant, after which you will embark on a mission to see the northern lights. Artificial light pollution is minimal here and knowledgeable guides will lead you to wherever the aurora activity seems strongest. You will head off into the wilderness, stopping to enjoy a hot snack and coffee served by an open fire. If you don't manage to see the aurora, you will retire whilst your guides continue to search, rousing you if it does appear.

- Choose one of our optional excursions or simply spend the day relaxing, enjoying the tranquil setting, or perhaps soaking in a hot tub. Either way you are sure to fall in love with the dramatic landscape.

DAY 5 **Return to the UK.**

- Depending on the time of your return flight to the UK, choose whether to spend some time in Tromsø or to enjoy the day in the Malangen Resort before being transferred back to the airport for your flight home.

WHAT'S INCLUDED

- Return flights from London to Tromsø
- Return airport/hotel shuttle and resort transfers
- 4 nights' accommodation in twin room with private WC/shower
- Afternoon waffles and light buffet supper in Tromsø
- Breakfast throughout • Dinner at Malangen Resort days 3&4

OPTIONAL EXCURSIONS

HUSKY-SLEDDING from: **£165pp.**

SNOWMOBILE SAFARI from: **£190pp.**

CROSS-COUNTRY SKIING from: **£79pp.**

FAT BIKE RENTAL from: **£60pp.**

SNOWSHOE TREKKING & SAMI CULTURE from: **£79pp.**

For a full list of excursions, prices and days of operation, visit our website.

THIS IS JUST A SMALL SELECTION OF THE EXCURSIONS AVAILABLE. ASK ABOUT THE FULL RANGE WE CAN OFFER.





DECEMBER - MARCH

ARCTIC NIGHTS TO REMEMBER

INDEPENDENT TAILOR-MADE ITINERARY



4 DAYS FROM
£1325 PP



Fly high up into the Arctic Circle to Tromsø and turn your stay into 'An Arctic Night to Remember' with two nights in the city and an overnight at Camp Tamok in the Vass valley. Mush huskies, search out moose trails, ice-fish and snowmobile across snow white tundra. Sleep under a canopy of Arctic stars in a hot spot known to deliver a better than average sightings of the aurora.

YOUR ACCOMMODATION

CAMP TAMOK

Located outside of Tromsø amongst lofty mountains, fjords and the Lapland tundra, Camp Tamok is a wilderness experience like no other and is an ideal setting for snowmobile, husky and ice-fishing activities. It is well away from any light pollution and known for its dry climate and clear sky, maximising your chances of seeing the northern lights.

You have a choice of three types of accommodation:

THE WILDERNESS CABIN

Comprised of four bedrooms and two loft rooms accommodating up to 12 guests. The cabin is heated by a wood stove and lit by oil lamps thus offering a warm and a cosy place for a restful night's sleep.

SAMI TENT

A traditional lavvu accommodating up to 12 people, where you will sleep in your own berth in a winter sleeping bag on top of several reindeer skins. Despite the open wood fires temperatures can drop to zero.

AURORA CABIN

This is the most private and romantic accommodation, ideal for couples. Heated but without water or electricity, you can lie in bed gazing out of the rooftop window for a chance to view the aurora.

WHAT'S INCLUDED

- Return flights from London to Tromsø & airport/hotel shuttle transfers
- 2 nights' accommodation including breakfast, afternoon waffles and light buffet supper
- Overnight programme to Camp Tamok including local transfers, snowmobile & husky safaris with one night's accommodation including breakfast, lunch and dinner



SUGGESTED 4 DAY ITINERARY

DAY 1 Fly direct from London Gatwick to Tromsø.

- ▽ Check-in at the Clarion Collection Hotel With. You may opt to take an additional evening excursion - see page 19 or simply enjoy the charm of the Hotel With as well as the sights and sounds of Tromsø. Light buffet supper is served until 9pm each night.

DAY 2 Tromsø to Camp Tamok.

- ▽ Breakfast at leisure. Your day is free until late afternoon when you transfer to Camp Tamok where, after a full safety briefing, you will embark on a 30km snowmobile safari. At 800m high, along the shores of a frozen lake, you will try your hand at ice-fishing, returning to the camp for supper around an open fire. Search the night sky for the aurora borealis and revel in the peace and tranquillity that the wilderness offers before retiring to your chosen accommodation.

DAY 3 Travel from Camp Tamok back to Tromsø.

- ▽ After a hearty breakfast you will meet your Alaskan huskies. Mush in pairs and share the driving along a 15km trail through the mountainous and forested landscape of the Vass valley. Return to camp for lunch before transferring back to the Hotel With, where a light supper awaits.

DAY 4 Return to the UK.

- Breakfast at leisure, and perhaps shop for some last minute treats, before taking 'Flybussen' to the airport in time for your return flight home.



NOVEMBER - APRIL

ARCTIC CIRCLE EXPLORER

INDEPENDENT TAILOR-MADE ITINERARY



5 DAYS FROM
£995 PP



This show-stopping journey transports you from Tromsø in Northern Norway, across the frozen tundra and mountain plateaus to Narvik, where you board The Arctic Train to Kiruna in Sweden. The tour ends with a spectacular stay at the ICEHOTEL. This flexible trip is in the heart of the aurora zone and allows you ample time to add Arctic excursions such as a northern lights hunt or husky, snowmobile and reindeer safaris. You can also extend your stay in any of the destinations featured.

SUGGESTED 5 DAY ITINERARY

DAY 1 Fly from London to Tromsø.

Transfer with 'Flybuss' to the Clarion Collection Hotel With for 2 nights.

DAY 2 At leisure in Tromsø.

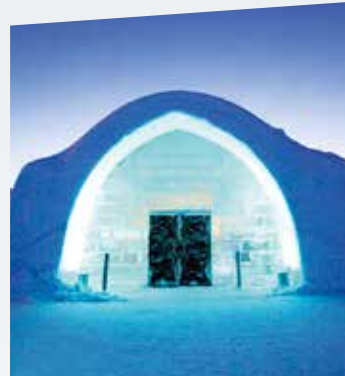
Tailor-make your stay in the 'Capital of the North' selecting from excursions featured on page 19. You will have plenty of time for an Arctic adventure. A snowmobile safari and husky mushing are always popular choices. The evening can be spent in pursuit of the northern lights.

DAY 3 Off to Narvik

Enjoy a plentiful breakfast before taking the early morning bus south to Narvik. The scenic 4-hour journey meanders through the glacial valleys and Fjords of Tromsø. On arrival check in to the Scandic Narvik and sample its designer delights. The rest of the day is at leisure. We recommend the Ofoten Museum, which chronicles the construction of the railway and the WWII battles for the control of Narvik's harbour and its all-important iron ore. Alternatively, take the cable car to the top of Narvikfjellet for panoramic views of Ofotfjord. Fine dining can be enjoyed at the Linken Restaurant. Since you are 250 miles north of the Arctic Circle, there is every chance of spotting the northern lights.

DAY 4 The Arctic Train & ICEHOTEL.

Board the Ofoten Line and Arctic Circle train for one of the most northern railway journeys in the world. The 3-hour journey initially hugs the shores of the Ofotfjord before ascending to its highest point at the Swedish border crossing of Riksangransen. There are no customs as you continue onwards crossing Abisko National Park before arriving at the former mining town of Kiruna.



On arrival you will be met and transferred to the ICEHOTEL. Your accommodation for the night is a bed of ice, covered with reindeer skins topped with the warmest of sleeping bags. A whole host of activities await (see page 56-57) but first raise a toast to your journey in the ICEBAR whilst appreciating the fine ice carvings hewn by award-winning ice artists.

DAY 5 Back to the UK.

Enjoy a warming hot berry juice and rejuvenating sauna before breakfast. Afterwards you will transfer to Kiruna Airport in time for your flight home to the UK (via Stockholm).



WHAT'S INCLUDED

- Return flights from London to Tromsø, then Kiruna to London (via Stockholm)
- 3 nights' hotel accommodation as described in the itinerary in twin room with private WC/shower
- 1 night in an ice room at the ICEHOTEL, Kiruna (shared facilities)
- Breakfast throughout; afternoon waffles and light buffet supper in Tromsø
- Local bus from Tromsø to Narvik
- Journey on the Ofoten railway from Narvik to Kiruna
- Airport/hotel transfers and local transfers in Kiruna

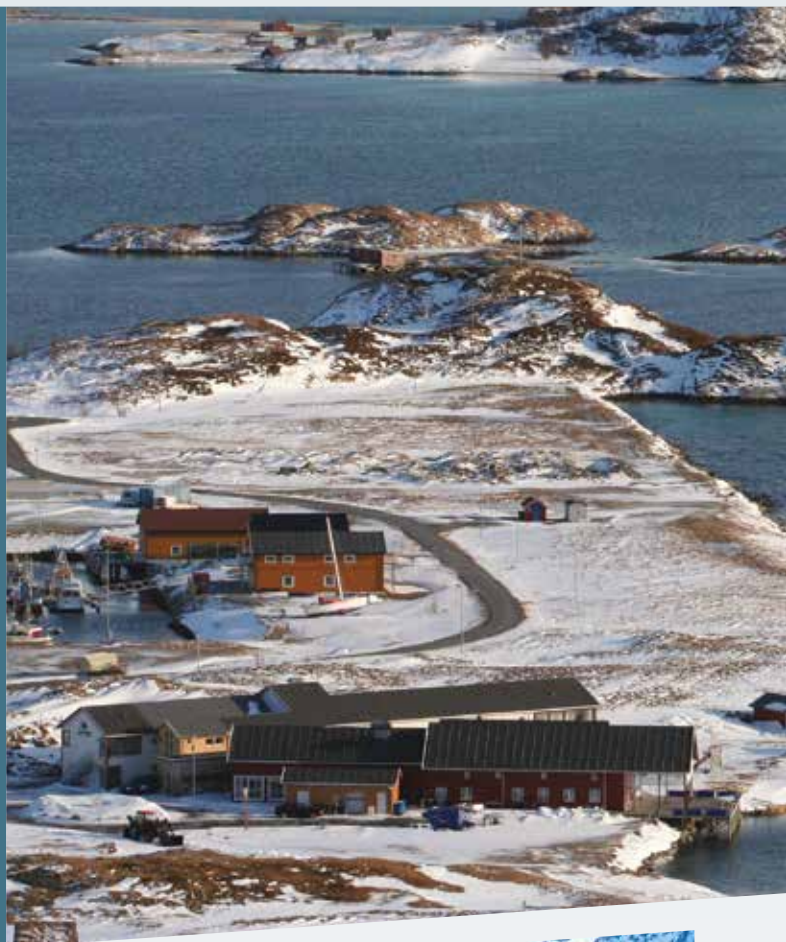


NOVEMBER - MARCH

TROMSØ, WILDLIFE, HUSKIES & THE AURORA ON SOMMARØY

**INDEPENDENT TAILOR-MADE
ITINERARY**

Combine a night in the self-styled capital of the Arctic, Tromsø, with the tranquil and peaceful island of Sommarøy, just one hour away. Well known for its stunning white coral beaches and beautiful panoramic views, Explore the arctic wildlife of the neighbouring island of Kvaløya and admire serene winter landscapes. Experience a snap-shot of life in this tiny coastal community, mushing your own team of huskies and hunting for the northern lights.



YOUR ACCOMMODATION

SOMMARØY ARCTIC HOTEL

The Sommarøy Arctic Hotel is a charming hidden gem, tucked away on the beautiful island of Sommarøy famed for its white coral beaches, panoramic mountain and seascape vistas. Enjoy the on-site restaurant, bar, library and gym.

- Beautiful seafront location
- 20 rooms
- Bikes or walking poles available





4 DAYS FROM
£1335 PP



SUGGESTED 4 DAY ITINERARY

DAY 1 **Fly from London to Tromsø.**

- Transfer by airport shuttle bus to the Clarion Collection Hotel Aurora, located in the heart of this vibrant city. Complimentary coffee and waffles are served in the afternoon with a light buffet supper available until 9pm. Enjoy the roof-top hot tubs or have a stroll around the city.

DAY 2 **Husky Safari, Northern Lights Search & the Island of Sommarøy.**

- After a classic Scandinavian breakfast, check out and transfer to a local husky farm, where after instruction, you will head out into the surrounding white wilderness. Driving in pairs, you will take it in turns to mush and sit in the sled, as you watch the stunning scenery unfold in front of you. Return to the hotel, where your luggage will have been stored, to be taken by minibus to the island of Sommarøy, just an hour's scenic drive from Tromsø. Arrive in time for lunch and enjoy an afternoon at leisure to absorb the views. After a 3-course dinner, embark on a guided northern lights hunt with a local expert.

DAY 3 **Wildlife Safari to Kvaløya.**

- After breakfast, our local guide will pick you up for a guided wildlife safari accompanied by his two huskies to the neighbouring island of Kvaløy. Get familiar with the history and wildlife of the region on this minibus trip and enjoy a warm meal by the crackling fire. Reindeer, otters, moose and sea eagles are among some of the highlights that can be spotted on the trip. Back at the hotel, relax in the hotel's sauna, before enjoying a three course dinner at the restaurant.

DAY 4 **Back to the UK.**

- After breakfast, return to Tromsø for some last minute sightseeing or head straight to the airport in time for your return flight home.



WHAT'S INCLUDED

- Return flights from London to Tromsø
- Return airport/hotel shuttle transfers and local transfers
- 3 nights' accommodation in a standard double/twin room with WC/ and shower
- Breakfast throughout; light buffet supper on day 1, lunch and 3-course dinner on days 2 & 3
- Excursions as described in itinerary



NOVEMBER - MARCH

LUXURIOUS LYNGEN LODGE

INDEPENDENT TAILOR-MADE
ITINERARY

Lyngen Lodge offers a luxurious combination of deluxe accommodation and first class hospitality in an exceptional location. This stylish escape is nestled along the scenic shores of the Lyngen Fjord in the heart of the Alps. There is an assortment of seasonal activities on offer and of course, the chance to spot the northern lights literally on your doorstep. This is the ideal choice for those who want to get away from it all without compromising on comfort.



YOUR ACCOMMODATION

LYNGEN LODGE

Lyngen Lodge is the brainchild of Graham Austick, who discovered this setting when out skiing and whose vision was to create a tranquil haven without the need to compromise on quality or comfort. Lyngen Lodge now provides a sanctuary for up to 18 people accommodated in 8 en suite fjord-facing rooms. Large panoramic windows frame commanding views over the Lyngen Alps, with the soft pastel colours of the interior complementing the natural surroundings. The open stone fireplace contributes to the warm and welcoming ambience.

Guests are catered for on a full board basis. Delicious menus reflect Norwegian coastal culture and are prepared from the finest local produce. Amenities include a fully licensed bar, dining room, lounge, library, sauna and outdoor jacuzzi as well as the services of the lodge manager.





6 DAYS FROM
£2295 PP

SUGGESTED 6 DAY ITINERARY

DAY 1 **Fly from London to Tromsø.**

On arrival, transfer to the Clarion Collection Hotel With and enjoy a light evening buffet supper.

DAY 2 **At leisure in Tromsø.**

Spend the day exploring this vibrant University city or book an optional excursion. Some of our favourites are featured on page 19 (please ask for details.)

DAY 3 **Lyngen Lodge.**

After a leisurely breakfast a private transfer will take you on the 3 hour journey through the Arctic wilderness, arriving at Lyngen Lodge in time for afternoon tea. Settle into your surroundings, then marvel at the changing colours of the Arctic sky and watch for the Northern Lights. Evening meal served at the Lodge. This evening you will have a Northern Lights Presentation which includes photography tips on how best to capture the magical phenomenon.

DAY 4 **Lyngen Lodge.**

After breakfast, head off on a frozen lakes adventure. The focus of this tour is to access the high mountain terrain via snowmobile. Once on the mountain plateau guests will experience ice fishing on the frozen lakes for mountain trout and visit spectacular view points over the Lyngen Alps. During this activity guests are passengers on the snowmobiles to the high mountain plateau.

The journey to the high lake via snowmobile takes 30 minutes through snow covered birch tree forests. Once at the lake, a shelter camp is made and ice holes drilled through the ice so fishing can begin. The ice is so thick that it is possible to make a fire on the ice and cook the fresh fish directly at the camp. Guests will also be able to explore the surrounding area on snowmobiles in between fishing sessions.

DAY 5 **Lyngen Lodge.**

Today's activity is Dogsledding - After a scenic drive of 30 min, we reach the Reisa Valley. This area hosts our dogsledding adventures into the wilderness of the northern lights. You will have the added experience of being instructed how to "mush" your own team of dogs

under the careful supervision and guidance from a professional. Take turns in driving while following a guide in front. The trail winds through open valleys that capture the low Arctic sun between the high jagged peaks of the region. Half way round the trail, lunch is cooked over an open fire in large tents. The tour is completed, the dogs bid farewell and you return to the lodge for dinner and a relaxing evening.

DAY 6 **Back to the UK.**

Breakfast between 8 and 10am and then depart from the lodge to return to Tromsø in time for your flight home.



WHAT'S INCLUDED

- Return flights from London to Tromsø
- One way airport/shuttle and shared transfers to Lyngen Lodge
- Northern Lights Presentation + Photography Tips
- 2 nights at the Clarion Collection Hotel With in superior twin room with private WC/shower on half board basis
- 3 nights at the Lyngen Lodge in a twin/double room with private WC/shower on a full board basis
- Frozen Lakes Adventure and Husky sledding as described in itinerary



DECEMBER - APRIL

ALTA & THE SORRISNIVA IGLOO HOTEL

INDEPENDENT TAILOR MADE ITINERARY



4 DAYS FROM
£1640PP



Fly to Alta in Northern Norway, Tromsø's quieter neighbour, and discover the intimate charm and intricate ice architecture of the Sorrisniva Igloo Hotel. You can snowmobile across the frozen tundra and delight in the chase for the aurora borealis, before the amazing experience of 'sleeping on ice'. You will enjoy gourmet dining at Sorrisniva's wonderful restaurant and have the opportunity to take part in a wealth of optional excursions to make the most of this unique landscape.



SUGGESTED 4 DAY ITINERARY

DAY 1 Alta & Northern Lights Search.

Fly to Alta (via Oslo). On arrival make your own way to the Scandic Hotel Alta. The hotel is situated opposite the titanium-clad Northern Lights Cathedral which, when lit up, forms a stunning backdrop against the Arctic skies. This evening you will leave behind the city lights in search of the aurora borealis. Your guide will travel along the coast, fjords and inland in search of clear skies and a glimpse of the dancing ribbons that flicker across the heavens.

DAY 2 At leisure in Alta.

Today is free for you to take an optional excursion.

DAY 3 Snowmobile Safari and Sorrisniva Igloo Hotel.

After breakfast you will be transferred to the Sorrisniva Igloo Hotel. The day continues with an exciting snowmobile safari where you will follow a former trading route, across the vast snow covered plateau. Enjoy an afternoon at leisure. Dinner is at Laksestua, a wooden building shaped like a traditional Sami lavvu, complete with open fire, where you will enjoy a delicious 3-course meal – Nordic cuisine at its best – before retiring to your snow room.

DAY 4 Return to the UK.

Enjoy a warming morning shower and sauna before a delicious breakfast. A transfer is provided back to the Scandic Hotel Alta, where you have a little time before heading to the airport in time for your flight back to the UK (via Oslo).

YOUR ACCOMMODATION

SCANDIC ALTA HOTEL

This modern, Scandinavian style hotel is a popular choice and enjoys stunning views of the Northern Lights Cathedral.

- Central location • Free Wi-Fi and tea/ coffee-making facilities

SORRISNIVA IGLOO HOTEL

The building of the Sorrisniva Igloo Hotel begins as soon as the first snow falls. The temperature inside the igloo remains constant (between -4°C and -7°C) but the natural reindeer hides, mattresses and sleeping bags will keep you warm – although we recommend wearing thermals and a woolly hat. This is an intimate experience as the hotel has just 30 rooms. Enjoy a drink in the atmospheric ice bar and admire the spectacular art sculptures.

- 30 rooms • Ice lounge & bar • Themed sculpture gallery & chapel

OPTIONAL EXCURSIONS

HUSKY-SLEDDING from: **£155pp.** **BOAT SAFARI** from: **£305pp.**

FAT BIKING from: **£122pp.** **SNOWSHOE TREKKING** from: **£169pp.**

For a full list of excursions, prices and days of operation, visit our website.

WHAT'S INCLUDED

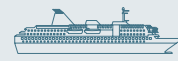
- Return flights from London to Alta (via Oslo)
- 2 nights' accommodation in a standard twin/double with private WC/shower
- 1 night at the Sorrisniva Igloo Hotel in an ice room (shared facilities)
- Breakfast throughout, wilderness lunch on day 3, dinner on day 3
- Return transfers from Scandic Hotel Alta to Sorrisniva Igloo Hotel
- 1 x 4 hour snowmobile safari, northern lights search



JANUARY - MARCH

NORTHERN LIGHTS AT THE TOP OF THE WORLD

INDEPENDENT TAILOR-MADE ITINERARY INCLUDING A CRUISE



6 DAYS FROM
£1995 PP



Sail around the top of the Norwegian peninsula for a special adventure. As your journey is entirely inside the Arctic Circle you maximise your chances of seeing the northern lights. Navigate the fjords of the Norwegian coast, journey to Nordkapp, the most northerly point of mainland Europe, snowmobile across Arctic tundra and sleep on ice in the world's most northerly snow hotel. Mush huskies or fish for king crabs, cook reindeer over an open fire in a Sami Lavvu and much more besides.

SUGGESTED 6 DAY ITINERARY

DAY 1 Fly from London to Tromsø.

▼ The self-styled 'Capital of the Northern Lights'. Transfer by 'Flybuss' and overnight at the Clarion Collection Hotel With. Light buffet supper served until 9pm. Depending on your arrival time we have a number of additional excursions that can be taken this evening or tomorrow morning. See page 19 for your options.

DAY 2 Tromsø at leisure & Hurtigruten.

▼ Enjoy a day at leisure in this vibrant town. The Arctic and Polaria museums showcase the exploits of Polar Explorers Nansen & Amundsen and the Fjellheisen cable car to Mount Storsteinen offers a superb panoramic view of the surrounding landscape. Board your Hurtigruten ship for the late afternoon departure. Sail north along the fjord-indented coast towards Honningsvåg whilst enjoying a dinner sourced from Norway's natural coastal kitchen. Overnight on board.

DAY 3 Honningsvåg, North Cape and Mehamn.

▼ On your arrival at Honningsvåg you disembark, travelling by bus, crossing the 71st parallel to the vertical cliffs of the North Cape. Labelled Europe's northernmost point (even though it isn't), the sheer rock face rises over 300m from the depths of the Arctic Ocean. There is time for photographic opportunities and a visit to the North Cape Hall, where you can enjoy a bite to eat.

Return to Honningsvåg to rejoin the ship in order to sail across Kjøllefjord where you disembark for a snowmobile safari across the Nordkyn peninsula. Remember to take a small overnight bag as you will be staying overnight in the tiny fishing village of Mehamn. Supper, sauna and overnight in a fjord-side Rorbu in the world's most northerly fishing village.



DAY 4 Kirkenes.

▼ You will have time to savour this uniquely remote and rugged spot overlooking the Barents Sea before rejoining the Hurtigruten boat and cruising onwards to Kirkenes on the Norwegian/Russian border. Overnight on board.

DAY 5 Snowhotel Kirkenes.

▼ Disembark and transfer to the Snowhotel Kirkenes - see page 32. After donning your protective thermal suits, you will be taken by snowmobile sledge to the edge of the frozen sea. Your driver/guide will help you draw up the pods containing the king crabs complete with their impressive 2-metre wide claw span. You will return to the quayside to cook and enjoy this delicacy. A welcome drink waits back at the Snowhotel before a 3-course supper. With luck you will catch the northern lights before retiring to your snow suite.

DAY 6 Back to the UK.

□ Warm up with a sauna before breakfast and transfer to the airport in time for your flight back to the UK.

WHAT'S INCLUDED

- Return flights from London to Tromsø returning from Kirkenes
- 1 night's accommodation in a twin room with private WC/shower
- 1 night's accommodation in a Mehamn Rorbu with private WC/shower
- 2 nights' unspecified inside cabin on board Hurtigruten with private WC/shower
- 1 night's accommodation in a snow suite at Snowhotel Kirkenes
- Breakfast throughout, 1 x lunch and 5 x dinner.
- Excursions as described in itinerary
- Return airport/hotel shuttle and local transfers



OCTOBER - MAY

SNOW HOTEL AT THE TOP OF THE WORLD

INDEPENDENT TAILOR-MADE ITINERARY

Perched at the 'top of the world' is the Snowhotel Kirkenes, a firm favourite with our guests. An enthusiastic welcome starts with 110 howling huskies; the resident reindeer are a little more nonchalant, but no less friendly. Savour a cocktail of adventures: catch a king crab, ice-fish with the experts, dash across frozen fjords or go in search of the northern lights, enjoying delicious local cuisine before retiring to your snow room or designer aurora cabin.



YOUR ACCOMMODATION

Snowhotel KIRKENES

At 69°N, the Snowhotel Kirkenes is the world's most northerly snow hotel. Located alongside the Langfjorden, 400km north of the Arctic Circle, it is at the apex of Scandinavia where Norway meets Russia and Finland. The resort boasts a wealth of facilities including a restaurant in a beautifully renovated barn, a bar and sauna. It has just 20 ice suites, ensuring an intimate, boutique ambience.

Intricately carved ice art designed by sculptors from around the world illuminate and adorn the public areas. Each ice room is a small treasure, which features double frame beds surrounded by ice blocks topped with thermal insulation and reindeer pelts.

The Snowhotel Kirkenes also offers 'Gamme Cabins' loosely based on the traditional Sami hunting and fishing huts that can be found in the wilderness. Developed in conjunction with Swiss architects, these strikingly simple private cabins offer under-floor heating, en suite Villeroy & Bosch bathrooms, and a separate seating area with aurora panoramic window. Ideal for romantics and those wanting an alternative to the cold accommodation.





5 DAYS FROM
£1650
PP



SUGGESTED 5 DAY ITINERARY

DAY 1 Fly from London to Oslo.

- Overnight stay at the Comfort Hotel Runway, Gardermoen Airport.

DAY 2 Snowhotel Kirkenes & Husky Safari.

- An early morning flight ensures you arrive in Kirkenes with a full day ahead. Upon arrival you will be transferred to the Snowhotel. You will be given your protective thermal clothing, which you will keep for the duration of your stay.

It is then time to meet the huskies for your afternoon husky safari. As you approach, the enthusiastic barking signals the dogs' eagerness to get out on to the trail, but first you will be taught the basics of handling your team. Heading out into the surrounding wilderness you will be driving two to a sled, taking it in turns to mush. This 2 hour experience includes a wilderness lunch in a traditional Lavvu.

Returning to the Snowhotel you will be given a guided tour of your surroundings and a welcome drink. A delicious 3-course dinner comprised of the best local ingredients is served in the newly converted barn, complete with wonderful views of the surrounding landscape. Take time to pop outside and perhaps catch the northern lights before retiring to your ice suite and a night sleeping in a giant igloo at the very top of the world.

DAY 3 King Crab Safari.

- Enjoy breakfast and a warm-up sauna before your transfer to the Thon Hotel Kirkenes for the next 2 nights. The remainder of the morning is at leisure. In the afternoon prepare for sightings of the sub aquatic albatross of the Barents Sea, a king crab resplendent with a 2-metre claw span.

You will be picked up by bus from the hotel. From Namndalen you will travel by snowmobile sledge to the edge of the ice. Your driver/guide helps you cut a hole in the frozen ocean and draw up the crab pods. You will transport your catch back to the quayside to cook and enjoy in a local fisherman's hut.

Return to the Thon Hotel late in the afternoon, with the remainder of your time at leisure.

DAY 4 Snowmobile Safari.

- Enjoy a hearty breakfast before embarking on a 4 hour guided snowmobile tour. Driving in pairs, you will each have plenty of opportunity to steer and take photos along the way. A small picnic meal will be served en route. On returning to the hotel there is time for some well-deserved rest and relaxation.

DAY 5 Back to the UK.

- Enjoy a leisurely breakfast and morning before your transfer to the airport in time for your flight home.

OPTIONAL EXCURSIONS AND ACTIVITIES

HUSKY TRANSFER FROM THE AIRPORT from: **£365pp.**

Start your adventure at the airport! Have your own team of huskies waiting to take you directly to the Snowhotel Kirkenes. Pre-booking required.

HUNTING THE NORTHERN LIGHTS BY HUSKY from: **£220pp.**

NORTHERN LIGHTS BY SNOWMOBILE from: **£218pp.**

NORTHERN LIGHTS BY AURORA EXPRESS BUS from: **£86pp.**

SNOWSHOEING WITH GUIDE from: **£105pp.**

ICE-FISHING from: **£172pp.**



WHAT'S INCLUDED

- Return flights from London to Kirkenes (via Oslo)
- 4 nights' accommodation as shown in itinerary
- Breakfast throughout; 3-course dinner at the Snowhotel Kirkenes
- Excursions as described in itinerary
- Return local and airport/hotel transfers in Kirkenes



NOVEMBER - FEBRUARY

LOFOTEN & THE AURORA

INDEPENDENT TAILOR-MADE
ITINERARY INCLUDING A CRUISE

Lofoten has justifiably been described as one of the most scenic archipelagos in the world and in winter it can certainly be one of the most dramatic. It boasts spectacular glacial rock formations, which dominate the seascape, its clustered burgundy and white fishing hamlets clinging to the coastline. A long and rich cultural heritage dates back to the Vikings who settled in the region. It was also here that Joanna Lumley was filmed fulfilling her lifelong dream of witnessing the dancing hues of the aurora borealis. You will enjoy the opportunity to explore this beautiful region by land and sea.



YOUR ACCOMMODATION

SVINOYA RORBUER

Svinoya Rorbuer is located on an island in the heart of Svolvær Harbour, linked by a bridge such that a short 10-15 minute walk brings you into the heart of the town. The accommodation is comprised of 30 renovated or newly built Rorbu cabins with various internal configurations. These cabins are reminiscent of the original fishermen's homes but with bathrooms, shower/WC, kitchenette and sitting room. Breakfast, lunch and dinner are served in Borsen Spiseri, an atmospheric converted quayside warehouse offering unique fresh, local ingredients.

- Beautiful setting • Authentic accommodation • 30 cabins





6 DAYS FROM
£1495 PP



SUGGESTED 6 DAY ITINERARY

DAY 1 Fly from London to Tromsø.

▽ The heart of the aurora zone. Transfer with the 'Flybuss' to the Clarion Collection Hotel With for 1 night.

DAY 2 Huskies and Hurtigruten.

▽ Explore the Arctic capital, taking in cultural attractions such as the Polar Museum, Polaria and the spectacular Arctic Cathedral. You may wish to try a Macks Brewery tour, lunch in one of the myriad of fish restaurants or indulge in an afternoon tea of hot waffles and brown cheese. Later, venture into the snow-covered wilderness for a husky safari and a first opportunity to see the northern lights. A light snack is served in a traditional Lavvu.

Returning to Tromsø there is just enough time for a late night drink before catching the southbound Hurtigruten just before midnight. Overnight on board.

DAY 3 Lofoten.

▽ The ship traverses the coast, passing sheltered bays and glorious mountain landscapes. There is a short stop at Stokmarknes, before continuing through the Raftsund, a picturesque and narrow channel between the Vesterålen and Lofoten islands. Disembark in Svolvaer where it is just a short transfer to Svinoya Rorbuer. Overnight in this quaint accommodation, on the shore's edge. Dine in the atmospheric 'Børsen Spiseri' a quayside warehouse dating back to 1828.

DAY 4- Lofoten.

DAY 5 ▽ During the day you will have plenty of free time for you to choose from the optional excursions on offer. Each evening we have included a guided northern lights search where you will be taken to the best locations for the best chance of spotting this amazing natural phenomenon.

DAY 6 Back to the UK.

□ A final leisurely breakfast before departing for your return flight to the UK (via Bodø & Oslo)

OPTIONAL EXCURSIONS

SNOWSHOE HIKE from: **£115pp.**

WINTER SEA KAYAKING from: **£135pp.**

SEA EAGLE RIB SAFARI from: **£87pp.**

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WHAT'S INCLUDED

- Return flights London - Tromsø & then Svolvaer - London (via Bodø & Oslo)
- Return airport/hotel and port transfers Tromsø & Svolvaer
- 1 night accommodation at the Clarion Collection Hotel With
- 1 night on board Hurtigruten in inside cabin
- 3 nights' at Svinoya Rorbuer
- Accommodation in twin room/cabin/rorbuer with private WC/shower
- Breakfast throughout, dinner on day 3
- Excursions as described in itinerary



SEPTEMBER - OCTOBER

AUTUMN AURORA & WILDLIFE ENCOUNTER

GUIDED SMALL GROUP ADVENTURE



SAMPLE TOUR
£1745



The Vesterålen archipelago is off the beaten track, tucked between the Northern Light heavyweights of Tromsø and Lofoten. However, this undiscovered gem is an Arctic wildlife and aurora magnet. What makes this small group adventure extra special is your guides, self-confessed aurora addicts, Chris and Becki, who left their home in England with their 4 children to follow their passion for the northern lights. No group will have more than 8 guests and the tour is suitable for families and couples.

SUGGESTED 5 DAY ITINERARY

DAY 1 To Sortland.

- ▼ Fly to Evenes (via Oslo). Those on the earlier flight will pay locally for a transfer, or arrive late evening to be met at the airport. Arrive earlier for dinner at your chosen accommodation.

DAY 2 Andøya and Spaceship Aurora.

- ▼ Enjoy breakfast, before meeting Chris, your local guide, and driving along the picturesque west coast of Andøya, an area of outstanding natural beauty, where you may see eagles, reindeer, moose, whales and dolphins. On arrival in Andenes, visit Spaceship Aurora, an educational and activity centre showcasing the history and science behind the northern lights. Return to Sortland for dinner and prepare for your first aurora chase. Chris is on hand to give photography tips.

DAY 3 Wildlife Safari.

- ▼ After breakfast, head out along the coast to meet with a local wildlife and photography expert. Board his boat and sail into the heart of the archipelago amongst the fjords in search of the magnificent white-tailed eagle and other wildlife. Returning to the tiny harbour, enjoy a delicious lunch of the locally renowned fish. Relax before dinner and tonight's aurora quest.

DAY 4 Sami Culture & Reindeer Encounter.

- ▼ Enjoy a visit to a traditional working reindeer farm, run by the Inga family, who have a 150 year tradition of raising reindeer, and will share some of the myths and magic that surrounds the Sami culture. A hearty lunch will be served at the farm, gathered around an open campfire, in a traditional Lavvu. Afternoon at leisure before dinner.

DAY 5 Return to the UK.

- Early flights include a return transfer, or if you prefer a later departure you can take a local bus (payable locally).



RECOMMENDED ACCOMMODATION

VESTERÅLEN SJØHUS

This collection of seven fisherman style cabins located on the shoreline enjoys marvellous views across the fjord and snow-capped mountains beyond. Each of Marit Asbjørnen's simple cabins has two bedrooms, one bathroom, living room and kitchenette. Breakfast is delivered and taken in the cabin and delicious homemade dinners are served in the casual Sjøhus Restaurant, just a few steps away.

- Authentic cabins • Great views • Outdoor hot tubs/ sauna (extra charge)

SORTLAND HOTEL

Surrounded by the Langøya fjords and mountains, this hotel has welcomed guests for over 100 years. Rooms have been recently refurbished and offer a warm refuge with typical Scandinavian décor, complemented by flat-screen TVs and an original work by renowned local artist Tove Hov Jacobsen. The hotel's restaurant offers a menu based on locally sourced seasonal produce.

- Beautiful setting • Recently refurbished • Free Wi-Fi, tea, coffee and cakes

WHAT'S INCLUDED

- Return flights from London to Evenes (via Oslo)
- Return airport/hotel transfers where applicable
- 4 nights' accommodation in twin/double room or at Vesterålen Sjøhus, 4 people sharing a Fisherman's cabin.
- Breakfast and dinner throughout
- Excursions as described in itinerary, including 3 guided aurora chases (4-6 hours each) depending on conditions



JANUARY - SELECTED DATES

WHALES, WILDLIFE & AURORA ADVENTURES

GUIDED SMALL GROUP ADVENTURE



SAMPLE TOUR
£2020



This exciting small group adventure is set in the remote Vesterålen archipelago and once again is hosted by aurora addict, Chris, with his unstoppable enthusiasm for his subject, and for introducing his guests to the culture and wildlife of this stunning region. He and his wife Becki have even played host to Professor Brian Cox, so you will be in safe hands. Suitable for families, couples and groups of friends.

SUGGESTED 6 DAY ITINERARY

DAY 1 To Sortland.

▽ Fly to Evenes (via Oslo). Those on the earlier flight will pay locally for a transfer, or arrive late evening to be met at the airport. Transfer to your chosen accommodation.

DAY 2 Andøya and Spaceship Aurora and Whale Watching Adventure.

▽ Enjoy breakfast before meeting Chris, your local guide to drive along the picturesque west coast of Andøya, an area of outstanding natural beauty, where you may see eagles, reindeer, moose, whales and dolphins. On arrival in Andenes, enjoy a short presentation about the local sea-life before receiving a safety briefing and appropriate clothing for your RIB boat trip to the herring spawning grounds where the whales gather. Pilot, minke, humpback and sperm whales are all regular visitors. A simple soup and bread lunch is served on your return to land. In the afternoon, visit Spaceship Aurora, an educational and activity centre showcasing the history and science behind the northern lights. Return to Sortland for dinner and prepare for the first of three aurora chases. Chris will guide you and give you tips on how to capture this natural phenomenon on your camera.

DAY 3 Dog Sledding or Carting.

▽ After breakfast depart on a 1 hour scenic drive to a local Husky Farm. Here you will meet both owners and trainers and, after a safety briefing you get to meet your four-legged friends, all eager to go on their morning half hour run. Snow permitting (normally October – March) you will travel in pairs around the mountain foothills, accompanied by stunning scenery and just the sound of the panting dogs. Relax before dinner and tonight's aurora quest.



DAY 4 Eagle and Wildlife Safari.

▽ After breakfast, head out along the coast to meet with a local wildlife and photography expert. Board his boat and sail into the heart of the archipelago amongst the fjords in search of the magnificent white-tailed eagle and other wildlife. Returning to the tiny harbour, enjoy a delicious lunch of the locally renowned fish. Relax before dinner and tonight's aurora quest.

DAY 5 Sami Culture and Reindeer Encounter.

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DAY 6 Return to the UK.

□ Early flights include a return transfer, or if you prefer a later departure you can take a local bus (payable locally). Please see our website for further details and departure dates.

WHAT'S INCLUDED

- Return flights from London to Evenes (via Oslo) plus transfers, where applicable
- 5 nights' accommodation at your chosen hotel in a twin/double room or
- Vesteralen Sjøhus, 4 people sharing a fisherman's cabin
- Breakfast and dinner throughout (except first night)
- Excursions as described in itinerary, including 4 guided aurora chases.



OCTOBER - APRIL

THE RØROS RAILWAY - A TRAIN TO TRONDHEIM

INDEPENDENT TAILOR MADE ITINERARY BY RAIL



6 DAYS FROM
£725 PP



The Røros Railway first opened to the public in 1877, connecting Oslo in the South of Norway with Trondheim in the North. The 383 km track passes through some of Norway's most picturesque landscapes and links centuries of history. This is a cultural journey that can be enjoyed year-round and winter casts a magical spell over the capital Oslo, the UNESCO World Heritage Town of Røros as well as Trondheim, the celebrated Viking capital.

SUGGESTED 6 DAY ITINERARY

DAY 1 Fly to Gardermoen Airport, Oslo.

▼ The airport express train transports you into the capital within 20 minutes. Check in and enjoy a complimentary light buffet supper.

DAY 2 Day at Leisure in Oslo.

▼ Enjoy a typical Scandinavian buffet breakfast before heading out into the city to explore Oslo's many treasures.

DAY 3 Rørosbanen to Røros

▼ Make the most of your day and take the Early morning train to Røros. Change at Hamar, where you will observe the changing landscape as you follow the Glomma River through one of the largest wilderness areas in Scandinavia. The 5-hour journey is peppered with many charming old stations, now considered to be architectural gems as well as vast forests, which are home to the magnificent Norwegian Elk. Arrive in Røros in time to check in. The super restaurants here will leave you spoilt for choice.

DAY 4 Onward Train to Trondheim.

▼ The train does not leave until just after 15.30, so there is lots of time to further explore Røros, which during the winter snows, has a permanent festive feel and inspired Disney's 'Frozen'. Once on the train, it is a scenic 2½ hour journey towards the coastal town of Trondheim, where you will check in to your chosen hotel.

DAY 5 Explore Trondheim at your Leisure.

▼ Norway's former Viking capital is home to over 1,000 years of history. Marvel at Nidaros, the world's northernmost medieval cathedral or walk through Bakklandet, a charming district of colourful wooden houses and wharfs, home to some of Trondheim's vibrant café culture.

DAY 6 Return to the UK.

□ Enjoy breakfast, before heading to the airport for your return flight.



YOUR ACCOMMODATION

ERZSCHEIDERGÅRDEN HOTEL, RØROS

This small, family-run hotel is in the heart of the UNESCO World Heritage town of Røros, and just metres from the landmark Røros Church. Some parts of the building date back to the 17th century and each cosy room is unique with antique furnishings adding to the authentic feel. Modern touches include free Wi-Fi and flat screen TVs. There is a breakfast room, inviting bar and comfy lounge, as well as complimentary kicksleds outside, for those wishing to try traditional transport.

- 16 double and 6 family rooms • Historic building • Free Wi-Fi

SCANDIC NIDELVEN, TRONDHEIM

The Scandic Hotel Nidelven's is located in Solsiden, one of Trondheim's most popular districts, in walking distance of all the most popular tourist attractions including Bakklandet and the Nidaros Cathedral. There is a wealth of restaurants, cafes and shops nearby. All rooms have private WC/shower and you can upgrade to a superior room for tea/coffee-making facilities, minibar and bathrobes. The hotel is famed for its breakfast – having been voted the best in Norway for over a decade.

- Central location • Restaurant, bar, gym • Excellent breakfast

WHAT'S INCLUDED

- Return flights from London to Oslo and Trondheim to London.
- 5 nights' hotel accommodation sharing a standard double/twin room with private WC/shower in Oslo, Røros and Trondheim.
- Breakfast throughout, light buffet supper on days 1 and 2.
- 2nd class train journey from Oslo to Trondheim.



OCTOBER - APRIL

A WINTER RAIL ODYSSEY IN FJORD NORWAY

INDEPENDENT TAILOR-MADE ITINERARY BY RAIL



6 DAYS FROM
£945PP



Europe's highest railway, the Bergensbanen, links Oslo and Bergen, climbing to 4000 feet across a barren snowclad Hardangervidda mountain plateau and descending through steep valleys, mirrored in the fjords below. This has been designated as one of the great railway journeys of the world and the spectacular views are just as dramatic in the winter months. A stop-off in the fjordside village of Flåm, away from the summer crowds, reveals a sleepy hamlet of a bygone era.

SUGGESTED 6 DAY ITINERARY

DAY 1 Fly to Oslo - make your way to your chosen hotel for two nights.

DAY 2 Enjoy a day at leisure in Oslo.

Perhaps viewing the world's largest collection of artwork by Munch or visiting the Nobel Peace Centre. Alternatively, embrace the outdoors with a trip to the surrounding forests.

DAY 3 Norway in a Nutshell aboard the Oslo to Bergen Railway.

You will travel through rolling farmlands and eventually arrive at the mountain station of Myrdal, where you change for Flåmsbana. The Flåm Railway is one of the steepest in the world. The descent offers panoramic views, passes frozen waterfalls and goes through 20 tunnels terminating in the fjord-side sleepy hamlet of Flåm, situated in the innermost reaches of Aurlandsfjord. Check in to your hotel.

DAY 4 Stegastein, Naeroyfjord and Bergen.

Enjoy a leisurely breakfast before taking an excursion to Stegastein. It is a dramatic drive up to this spectacular viewpoint, located 650m above the fjord. Returning to Flåm, be ready to board the mid afternoon ferry, for your onward journey. The ferry sails down the UNESCO World Heritage Naeroyfjord, surrounded by steep snow-covered mountain tops. On arrival in Gudvangen, board the bus to Voss, then rejoin the train bound for Bergen, where you will make your way to your chosen hotel.

DAY 5 Free day for you to explore Bergen.

A treasure trove of delights await including the UNESCO World Heritage site of Bryggen. Fløyen, the funicular railway and museums, including Troidhaugen, home of composer Edvard Grieg.

DAY 6 Return to the UK

There remains ample time today to continue with your exploration of this delightful town before heading to the airport and home.



RECOMMENDED ACCOMMODATION

CLARION COLLECTION HOTEL BASTION

Set in central Oslo, rooms at this charming boutique style hotel all have a Scandinavian twist and some boast views of the Opera House and harbour. Complimentary afternoon waffles and a light evening buffet supper are served daily.

• Excellent location • Free Wi-Fi • Good value

FLÅMSBRYGGA HOTEL

The Flåmsbrygga Hotel is located right on the edge of the Aurlandsfjord and is bursting with local character. It has just 41 rooms, 38 of which have a fjord view and balcony. The Flåmstova Restaurant is a warm, rustic retreat serving the best of locally sourced products. Adjacent is the Aegir Brewery, with its locally brewed beer.

• Delightful location • Excellent fjord views • Tea/coffee-making facilities

THON HOTEL ROSENKRANTZ

This newly renovated central property is very popular and boasts well-equipped comfortable, modern rooms. An extensive Scandinavian buffet breakfast is included. Superior rooms have Nespresso machines, slippers & robes.

• Excellent value in a prime location • Parking next to hotel (charge)

WHAT'S INCLUDED

- Return flights London to Oslo, Bergen to London
- 5 nights' accommodation as per itinerary in twin room with private WC/Shower
- Buffet breakfast throughout and dinner in Flam
- Excursion to Stegastein
- Internal travel by rail (2nd class), ferry, and/or bus according to itinerary

Bergen is Norway's second-largest city. A colourful, vibrant city with a small town feel, sheltered by dramatic mountains, it surveys the North Sea on Norway's western coast. It is known as the gateway to the fjords, set in the midst of Hardangerfjord and the Sognefjord, with their breath-taking landscape of snow-clad mountains, glaciers and cascading waterfalls. This makes it the perfect starting point for a fjord adventure, exploring Norway's best-known attraction by boat, road or railway.

In fact, Bergen is the starting – or end - point for one of our great railway journeys taking Europe's highest railway, the Bergensbanen, which links Bergen with Oslo and climbs to a spectacular 4000 feet.

Bergen was founded in 1070 by King Olav Kyrre, who settled here. In the 13th century it became one of the most important ports in the Hanseatic League, responsible for trade between Norway and the rest of the world. The architecture of the Hanseatic Wharf of Bryggen, now a World Heritage site, remains much as it did in medieval times, making it a wonderfully atmospheric place to stay.

Bergen was home to one of the world's greatest composers, Edvard Grieg, who was inspired by its landscapes. You can visit his home today, along with many other fascinating museums. Bergen is a European City of Culture and a thriving hub for musicians and artists. In recent years it has become known for its gastronomy, boasting some of Norway's finest fish and seafood restaurants.



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THON HOTEL ROSENKRANTZ

This newly renovated property is set in the heart of Bergen, within easy reach of its many attractions. It is close to the charming waterfront, the funicular and the bustling fish market. This hotel is deservedly popular with our guests and boasts well-equipped, comfortable, modern rooms. It provides excellent value for money in a prime location, especially since a Scandinavian buffet breakfast and light evening meal are included in the price.

FEATURES

Free WiFi • Scandinavian buffet breakfast included • Light evening meal included • Restaurant • Bar • Fitness Centre •
Parking next to hotel (with charge)

ROOM FACILITIES

Heating/ air con, telephone, minibar, smart TV, iron & ironing board, safe, Bose music system, bathrobe & slippers, hairdryer, shower and/ or bath and WC.

GUIDE PRICE

3 nights / 4 days from **£395pp.**

Including flights from London to Bergen, return airport shuttle,
3 nights accommodation, B&B with complimentary supper.





DECEMBER - APRIL

FJELL & FJORD WINTER ACTIVITY TASTER

INDEPENDENT TAILOR MADE
ITINERARY



6 DAYS FROM

£1225^{PP}



This twin-centre break combines the best of winter Fjell and Fjord activities and can be tailored to suit independently-minded families, friends and couples alike. Begin with a stay in colourful Bergen, famed for its maritime history and commanding position as gateway of the fjords, before taking the short scenic rail journey to the mountain resort of Geilo, which offers an all-round winter experience including skiing, husky-sledding and romantic horse-sled rides.

SUGGESTED 6 DAY ITINERARY

DAY 1 Fly to Flesland Airport, Bergen - Transfer to your chosen hotel.

▼ We recommend the newly refurbished Thon Hotel Rosenkrantz adjacent to the UNESCO World Heritage site of Bryggen.

DAY 2 Norway in a Nutshell.

▼ Enjoy a hearty Scandinavian breakfast, before taking one of Norway's most renowned rail journeys into the heart of the fjords. Head to the mountain village of Voss by rail and transfer by bus to the tiny hamlet of Gudvangen, before boarding the new star of the Naerøyfjord for a cruise along this spectacularly narrow fjord, to Flåm, located at the far reaches of Sognefjord. Enjoy the railway museum and walk around the village, before joining the world-famous Flåm Railway. The 20km, 2 hour journey takes you through some of Norway's most spectacular scenery. Change stations at Myrdal, before heading back to Bergen by rail.

DAY 3 Geilo.

▼ We recommend taking the midday train for the 3 hour journey to Geilo, which is located high in the mountains on the edge of two national parks. As a ski resort, it is particularly popular with families and beginners. It also boasts Norway's longest toboggan run. It is just a short transfer to our recommended hotel, the Bardøla Høyfjellshotell.

DAY 4 Husky Safari and Sleigh Horse Ride.

▼ Enjoy a bracing 30 minute walk or a 5 minute taxi ride to a local husky farm, where you will meet your four-legged friends, learn how to mush, then set off (driving in pairs) with your own team of dogs for a thrilling 10km ride through the stunning landscape. Lunch at leisure, before taking a romantic, leisurely tour of the town by horse-drawn sleigh. Dinner at the Bardøla Høyfjellshotell.



DAY 5 Spend the day on the ski slopes surrounding Geilo.

▼ We have included a ski rental package which includes a day pass, hire of skis, helmet boots and poles, which can all be fitted and collected from our supplier at the base of the ski slope. We can also arrange taster sessions for beginners. Lunch at leisure and dinner is included at the Bardøla Høyfjellshotell.

DAY 6 Return to the UK.

□ Enjoy a leisurely breakfast before taking the noon train back to Bergen and heading to the airport in time for your return flight home.

YOUR ACCOMMODATION

BARDØLA HØYFJELLSHOTELL GEILO

Just a 15 minute walk from Geilo town centre. Offering a mixture of warm hotel rooms, junior suites and suites as well as nearly 30 traditional style winter cabins (available at a supplement) there is a wealth of options for couples and families alike. Facilities include a swimming pool (including a children's pool), gym and wellness area, a children's play area and a peaceful fireside retreat. In the main restaurant you can enjoy traditional Norwegian fare combined with international favourites. Children are also well catered for. There are complimentary bus services for the transfers between the hotel and the ski lifts.

- Great for families • Convenient location • Swimming pool

WHAT'S INCLUDED

- Return flights from London to Bergen
- 5 nights' in a standard twin with private WC/shower
- Breakfast throughout, evening dinner on days 3,4 and 5
- Return train travel from Bergen to Geilo • Excursions as per itinerary
- Transfer from Geilo Station to Bardøla Høyfjellshotell



OCTOBER - APRIL

BERGEN & THE FROSTY FJORDS

**INDEPENDENT TAILOR-MADE
SELF-DRIVE ITINERARY**

Your holiday starts in the charming town of Bergen, where mountain meets fjord in impressive style. It offers a fascinating array of activities, museums, culture and cuisine. Just a stone's throw from Bergen is your next destination: Hardangerfjord, Norway's second longest fjord. On its banks nestles the magnificent Ullensvang Hotel, commanding stunning views of snow-capped mountains, with outstanding service and extensive spa facilities.



YOUR ACCOMMODATION

ULLENSVANG HOTEL

The historic Hotel Ullensvang sits proudly on the shores of the Hardangerfjord, commanding spectacular views of snow-capped mountains and a glistening fjord. Originally a modest boathouse built in 1846, it has now expanded into a 168 room resort boasting extensive leisure facilities, including a heated outdoor 88m swimming channel leading to an infinity pool.

The property has now been in the Utne family for 150 years. The attention to detail and exacting service standards bestowed upon their guests has earned them some famous visitors including the composer Edvard Grieg and H.M Queen Sonja, who regularly returns to hike a trail named in her honour. Other facilities include a fine dining restaurant, an award-winning buffet restaurant, a bar with live music each night and an array of indoor and outdoor space, where you can simply curl up, read a book or soak up the silence of the surrounding fjords.

- Exquisite fjord-side residence
- Heated outdoor pool
- Outstanding service





6 DAYS FROM
£1370PP



SUGGESTED 6 DAY ITINERARY

DAY 1 Fly direct to Bergen from London.

- ▼ Make your way to your chosen hotel. We recommend the Clarion Collection Hotel Havnekontoret, located on the harbour front.

DAY 2 Bergen at leisure.

- ▼ Take the funicular railway to the top of Mount Fløyen for some wonderful views and easy hiking trails. Visit Troidhaugen, home of Edvard Grieg or explore the narrow alleyways of Bryggen. Bergen's museums include impressive art collections by Munch, Pablo Picasso, Paul Klee and Nikolai Astrup.

DAY 3 Hardangerfjord and Ullensvang.

- ▼ Collect your hire car for the drive to Hardangerfjord. Drive via Voss, passing the popular Steindalsfossen waterfall along the way or take the twisting National Tourist Route via Norheimsund. Both routes are well used, usually open year-round and cross the Hardanger Bridge, one of the largest suspension bridges in the world.

On arrival at the Ullensvang Hotel, we have arranged for you to enjoy a fjord view room, most have a balcony and all have simply spectacular views across the fjord. Dinner is served in the buffet restaurant.

DAY 4- Hardangerfjord and Ullensvang.

- DAY 5 Relax and enjoy the views and the hotel's impressive facilities, or visit the attractions of the surrounding area such as the Hardanger Folk Museum in Utne, the impressive Norwegian Museum of Hydro Power & Industry in Odda and the Flåm Railway. Weather dependent there are plentiful hiking trails, as well as the ski centre at Røldal.

DAY 6 Return to the UK.

- Take a leisurely drive to Flesland, Bergen airport, where you will return your hire car before your flight home.



WHAT'S INCLUDED

- Return flights from London to Bergen
- 5 nights' in a twin/ double room (with fjord view and use of leisure facilities at the Ullensvang Hotel)
- 4 days (4 x 24hrs) Group B car hire Inclusive of unlimited mileage, theft protection, CDW and winter tyres
- Breakfast throughout; complimentary waffles and light buffet supper at the Clarion Collection Hotel Havnekontoret in Bergen; 3-course buffet dinner at the Ullensvang Hotel, Lofthus

Oslo is a city, which has its finger right on the pulse. Despite being one of Europe's fastest growing cities, it has been named European Green Capital 2019 and is in the process of being certified as a Sustainable Destination. This is all as a result of its considerable efforts to preserve its beautiful natural environment, and to reduce pollution.

Oslo successfully combines the new with the old: stylish architecture with forest and fjord. It has undergone a transformation, which started with the opening of the Opera House and has been continued with cutting-edge architectural projects for redevelopment such as the Barcode Project, which shows a new face of modern architecture.

This approach extends to its culinary culture, where old traditions blend with innovation boasting a wealth of enticing restaurants. The historic wharf area of Aker Brygge is now a cosmopolitan collection of harbour-front bars and restaurants and an excellent place for casual dining and people watching.

Oslo has been Norway's capital city since 1814 and despite being its largest city, it is easy to get around the compact centre, on foot or using the efficient public transport network. It has over 50 fascinating museums including the world's largest collection of artwork by Munch and the Nobel Peace Centre. Alternatively, embrace the outdoors with a trip to the surrounding forests. The Oslo Winter Park and Ski Centre are just minutes from the city.



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THE THIEF

Enjoying a spectacular location in a district once known for its shady criminal dealings, The Thief is a shining example of contemporary Scandinavian design. All of the rooms boast hand-picked works of art and most enjoy views over the Oslofjord, from the floor-to-ceiling windows and private balconies. The restaurant and bar serve dishes and drinks known for their pure flavours, derived from local Nordic produce and traditional recipes, often with a modern twist.

FEATURES

- Free WiFi • Food bar • Bar with unique cocktail menu • Gym
- Spa with sauna, hammam and indoor pool • Nordic breakfast included
- Fjordside 'beach' and jetty • Parking (with charge)

ROOM FACILITIES

Heating/ air con, private balcony, telephone, minibar, seating area and desk, smart TV, Nespresso machine and kettle, safe, iron & ironing board, bathrobe & slippers, hairdryer, bathroom with rain shower and WC.

GUIDE PRICE

3 nights / 4 days from **£860pp.**

Including flights from London to Oslo, return airport shuttle, 3 nights accommodation, B&B.



CLARION COLLECTION HOTEL BASTION

Set in the heart of Oslo, this hotel is conveniently located close to the main shopping street of Karl Johans Gate. Rooms at this charming boutique hotel all have a Scandinavian twist, and some boast views of the Opera House and harbour. Complimentary afternoon waffles and a light evening buffet supper are served daily. This elegant hotel comprises two joined town houses, which each have their own unique style. The hotel is cash-free.

FEATURES

- Free WiFi • Scandinavian buffet breakfast included
- Complimentary afternoon sweet treats • Light evening buffet supper included • Restaurant • Bar • Gym • Parking nearby (with charge)

ROOM FACILITIES

Heating/ air con, telephone, minibar, TV, hairdryer, shower and WC.

GUIDE PRICE

3 nights / 4 days from **£415pp.**

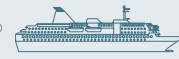
Including flights from London to Oslo, return airport shuttle, 3 nights accommodation, B&B with complimentary supper.



JANUARY - END FEBRUARY

AROUND THE CAPE & NORTHERN LIGHTS

LOCALLY GUIDED SMALL GROUP ADVENTURE



9 DAYS FROM
£2255



Join this small group tour, with a maximum of 20 people escorted by an English-speaking guide. Since the entire trip takes place above the Arctic Circle it presents an excellent opportunity to view the northern lights. Journey around the North Cape combining a wide range of places and experiences, including a night in the Snowhotel and a coastal voyage on board Hurtigruten. You have the opportunity to add optional excursions to tailor-make your trip.

SUGGESTED 9 DAY ITINERARY

DAY 1 Fly from the UK to Oslo.

Travel to your chosen hotel and spend the rest of the day at leisure.

DAY 2 Fly to Kirkenes high above the Arctic Circle.

Make your own way to your 4* hotel accommodation. At the welcome meeting you will meet your guide and fellow like-minded travellers. This is followed by the first northern lights safari, heading away from the city by coach.

DAY 3 Kirkenes Snowhotel.

After breakfast today, you will transfer the short distance to the Snowhotel Kirkenes to visit this delightful hotel, built anew each year when the snow falls. Choose from a range of optional excursions, or even spend the night on a bed of ice (supplement applies). Otherwise return to Kirkenes for a day of leisure and overnight.

DAY 4 Hammerfest.

The morning is at leisure, before transferring to the quay to board the Hurtigruten ship for your journey around the Cape to Hammerfest. The ship traverses the coast, stopping off at remote villages delivering post and supplies to these isolated communities. Enjoy an aperitif in the bar, before dining in the buffet or a-la carte restaurant (pay locally).

DAY 5 Alta and Northern Lights Safari.

Enjoy a leisurely breakfast before arriving in Hammerfest. After disembarking, you will have time to visit the Royal and Ancient Polar Bear Society Museum, before boarding your coach for a 2 hour drive across the Sennalandet Highlands to Alta. After checking-in to your 4* hotel, the remainder of the day is at leisure. Take a stroll around the titanium clad Northern Lights Cathedral before preparing for your evening's group quest for the northern lights.



DAY 6 Alta Day at Leisure.

Enjoy breakfast before heading to the Alta Museum. Here are samples of ancient rock carvings dating back to 4000BC, that were found in the area. The remainder of your time in Alta is at leisure. See page 30 for an overview of the optional excursions available, with more details on our website.

DAY 7 Travel by coach to Tromsø.

This 6 hour journey takes you across frozen plains and hugs the shorelines of numerous fjords and lakes. After checking in to your hotel, there is some free time to familiarise yourself with your surroundings before heading out on a final northern lights quest to the island of Kvaløya.

DAY 8 At leisure in Tromsø.

Enjoy the many delights of Tromsø or an exciting excursion.

DAY 9 Return to the UK.

To the airport via airport shuttle transfer in time for your flight home.

WHAT'S INCLUDED

- Return flights from London to Kirkenes, then Tromsø to London
- 7 nights' 4* equivalent hotel accommodation based on 2 sharing standard twin/double room with private WC/shower
- 1 night on board Hurtigruten in an unspecified twin cabin with private WC/shower
- Services of English-speaking guide from PM on day 2 to AM on day 8
- Breakfast throughout • 3 x Northern light safaris as specified
- Coach transfer from Hammerfest to Alta and Alta to Tromsø
- One-way hotel to airport shuttle transfer in Tromsø

SPITSBERGEN

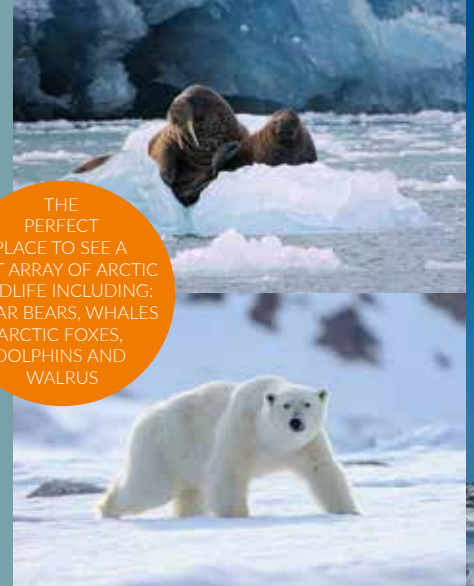
The archipelago of Svalbard borders the Arctic Ocean, the Norwegian Sea and the Greenland Sea in the far north of Norway, lying just 800 miles from the North Pole. Its largest island is Spitsbergen, the only permanently populated island in the archipelago. It offers a wealth of Arctic wilderness experiences, in the midst of an awe-inspiring natural landscape, far from civilisation as we know it.

First settled as a whaling base in the 17th and 18th centuries, Spitsbergen was later abandoned, until the coal-miners arrived at the end of the 19th century. Its main settlement is the town of Longyearbyen, which has a frontier feel, which is unsurprising as Svalbard is the world's northernmost airport. There are no roads linking the settlements, and instead transport is via snowmobile, boat and the traditional means of husky sled and snowshoe.

The island and the surrounding seas are home to a vast selection of Arctic wildlife. Whales, dolphins, seals and walrus can all be spotted, and other inhabitants of the region include polar bear, reindeer and Arctic fox. It is also home to a wealth of seabirds, many of which are migratory. The landscape is characterized by mountains, fjords and glaciers forming a vast Arctic wilderness as bleak as it is beautiful. You can explore the ice caves or visit the abandoned Russian mining town of Pyramiden, with its stark Soviet era architecture.



THE PERFECT PLACE TO SEE A VAST ARRAY OF ARCTIC WILDLIFE INCLUDING: POLAR BEARS, WHALES, ARCTIC FOXES, DOLPHINS AND WALRUS



STOPOVER

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BASECAMP HOTEL (Ecolodge)

Built with reclaimed driftwood in the traditional, rustic trappers' style and furnished with Arctic maps and pictures, the Basecamp Trappers Lodge hotel is an eco-hotel, providing a warm and welcoming retreat. The cosy rooms are decorated with natural materials such as driftwood and slate and adorned with sealskins. The atmospheric Cognac Lounge has panoramic windows in its roof, and is the ideal place from which to keep watch for the northern lights. It has just 16 rooms, including triples with bunk beds and family suites, which adds to the intimate ambience.

FEATURES

- Well-stocked library • Breakfast at next-door restaurant included
- Complimentary tea/ coffee and snacks available in lobby
- Bar with panoramic windows • Free WiFi

ROOM FACILITIES

Heating, shower and WC.

GUIDE PRICE

3 nights / 4 days from **£1115pp.**

Including flights from London to Longyearbyen via Oslo, 3 nights accommodation, B&B. • Add in excursions from the selection opposite.



Images courtesy of Hurtigruten Svalbard/Agurtxane Concellon

RADISSON BLU POLAR HOTEL

This hotel was originally built for the Lillehammer Olympics and then transported to Svalbard, where it is the world's northernmost full-service hotel. It offers 95 comfortable rooms including standard and superior rooms and suites. Brasseri Nansen features a la carte Arctic cuisine and has panoramic windows, looking out to Isfjord and Hiorthjellet. The Barentz Pub and Spiseri is a relaxed meeting place offering a light menu. There is also a sauna for warming up after the day's activities and outdoor jacuzzis.

FEATURES

- Free WiFi • Restaurant
- Pub • Sauna • Outdoor jacuzzis

ROOM FACILITIES

Heating/ air con, TV, telephone, minibar, hairdryer, shower and WC.

GUIDE PRICE

3 nights / 4 days from **£1325pp.**

Including flights from London to Longyearbyen via Oslo, 3 nights accommodation, B&B. • Add in excursions from the selection opposite.



SPITSBERGEN EXCURSION HIGHLIGHTS

NORTHERN LIGHTS

The mystical polar nights, when the sun does not rise above the horizon, last until mid-February. This is a special time when the reflection of the moon can be seen on the glistening snow and the northern lights can show at any time of day.

NORTHERN LIGHTS DOG SLEDDING SAFARI

What better way to view the northern lights than from a husky sled, travelling through the snowy landscape, using a time-honoured means of transport! Help to harness the dogs and lead a thrilling husky sled excursion into the wilderness. Travelling under the starry skies, dancing aurora or shimmering moonlight, take turns to mush and enjoy the scenery from the sled. You will be astonished at how much you can see, even in the darkness. From **£165pp**.

NORTHERN LIGHTS SNOWCAT SAFARI

Join an exciting trip into the wilderness to hunt for the aurora borealis. You will be picked up in an impressive red Snowcat and then driven out into the darkness across the snow-clad Advent Valley. Frequent stops are made en route, as you head to the long-closed mining town of Hiorthhamn in order to look for the northern lights. The guides will share their stories whilst you stop for a hot drink and admire the stunning vistas. From **£79pp**.



NORTHERN LIGHTS SNOWMOBILE SAFARI

During the polar nights the sun never shines on Spitsbergen. In addition there are days when the moon is either a constant presence or disappears completely. Experience the unique 'blue light' and atmosphere on a snowmobile safari across the frozen landscape. With only the glistening snow to light your way, you have every chance of seeing the northern lights whatever the time of day. From **£220pp** / Passenger only from: **£100pp**.

ARCTIC ACTIVITIES

Spitsbergen offers you the opportunity to experience an authentic Arctic adventure in the realm of the polar bear. The world's northernmost city of Longyearbyen is the perfect base for your adventure.

SNOWMOBILE SAFARI TO CAMP BARENTZ

Following a full briefing, you will drive in pairs deep into the Advent Valley. Travelling at a relaxed pace, you will stop to swap drivers and hear about the region, which is steeped in history. Discover abandoned mines, World War II sites and scientific research posts. Keep an eye out for the Svalbard reindeer, which is common. Stopping at Camp Barentz you are served warm drinks in the wooden cabin, before heading back towards Longyearbyen.

From **£185pp** / Passenger only from **£100pp**.

DOG-SLEDDING IN BOLTERDALEN

Dog-sledding has long been a part of everyday life on Svalbard and this is your chance to have a taste of life with these remarkable animals. After receiving an introduction to mushing, help to harness the huskies. Then, driving in pairs and swapping halfway, follow riverbeds and reindeer tracks as you head out into the Arctic wilderness. On your return to the camp meet the latest additions to the pack.

From **£152pp**.

SNOWSHOE SILENCE

The art of snowshoeing is quick to master and a great way to explore the snowy landscape. Before long you will find yourself heading into territory not normally accessible by other means. Regardless of the destination chosen (dependent on weather and snow conditions) you are assured of an enthralling experience. From **£99pp**.





FEBRUARY - MAY

SPITSBERGEN CABINS & CANINES

INDEPENDENT TAILOR-MADE ITINERARY
WITH LOCAL SMALL GROUP
ADVENTURE



6 DAYS FROM
£2255PP



PREVIOUS
EXPERIENCE OF
HUSKY MUSHING IS
NOT NECESSARY, BUT A
REASONABLE LEVEL OF
FITNESS AND A LOVE OF
DOGS IS ESSENTIAL
FOR THIS TRIP!

This break will give you a unique Arctic experience. Fly to Svalbard, the northernmost airport in the world serviced by a scheduled airline, collect your husky dogs and head off with your guide for a three day mushing expedition into the polar wilderness. Days are spent immersed in this wild landscape that is home to the polar bear and previously the domain of hunters and trappers. Nights are spent in a comfortable, modern cabin as far away from civilisation as you can imagine.

SUGGESTED 6 DAY ITINERARY

DAY 1 Fly to Oslo.

Overnight Comfort Hotel Runway Gardermoen, Oslo Airport.

DAY 2 Longyearbyen.

After breakfast take the morning flight to Longyearbyen. Make your own way to the Radisson Blu Hotel Polar for one night. The hotel is situated in the centre of this Arctic outpost and within easy walking distance of the Svalbard Museum. Choose to relax or book one of the optional excursions featured on page 47.

DAY 3 Cabin & Canines.

After an early breakfast you will be driven to the husky home in Bolterdalen. Here you will be given your protective clothing for the trip and an introduction to dog-sledding. Help harness the dogs and prepare the sleds (2 people per sled). Heading inland, the wide, beautiful Adventdalen grows narrower and the mountains come closer as you follow the riverbed into the valley. You will pay a visit to the ice cave in the Scott Turner Glacier and have lunch in the snow igloo, as the dogs rest. After lunch, don helmets and headlamps and descend into the ice cave. Here, melting ice water has created swirling channels and sparkling crystal formations running deep into the glacier which are now frozen in time - simply mesmerising! The Arctic adventure continues with a thrilling downhill mush before arriving at the simple, cosy cabin in Foxdalen.

Settle the dogs for the evening and help prepare the fire and dinner, before an evening in the company of your fellow human explorers. The dogs and guides keep an eye out for any passing bear and depending on when you travel, you could witness the northern lights or the midnight sun overhead.



DAY 4 Cabin & Canines.

Today you will head with your team of huskies towards Jasonhaugen and its varied terrain, towards the Spitsbergen Expedition Lodge. This cosy, well-equipped cabin has 4 bedrooms (sleeping 10 on comfortable bunks), a simple bathroom and gas cooking facilities in the kitchen. It even has a sauna, complete with a window from which to view the aurora or midnight sun. After unharnessing and feeding the dogs it will be time to relax and unwind beside the roaring fireplace. It will be impossible not to be seduced by the magical light and landscape. A sound night's sleep is assured!

DAY 5 Longyearbyen.

After breakfast you will head back towards Longyearbyen, taking a different return route. A light lunch will be served before returning your canine friends to their home. You will head back to the Radisson Blu Polar Hotel to reflect on your amazing experience.

DAY 6 Return to the UK.

After breakfast make your way back to the airport for your return flight.

WHAT'S INCLUDED

- Return flight to Longyearbyen (via Oslo)
- 3 nights' hotel accommodation as per the itinerary
- 2 nights' in the wilderness cabins, including breakfast, lunch and dinner
- Breakfast throughout
- 2 night husky expedition programme as described accompanied by experienced guide who is equipped with all necessary safety equipment, as well as search and rescue insurance. Outdoor clothing such as mittens, face mask/ balaclava, thick hat, goggles, winter shoes and thermal suit and shared equipment are provided.



OCTOBER - JANUARY

SPITSBERGEN WINTER FAMILY ADVENTURE

INDEPENDENT TAILOR-MADE ITINERARY
WITH LOCAL SMALL GROUP
ADVENTURE



5 DAYS FROM
£1449 PP



This remarkable trip is the ultimate adventure for thrill-seeking families. Fly to the world's northernmost city and spend 4 nights in the realm of the polar bear. Experience 24-hour darkness, an overnight stay in a wilderness camp and meet 90 Alaskan huskies. Explore the frozen shores and glacier in the Arctic outpost of Spitsbergen, just 800 miles from the North Pole. This tour is recommended for children aged 6 and over, but it is always best to check suitability for your family with our experts.



SUGGESTED 5 DAY ITINERARY

DAY 1 Fly to Gardermoen Airport Oslo.

Make your own way to the Comfort Hotel Runway, located just 7 minutes from the terminal.

DAY 2 Longyearbyen and Trappers' Station.

After breakfast return to the airport for the morning 3 hour flight to Longyearbyen. On arrival, take the airport shuttle bus transfer the short distance to Basecamp Hotel. Enjoy some free time and maybe visit the Svalbard museum, a family-friendly introduction to Arctic life. At 7pm meet your guide and fellow travellers for a briefing. Head to the Trappers' Station, around 10km from the town, where you will be served a 2-course meal, and hear some exciting and entertaining stories about local history and way of life. Home for the night is the wooden tepee, where the beds are made of reindeer skins and an open fire will keep you warm. This is shared accommodation with no shower and an 'eco toilet'. If you are lucky, the northern lights will make an appearance. Meanwhile, 90 huskies and your guide will be on polar bear watch as you settle down for the night.

DAY 3 Huskies and Longyearbyen.

Breakfast will be prepared in the tepee, then the whole family will help with the day-to-day chores of looking after the huskies. Feed and socialise with the dogs and play with the puppies in the snow, before a wilderness lunch is served around the campfire. Returning to Longyearbyen, check-in to your cosy and rustic family accommodation at the Basecamp Hotel. The remainder of the day and evening is spent at leisure.

DAY 4 Shore Hike.

Donning headlamps you will walk along the seashore whilst on the look-out for fossils and treasures that have been exposed and washed up by the sea. Your experienced guide will give you an insight in to how these gems came to be here, and will point out the tiny creatures that manage to survive in this harsh environment. A wilderness lunch is served around a campfire on the beach. Return to Longyearbyen and the Basecamp Hotel, where the remainder of the day is at your leisure. We recommend you try Huset restaurant for your evening meal.

DAY 5 Return to the UK.

Enjoy breakfast and perhaps some last minute shopping before returning to the airport in time for your flight back to the UK. For more information about the Basecamp Hotel see page 46.

WHAT'S INCLUDED

- Return flights from London to Longyearbyen (via Oslo)
- 3 nights' accommodation in a family room with private facilities
- 1 x overnight expedition experience including shared accommodation at Trappers' Station, breakfast, trappers' lunch and wilderness dinner
- Breakfast throughout
- Any necessary equipment and clothing for excursions
- Price based on sharing excursions with other families; exclusive experience available at a supplement



FEBRUARY - MAY

SPITSBERGEN SNOWMOBILE SPECTACULAR

INDEPENDENT TAILOR-MADE
ITINERARY WITH LOCAL SMALL GROUP
ADVENTURE



6 DAYS FROM
£2920 PP

To take part in this trip you must be 18 or over, in good health and have a full driver's licence. It is not suitable for anyone who is pregnant or suffers from back pains. Weather conditions can change quickly and may necessitate changes to your holiday.



This trip allows you to follow in the footsteps of hunters and explorers on a three day snowmobile adventure into the Arctic wilderness, north of Longyearbyen, which is as far north as you can travel by commercial plane. You will visit the abandoned Russian mining town of Pyramiden and stay in the world's northernmost cabin, the comfortable Nordenskiöld Lodge, which boasts an incredible view of the Nordenskiöld Glacier, where your only visitors may be the odd passing polar bear.

SUGGESTED 6 DAY ITINERARY

DAY 1 Fly to Oslo Gardermoen Airport.

Stay overnight at the Comfort Hotel Runway.

DAY 2 Longyearbyen.

Return to the airport for your flight to Longyearbyen. On arrival make your own way to the Basecamp Hotel - see page 46. Spend your day at leisure or book an additional excursion

DAY 3 Snowmobile Adventure to Nordenskiöld.

Enjoy breakfast before meeting your guide and fellow snowmobilers for an expedition briefing and snowmobile instruction. Driving in pairs, you will travel through the vast wilderness and unspoiled nature that is Spitsbergen. An expedition lunch is served en route, before crossing the frozen Tempelfjorden towards the mighty Temple Mountain. Heading further north, see the glaciers in Olav V land, before arriving at the Nordenskiöld Lodge. Dinner will be prepared as you take time to appreciate your remote location and stunning scenery. A watch is kept at all times for any passing polar bear and, depending on the time of travel, you could see the northern lights or the midnight sun!

DAY 4 Pyramiden.

After breakfast head out on your snowmobile to explore glaciers, mountains and frozen fjords, miles from civilization. Weather and ice conditions permitting, you will head out to the 'ghost town', the former Russian mining town of Pyramiden, abandoned in 1998. An expedition lunch is served on the way and on returning to Nordenskiöld Lodge, the sauna will be fired up and a tasty dinner prepared.



DAY 5 Longyearbyen.

After breakfast, it is time to check out of your cabin and return to Longyearbyen. A last lunch will be served en route as you soak up the silence and peruse the horizon for signs of Arctic wildlife. Overnight at the Basecamp Hotel.

DAY 6 Return to the UK.

Make your way back to the airport in time for your return flight.

YOUR ACCOMMODATION

NORDENSKIÖLD LODGE

Nordenskiöld Lodge lies next to the mighty Nordenskiöld Glacier. It is the farthest north you can reach by motorized vehicle in Spitsbergen - any further north and it's either skis or dog sled. There is no running water or electricity; wood is used to heat the cabin and drinking water is harvested from the melting glacier. There is no TV or Wi-Fi, just unparalleled Arctic views. 5 comfortable bedrooms also come with a communal sitting room, kitchenette and indoor toilet. Warm up in the wood sauna after a long day's snowmobiling and, as night descends, take in the heavenly views of the blue glacier.

WHAT'S INCLUDED

- Return flights from London to Longyearbyen (via Oslo)
- 3 nights' in twin/double room with private WC/shower as per the itinerary
- 2 nights' at Nordenskiöld Lodge in standard twin/double room with shared facilities
- Breakfast throughout; lunch on days 3,4,5. dinner on days 3,4
- 3 day guided snowmobile safari as described, equipment including outer thermal clothing and search and rescue insurance
- Not included: CO2 investment of NOK 250; insurance NOK 175 per day.



MARCH - APRIL

ISFJORD RADIO AND THE WEST COAST

INDEPENDENT TAILOR-MADE ITINERARY WITH LOCAL SMALL GROUP ADVENTURE



6 DAYS FROM
£2995 PP

To take part in this trip you must be 18 or over, in good health and have a full driver's licence. It is not suitable for anyone who is pregnant or suffers from back pains. Weather conditions can change quickly and may necessitate changes to your holiday.



A snowmobile expedition into the Arctic wilderness of Spitsbergen does not have to be accompanied by nights in a tent or a trapper's cabin. This trip offers a 3 day snowmobile extravaganza to what has to be the world's northernmost boutique hotel complete with one of the best kitchens on the island. Days are spent exploring the incredible terrain, scenery and wildlife that Spitsbergen offers, whilst evenings are spent in splendid isolation in the cosy retreat that is Isfjord Radio.

SUGGESTED 6 DAY ITINERARY

DAY 1 Fly to Oslo Gardermoen Airport

Overnight stay at the Comfort Hotel Runway.

DAY 2 Longyearbyen.

Return to the airport for your flight to Longyearbyen and make your way to the Basecamp Hotel - see page 46 for details. Spend the rest of the day at leisure or book an exciting excursion!

DAY 3 Snowmobile Adventure to Isfjord Radio.

Enjoy breakfast before meeting your guide and fellow adventurers in reception for your briefing and snowmobile instruction. Head out towards Kapp Line and Isfjord Radio, driving in pairs. The guide tows a sled behind his snowmobile packed with all supplies and provisions and is fully equipped for emergencies. An expedition lunch is served along the way. A warm welcome awaits at Isfjord Radio, as well as a delicious 3-course dinner. Relax in the sauna and for the really brave, take a quick swim in the Arctic Ocean.

DAY 4 Fritof Glacier.

Depending on weather conditions, head south into the wilderness and towards the Fritof Glacier exploring the vast, white landscape, enjoying an expedition lunch, served in the field, before returning to Isfjord Radio with time to warm up and relax before another delicious dinner.

DAY 5 Barentsburg & Longyearbyen.

After breakfast, it will be time to check out of the lodge and snowmobile back to Longyearbyen. If conditions are favourable there is the chance to visit the isolated Russian mining town of Barentsburg, with a population of just 300. A last lunch will be served en route before returning to Longyearbyen to check in once again to the Basecamp Hotel.



DAY 6 Return to the UK.

Make your way to the airport in time for your return flight home.

YOUR ACCOMMODATION

ISFJORD RADIO

As its name suggests, Isfjord Radio is a former outpost for radio operators. It was built in 1933 and is only accessible by snowmobile or husky in the winter and boat in the summer. This once purely functional building, has been transformed into a 22 room boutique hotel. The resident chef delights in crafting Arctic menus of smoked seal, whale, halibut with roe butter, and reindeer sausage, most of which has been hunted by one of the three trappers left in Spitsbergen.

The rooms have sumptuous, comfortable beds and bathrobes. In addition to the dining room, there is a welcoming lounge and warming sauna. Shower and toilet facilities are shared. Incredible views come as standard and you may even glimpse a passing polar bear.

WHAT'S INCLUDED

- Return flights from London to Longyearbyen (via Oslo)
- 3 nights' in twin/double room with private WC/shower as per the itinerary
- 2 nights' at Isfjord Radio Lodge in standard twin/double room with shared facilities
- Breakfast throughout; lunch on days 3,4,5. Dinner on days 3,4
- 3 day guided snowmobile safari as described, equipment including outer thermal clothing and search and rescue insurance

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SWEDEN

Our Swedish Experiences

Sweden boasts an uncomplicated charm, blending warm hospitality and delicious cuisine with impressive design. Our Swedish adventures take place in Northern Sweden, where you can explore the frozen islands of Luleå or head high into Swedish Lapland, above the Arctic Circle.

Whether you wish to get back to basics, or enjoy sumptuous luxury, you will be spoilt for choice in terms of accommodation. Choose a wilderness safari camp, or stay in Sweden's world-famous ICEHOTEL with its unique sculptures. The innovative Treehotel offers a unique experience with its stunning designer cabins suspended amongst the trees in the midst of a forest.

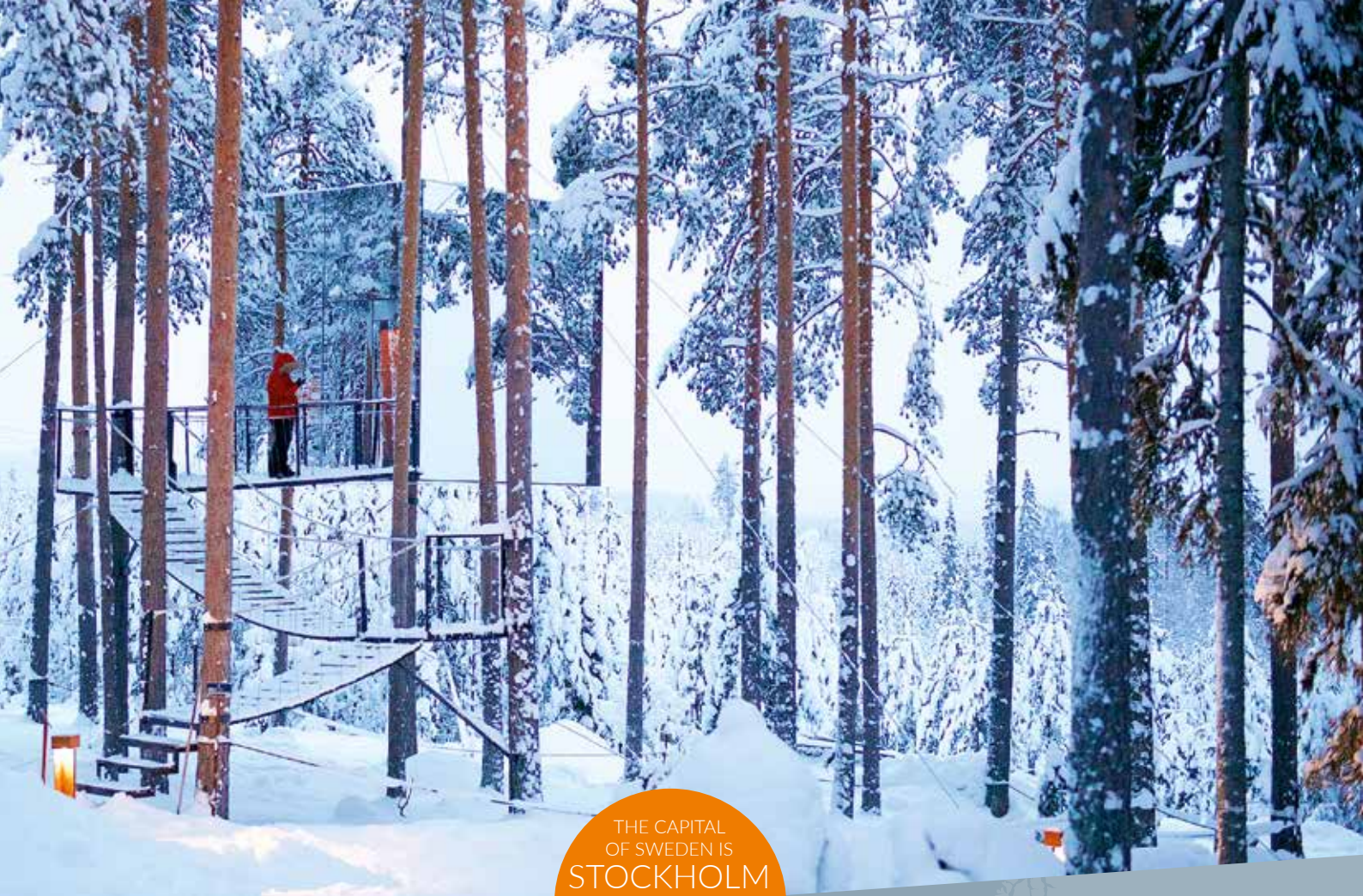
Sweden offers a whole host of spectacular snow adventures including dog-sledding, horse-riding and moose safaris. Learn from expert photographers and find out how to capture the northern lights for posterity. Encounter local Sami culture and find out about legends of bears and reindeer, and learn traditional skills such as ice-fishing or snowshoeing. The warmth of the local people and the stunning landscapes are sure to be a highlight of your holiday.

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THE CAPITAL OF SWEDEN IS **STOCKHOLM**
 A CITY BUILT ON 15 ISLANDS AND WITH OVER 50 BRIDGES CONNECTING THEM ALL!

1. Reindeer jostle for prime position at feeding time on the reindeer farm.
2. MirrorCube, one of a collection of 7 unique cabins at Treehotel.
3. Arctic sunrise above a Swedish forest.
4. Hovercraft Tour, one of our many exhilarating excursions available!
5. Stockholm city on a chilly winter morning.
6. Entrance to ICEHOTEL.



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STOCKHOLM

Modern meets medieval in this exciting and vibrant capital. Stockholm embraces winter as eagerly as it does summer, with residents swapping boats and bikes for skates and skis. Stockholm is surrounded by water and its archipelago is home to over 30,000 tiny islands, some little more than rocks. Take a trip by ferry to visit some of the most popular.

The mountains, which form a dramatic backdrop to the city, are home to popular ski resorts and there's plenty of opportunities for enjoying the snow and ice. Try the ice rinks in Vasaparken or Kungsträdgården, or visit the Hellasgården recreation area, just 20 minutes from the city centre. Here you will find all kinds of winter activities such as ice skating, cross-country skiing, and for the intrepid, a swimming hole, cut into the ice. You could even book a guided tour to go skating on one of the region's frozen lakes, such as Lake Mälaren, the fifth largest lake in Europe.

Grand public buildings and palaces show off an illustrious 700 year history, celebrated in the city's many museums. Visit the Vasa, dance to ABBA or admire photographic skills at Fotografiska. The winding cobblestone streets of Stockholm's Old Town, one of the largest and best preserved in Europe, transport you back to medieval times. Elsewhere tempting aromas lure you into cafés and restaurants to sample the delicious local cuisine.



STOP OVER DESTINATION

Stop over on the way to
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FIRST HOTEL REISEN

This charming waterfront hotel is located in the heart of the Old Town, close to the Royal Palace and main shopping area. Originally built in 1760, it now offers a welcoming blend of contemporary interiors with its historic past. Rooms have views of the Old Town alleys or waterfront, and suites are available with their own private saunas. The bar and restaurant menu have a traditional Swedish focus and the spa is located in a historic vault which forms part of the old city wall.

FEATURES

- Free WiFi
- Spa with plunge pool, sauna and fitness room
- Bar
- Restaurant
- Breakfast included
- Parking nearby (with charge).

ROOM FACILITIES

Heating/ air con, kettle, safe, hairdryer, shower and/ or bath and WC.

GUIDE PRICE

3 nights / 4 days from **£565pp.**

Including flights from London to Stockholm.

3 nights accommodation, B&B.





DECEMBER - MARCH

ARCTIC SPA & AURORA AT CAMP RIPAN

INDEPENDENT TAILOR-MADE STAY



4 DAYS FROM
£1415 PP



Travel to Swedish Lapland for snow adventures and a fantastic chance to see the northern lights. The areas surrounding Camp Ripan have some of the best records for cloud-free nights and the resort's north-facing cabins afford some of the best views of the aurora when they show. Whatever your wish list of winter activities, Camp Ripan offers them all. During your days you can mush with huskies and come the evening you can head to Abisko in search of the northern lights.

SUGGESTED 4 DAY ITINERARY

DAY 1 Kiruna - Arrival in Swedish Lapland.

▽ You will be met by your local guide and transferred to Camp Ripan. Once settled, familiarise yourself with the hotel and its surroundings, before enjoying a 3-course dinner served in Restaurant Ripan. After dinner head to the northern lights room, where you can relax and unwind watching an informative slideshow – remember to take a peek outside for the real thing before you retire.

DAY 2 Dog-sledding through the Forest and Aurora Spa.

▽ After breakfast, head out for a husky dog-sledding excursion. Driving in pairs, you will have the chance to swap and act as mushers. As the dogs stop for a rest, you enjoy a hot drink served in a traditional Sami lavvu complete with roaring fire. Lunch and afternoon at leisure. Either before or after dinner take a visit to the Aurora Spa, to relax as you admire the wintry landscape through the panoramic windows. You are provided with an aurora bucket of scrubs and oils to self-minister whilst conducting the Stävan Spa Ritual.

DAY 3 Optional Excursions and northern lights by Snowmobile.

▽ Choose to unwind in the comfort of your cabin or take part in one of the many optional excursions on offer. Join a guided snowshoe tour, learn the art of cross-country skiing or enjoy a reindeer ride. This evening we have included a northern lights hunt by snowmobile. After full instruction, your expert guide will lead you into the polar night in search of the aurora borealis. If conditions are right, you will be rewarded with a dancing display of this incredible phenomenon. A stop is made, giving you the opportunity to swap drivers and fortify yourself with a hot drink and a snack. Returning to the hotel for dinner.

DAY 4 Return to the UK.

□ Morning at leisure before your return flight back to the UK.



YOUR ACCOMMODATION

CAMP RIPAN

Camp Ripan, owned and run by the Lind Family, is set amongst a forested landscape on the outskirts of Kiruna. Cosy, contemporary cabins are scattered around a main reception with a welcoming open fire. An innovative restaurant showcases delicious regional menus and the Arctic spa is the perfect place to unwind with its indoor and outdoor pools, saunas and relaxation area. Panoramic windows reveal the luminous landscape at every turn, creating a perfect blend of winter and warmth.

Giron Cabins have 2 rooms, a small twin bedroom and open-plan sitting room. Each has a WC/shower, cable TV, Wi-Fi, telephone and clothes drying cupboard. **Kiruna Cabins** have been newly refurbished and are open-plan with a double bed and a sofa bed. Each has a WC/shower, cable TV, Wi-Fi and telephone.

OPTIONAL EXCURSIONS

NORTHERN LIGHTS ON HORSEBACK from: **£189pp.**

SNOWSHOE TOUR from: **£75pp.**

CROSS COUNTRY SKIING from: **£65pp.**

For more details please see our website.



WHAT'S INCLUDED

- Return flights from London to Kiruna (via Stockholm)
- Return airport/hotel shuttle transfers
- 3 nights' accommodation in a double or family cabin with private WC/shower
- Breakfast and 3-course dinners throughout
- Excursions as described in itinerary



DECEMBER - APRIL

CLASSIC ICEHOTEL BREAK

INDEPENDENT TAILOR-MADE STAY

Experience the extraordinary, unique and glittering ICEHOTEL in the heart of Swedish Lapland. Each winter, since 1989, the surrounding snow and ice has been converted into a fully serviced snow hotel. World famous sculptors transform huge blocks of ice into dramatic art, which then adorns the hotel and its rooms.

ICEHOTEL 365 is a permanent structure housing 22 art and luxury ice suites, where guests can enjoy this unique experience all year round. Many exciting activities are available to guests.



YOUR ACCOMMODATION

A stay at the ICEHOTEL normally involves 1 night in 'cold' accommodation after which you move to the warmer option. The beds in your cold accommodation are made out of ice blocks covered with a thick mattress and reindeer skins. Rooms are a constant -5 to -8°C no matter how cold it is outside. Dressing warmly in thermal underwear and a hat is recommended before you slide into your special Arctic sleeping bag.

COLD ACCOMMODATION AT THE CLASSIC ICEHOTEL ICE ROOM.

Simple, spacious snow rooms with ice decor and privacy curtain.

WINTER ART SUITE.

Individually themed, designed and carved by hand, the Winter Art Suites are created by hand-picked artists from around the world. Each suite is unique and has never been created before. Guests are protected by a privacy curtain.

COLD ACCOMMODATION AT THE ICEHOTEL 365 ART SUITE 365.

Each unique, individually designed and carved, suite has a door with a lock to ensure privacy as well as a private changing booth.

DELUXE SUITE 365.

The largest of the suites, features a heated relaxation area with private sauna, shower and en suite bathroom. Each unique ornately carved suite comes complete with a door and lock to ensure your privacy.

WARM ACCOMMODATION AT THE ICEHOTEL KAAMOS HOTEL ROOM.

Airy and bright double room decorated in simple Scandinavian design

ARCTIC CHALET.

A charming wooden chalet with two separate bedrooms (1 single & 1 double), small dining area and living room

NORDIC CHALET.

A larger chalet with two separate bedrooms (1 double & 1 with bunk beds), small dining area and living room All warm rooms have private WC/shower, TV, microwave, kettle and Wi-Fi.





4 DAYS FROM
£1055 PP



SUGGESTED 4 DAY ITINERARY

DAY 1 Jukkasjärvi.

▼ An early morning flight to Kiruna (via Stockholm) will enable you to make the most of your break. Transfer to the ICEHOTEL, where you will receive your 'survival induction.' Overnight in your chosen cold accommodation.

DAY 2- ICEHOTEL.

DAY 3 Wake up to a hot cloudberry juice, banish any chilly thoughts with a warming sauna, then breakfast in the ICEHOTEL restaurant. The following 2 days are free for you to participate in your chosen optional excursions. See opposite for a selection of our favourites. On days 2 and 3 you will spend the night in your chosen warm accommodation.

DAY 4 Return to the UK.

□ There is still time after breakfast for a brief walk around the village. The Jukkarjarvi Church, with its hand painted wooden altar piece, is well worth a visit. Transfer to Kiruna airport for your return flight to the UK (via Stockholm).



WHAT'S INCLUDED

- Return flights to Kiruna (via Stockholm)
- Return airport/hotel shuttle transfers
- 1 night in an ice room & 2 nights in warm accommodation (Arctic Chalet)
- Breakfasts throughout
- Protective outer thermal clothing for the duration of your stay

OPTIONAL EXCURSIONS AND ACTIVITIES

SNOWMOBILE TOUR WITH SWEDISH FIKA from: **£130pp.**

NORTHERN LIGHTS BY SNOWMOBILE from: **£195pp.**

REINDEER SLEDDING WITH SAMI LUNCH from: **£215pp.**

OVERNIGHT ADVENTURE – SNOWMOBILE TOUR & LOG CABIN

1 night (returning 10.00 the following day) Price from: **£580pp.**

DOG-SLEDDING IN A WINTER WONDERLAND from: **£165pp.**

LUNCH WITH THE HUSKIES from: **£325pp.**

Supplement to drive your own team of dogs: **£105pp.**

For a full list of excursions, prices and days of operation, visit our website.





NOVEMBER - APRIL

GRAND DESIGNS IN SWEDISH LAPLAND

INDEPENDENT TAILOR-MADE
ITINERARY

The ICEHOTEL and Treehotel have cemented Sweden's reputation for impressive, award-winning and innovative design.

The ICEHOTEL is like a sparkling diamond, flashy and flamboyant, complete with glittering ice sculptures and gourmet dining. The Treehotel, on the other hand offers perfect serenity – state of the art design combined with a beautiful forest setting, and traditional home cooking. Combine these two properties for the ultimate, unique 'designer' break.

The Cabin ©Per Lundström



Mirror Cube ©John Butlin

YOUR ACCOMMODATION

TREEHOTEL

Situated in Harads in the southern reaches of Swedish Lapland, the Treehotel comprises of 7 ground-breaking cabins suspended amongst trees and accessed by a variety of bridges and ladders.

Choose from the almost invisible Mirror Cube, the Bird's Nest, emulating the home of our feathered friends, or the UFO seemingly transported from another world. The Dragonfly spreads its wings amongst the branches, whereas the Blue Cone is actually a red square. The Cabin is poised high on the hillside and has dramatic views of the Lule River Valley. The 7th Room is the latest addition, cleverly camouflaged with a patio of pine tree branches. Each cabin has a simple interior design (including eco WC), which only serves to emphasise and enhance the natural surroundings. Meals are served at Britta's Guest House, a traditional Swedish homestead which oozes character and boasts an unusual 1950's vibe.

For more information on the ICEHOTEL see page 56



7th Room Interior



5 DAYS FROM
£1935PP



SUGGESTED 5 DAY ITINERARY

DAY 1 Fly to Kiruna via Stockholm.

Transfer to the ICEHOTEL and receive a 'survival induction'. The remainder of your day is free for your chosen optional additional excursions (see page 57 for details), before retiring to your ICE room.

DAY 2 ICEHOTEL - Wake up to a hot Cloudberry juice!

Take a warming sauna and breakfast. The remainder of the day is free for excursions. Stay overnight in a Kamos room.

DAY 3 TREEHOTEL.

After breakfast, take the 3½ hour train journey across Swedish Lapland to Luleå where, on arrival, there is a privately-guided transfer to the Treehotel. First check in to Britta's Guest House, and then stroll through the forest to your tree room. A delicious home-made dinner is served at Britta's Guest House,

DAY 4 Breakfast at Britta's. Remainder of your day is free. See our website for a full listing of available excursions. Evening meal at Britta's included.

DAY 5 Return to the UK.

Transfer to Luleå airport in time for your return flight home.



Blue Cone ©Per Lundström

OPTIONAL EXCURSIONS

SNOWMOBILE TOUR (from Treehotel) from: **£180pp.**

SNOWSHOE WALK WITH SWEDISH FIKA (from Treehotel) from: **£182pp.**

NORTHERN LIGHTS TOUR (from ICEHOTEL) with 3 course dinner from: **£195pp.**

LUNCH EXCURSION WITH HUSKIES (from ICEHOTEL) from: **£430pp.**

You can explore the surrounding countryside on Nordic skis, on snowshoes, on horseback, by dog-sled or snowmobile. Visit the nearby Storfosen Nature Reserve or take expert guidance in capturing the northern lights on camera. Enjoy a traditional 'bear dinner', encounter moose, go ice-fishing on the beautiful Lule River or even spend a night in a log cabin.

For a full list of excursions, prices and days of operation, visit our website.



Birds Nest ©Per Lundström

WHAT'S INCLUDED

- Return flights London to Kiruna, Luleå to London (via Stockholm)
- All airport/hotel transfers and resort transfers
- One-way train journey from Kiruna to Luleå (second class)
- 4 nights' accommodation at the ICEHOTEL and Treehotel
- Breakfast throughout. 2 x 2-course dinner at the Treehotel



DECEMBER - APRIL

LOGGER'S LODGE AND TREEHOTEL

INDEPENDENT TAILOR-MADE ITINERARY

Travel to Luleå in Swedish Lapland where a private transfer will take you to Harrads, home to the iconic award winning Treehotel which consists of 7 cabins set in a beautiful snowclad forest. This designer living contrasts with the Logger's Lodge, a private eco-luxury wilderness lodge for two where you are 5 kilometers from your nearest neighbour. Here you will have your own private chef who will prepare your meals using locally sourced food native to Lapland.

Combined, these two properties present a truly memorable experience.



Mirrorcube ©Per Lundström

YOUR ACCOMMODATION

TREEHOTEL

The Treehotel comprises of 7 ground breaking cabins suspended amongst trees and accessed by a variety of bridges and ladders. Each cabin has a simple interior design (including eco WC.) Meals are served at Britta's Guest House, a traditional Swedish homestead which oozes character and boasts an unusual 1950's vibe. For more information on the different cabin types at the Treehotel, see page 58 of our brochure.

LOGGER'S LODGE

Logger's Lodge is a wilderness experience with no sound, light or air pollution but with 5-star luxury comfort, food and service. Situated in the middle of the forest, the lodge's location is ideal for viewing the northern lights. The clean air and total silence of the surrounding area make this a perfect spot to reconnect with nature. A wood-fired sauna and outdoor hot tub are available for you at any time, day or night. Using ingredients traditional to Swedish Lapland, the chef and part-owner Jörgen Drugge will cook organic gourmet meals served directly to your table in the lodge.



LOGGER'S LODGE INTERIOR



4 DAYS FROM
£2950 PP



SUGGESTED 4 DAY ITINERARY

DAY 1 Fly to Luleå via Stockholm.

▼ Fly to Luleå (via Stockholm). A guided transfer will take you to the Treehotel, where you will check in to Britta's Guest House before walking through the forest to your tree room. A delicious home-made dinner is served and you will be offered all kinds of local Swedish delicacies from the northern pantry, whether it's wild game or their finest hand-picked berries.

DAY 2 Loggers Lodge.

▼ After breakfast you will be transferred by private car to the Logger's Lodge where you will be met by your hosts and have some welcome 'fika' which is a Swedish tradition of coffee and home baked pastries. You have some free time to explore the area on cross country skis or snow shoes before relaxing in your private sauna and hot tub.

As it gets dark you may be lucky enough to spot the northern lights after which you can enjoy a 3-course dinner prepared by your private chef, where local dishes range from melt-in-the-mouth moose steaks to Arctic char caught fresh from the nearby rivers.

DAY 3 Husky Safari and Northern Lights.

▼ After breakfast, join your hosts on a husky-sled ride through the snow-clad forest. After some training, you will be able to mush your own team of dogs before stopping to build a fire and warm up with some Swedish fika. Return to Logger's Lodge for some lunch and spend the afternoon exploring or relaxing in your cabin.

Following your final dinner, your host will go with you on a last search for the northern lights and will give you some tips on the best way of capturing them on your own camera.

DAY 4 Return to the UK.

□ Breakfast at your leisure before transferring back to the airport in time for your return flight to the UK.



WHAT'S INCLUDED

- Return flights from London to Luleå
- Return airport/hotel guided transfers
- 1 nights' accommodation with dinner and breakfast at the Treehotel
- 2 nights' accommodation full board at the Logger's Lodge
- Free use of sauna and jacuzzi at Logger's Lodge
- Excursions included in the programme on a private basis with own guide
- Protective outer thermal clothing at the Logger's Lodge

The beautiful archipelago of Luleå may be located just one hour's flight north from Stockholm but it is a world away in atmosphere, transforming during the winter months to a frozen wonderland. It is Sweden's northernmost county, at the heart of Swedish Lapland, just below the Arctic Circle.

Luleå's archipelago spans some 1,312 islands, many of them uninhabited, set in the brackish waters of the Bay of Bothnia. When it freezes over, it becomes a winter playground for spectacular Arctic adventures. The locals create an ice trail, linking the north and south harbours and surrounding the city, which is perfect for skating, walking and biking on specially adapted 'fat' bikes. There's no option but to do as the locals do, and revert to traditional modes of transport such as cross-country Nordic skis, husky sleds or kicksleds to explore the surrounding forests and mountains. More modern additions including snowmobiles and even hovercraft are also popular ways of getting around and exploring the beautiful scenery!

This is the perfect spot to view the northern lights and the expanse of glistening white snow often reflects the aurora overhead. The lively town is home to some of the region's best restaurants including the Biergo, where you can experience the Sami Story and Tasting Experience and Hemmagastronomi. Make sure you visit Gammelstad Church Town, a UNESCO World Heritage site, where the city was founded in 1621, with its 15th century church and atmospheric wooden houses.



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From Luleå

Half Term Adventure at Brändön Lodge

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Brandon Lodge and Arctic Archipelago

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CLARION HOTEL SENSE

Located in the heart of Luleå's pedestrian zone, this stylish modern hotel focuses on the changing seasons with contemporary light installations and artwork. Its cosy Sky Bar is a great place to sip a cocktail as you enjoy unrivalled views of Luleå's skyline. Its restaurant is popular for its fusion food, adding a modern twist to Nordic tastes. The spa is the perfect place to relax, enjoying the views from the panoramic indoor pool or experiencing the 'four seasons' sauna, with its different levels of humidity.

FEATURES

- Free WiFi • Breakfast included • Indoor pool with panoramic views
- Spa with sauna and gym • Sky Bar • Restaurant

ROOM FACILITIES

Heating/ air con, telephone, minibar, safety box, iron & ironing board, flat screen TV, hairdryer, shower and/ or bath and WC.

GUIDE PRICE

3 nights / 4 days from **£625pp.**

Including flights from London to Luleå, via Stockholm.

3 nights accommodation, B&B.





LULEÅ EXCURSION HIGHLIGHTS

WINTER FUN

There are many ways to explore this beautiful area, enjoying the frozen waters and the ice trail, which surrounds Luleå. Embrace the winter like a local as you choose from traditional pursuits. You can try a taster session or even spend a whole day – or even a night - learning new skills accompanied by a qualified guide. Snacks are always provided!

NORDIC CROSS-COUNTRY SKI from **£95pp.**

ICE-SKATING TOUR from **£95pp.**

KICKSLED TOUR from **£95pp.**

FAT BIKE TOUR from **£120pp.**

SEGWAY TOUR from **£120pp.**

NIGHT TOUR from **£110pp.**

OVERNIGHT ICE STAY from **£350pp.**



THIS IS JUST A SMALL SELECTION OF THE EXCURSIONS AVAILABLE. ASK ABOUT THE FULL RANGE WE CAN OFFER.

EXPLORING THE FROZEN ARCHIPELAGO

Whether you are interested in discovering Luleå's wildlife and beautiful landscape, or pursuing the northern lights, we have a wide variety of options.

HOVERCRAFT TOUR

This magical tour takes you across Luleå's frozen waters on board a specially adapted hovercraft. You will journey across the ice-covered Bay of Bothnia and have the opportunity to walk on the ice. If you're lucky, you may spot a seal or sea eagle. From **£315pp.**

century fishing village. Stop en route to try ice-fishing and enjoy lunch, cooked over an open fire. From **£305pp.**

DRIVE A DOG SLED

Transfer to Brändön Lodge and from there to a local husky kennel. You will meet your team of dogs and receive a full briefing. Driving in pairs, you will then take control of a husky team as you follow a marked trail through the forest and around the frozen lake. From **£285pp.**

ICE-FISHING

You'll be given fishing equipment and dressed in cosy thermal clothing before heading out on a 3 hour quest to try to catch a wild Arctic fish, in the traditional manner. As you wait patiently, you will be served hot drinks and tasty Swedish cake known as 'fika'. From **£100pp.**

SNOWMOBILE PACK ICE TOUR

A qualified guide will take you from Brändön Lodge and lead you around the frozen islands of the Luleå Archipelago. You will head right to its outer reaches as you visit Brandoskar, a 17th

NORTHERN LIGHTS SNOWMOBILE SAFARI

The best way to spot the northern lights is to head away from any light pollution. You will drive in pairs heading to a remote viewpoint, with the chance to swap drivers. As you wait for the aurora you will be served hot drinks and a snack. From **£305pp.**





DECEMBER - APRIL

THE ARCTIC RETREAT AND BRANDÖN LODGE

INDEPENDENT TAILOR-MADE
ITINERARY

Travel firstly to the Brändön Lodge, a charming cabin village facing the frozen sea and islands of the Luleå archipelago. Here, you will discover the unique wilderness environment by snowmobile; driving across the sea which freeze up to a metre thick in winter.

You will then transfer to the luxury of the Arctic Retreat, which is tucked away deep in the forest at the foot of the Raven rapid in the Råne River valley. The Arctic Retreat was the inspiration of Liza, and Niklas who are your hosts, while dinners are prepared by local husky-sledding hero Richard Karlsson. We have included an extended dining experience so you can learn more from him about the arctic food story.



YOUR ACCOMMODATION

BRÄNDÖN LODGE

This cabin village is set in front of a forest, deep with snow in the winter. The cottages are simple yet warm and stylish, each with 2 bedrooms, a kitchenette, lounge, bathroom and veranda overlooking the frozen sea. The main pinewood lodge houses a cosy bar and restaurant, where menus are based on locally-sourced produce. The facilities on hand are topped off by a lake-side sauna and bubble pool.

ARCTIC RETREAT

This eco-lodge has a back to nature feeling with delicious home cuisine and warm hospitality in a beautiful setting. Sheltered by large trees, the traditional and luxurious log cabins sleep up to 10 people in total in 3 traditional log cabins, all with private jacuzzi and sauna. Each cabin comes with its own deck complete with fire pit and hot tub. Bathrooms are small but perfectly formed, and products, such as lingonberry shampoo, are sourced from a nearby village. Dining at the Arctic Retreat is a communal affair (although there is the option to dine in your cabin if you prefer).





5 DAYS FROM
£2995 PP



SUGGESTED 5 DAY ITINERARY

DAY 1 Fly to Luleå via Stockholm.

- ▼ A guided transfer will take you to the Brändön Lodge where a three-course dinner will be served in the main lodge. Settle in to your cabin for the night, keeping an eye out for the northern lights.

DAY 2 Snowmobile Pack Ice Tour.

- ▼ This morning you will explore the unique features of this region with a 4-hour snowmobile tour. Travel across the glistening ice and islands of the Luleå archipelago. Your guide will tell you about life in the northern wilderness and you will get the opportunity to try ice-fishing. Your goal is Brändöskär, an idyllic 17th century fishing village situated the outer reaches of the archipelago. Here pack ice and snow can form 10m high barriers. Warming drinks and lunch are cooked over an open fire. Returning to Brändön Lodge, your afternoon is at leisure before dining in the main lodge.

DAY 3 Arctic Retreat & Northern Lights.

- ▼ After breakfast, transfer to the Arctic Retreat. On arrival your guide will take you for a snowshoe walk and you will cook a delicious outdoor lunch. When you return, relax in the sauna and jacuzzi before enjoying a 3-course dinner. As darkness falls, your guide will take you on a drive or walk to a location where you will have the best chance of seeing the northern lights. If you are lucky enough to see them, you will get some tips on how to photograph this amazing phenomenon. You will enjoy a hot drink and some traditional Swedish Fika during the evening.

DAY 4 Optional Excursion & Northern Lights.

- ▼ Today you have the option to head off with a team of huskies into the pristine wilderness or try an alternative excursion such as visiting a Sami family, or perhaps a Moose Safari. Your stay at the Arctic Lodge ends with a 3-hour extended dining experience. Local chef Richard Karlsson will introduce you to a new side of what the arctic food story is all about. You will travel through a variety of old and new techniques in cooking and preservation and learn about what makes the arctic cuisine so special. Served in the outdoors, by the fire, it will be a memorable end to your stay in Swedish Lapland.

DAY 5 Return to the UK.

- Breakfast at your leisure before your transfer to the airport in time for your return flight back to the UK.



WHAT'S INCLUDED

- Return flights as detailed above
- Return airport/hotel guided transfers
- 4 nights' accommodation
- Full Board throughout your stay
- Free use of sauna, jacuzzi and fireplace/firewood
- Free use of bubble pool at Brändön Lodge and sauna/jacuzzi at the Arctic Retreat
- All excursions/activities included in the programme
- Protective outer thermal clothing for the duration of your stay



JANUARY - MARCH

BRANDON LODGE & ARCTIC ARCHIPELAGO

INDEPENDENT TAILOR-MADE STAY



4 DAYS FROM
£2235 PP



The first thing you see when flying into Luleå is a string of islands imprisoned in a frozen sea. In winter, boat traffic is replaced by snowmobiles, huskies and even cars driving across the metre thick ice. Brändön Lodge, a collection of 15 cottages, surveys this serene archipelago. It provides a comfortable and cosy retreat and the ideal base from which to explore the ice pack and the surrounding picturesque countryside. In this unpolluted wilderness the only street lights will be the glow of the northern lights as they dance across the sky.

SUGGESTED 4 DAY ITINERARY

DAY 1 Luleå Fly to Luleå (via Stockholm).

▽ You will be picked up and transferred to Brändön Lodge, where a 3-course dinner will be served in the main lodge. Enjoy a digestif in the bar whilst keeping an eye out for the northern lights.

DAY 2 Snowmobile Pack Ice Tour.

▽ After breakfast you will explore the unique features of this region with a 4-hour snowmobile tour. Travel across glistening ice and islands of the Luleå archipelago. Your guide will tell you about life in the northern wilderness and you will get the opportunity to try ice-fishing. You will head to Brändöskär, an idyllic 17th century fishing village situated the outer reaches of the archipelago. Here pack ice and snow can form 10m high barriers. Warming drinks and lunch are cooked over an open fire. Returning to Brändön Lodge, your afternoon is at leisure before dining in the main lodge. With luck you may enjoy a panoramic aurora display whilst enjoying the lakeside sauna and bubble pool.

DAY 3 Husky Safari.

▽ Enjoy a leisurely morning. Snowshoes are available should you wish to try a fun-filled walk before lunch.

This afternoon you will transfer to a local husky kennel. Here you will learn how to mush your own team of dogs and then, driving in pairs, you will embark on a thrilling ride through the forest and along the lakeside trail. Take it in turns to be both passenger and to mush. Return to Brändön Lodge for your final gourmet dinner.

DAY 4 Return to the UK.

□ Breakfast before your transfer to the airport in time for your return flight home.



YOUR ACCOMMODATION

BRÄNDÖN LODGE

The cottages at Brändön Lodge are simple yet warm and stylish. Each cabin has 2 bedrooms, a kitchenette, lounge, bathroom and veranda overlooking the frozen sea. The main pinewood lodge houses a cosy bar and restaurant, where Head Chef, Johan Hedenström designs imaginative menus based on locally-sourced produce. Johan is equally at home cooking in the kitchen as he is over an open fire in the Arctic wilderness. The facilities on hand are topped off by a lake-side sauna and bubble pool.



WHAT'S INCLUDED

- Return flights from London or Manchester to Luleå via Stockholm
- Guided return airport/hotel transfers
- 3 nights' accommodation in a 2-bedroom cabin
- Breakfast, lunch and dinner throughout
- Excursions and sauna access as described in itinerary
- Protective outer thermal clothing for the duration of your stay

HALF-TERM ADVENTURE AT BRANDON

LOCALLY GUIDED SMALL GROUP
ADVENTURE



Brändön Lodge is an ideal setting for a family Arctic Adventure and February half-term is the perfect time to visit. Stay in welcoming cabins overlooking the frozen archipelago, which has been transformed into a perfect winter playground. This holiday has been tailored to suit the whole family although it can also be enjoyed by couples. Learn new wilderness skills and experience unique thrills on the frozen sea and surrounding area. Morning excursions give way to afternoons at leisure and to enjoy the kicksleds, toboggans and ice hockey sticks that are always on offer.

SUGGESTED 5 DAY ITINERARY

DAY 1 On arrival in Luleå, transfer to Brändön Lodge.

▽ Settle into your cabin and enjoy a 2-course dinner in the main lodge.

DAY 2 Snowshoeing.

▽ Today's adventure begins after breakfast where you will be coached in the ancient art of snowshoeing. Snowshoes have been a preferred form of transport in the region for thousands of years. It is an ideal way of traversing across deep snow and allows you to explore otherwise inaccessible terrain. Easy to master, you will soon be following your expert guide into the surrounding Brando forest. A rest stop and wilderness lunch is taken in a Sami tent, sitting on reindeer skins around an open fire. Return to the lodge where the remainder of the day is at leisure. Dinner is served in the lodge.

DAY 3 Snowmobile Safari.

▽ Today's adventure is a 2 hour snowmobile safari through the snow covered forests. Adults drive in pairs with children drawn on a sled behind the guide. Stop half way for hot drinks where you can take in the tranquillity of the forest and admire some stunning views. Dinner is served in the lodge.

DAY 4 Husky & Northern Lights Adventure.

▽ Visit a nearby husky kennel. Learn to mush a team of dogs, and then drive 2 per sled on an exciting ride through a forest. Lunch at the lodge. This evening enjoy a northern lights snowshoe walk with hot drinks served as you look out for the aurora.

DAY 5 Return to the UK.

□ Free time for some last minute snow fun before a return transfer to Luleå airport in time for your flight back to the UK.



Additional excursions are available including a hovercraft ride on the frozen sea! Please speak with our experts to find out which are best suited to your family.

WHAT'S INCLUDED

- Return flights from London to Luleå (via Stockholm)
- 4 nights' accommodation in 2 bedroom sea-facing cabin
- Breakfast, lunch and dinner throughout
- Return airport/hotel transfers
- Excursions as described in itinerary
- Protective Arctic clothing for duration of stay

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FINLAND

Our Finnish Experiences

Finnish Lapland is the ultimate winter wonderland offering serene snowy landscapes, and cosy accommodation in the midst of wild nature. The mountains here, known as tunturi, reach heights of up to 800 metres, rising above the plains with their peaks above the tree-line, and picturesque pine forests and vast frozen lakes below.

Finnish Lapland is one of the best places to witness the stunning phenomenon of the northern lights, delighting and enchanting with their breath-taking display. Choose to witness them by trekking into the midst of the countryside, by an open fire, or view them in the comfort of your own glass igloo, aurora cabin or pod, tucked up in the warmth of a cosy bed. The wealth of outdoor activities includes snowshoeing and skiing, as well as driving a husky sledge, being pulled along by reindeer or sitting astride a snowmobile. The Finns consider a sauna to be a daily necessity, and it is a wonderful way to warm up and relax after a busy day having fun in the snow.

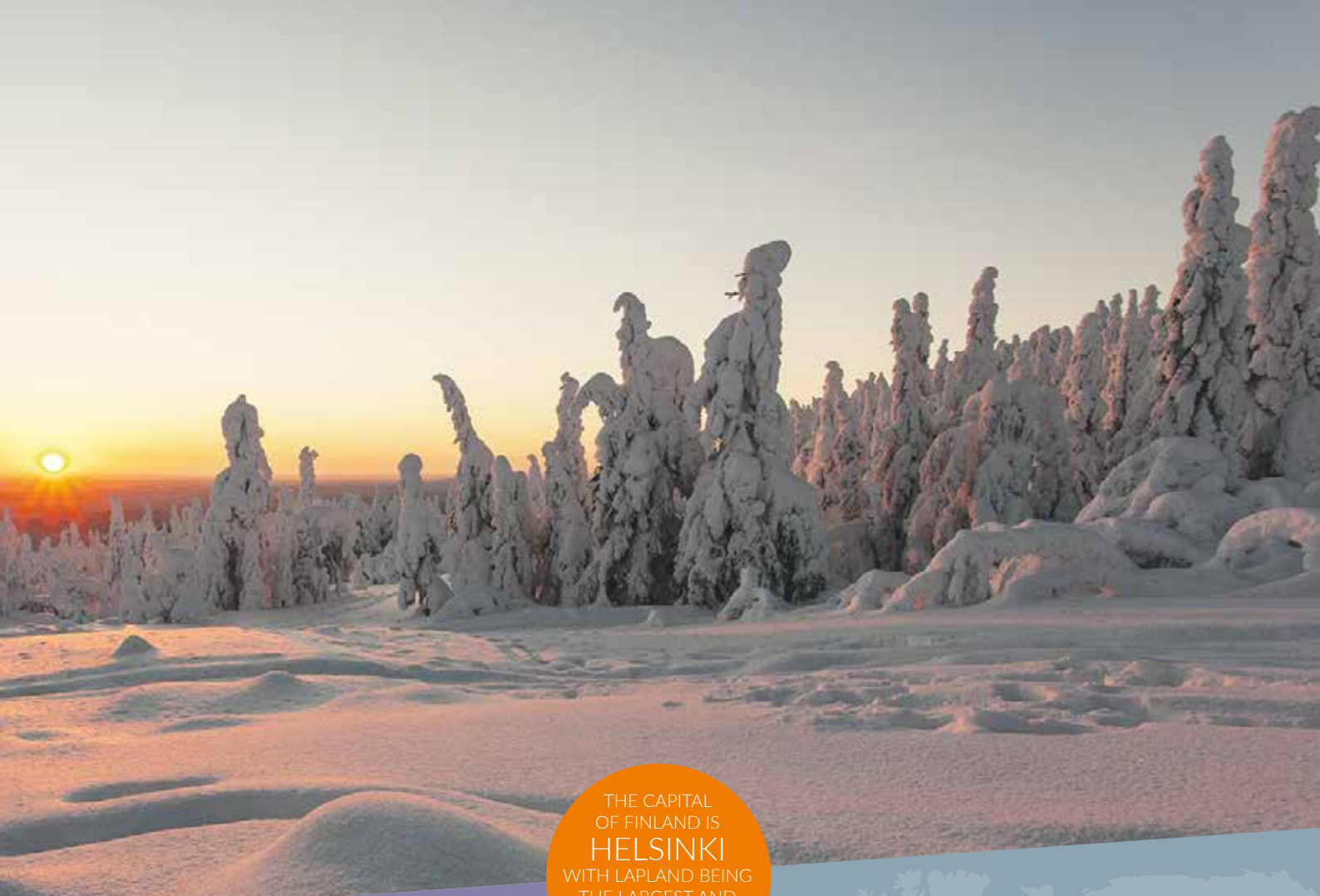
Finnish Lapland is steeped in the mysticism and legends of the indigenous Sami people, who have their own parliament at Inari. You will enjoy plenty of opportunities to meet them and learn about their culture and traditional skills. Finnish Lapland is also recognised as the home of Father Christmas.

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THE CAPITAL OF FINLAND IS HELSINKI WITH LAPLAND BEING THE LARGEST AND NORTHERN MOST REGION IN THE COUNTRY



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1. Husky Safari - try your hand at husky mushing.
2. Snow laden trees at sunset in beautiful Iso-Syöte.
3. Winter fun in abundance. Great for children and adults alike!
4. Aurora photography can be tricky! Your guides will give invaluable tips to help capture this magical phenomenon.
5. Helsinki Cathedral, one of many highlights to take in during your time in the city.
6. Snowmobile fun at sunrise on a very frozen Lake Inari.



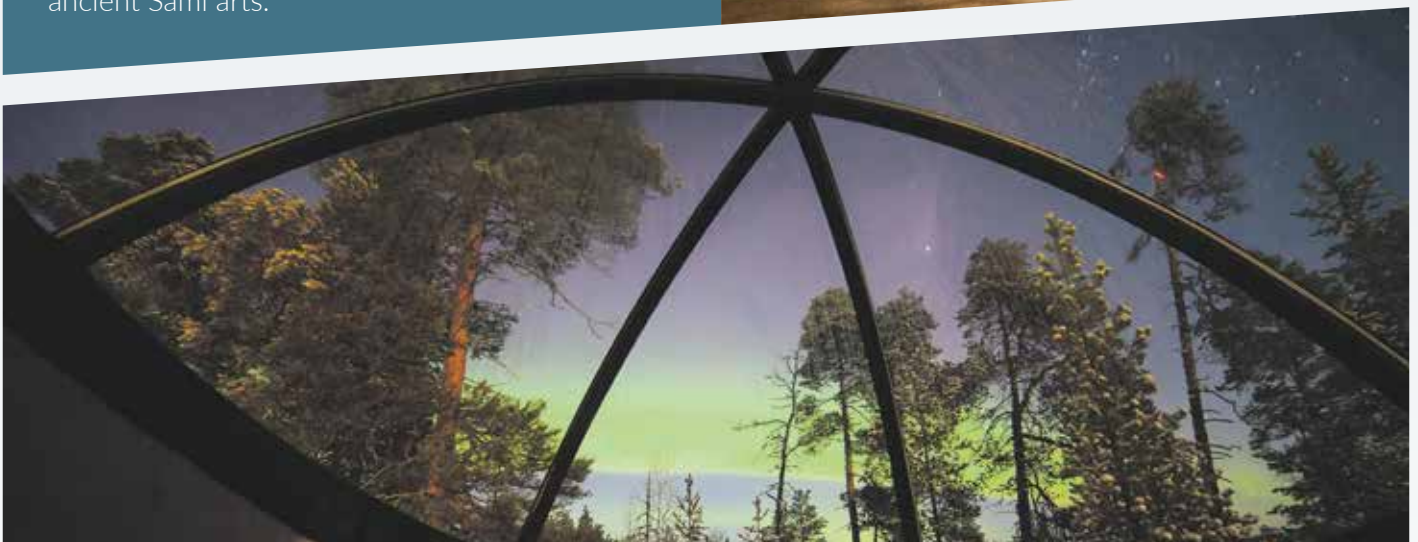
NOVEMBER - APRIL

NORTHERN LIGHTS ADVENTURE BY LAKE INARI

INDEPENDENT TAILOR-MADE STAY

Lake Inari is one of Finland's largest, covering over 1000 square kilometres, and is home to over 3000 islands. It is infused with the spirituality and mysticism of the Sami. At its very heart lies Nellim Wilderness Lodge. It is here that owners, Jouko and Mari, have painstakingly converted a former school house into an authentically crafted hotel reflecting the local culture.

In this tranquil setting, guests are often lucky enough to see the northern lights swirling above the pine forest. Relax in the warm and magical atmosphere and enjoy snowmobile and husky safaris, get to know a reindeer herder and practise ancient Sami arts.



YOUR ACCOMMODATION

NELLIM WILDERNESS LODGE

This warm and cosy property captures the essence of rural life in Finnish Lapland. It offers a good choice of hotel rooms, apartments and cabins, catering for families, couples and groups of friends. The hotel has a restaurant, a welcoming lounge and a bar handcrafted by Jouko himself.

UPGRADE TO AN AURORA BUBBLE

Nellim is also home to the Aurora Bubble. Each individual, romantic pod has heating, private eco WC and a comfortable double bed from where you can view the star-lit sky. Located on the water's edge, the north facing pods have specially formulated curved glass ceilings, which allow you to watch nature unfold. We can incorporate a night in an aurora bubble into your stay for a supplement of £100 per person per night.





6 DAYS FROM
£2450^{PP}



SUGGESTED 6 DAY ITINERARY

DAY 1 **Nellim.**

- ▽ Fly to Ivalo (via Helsinki) and transfer to Nellim Wilderness Lodge. Programme briefing, dinner and overnight for 5 nights.

DAY 2 **Snowmobile Safari & Aurora Camp.**

- ▽ After breakfast receive full instructions on how to drive a snowmobile, before setting off, with your guide on a 50 km journey, which covers perfect fell scenery with forests and frozen lakes. Stop along the way for lunch around an open fire, returning to the hotel early afternoon. After dinner, depart for Nellim's Aurora Camp. Keep a look out for the northern lights from the heated lakeside cabin, whilst hot berry juice and snacks keep you warm, inside and out.

DAY 3 **Meet Nellim's Alaskan huskies!**

- ▽ The kennels are just a short snowmobile sled transfer from the hotel. After instruction mush (in pairs), through the silent forest. Lunch is cooked en route over an open fire. The remainder of the day is at leisure before supper at the hotel.

DAY 4 **Snowshoeing & Aurora Evening Snowmobile.**

- ▽ Today test your prowess for snowshoeing, followed by an evening's snowmobile excursion to a special spot by the lake to stake out the northern lights. Dine at the lodge.

DAY 5 **A day with an Inari Reindeer Herder.**

- ▽ Board a snowmobile sled and head into the forest to meet a reindeer herder tending and feeding his herd in the wild. Continue along the shores of Lake Inari, with a stop for lunch in the company of local fishermen before continuing back to Nellim for supper and a final night of aurora spotting.

DAY 6 **Return to the UK.**

- Breakfast and transfer to Ivalo airport for your return flight back to London (via Helsinki).



WHAT'S INCLUDED

- Return flights to Ivalo (via Helsinki) • Return airport/hotel transfers
- 5 nights' accommodation at Nellim Wilderness Lodge, in a twin room with private WC/shower
- Full board throughout
- All excursions as described in the itinerary
- Services of experienced local wilderness guides
- Protective Arctic clothing for duration of stay



DECEMBER - APRIL

NANGU AURORA AND HUSKY EXPERIENCE

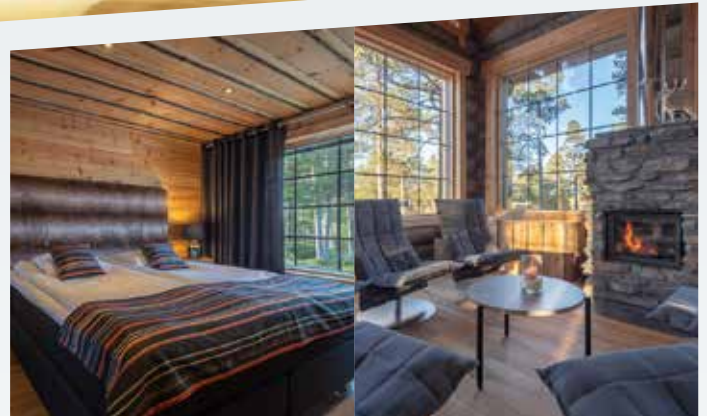
INDEPENDENT TAILOR MADE STAY



4 DAYS FROM
£1590PP



The Wilderness Nangu Hotel is an adult-only boutique lodge, making it ideal for couples or groups of friends. Opened in 2017 with a setting on the southern shore of Lake Inari in the depths of Finnish Lapland, it has breathtaking views, perfect for witnessing the northern lights. Combine your stay with a trip to the Wilderness Hotel Nellim for a husky safari and a visit to the reindeer farm.



SUGGESTED 4 DAY ITINERARY

DAY 1 Fly from the UK to Ivalo.

▼ Fly to Ivalo (via Helsinki). Transfer to the Wilderness Nangu Hotel and enjoy dinner in the hotel restaurant.

DAY 2 Aurora Snowmobiling.

▼ After breakfast, you will have some free time to try some cross country skiing or snowshoeing. Later you will head out by snowmobile to Lake Inari in search of the northern lights, looking for the best spots to view the open night sky. Driving distance depends on the weather conditions – if the sky looks promising, you will make more stops to admire the northern lights which will hopefully make their appearance.

DAY 3 Husky Safari and Reindeer Farm.

▼ After breakfast, you will be transferred the 45km from Nangu to Nellim by car. Once you arrive, you will meet the excited huskies and be taught how to handle the sled before heading out for a ride, with the huskies pulling your sled through the beautiful winter scenery, and travelling across frozen Lake Inari. The dogs' excitement is infectious and as the animals fall silent on the trail, you will realise that this is the only way to see Lapland. After lunch at the Nellim Wilderness Lodge, you will visit the reindeer farm and get an insight into Sámi culture and the way of life in the north.

DAY 4 Return to the UK.

□ Enjoy a morning at leisure before your transfer to Ivalo airport and flight back to the UK (via Helsinki).

YOUR ACCOMMODATION

WILDERNESS NANGU HOTEL

The Wilderness Nangu Hotel consists of idyllic log buildings, which give the hotel an authentic feel of Lapland. Located only 20-minute drive from Ivalo village, Nangu offers exclusive wilderness experiences all year round with easy access to the airport and the surrounding areas.

UPGRADE TO A PANORAMA SUPERIOR ROOM

Located in a separate building, each room has its own private entrance, sauna and a panorama window facing Lake Inari, offering a great view and a possibility to catch the northern lights from the comfort of your own room.



WHAT'S INCLUDED

- Airport/hotel return transfers
- 3 nights' accommodation in a Wilderness room with private WC/shower
- 3 breakfasts, 3 dinners and 1 lunch
- Excursions as per itinerary - the order of activities is subject to change
- Services of an experienced local wilderness guide
- Protective thermal clothing for the duration of stay



DECEMBER - APRIL

INARI FROZEN LAKE ADVENTURE

INDEPENDENT TAILOR MADE STAY



5 DAYS FROM
£1590^{PP}



Wilderness Hotel Inari's location is breathtaking and offers an amazing view across the frozen Lake Inari. On this adventure, you will get the chance to try out cross-country skiing and snowshoeing; try your hand at husky mushing and go in search of the northern lights by snowmobile. The lack of light pollution gives a great opportunity for aurora hunters to see the swirling lights above the pine forest.

SUGGESTED 5 DAY ITINERARY

DAY 1 Fly from the UK to Ivalo.

▽ Fly to Ivalo (via Helsinki). Transfer to the Wilderness Hotel Inari and enjoy dinner in the hotel restaurant.

DAY 2 Aurora Snowmobiling.

▽ After breakfast, try your hand at cross country skiing - the traditional method of transportation in Finland. The guide will teach you how to use the skis, and once everyone's got the hang of it, you will be able to explore the surroundings of Lake Inari. After lunch there will be some time to relax before venturing off by snowmobile to search for the northern lights.

DAY 3 Husky Safari.

▽ A husky safari is a 'must do' experience when visiting Lapland. You will be taught how to handle the sled before you head out for the husky safari, where the huskies will pull you through the beautiful winter scenery. Enjoy the excitement of the dogs before the start, and the serene silence once they get to do what they love - run in the snowy scenery. You will have lunch before or after the activity in the hotel. All our husky safaris are based on two people sharing a sled unless otherwise stated.

DAY 4 Snowshoeing and Skiing.

▽ Today you will have a free day. We have included snowshoe and cross-country ski hire so that you can explore in your own time, returning to Inari for a hot lunch. Alternatively try out another Winter activity such as ice fishing (at a supplement).

DAY 5 Return to the UK.

□ Enjoy a morning at leisure before your transfer to Ivalo airport and your flight back to the UK (via Helsinki).



YOUR ACCOMMODATION

WILDERNESS HOTEL INARI

Wilderness Hotel Inari unites an exquisite blend of comfort and a wilderness themed style located just five minutes from Inari village's attractions and services. There is a choice of accommodation from simple wilderness rooms suitable for couples to log cabins for a family or small group and aurora cabins, perfect for that special occasion. After an active day, enjoy a traditional Lappish dinner in the restaurant with its lakeside views.

UPGRADE TO AN AURORA CABIN

With a view to the northern sky, the spacious aurora cabins are a must for those wanting to experience a unique stay in Lapland. The glass thermal roof ensures that the window will stay clear even in the lowest temperatures, and the warmth and amenities of the cabin will ensure you the most comfortable aurora observing experience. The cabins are equipped with twin beds, and there is also a possibility for extra beds. Each cabin offers a private bathroom.

WHAT'S INCLUDED

- Return flights to Ivalo (via Helsinki)
- Airport/Hotel return transfers
- 4 nights' accommodation in a wilderness room with private WC/shower
- Meals as per itinerary
- Excursions as per itinerary - the order of activities is subject to change
- Services of an experienced local wilderness guide
- Protective thermal clothing for duration of stay



NOVEMBER - APRIL

LAPLAND ADVENTURES UNDER THE NORTHERN LIGHTS

INDEPENDENT TAILOR-MADE STAY

Huddled amongst the pine, spruce and birch trees of the Taiga forest, close to Urho Kekkonen National Park, Muotka Wilderness Lodge offers a tranquil escape from everyday life. It is the second project to have been undertaken by Jouko and Mari, who worked their magic so well at Nellim. Each window frames wild reindeer and snow-laden trees. You will find that the communal sitting room, dining room and sauna are welcome havens after your Lapland adventure under the northern lights.



YOUR ACCOMMODATION

MUOTKA

Ideal for families and couples, presenting a choice of hotel rooms, riverside rooms, suites and aurora cabins, offering flexible accommodation in a rustic wilderness style. Some rooms have a private sauna, and/ or a fireplace. Please see our website for details.

The restaurant and bar reflect Muotka's commitment to using local seasonal ingredients and menus are inspired by traditional Lappish cuisine. A sauna in the main building is heated daily for guests. Traditionalists can try the wood smoke sauna (charge applies) and leap into the lake after! Enjoy kicksleds and toboggans, which are on hand for children and adults alike to try.

UPGRADE TO AN AURORA LOG CABIN

Stay overnight in a romantic Aurora Cabin, a rustic teepee-style cabin complete with double bed, fireplace, private sauna and bathroom. View the northern lights from the comfort of your bed through the panoramic, rooftop windows. Upgrade from £140 per person per night.





5 DAYS FROM
£1580 PP



SUGGESTED 5 DAY ITINERARY

DAY 1 **Fly to Ivalo (via Helsinki). Transfer to Muotka Wilderness Lodge.**

▽ Check in and collect your protective thermal clothing, before dinner.

DAY 2 **Snowmobile & Reindeer Safari & Aurora Snowshoe.**

▽ After breakfast, snowmobiles will be waiting outside and, after full instruction, you will set off through the arboreal forest to a nearby reindeer corral. Here you will learn something of reindeer husbandry, before a leisurely reindeer safari. Return to the lodge having enjoyed a wilderness lunch. After dinner, take a stroll out into the surrounds, where your way may be lit by the aurora.

DAY 3 **Snowshoes and Aurora Camp.**

▽ After breakfast, snowshoe through the Taiga Forest and the winter landscapes which surround the lodge. Return in time for lunch. The afternoon is at leisure. This evening's excursion is to Muotka's Aurora Camp. Transported by snowmobile sled, you will be served hot drinks and cookies as you keep watch for the northern lights dancing across the Arctic sky in this fairy-tale location.

DAY 4 **Husky Safari & Northern Lights by Snowmobile.**

▽ Today meet a pack of Alaskan huskies, whose kennels are just a short mini-bus transfer from the lodge. During the 3-hour husky safari, you will mush in pairs along a snowcarpeted trail, the silence only interrupted by your shouted commands. Stop for lunch by an open fire, Sami style, before returning to the lodge. This evening you will drive snowmobiles to a nearby northern lights hotspot and a final chance to catch the aurora.

DAY 5 **Return to the UK.**

□ Breakfast and the morning is at leisure before your return transfer to Ivalo airport and your flight to the UK (via Helsinki).



WHAT'S INCLUDED

- Return scheduled flights to Ivalo (via Helsinki) • Return airport/hotel transfers
- 4 nights' accommodation at Muotka WL in twin room with private WC/shower
- Breakfast, lunch and dinner throughout
- Excursions as per itinerary with services of experienced local wilderness guides
- Protective thermal clothing for the duration of your stay



NOVEMBER - APRIL

SNOW ADVENTURES IN KAKSLAUTTANEN

INDEPENDENT TAILOR-MADE STAY

Kakslauttanen captured the world's imagination, when it introduced the concept of a heated glass igloo, enabling guests to watch the northern lights from a bed in stylish comfort. Add a village of pine log houses, scattered amongst a snow-clad forest and you have a picture-perfect postcard of Finnish Lapland. Log fires and steaming saunas are on tap, as well as snowmobile, reindeer and husky safaris and, although we can't guarantee the northern lights, we will give you the best chance of seeing this magical display.



YOUR ACCOMMODATION

HOTEL KAKSLAUTTANEN

Owner, Jussi Eiramo came to Kakslauttanen as a young man for a summer's fishing and has stayed ever since. Today, his popular resort has expanded into 2 villages (East & West), each with its own restaurant, offering simple, hearty fare, and an activity centre.

This is not a luxury resort, however, the accommodation is rustic, warm and cosy. There is a wide range of accommodation to suit all party and family sizes, spread over a large area.

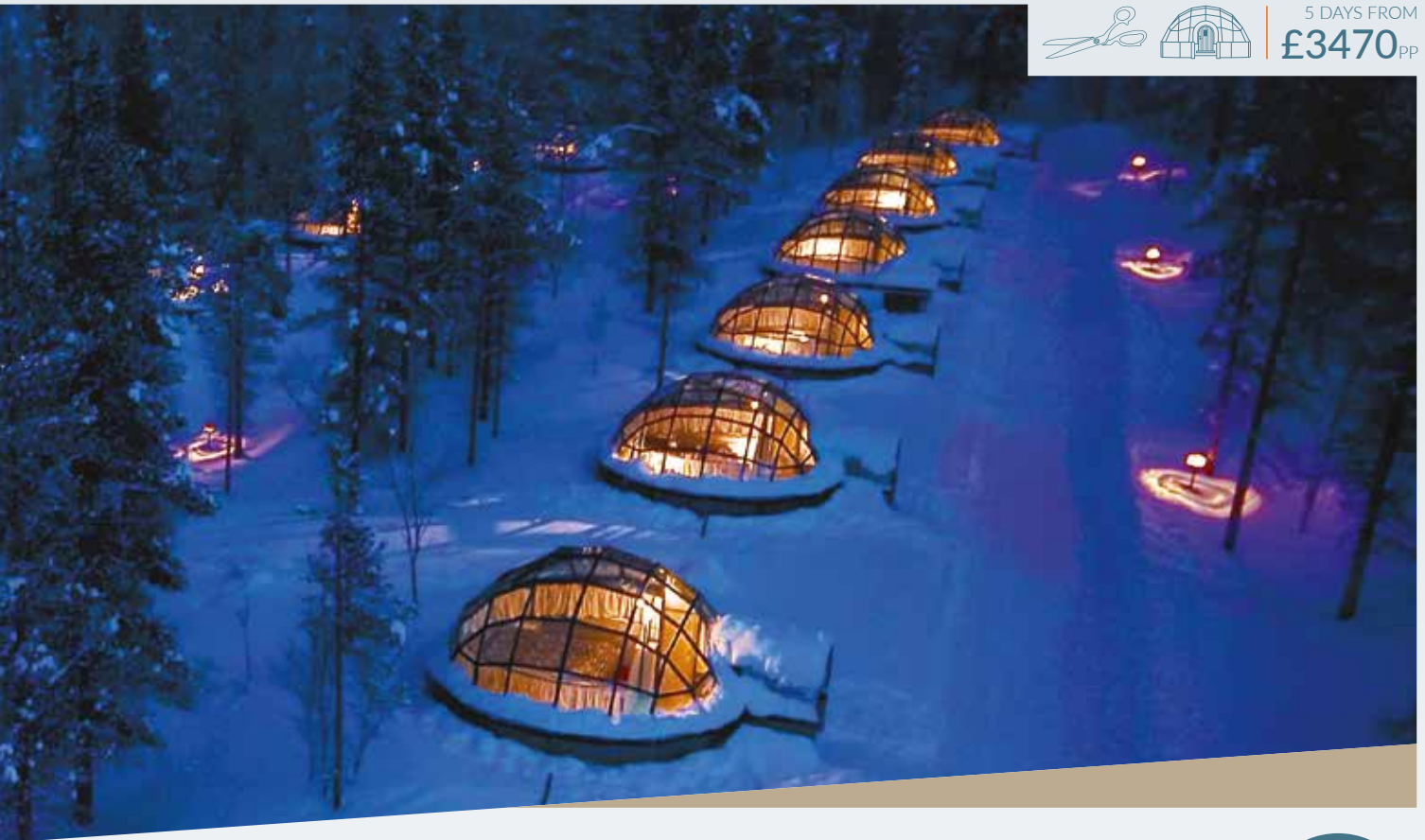
Choose from **Log Chalets**, sleeping up to 10 with a sauna and log fire. **Glass igloos** (larger ones have a shower cabin, smaller ones a basin and WC). **Snow igloos** with ice beds and **Kelo Glass Igloos**. These cosy hideaways combine the comforting warmth of a log cabin with the stunning views of the glass igloos and sleep up to 6 with a private sauna, fireplace and kitchenette. All guests can use shared sauna and showers in a separate building.

Other excursions are available, please see website for full details.





5 DAYS FROM
£3470 PP



SUGGESTED 5 DAY ITINERARY

DAY 1 Fly to Ivalo (via Helsinki).

- Transfer and check-in to your private log cabin and enjoy a hearty dinner at the resort restaurant.

DAY 2 Reindeer Safari.

- After breakfast, you will learn about the life of a Sami reindeer herder, then set off on a leisurely 4-hour safari with these beasts of burden. Travelling in your own sled, you will have ample time to absorb the atmosphere of the Arctic forest, as you snuggle under the warm blankets. A picnic lunch in a wilderness cabin is served, before returning back to Kakslauttanen.

Dinner is at the hotel restaurant. Be sure to look out for the northern lights before returning to your cosy cottage.

DAY 3 Northern lights by Snowmobile.

- Today is at leisure. Try tobogganing, snowshoeing, cross-country skiing, or even alpine skiing in Saariselka. Early evening, you will gather to receive a snowmobile induction, before heading out (driving in pairs), to a spot on the fells, known locally as being an aurora hotspot. Return to Kakslauttanen for dinner.

DAY 4 Husky Safari and a Night under the Stars.

- After breakfast today, you will enjoy a thrilling 4-hour husky safari. Travelling two to a sled, you each take it in turns to mush a six-team pack of huskies across the enchanting wilderness of the Urho Kekkonen Park. Lunch is al-fresco, around an open fire.

On your return to Kakslauttanen, gather your belongings and head to your 'igloo'. Heated to 21°C and constructed with thermal glass, the star-studded night sky is always on display, should the dancing lights appear, the aurora borealis too.

DAY 5 Return to the UK.

- Enjoy a sauna and breakfast before your shuttle transfer back to the airport in time for your return flight to the UK.

OPTIONAL EXCURSIONS

NORDIC SKI SCHOOL from: **£68pp.**

HORSEBACK RIDING from: **£145pp.**

VISIT SANTA'S HOME from: **£99pp.**

For a full list of excursions, prices and days of operation, visit our website.



WHAT'S INCLUDED

- Return flights to Ivalo (via Helsinki) • Return airport/hotel transfers
- 3 Nights' in a small cabin and 1 night in a glass igloo in the East Village
- Breakfast and dinner throughout. 2 x lunch whilst on safari
- Excursions as described in the itinerary. Protective outer thermal clothing during excursions. Hire for the duration of the stay is available at a surcharge.



DECEMBER - APRIL

JÄVRI LODGE

A STYLISH HOSTED RETREAT

INDEPENDENT TAILOR-MADE STAY



5 DAYS FROM
£3195 PP



This luxury lodge was once the winter residence of Finland's longest serving Prime Minister, Urho Kekkonen, who so loved the beautiful landscape of this scenic area that the neighbouring national park was named after him. The lodge offers a fully hosted experience with innovative dining and exclusive excursions to introduce you to traditional Arctic activities. It is the perfect choice for those seeking a stylish sanctuary in a spectacular setting – a unique experience!

OPTIONAL WILDERNESS & NATURE EXPERIENCES

SNOWSHOEING

Your expert guide will explain to you how to use the snowshoes, then take you through the white forests and frozen landscapes of the second largest protected natural park in Finland.

CROSS-COUNTRY SKIING SCHOOL

Here is your opportunity to learn different types of cross-country skiing. The lesson is tailored to your ability. After instruction a short skiing trip will be made to the border of the National Park and you are free to use the equipment for the rest of the day.

HUSKY SAFARI

Enjoy a thrilling husky safari and mush your own team of dogs driving in pairs into the beautiful forest and over the frozen mires. On your return to the farm enjoy a hot drink and bun served in a Kota warmed by an open fire as the guides give you an insight to the life of a husky musher.

REINDEER SAFARI

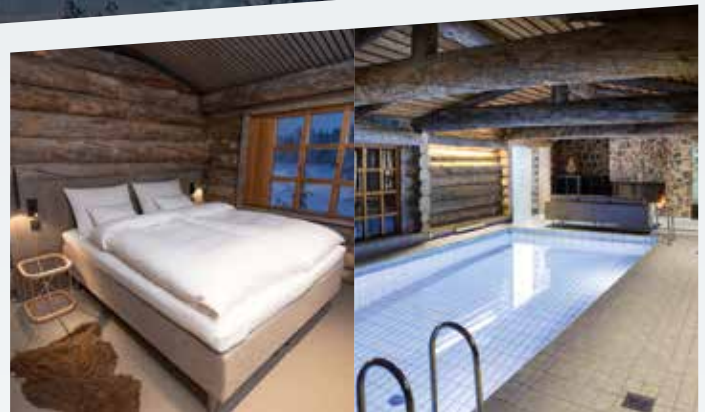
Visit a local reindeer farm, and enjoy a romantic reindeer ride in a traditional Lappish sleigh. On your return to the yard, enjoy a hot drink served in a warm Kota as a reindeer herder tells you stories of his life in the wilds of Lapland.

SNOWMOBILING

Enjoy a snowmobile safari that takes you deep into your magnificent surroundings to spot reindeer and elk. Drive in pairs across the fells. Sip hot drinks and eat cake on your return to the farm.

WALKING IN THE WILDERNESS

Take a guided walk to nearby Saariselkä town. Along the way your expert guide will point out highlights of Finnish nature. If the conditions are right, there is a good chance of seeing the magical northern lights.



SUGGESTED 5 DAY ITINERARY

DAY 1



Fly to Ivalo located in the heart of Finnish Lapland.

Here you will be met by a Jävri Lodge host for the 30-minute transfer to the exclusive Jävri Lodge. Dinner will be in the company of your fellow guests for a fine dining experience.

DAY 2-

DAY 4



At Jävri Lodge.

Jävri Lodge's all-inclusive concept includes all meals and one guided 2-hour Arctic wilderness activity or nature experience per day.

DAY 5



Return to the UK.

A transfer to the airport is provided ensuring you arrive in good time for your return flight home.

YOUR ACCOMMODATION

JÄVRI LODGE

Accommodates 18 guests in 10 rooms (8 standard and 2 larger suites). All rooms have private en suite facilities, custom-made beds with the finest of linen. There is an indoor heated swimming pool and two traditional Finnish saunas. Wi-Fi is available throughout the lodge. The complete experience is complemented by the in-house chefs who create delicious seasonal dishes, with locally sourced organic food.

WHAT'S INCLUDED

- Return flights from London to Ivalo • Private airport transfers to/from Jävri Lodge.
- 4 nights in a standard room with private facilities
- Breakfast, lunch and dinner throughout • 1 x wilderness/nature activity per day
- Complimentary tea/coffee served throughout the day



NOVEMBER - APRIL

L7 LUXURY LODGE

INDEPENDENT TAILOR-MADE STAY



5 DAYS FROM
£2580PP



The L7 Luxury Lodge is located in the heart of the Lappish wilderness bordering the Pallas-Ylläs National Park, only 6km away from the village of Ákáslompolo and the ski resort of Ylläs. You will have a full array of adventurous activities to choose from while you are there. We have included a full day of snowmobiling, driving out to the Snow Village at Lainio; as well as the opportunity to mush your own team of huskies. You will also have some free time for cross-country skiing or snowshoeing to the nearby village or alternatively for relaxing by the fire or large outdoor jacuzzi.

SUGGESTED 5 DAY ITINERARY

DAY 1 Fly to Kittila (via Helsinki), in the heart of Finnish Lapland.

Transfer to the L7 Luxury Lodge where you will be met by your host with a welcome drink before enjoying some free time to explore or to relax in the Jacuzzi before dinner.

DAY 2 Husky Mushing.

Your adventure begins in earnest today as you head out to the Lusou Husky Camp to meet the resident team of eager dogs. Then, after some training, you'll go out on a thrilling ride through the wilderness, racing through frozen forests on a network of trails that bring you right into one of Finnish Lapland's most beautiful regions. You'll have the chance to mush and steer your team yourself, and then enjoy hot drinks and warm snacks by the fire before returning to the lodge for lunch and afternoon tea. Spend the rest of the day relaxing before dinner.

DAY 3 Snowmobile Adventure.

Today you head out for a full day snowmobile adventure. Drive your own snowmobile through snow laden forest trails to Lainio and explore its Snow Village followed by a Lappish lunch. Return to the L7 Luxury Lodge for a soothing sauna or jacuzzi followed by dinner and a chance to talk with your fellow guests about the day's adventures.

DAY 4 At Leisure.

You have a free day today to explore by cross-country skis or snowshoes in the beautiful Lapland wilderness. Walk or ski the 6km to the nearest village of Ákáslompolo before returning for lunch and relaxing at the lodge. Alternatively, you can book an additional excursion in the afternoon and then enjoy a final dinner.



DAY 5 Return to the UK.

After breakfast transfer to the airport in time for your return flight back to the UK.

YOUR ACCOMMODATION

L7 LUXURY LODGE

This stunning Finnish log house has undergone a recent transformation and now provides a luxurious experience for just 14 guests. The L7 Luxury Lodge boasts just 7 rooms; 5 suites offering direct access to the main guest areas within the main lodge, whilst a further 2 suites are available with their own outdoor access. Each Nordic styled room with timber walls and wooden floors has its own living area as well as beautiful views of the Lappish countryside. At the heart of the lodge is a large living room, the perfect place to meet your fellow guests or simply unwind and relax in front of the huge stone fireplace.

Meals are served in the guest dining room where a huge table provides communal and homely full service dining from breakfast through to dinner using local ingredients. Tea and coffee with pastries are served all day and you will have free access to the traditional Finnish sauna and large outdoor jacuzzi.

WHAT'S INCLUDED

- Return airport/hotel private transfers
- 4 nights' accommodation
- Full board including afternoon tea throughout your stay
- Free use of sauna and jacuzzi
- All excursions/activities included in the programme
- Free use of snowshoes and cross country skis



JANUARY - APRIL

ADVENTURES IN HARRINIVA

INDEPENDENT TAILOR-MADE STAY

Enjoy the informal hospitality of the Pietikäinen family at one of Lapland's oldest wilderness hotels. Harriniva lies in the beautiful rolling fells of Western Lapland, where the hills and the forests typify a landscape untouched for thousands of years.

Thrill at mushing your own huskies, take an exhilarating snowmobile ride and journey in a traditional reindeer sleigh. All of these activities are set against a backdrop of a wild, rugged beauty, with a lack of light pollution.



YOUR ACCOMMODATION

HARRINIVA WILDERNESS LODGE

Harriniva Wilderness Lodge stands alongside the frozen Muonio River, marking the border between Finnish and Swedish Lapland. Here, the Pietikäinen family have offered hospitality for over 25 years to travellers, fishermen and skiers. Comfortable and versatile accommodation includes 46 pine-clad rooms, all with private WC/shower. In addition, there are 6 larger rooms with private saunas and 12 duplex, apartment-style rooms, ideal for larger families. Close by are some of the other members of the Harriniva family: the intimate **Torassieppi Winter Village** with its **Snow Igloos** and the **Aurora Domes**, which have the cosy feel of bedouin tents, whilst affording stunning views of the skies above and the landscape.

Harriniva's cosy bar offers a warm welcome after the day's exertions with coffee/tea and snacks served throughout the day. The lively restaurant has a wide choice of meals, and successfully combines local specialities with international cuisine, whilst the sauna is a perfect place to relax and recharge. Harriniva is also home to the largest Siberian husky breeding kennels in Lapland.



Wilderness Suite images



5 DAYS FROM
£1445 PP



SUGGESTED 5 DAY ITINERARY

DAY 1 Fly to Kittila (via Helsinki), in the heart of Finnish Lapland.

Transfer to Harriniva. Dinner will be served in the hotel restaurant.

DAY 2 Husky Safari.

After breakfast, walk the short distance to the husky farm to meet the baying dogs. Meet your team, who are all keen to commence their morning run. With two to a sled, you will take it in turns to mush and be a passenger on this exhilarating 17km tour through the snowclad forest, before returning to the hotel for a relaxing sauna and dinner.

DAY 3 Leisure Time and Northern Lights Reindeer Safari.

Enjoy a day of independent snow fun or the opportunity to book an additional excursion. Kicksleds and toboggans are readily available for your enjoyment or simply take a gentle walk in the snow. Later that evening, transfer a short distance by mini-bus to Torassieppi Reindeer Farm, Finland's oldest reindeer corral. A local reindeer herder will take you on a mystical safari through the night forest. Enjoy the ever-changing colours of the Arctic sky and if you are lucky the northern lights overhead.

DAY 4 Snowmobile Safari.

This morning is at leisure. Why not take an optional excursion to master the simple art of cross-country skiing or snowshoeing, as you explore the beautiful surroundings? After lunch, meet your guide for a briefing on how to drive your snowmobile. Riding in pairs and taking it in turns to drive, this 30km journey takes you through the frozen forests and mires that symbolises the perfect fell scenery of this area. Return to the hotel for a celebratory aperitif and dinner.

DAY 5 Return to the UK.

Enjoy breakfast at the hotel before your transfer back to Kittila airport for your return flight home to the UK (via Helsinki).

OPTIONAL UPGRADES & EXCURSIONS

UPGRADE TO A SNOW IGLOO from: **£60pp.**

UPGRADE TO AN AURORA DOME from: **£110pp.**

NORTHERN LIGHTS BY SNOWMOBILE from: **£116pp.**

AURORA SNOWSHOEING from: **£69pp.**

SKI LIKE A FIN from: **£59pp.**

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WHAT'S INCLUDED

- Return flights to Kittila (via Helsinki)
- Return airport/hotel transfers
- 4 nights' accommodation at Harriniva Wilderness Lodge
- Lodging in a standard twin room with private WC/shower
- Breakfast and dinner throughout
- Excursions as described in itinerary
- Protective outer thermal clothing for the duration of your stay



JANUARY - APRIL

FJELL FUN & SKIING AT ISO-SYÖTE

INDEPENDENT TAILOR-MADE STAY

Play on and around the foothills of one of Finland's most picturesque fjells, surrounded by the dense pine of the Syöte National Park, marked in winter with snow sculptures clinging to the trees in elaborate formations. Iso-Syöte's unique position on the southern borders of Lapland makes it the ideal 'ski-plus' destination, where you can mix and match all manner of ski and safari activities. Try high-speed snowmobiling or reindeer caravanning; cross-country or alpine skiing; snowshoeing or husky mushing – perfect for families and couples who love variety and crave adventure!



RUNNING DOWN THE SIDE OF THE HOTEL ARE NO FEWER THAN 12 ILLUMINATED SKI SLOPES.

PLUS THERE'S ALSO HALF & QUARTER PIPES, A SNOWBOARD PARK, CHILDREN'S SLOPES AND A SLEDDING HILL!



YOUR ACCOMMODATION

ISO-SYÖTE HOTEL

Sitting on top of Lapland's southernmost fjell is the village of Iso-Syöte, which is cloaked throughout the winter in deep, white snow. At its heart is the Iso-Syöte Hotel, complete with panoramic restaurant, Arctic Spa and bar.

Flexible accommodation is the order of the day. Choose from simple standard twin rooms or picturesque and cosy 1-bedroomed Kelo pine cottages. The hotel also boasts modern 2-storey fjell top cottages which can sleep up to 8. Finally consider spending a night in the snow igloo or upgrading to the magnificent Eagle View Suite, where the walls and roof are made of glass allowing uninterrupted views of the surrounding hills and a chance to view the northern lights in comfort and style.

The hotel has created an 'Arctic Spa' complete with two spacious saunas, a swimming pool with massaging hydrojets and, for the ultimate experience, two outdoor jacuzzi's, which enjoy uninterrupted views of the snow-covered trees and starlit sky. There is a range of Arctic Spa Body & Beauty treatments also available. (opening winter 2020).





5 DAYS FROM
£950PP



SUGGESTED 5 DAY ITINERARY

DAY 1 Iso-Syöte.

- ▼ Fly to either Oulu, Kuusamo or Rovaniemi (via Helsinki) and transfer to Iso-Syöte. Check in to your chosen accommodation before dinner in the hotel restaurant.

DAY 2- At Leisure at Iso-Syöte.

- DAY 4 During your stay here you can take in any number of snow adventures. Snowmobile across fells and over frozen tundra and lakes. Mush your own team of dogs in the surrounding National Park, hunt for the elusive aurora, go ice-fishing, kicksledding or visit a reindeer farm.
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Those wishing to enjoy the Iso-Syöte ski area, SnowPark and SnowWorld, can buy ski passes and rent equipment locally.

DAY 5 Return to the UK.

- After breakfast, transfer back to your chosen airport for your return flight to the UK.



WHAT'S INCLUDED

- Return flights to Oulu, Kuusamo or Rovaniemi
- Return airport/hotel transfer
- 4 nights' accommodation at the Iso-Syöte Hotel
- Lodging in twin room with private WC/shower. Upgrades available
- Breakfast and dinner throughout
- Guide services and protective thermal clothing on chosen safaris
- Supplements apply to other accommodation types

OPTIONAL EXCURSIONS

SNOWMOBILE WILDERNESS SAFARI from: **£92pp.**

SNOWMOBILE AND HUSKY COMBINATION from: **£160pp.**

FULL DAY HUSKY SAFARI (INCLUDING CAMPFIRE LUNCH) from: **£235pp.**

VISIT TO A REINDEER FARM from: **£70pp.**

SNOWSHOE HIKE from: **£38pp.**





JANUARY - APRIL

WINTER WEEK AT JERIS

LOCALLY GUIDED SMALL GROUP ADVENTURE



8 DAYS FROM

£2190^{PP}



There is something for everyone in this action-packed small-group adventure week in the very heart of Finnish Lapland. Hotel Jeris nestles on the shores of Lake Jerisjärvi on the edge of the Pallas-Ylläs National Park and offers a choice of cosy, rustic accommodation as well as its renowned Arctic Spa with a lake-side sauna. Only the really brave should consider a dip in the 25m illuminated open air ice-pool! Activities include snowmobiling, ice-fishing, cross-country skiing, ice-dining and a husky safari.

SUGGESTED 8 DAY ITINERARY

DAY 1 Fly to Kittila (via Helsinki).

On arrival you are met by your local guide. It is then a mere 45 minute transfer to Jeris in the heart of Finnish Lapland. Enjoy a welcome dinner in the hotel restaurant.

DAY 2 Husky Adventure & Northern Lights Walk.

After a morning of leisure, transfer to a local husky farm where you will take a 17km safari, driving in pairs. Return for dinner after which you will join your guide and walk to a northern lights prime viewing spot.

DAY 3 Snowshoes and Ice Fishing.

After breakfast, you can experience snowshoeing and in the afternoon you will go to the lake to try your luck with ice-fishing. Return to the hotel and have some free time to relax in the sauna before dinner.

DAY 4 Torassieppi Winter Village and Reindeer.

After breakfast you visit Torassieppi Reindeer Farm and test your reindeer herder skills by throwing a lasso. Enjoy a short safari in the forest and lunch in the snow igloo's ice restaurant. End the day with an afternoon at leisure and dinner in the hotel restaurant.

DAY 5 Cross Country Skiing & Snowmobile Adventure.

Today you will try out cross country skiing. The tracks start right next to the hotel and you will learn the basics with the help of your guide. After lunch you will meet your snowmobile guide who you will follow through snow covered forests, returning for dinner.

DAY 6- Free day and Lappish dinner.

Today you will have a free day to spend as you wish. You can relax in the hotel and visit our Arctic Spa and smoke sauna or go out on



your own by snowshoes or cross-country skis. A special Lappish dinner will be served in the hotel restaurant on the last evening.

DAY 8 Return to the UK.

After breakfast return to Kittila airport in time for your flight home.

YOUR ACCOMMODATION

HOTEL JERIS

Hotel Jeris is located in the heart of the unspoilt Lappish wilderness and is the perfect location for those wanting to experience a range of Arctic activities, whilst enjoying the region's pure, clean air. Hotel Jeris has a choice of 26 cosy hotel rooms, rustically clad in local pine with private WC/shower and TV. In addition there is a choice of 1-bedroomed cottages clustered on the sloping fell behind. Ideal for families, these are equipped with open-plan lounge/kitchenette, fireplace, sauna, TV and private WC/shower. The restaurant serves local fare including reindeer, locally caught fish, wild berries, forest mushrooms and indigenous plants and herbs. The real show-stopper at Hotel Jeris is the Arctic Spa. It boasts both electric and wood-fired saunas, two small, heated indoor pools and, for the very brave, a 25 metre illuminated outdoor ice-pool which sits on the shoreline overlooking Lake Jerisjarvi.

WHAT'S INCLUDED

- Return airport/hotel to hotel transfers
- 7 nights' in a standard twin/double room with private WC/shower
- Breakfast, lunch and dinner throughout
- Outer winter thermal clothing for the duration of your stay
- Excursions as described in itinerary
- A small charge applies for entry to the Arctic Spa and Wood Sauna.



DECEMBER - MARCH

NORTHERN LIGHTS & SAMI CULTURE AT KORPIKARTANO

INDEPENDENT TAILOR-MADE STAY



4 DAYS FROM
£1850PP



Located in a small reindeer herding village, Korpikartano is situated in the Sami heartland. Set on the edge of Lake Menesjärvi and in the stunning surrounds of Lemmonjoki National Park, this former school has been converted into a haven for those wanting an unpretentious and authentic taste of Finnish Lapland. Delve into the life of a Sami herder, visit Siida, the Sami Museum and go in search of the mighty spectacle that is the aurora borealis.

SUGGESTED 4 DAY ITINERARY

DAY 1 Fly into Ivalo (via Helsinki).

Transfer to Korpikartano, where a warm welcome awaits from your hosts, Anne and Timo, along with a hearty evening meal.

DAY 2 A Day in the Life of a Reindeer Herder & Aurora Hunt

After breakfast, a local reindeer herder will take you in search of his herd via snowmobile sled. Once found, feed and observe these animals in their natural habitat. Tall tales and coffee are served in the remote surroundings around an open fire. Return to Korpikartano for lunch. Your afternoon is free to enjoy snow fun activities such as kicksledding, snowshoeing or tobogganing. Alternatively, choose one of the additional excursions detailed opposite.

Later that afternoon there is an hour Aurora photography workshop and, after dinner, you will venture out on a guided snowshoe trek into the wilderness. Timo is on hand to offer further photography assistance in capturing the Arctic sky and hopefully the Aurora.

DAY 3 Husky Safari, Sami & Snowmobile.

Today you head to a husky homestead. After being introduced to your pack, take control of your sled. Travelling in pairs, you both have the chance to enjoy the wonderful Arctic landscape as you slip silently through the forest and across frozen lakes. After this thrilling adventure, visit Siida, the Sami Museum, a fascinating interactive exhibition of Sami history and culture. Lunch at the museum (own expense). Later, after dinner and instruction, head out (in pairs) on a guided snowmobile mission into the Lappish nature and a final opportunity to observe the Aurora.

DAY 4 Return to the UK.

Enjoy a final hearty breakfast before returning to the airport for your flight home (via Helsinki).



YOUR ACCOMMODATION

Korpikartano offers a selection of simple yet cosy hotel rooms and apartments. On-site is a restaurant where menus are based on local produce and using hand-picked products such as berries and mushrooms. Enjoy the lake-side Lappish kota with open fire. For a special treat try the wood burning lake-side sauna and hot tub. For the brave there is always the lake!

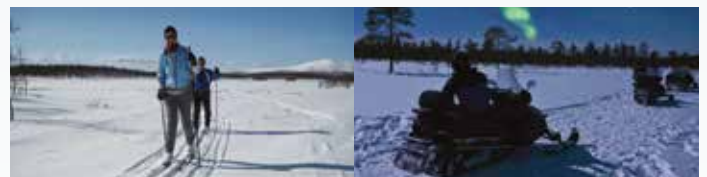
OPTIONAL WILDERNESS & NATURE EXPERIENCES

GUIDED CROSS-COUNTRY SKIING

Under guidance, master the art of cross-country skiing and head out to explore the frozen landscape in traditional style from: **£75pp**.

WINTER FISHING BY SNOWMOBILE

Drive (in pairs) by snowmobile to the nearby lakes of Menesjarvi or Kuivajarvi, where you will learn the secrets of winter fishing from: **£130pp**.



WHAT'S INCLUDED

- Return flights from London to Ivalo and return airport/hotel transfers
- 3 nights at Korpikartano in a twin/double room with private WC/shower
- Breakfast and dinner throughout plus 1 lunch • Excursions as per itinerary
- Electric sauna each evening & outer thermal clothing for the duration of your stay

Rovaniemi has long been considered the capital of Finnish Lapland as well as being the official home of Father Christmas. It is steeped in Lappish traditions and culture. Just outside this urban oasis is an Arctic wilderness waiting to be explored and its setting on the Arctic Circle makes it a northern lights hotspot. You don't have to get far out of the city centre to escape from light pollution and have the opportunity to witness this magical phenomenon.

As the official home of Father Christmas, it really is Christmas every day in Rovaniemi. Take a trip to Santa Claus village and enjoy the full experience, whatever the time of year, complete with a visit to the post office staffed by Santa's postal elves.

Rovaniemi is the perfect place to combine a city break with an Arctic adventure – simply choose your hotel and combine it with any of our excursions. For six months of the year, the landscape is covered with snow, providing picture-perfect scenes of fairytale forests and Arctic landscapes, with a wealth of activities and adventures on offer. The city itself boasts an abundance of restaurants and cafés, befitting a nation that drinks more coffee per capita than any other nation in the world, as well as fine art galleries, museums and science centres.



TWO CENTRE HOLIDAYS

With Rovaniemi

Arctic Treehouse Hotel Page 88-89

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ARCTIC LIGHT HOTEL

This independent hotel is a favourite with our guests. It was the former City Hall of Rovaniemi, before local entrepreneur Mikael Gröhn turned it into a luxury boutique hotel. The protected building still boasts many original features and includes rare Paavo Tynell lighting fixtures and beautiful wooden inlay doors. 57 individually crafted rooms include 4 themed suites and 6 Aurora Lofts. Each room has a bespoke work of art, whether it is a grand chandelier or dynamic wall art.

FEATURES

- Arctic Boulevard Restaurant • Lasiterassi winter garden cocktail lounge
- Free Wi-Fi • Breakfast included

ROOM FACILITIES

En suite bathroom, heating/ air con, espresso machine, bathrobe and slippers. Polar rooms have a separate lounge, 40" flat screen TV and private sauna.

GUIDE PRICE

3 nights/ 4 days from **£940pp**.

Including flights from London to Rovaniemi (direct or via Helsinki) 3 nights accommodation, B&B. Search for Northern Lights. Return Transfers.

- Add in excursions from the selection opposite.



SANTA'S HOTEL SANTA CLAUS

This hotel is an excellent choice for those seeking great value in a central, convenient location. Warmly decorated contemporary Scandinavian style rooms contain all you need for a comfortable stay. There's a choice of 4 restaurants and cafés, including one serving local specialities, to suit all tastes and budgets and there's even a gaming club, for those who enjoy a flutter. Combine a stay here with a stay in a glass igloo at Santa's Igloos Arctic Circle.

FEATURES

- Four restaurants • Central location • Gaming club with table games and slot machines • Buffet breakfast and evening sauna included • Free Wi-Fi

ROOM FACILITIES

En suite shower and WC (bath in most rooms), flat screen TV, minibar, adjustable heating, safe box, tea and coffee making facilities and complimentary Wi-Fi.

GUIDE PRICE

3 nights/ 4 days from **£795pp**.

Including flights from London to Rovaniemi (direct or via Helsinki). 3 nights accommodation, B&B. Search for Northern Lights. Return Transfers.

- Add in excursions from the selection opposite.



ROVANIEMI EXCURSION HIGHLIGHTS

NORTHERN LIGHTS & ARCTIC ADVENTURES

Rovaniemi is a northern lights hotspot and a beautiful Arctic wilderness, offering a host of snow adventures in the surrounding forests, from snowshoeing to safaris. You certainly won't be short of things to do!

FAMILY SNOWMOBILE SAFARI

This tour is specifically aimed at families with small children offering both adults and children the opportunity to drive a snowmobile. Head out and explore the snowy trails surrounding Rovaniemi, with adults driving in pairs, and the children travelling in a sleigh pulled by the guide. On returning to the camp it's the children's turn to drive their own mini-snowmobile. Grill sausages on the bonfire and sip hot drinks to keep out the chill. From **£122pp**.

SNOWMOBILE SAFARI IN SEARCH OF THE NORTHERN LIGHTS

Depart in darkness as you go in search of the northern lights by snowmobile. Driving in pairs, you will follow the tracks deep into the wilderness, far from any light pollution. When a suitable spot has been found, the guide will light a campfire. Grill sausages and sip hot berry juice as you wait in anticipation of witnessing the appearance of the northern lights. From **£122pp**.

HUSKIES AND REINDEER

SNOW FUN COMBINATION

Enjoy the opportunity to try some of the most popular Lappish activities. Start with a short snowmobile safari, a visit to a local reindeer farm and a short ride in a reindeer sleigh. Continue on to a Husky farm to meet some adorable four-legged friends, and enjoy a husky sled ride. It is then time to take a hike in the forest with snowshoes, try out tandem skiing and have fun on a toboggan hill. From **£189pp**.

HUSKY SAFARI INTO THE WILDERNESS

A chorus of howling hounds will greet you, all eager for their morning or afternoon run. After receiving a full safety and skills briefing, head out into the Arctic wilderness. Children can travel in the same sledge as their parents, who can take it in turns to mush. On returning to the farm you will be rewarded with hot juice and cookies as you find out all about these marvelous animals. From **£165pp**.

REINDEER SAFARI

Reindeer have always been an integral part of life in Lapland and this trip gives you the opportunity to experience this ancient method of transport on a 3 km journey through the snowy forest in a sleigh pulled by the reindeer. You will also meet the herders who will give you an insight as to their way of life and culture over warm drinks and buns, with special moss for the reindeer. From **£129pp**.





DECEMBER - APRIL

ARCTIC TREEHOUSE HOTEL

INDEPENDENT TAILOR-MADE STAY

The Arctic Treehouse Hotel brings a whole new dimension to staying in Finnish Lapland, quite literally elevating it to new heights. Its cosy cabins with their panoramic windows nestle amongst the heavily snow-laden trees of the Arctic forest. The views of the surrounding wintry landscape are unparalleled and your cabin is the perfect spot from which to view the spectacular northern lights in comfort.



YOUR ACCOMMODATION

TREEHOUSE CABINS

The cabins of the Arctic Treehouse have been meticulously furnished and the warm timber interiors are complemented with an array of throws, cushions and chairs that typify the classic modern Scandinavia style. The cabins are perfectly designed to accommodate couples seeking a romantic escape or families whose children will love their very own 'nest'.

You won't be lacking in comfort as each cabin has its own private WC and shower, flat screen TV, free Wi-Fi, espresso coffee machines, twin or double beds and of course a floor-to-ceiling panoramic window, which gives the feeling of being at one with nature. Families can book interconnecting suites complete with cosy nest beds and kitchenettes.

The restaurant is just a short walk from your cabin and it is here that breakfast and dinner is served. For those seeking a Father Christmas experience Santa Park is just across the road and open from mid-November until the first week of January.





4 DAYS FROM
£1540pp



SUGGESTED 4 DAY ITINERARY

DAY 1 Fly to Rovaniemi.

▼ The capital of Finnish Lapland and transfer to the Arctic TreeHouse Hotel. It may only be ten minutes to the resort, but on arrival, you will feel a million miles away from the hustle and bustle of 21st century life. Dinner is served in the adjoining Arctic TreeHouse Hotel restaurant, where you can enjoy delicious dishes and traditional Lappish cuisine as well as a panoramic Arctic view.

DAY 2- Free for Optional Excursions.

DAY 3 Rovaniemi is the capital of Finnish Lapland and has long been a popular choice for those wishing to visit the 'home' of Santa Claus. There is a wealth of winter activities on offer so you can simply choose the ones you wish to try. See page 87 for some of our favourite excursions. Take a thrilling snowmobile or husky safari, a romantic reindeer sleigh ride or head out for a day trip on an ice-breaker and swim in the frozen sea. Go in search of the northern lights or try the traditional Finnish pastimes of cross-country skiing and snowshoeing. Wilderness dinners and ice lunches are also on the menu and don't forget a hunt for the northern lights. Breakfast and dinner at the Arctic TreeHouse is included throughout your stay.

DAY 4 Return to the UK.

□ After breakfast, we have arranged a transfer to take you to the airport in time for your return flight home.



OPTIONAL EXCURSIONS

SNOWMOBILE SAFARI INTO THE ARCTIC CIRCLE FOREST from: **£159pp.**

HUSKY SAFARI INTO THE WILDERNESS from: **£175pp.**

SNOWSHOEING AT THE ARCTIC CIRCLE WILDERNESS LODGE from: **£77pp.**

REINDEER SAFARI from: **£129pp.**

For a full list of excursions, prices and days of operation, visit our website.



WHAT'S INCLUDED

- Return flights from UK to Rovaniemi
- Return airport/hotel transfers
- 3 nights' cabin accommodation at the Arctic TreeHouse with private facilities
- Breakfast and dinner throughout

Luosto nestles amongst the rolling hills of the Phyä-Luosto National Park, just 90 minutes from Rovaniemi Airport. It boasts a wonderful choice of accommodation, combined with amazing views, clear Arctic skies and a snow-clad landscape that extends beyond the horizon. Its frozen forests are criss-crossed by a maze of husky trails, reindeer roads and cross-country ski tracks.

It's a great place in which to acquaint yourself with traditional modes of transport – explore on foot by snowshoe or cross-country skis, or take a husky or reindeer safari. If you prefer more contemporary modes of transport, then heading out by snowmobile is always an option. For those who prefer downhill skiing, Luosto ski resort is nearby, with seven slopes and plenty of off-piste possibilities.

Take a fairytale trip to the nearby Lampivaara amethyst mines, set on the top of Lampivaara hill, where you will have the opportunity to dig for your own lucky amethyst. Perhaps the most comfortable way to reach the amethyst mine is to take the pendolino 'snow train', a warm carriage pulled by snow-cat up to the top of the mountain. (Price from £70 per person.)

Luosto is also a northern lights hotspot, and has put in place an innovative system for visitors to alert them when the aurora is visible. Sign up for the online 'Aurora Alert Realtime' service, which is a free service, and make sure that you don't miss out on seeing the northern lights.



TWO CENTRE HOLIDAYS

With Luosto

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Santa's Hotel Santa Claus Page 86



SANTA'S HOTEL AURORA

This small intimate hotel prides itself on its personal service and cosy atmosphere. Located an easy 10 minute walk from the village centre, it offers a quiet respite after a day packed with excursions and activities. The 25 rooms all have their own sauna, TV, tea and coffee-making facilities and aurora alarm. Many have their own fireplace and seating area. The restaurant serves breakfast and dinner with the chef preparing a 3-course table d'hote menu each evening, as well a choice of a la carte dishes. The hotel lobby and bar offers the opportunity to enjoy an aperitif. The relaxed atmosphere soon makes this feel like a home from home.

FEATURES

- Cosy family-run hotel
- All rooms with own sauna and aurora alarm

GUIDE PRICE

4 nights / 5 days from **£1050pp.**

Including return flights from UK to Rovaniemi, either direct or via Helsinki
Return shuttle transfers. 4 nights accommodation B&B. Northern lights hunt by snowshoe.
Table d'Hote Dinner.



ARCTIC VIEW GLASS IGLOOS

Santa's Hotel Aurora has what we believe to be, some of the most luxurious glass igloos in Finland. The Arctic View Glass Igloos have panoramic glass windows for walls and ceiling, allowing a 360 degree view of the Arctic skies and surrounding nature. The Igloos are fully heated and decorated in typical Scandi-style, using throws and rugs to create an inviting ambience. Each Arctic Glass Igloo has its own en suite bathroom, shower and WC, a luggage storage area, flat screen TV, comfortable double beds and modesty curtains. Breakfast and dinner are taken at the Santa's Hotel Aurora restaurant. The price below is based on 3 nights at Santa's Hotel Aurora and 1 night in an Arctic View Glass Igloo. Ask for a quote to upgrade for more nights or your entire stay, as unlike many other glass igloos these are designed for more than just a one night novelty sleep.

FEATURES

- A night in a luxury panoramic glass igloo.

GUIDE PRICE

4 nights / 5 days from **£1300pp.**

Including flights from UK to Rovaniemi, either direct or via Helsinki. 4 nights accommodation. B&B. Northern lights hunt by snowshoe.
Table d'Hote Dinner.



LAPLAND HOTEL LUOSTOTUNTURI

The Lapland Hotel Luostotunturi is one of the biggest hotels that we offer in Finnish Lapland, with over 170 rooms and eighty 1, 2 and 3 bedroom apartments. Perfectly situated in the heart of the village, the hotel is a popular choice for those wanting to utilise the amenities.

These include an indoor pool, spa, gym, lively bar, nightclub and busy restaurant. It also offers a wide range of accommodation from which to choose, including log cabins accommodating 4-6 people. All rooms have en suite private facilities, with flat screen TV and tea and coffee-making facilities. Most have a balcony or terrace. This property is ideal for couples and families looking for a more lively holiday.

FEATURES

- Over 170 rooms and 80 apartments
- Facilities include indoor pool, spa, gym, bar and nightclub

GUIDE PRICE

4 nights / 5 days from **£995pp.**

Including flights from UK to Rovaniemi, either direct or via Helsinki. 4 nights accommodation. B&B. Northern lights hunt by snowshoe.
Table d'Hote Dinner.



LUOSTO EXCURSION HIGHLIGHTS

SNOW SAFARIS – BY HUSKY, REINDEER OR SNOWMOBILE

Explore the frozen landscape by day, or search for the northern lights by night.

AFTERNOON WITH THE HUSKIES

Spend the afternoon in the company of these remarkable working dogs, who just love to run. Transfer by mini-bus to a local husky farm, where you will be greeted by the howling dogs, all eager for their afternoon run. Receive full instruction on how to 'mush' the dogs and control the sled, then embark on a 20km thrilling safari through snow-clad forests and across frozen lakes. Coffee and snacks will be served in a Lappish Kota with open fire, before your return 'mush' with your team of dogs.

From **£190pp**.

A REINDEER SAFARI

Transfer by mini-bus to a nearby reindeer farm and enjoy a memorable reindeer sleigh ride. This form of travel has been used by the local Sami for hundreds of years and is an unhurried and relaxing way to travel. Snuggled under thick blankets, the reindeer train travels through the Arctic landscape at a gentle pace and there is time to appreciate the surrounding silence. Returning to the farm, you will be served hot coffee and a bun around a roaring campfire and be able to learn about the life of a reindeer herder past and present. From **£100pp**.



SNOWMOBILE SAFARI TO THE AMETHYST MINES

This scenic snowmobile safari takes you to the Amethyst Mine. After full instruction, drive in pairs to the mine entrance, where you are invited into one of the warm wooden houses, used to house the workers in former times. Enjoy a hot drink as you learn about these striking stones, formed 2000 million years ago, deep in the mountainside. You will head down into the mine and dig for your own lucky stone, before returning to Luosto by snowmobile. From **£100pp**.

NORTHERN LIGHTS BY SNOWMOBILE From **£110pp**.

TRADITIONAL SNOW PURSUITS

Many of the activities and traditional skills carried out in Luosto have been practised by the Lappish people for hundreds of year – this is your chance to give them a go!

ICE-FISHING BY SNOWMOBILE

Driving in pairs, you will follow the snowmobile tracks into the Arctic wilderness. As you head through the snowy forests and drive up into the hills, the landscape opens up in front of you. A suitable spot is found, where the guide will help you drill a hole in the ice and settle down – if you're lucky you may capture an Arctic char. Enjoy hot drinks and a delicious bun over a campfire as you wait for the fish to take the bait before returning to Luosto by snowmobile. From **£110pp**.

CROSS-COUNTRY SKI LESSON

Let an expert guide teach you this great winter skill. Once you have learned the basics of cross-country skiing you can head out onto the many kilometres of trails surrounding Luosto to hone your new found skill. Explore frozen forests and beautiful snow-clad landscapes. Instruction and all necessary equipment is included. From **£60pp**.

SNOWSHOE HIKE IN THE NATIONAL PARK

Snow shoeing has long been used by the Arctic community as an easy way to cross deep snow, in regions which would otherwise be inaccessible. Your expert guide will help you master this easy art, before heading into the ancient spruce forests of Luosto. During this trek you can enjoy the stillness of nature and beautiful scenery. Small snacks will be enjoyed in between hiking. From **£60pp**.



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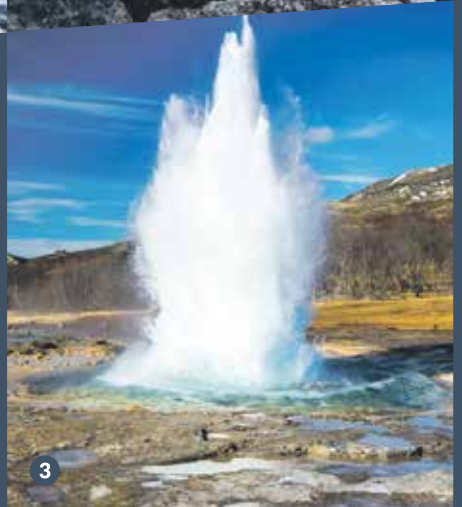
Our Icelandic Experiences

The very name of Iceland conjures up vast, dramatic, winter landscapes of snow and ice, the ideal location for the ultimate Arctic adventure.

Straddling the North American and Eurasian tectonic plates Iceland's unique geology has resulted in weird and wonderful landscapes. Its lava plains, spouting geysers, volcanoes, spectacular waterfalls, thermal waters and black sand beaches are a living geography lesson. Its vistas present a stark, otherworldly beauty, which is truly breathtaking. It is no surprise that this dramatic backdrop is the setting for the popular series, Game of Thrones.

Iceland's capital, Reykjavik, has become a fashionable destination in its own right, a cultural hub of museums and art galleries with trendy restaurants and buzzing bars. It offers a wonderful opportunity to combine city life with outdoor pursuits. It is also renowned for its spectacular New Year's Eve celebrations.

Iceland is an excellent spot for viewing the northern lights, and home to many Arctic adventures, including whale-watching, exploring by Superjeep and even visiting an ice cave, deep within a glacier. You must also make time to relax in one of the many hot springs. It is a great choice for couples and families alike, offering a wealth of diverse experiences.



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THE MOST SPARSELY POPULATED COUNTRY IN EUROPE IS **ICELAND** WHICH ALSO HAS NO STANDING ARMY



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Travel off the beaten track, flying to Akureyri in North Iceland and discover a land of adventure in a true natural paradise. The landscape is breath-taking with natural phenomenon's including the waterfalls of Godafoss and Dettifoss as well as Lake Myvatn which lies 300m above sea level and is world famous for its beauty.

Book one of our locally guided group tours (p108 and 109) to discover the highlights of this area with an expert guide, or immerse yourself in a luxury escape at Deplar Farm (p106) where you will get the opportunity to explore the Fljot Valley, a gateway for adventures including snowmobiling, cross country skiing and whale watching.

1. Seljalands river at Seljalandsfoss - an impressive 60 metre waterfall.
2. The mineral rich waters of the Blue Lagoon geothermal spa average 37-39° C.
3. Strokkur Geyser spectacularly erupts every 6-10 minutes!
4. Reykjavik - the largest and also capital city of Iceland.
5. The river Skjálfandafjót falls over the impressive Godafoss waterfall.

It may be one of Europe's smallest capitals, but it certainly puts many others to shame with its diversity of attractions and the wealth of experiences it has to offer. Reykjavik is the world's northernmost capital, perched on the shores of the Atlantic Ocean, with a backdrop of dramatic volcanic mountains. Its skyline is dominated by the imposing cathedral of Hallgrímskirkja, just one of its many stunning contemporary buildings.

Reykjavik is a treasure trove of galleries and museums, many dedicated to Icelandic history and culture. Its renowned restaurants pride themselves on crafting culinary delights from an abundance of locally sourced products. In close proximity are geysers, caves, hot springs and glaciers, within easy reach of a fascinating day trip. Head out at night in search of the northern lights, or explore by day to see breath-taking waterfalls and bubbling geysers.

Our holidays offer complete flexibility: choose your hotel and combine with any of our excursions and adventures.

One of our most popular excursions is a great way to make your return home truly memorable. Book a shuttle bus service to Keflavik airport from your hotel, stopping off at the famous Blue Lagoon en route. You can book the time slot of your choice and spend some time luxuriating in the warm, milky blue waters before heading to the airport for your flight home. You can store your luggage whilst you relax.



TWO CENTRE HOLIDAYS

With Reykjavik

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CENTERHOTEL PLAZA

This contemporary hotel is the perfect base from which to explore Reykjavik. It is set in an ideal location just minutes' walk from all major attractions and close to bars and restaurants.

FEATURES

City centre location • Restaurant • Lobby Bar

GUIDE PRICE

3 nights / 4 days from **£695pp.**

Including flights from London to Keflavik Airport, Reykjavik.

3 nights accommodation, B&B. Transfers.

- Add in excursions from the selection opposite.

CENTRUM HOTEL

This stylish, modern hotel is set in the heart of the old city. See the Viking longhouse which was discovered during its construction and which is now exhibited here.

FEATURES

Central location • Icelandic cuisine • Quiet location

GUIDE PRICE

3 nights / 4 days from **£695pp.**

Including flights from London to Keflavik Airport, Reykjavik,

3 nights accommodation, B&B. Transfers.

- Add in excursions from the selection opposite.



HOTEL BORG

This elegant and atmospheric Art Deco hotel dates back to the 1930s and is one of Reykjavik's landmark properties. It boasts an award-winning restaurant.

FEATURES

Central location • Historic décor • Excellent restaurant

GUIDE PRICE

3 nights / 4 days from **£850pp.**

Including flights from London to Keflavik Airport, Reykjavik.

3 nights accommodation, B&B. Transfers.

- Add in excursions from the selection opposite.

SKUGGI HOTEL

This simple but stylish hotel is one of Reykjavik's most fashionable addresses, popular with a younger crowd. It is set on one of the city's oldest streets, close to Laugavegur.

FEATURES

Central location • Great value • Underground car park

GUIDE PRICE

3 nights / 4 days from **£615pp.**

Including flights from London to Keflavik Airport, Reykjavik,

3 nights accommodation, B&B. Transfers.

- Add in excursions from the selection opposite.



THE CAPITAL AND LARGEST CITY IN ICELAND IS
REYKJAVIK
 THE WORLD'S NORTHERNMOST CAPITAL OF A SOVEREIGN STATE

ICELAND EXCURSION HIGHLIGHTS

GOLDEN CIRCLE, GLACIERS & VOLCANOES

The scenery around Reykjavik is simply stunning. Head out of the city and explore the locally named Golden Circle taking in Thingvellir National Park, the Haukadalur geothermal area with its impressive geysers and bubbling mud, frozen Gullfoss waterfall, volcanic craters and Langjökull glacier.

GOLDEN CIRCLE CLASSIC

Enjoy a day exploring the Golden Circle including Thingvellir National Park, the frozen waterfall of Gullfoss and the geysers, before returning to Reykjavik via the cathedral at Skalholt, the Kerid crater and the greenhouse community at Hveragerdi. From: **£65pp**.

For a once-in-a-lifetime experience, do this trip by Superjeep, including a snowmobile drive on to the Langjökull glacier. From: **£215pp**.

INTO THE GLACIER

Take ice cap exploration to a new level. Explore a glacier inside and out visiting Europe's largest manmade ice cave. Depart from Reykjavik by bus and head to Langjökull glacier, where you board an 8-wheel monster truck that takes you to the entrance of the cave. The cave is some 550 metres long and is 30 metres below the surface. There are five ice chambers to explore. From: **£220pp**.



THE LAVA TRAIL ON HORSEBACK

The Icelandic horse is renowned for its even temper and unique gait, which gives a particularly smooth ride, and means that this guided pony trek is even suitable for novices. It is a great way to explore the landscape, heading along hillside tracks through the lava fields, admiring the views from the back of your trusty steed. All necessary riding equipment and clothing will be supplied. Price from: **£60pp**.

NORTHERN LIGHTS & COASTAL ADVENTURES

It's relatively easy to escape Reykjavik's city lights and head out into the surrounding countryside to spend an evening driving through the beautiful landscapes in search of the northern lights. Alternatively, head south to Iceland's beautiful coast with its black volcanic sands.

NORTHERN LIGHTS SEARCH BY BUS OR SUPER JEEP

Head out of the city by bus and spend an evening in search of the northern lights. From: **£45pp**.

Alternatively, take a trip in a superjeep, which can take you over the toughest terrain, away from the city and across spectacular landscapes in search of the northern lights. On some trips, you are permitted to try again, free of charge, if they don't appear on your first outing. From: **£115pp**.

SOUTH COAST, WATERFALLS & GLACIER HIKE

This tour showcases the best of South Iceland's coast and is a wonderful way to explore the area. Stop off at the Seljalandsfoss and Skogafoss waterfalls to admire the frozen waters, before exploring the black sand beach and the stunning basalt columns of Reynisfjara. End the day with a gentle hike on the ancient ice of Solheimajökull glacier before returning to Reykjavik. From: **£160pp**.



WHALE WATCHING

This educational and interactive whale-watching excursion takes place on board 'Andrea', Iceland's biggest whale-watching boat. There is plenty of comfortable seating inside, with wide, panoramic windows from which to view the passing seascapes and look out for whales. The extra-large viewing decks mean that there's plenty of space for everyone to find their own spot by the railings, once a whale has been sighted. There is an café on board for refreshments and thermal overalls are available. From: **£65pp**.

 OCTOBER - APRIL

GLACIERS, WATERFALLS & NORTHERN LIGHTS

INDEPENDENT TAILOR-MADE
SELF-DRIVE ITINERARY

By day soak up South Iceland's unique cocktail of sights; the falling water curtains that are the Skógafoss and Seljalandsfoss waterfalls, the foam pounding on Dryrholaey's black sand beaches and Jökulsárlón Glacier Lagoon. By night, enjoy fine dining, soak in a hot tub under the starlit sky, where you may even see the northern lights, as you make the most of the rustic charm and countryside setting of the Hotel Ranga.



YOUR ACCOMMODATION

HOTEL RANGA

Set in lush meadowland against a backdrop of Mount Hekla and Eyjafallajökull in the distance is Hotel Ranga. Just under 1½ hours easy drive from Reykjavik, this ranch-style hotel is ideal for those desiring luxury, charm and comfort in the heart of the countryside. The acclaimed gourmet restaurant prides itself on using the finest, locally sourced ingredients including fish from Iceland's finest salmon river. The cosy and amply-stocked bar is ideal for an aperitif and snug seating areas offer a place to unwind, read a book, play a board game or billiards.

A wide choice of accommodation includes standard rooms with private WC/bathtub and shower, larger deluxe rooms with a sofa, tea/coffee making facilities and indoor jacuzzi baths. Junior and master suites are named after the 7 continents showcasing artwork from these destinations. All rooms have views of the river or Mt. Hekla volcano and access to the hotel's outdoor hot tubs, where you can relax under a star-lit sky, free of urban light pollution. The hotel operates a personal aurora alarm system, ensuring you are advised of sightings.





5 DAYS FROM
£870 PP



SUGGESTED 5 DAY ITINERARY

DAY 1 Arrive at Keflavik Airport, Hire Car Collection & Drive to Hella.

Check in at the Hotel Ranga for a 3-night stay. Why not celebrate your arrival with a gourmet dinner (payable locally).

DAY 2 South Iceland and Optional Private Super Jeep Tour.

Explore the area independently or opt for a Super Jeep safari where your private guide will introduce you to the key attractions of the region with off-road driving.

DAY 3 South Iceland.

After breakfast you could take a drive along the outwash plains to Jökulsárlón Lagoon, try horse riding or take the ferry to Vestmannaeyjar Islands – the Pompeii of the North.

DAY 4 South Iceland and the Golden Circle.

Drive up to the Geysir geothermal area with its bubbling mud pits, then Gullfoss and continue to Thingvellir National Park before driving on to Reykjavik, staying at the Hotel Centrum for your final night.

DAY 5 Return to the UK.

Explore the historic centre of Reykjavik or drive to the Blue Lagoon for a relaxing soak in the warm, milky blue waters before your return flight home.



OPTIONAL EXCURSIONS

SUPERJEEP TOUR OF SOUTH COAST & EYJAFJALLAJÖKULL from: **£268pp.**

Private tours by Superjeep can also be arranged.

For a full list of excursions, prices and days of operation, visit our website.



WHAT'S INCLUDED

- Return international flights from a choice of regional UK departures
- 3 nights at the Hotel Ranga and 1 night at the Hotel Centrum, staying in a standard twin room with private WC/shower • Breakfast throughout
- 4 days (4x24hrs.) Group A car hire including unlimited mileage, theft protection, CDW and all applicable taxes. • Free GPS navigation system and road map
- Additional car hire insurance is available including SDEW, windscreen, ash and sand protection.

 OCTOBER - APRIL

A TASTE OF LUXURY UNDER THE AURORA

INDEPENDENT TAILOR-MADE
SELF-DRIVE ITINERARY

Soak up some of Iceland's most iconic sights whilst enjoying the comfort of one of its most luxurious properties. The tumbling waterfalls of Skógafoss and Seljalandsfoss are but a short, easy drive away, as are Dyrholaey's black sand beaches edged by crashing, white, foaming waves. Explore the trio of sights known as the Golden Circle and catch the best view of Langjökull Glacier from a snowmobile.



YOUR ACCOMMODATION

HOTEL GRIMSBORGIR

Olafur Laufdal and Kristin Ketilsdottir's homage to Nordic chic and design. Each hotel room and apartment has been individually crafted and staying here feels like being invited into their home.

Just 1½ hours' drive from Keflavik International Airport, the hotel is set in splendid isolation on the banks of the River Sog. The unassuming exterior conceals an absolute gem, which has deservedly won TripAdvisor's Certificate of Excellence every year. Each designer room benefits from its own deck and has access to a number of hot tubs. Upgrade to a 2-bedroom deluxe studio or 4-bedroom villa and you will have your own kitchen/diner, 'grounds' and private hot tub. Where possible, Olafur even ensures that your national flag is flying outside your abode.

The restaurant menu focuses on locally sourced products including salmon, trout and cod and there is often musical entertainment that reaches through into the bar area, complete with open fireplace and wing-backed chairs.





5 DAYS FROM
£1495 PP



SUGGESTED 5 DAY ITINERARY

DAY 1 Grímsnes.

▽ Arrive at Keflavik airport, collect your hire car and drive to Hotel Grímsborgir, lying in the shadow of Mount Hengil and your home for the following 3 nights. Dine at the hotel restaurant before retiring to look out for the northern lights on your deck or in a hot tub.

DAY 2 South Coast.

▽ After a hearty breakfast, we suggest driving along the south coast to Dyrhólaey and on to the promontory from where you will have views of the Reynisfjall cliffs and black sand beaches. Return via Skógafoss and Seljalandsfoss, two of Iceland's most picturesque waterfalls, one of which you can walk under. Continue to Eyrarbakki with its weatherboard houses and perhaps a lobster supper at Vid Fjörubordid before returning to Hotel Grímsborgir.

DAY 3 Golden Circle.

▽ Take a short walk around the 3,000 year old Kerid crater before heading to the Geysir area. Here Strokkur spouts impressively every 5-10 minutes and there are steaming fumaroles and hot springs bubbling alongside. On to Gullfoss where the glacial river Hvita powers down a staircase of falls eventually plummeting down a 32m drop. Fill your afternoon with some glacier snowmobiling on Langjökull or visit Thingvellir National Park, Iceland's ultimate historical, cultural and geological site.

DAY 4 Reykjavik.

▽ After an unhurried morning drive back to Reykjavik where you will have ample time to enjoy the city's museums and galleries or perhaps an evening northern lights excursion. Overnight at the Hotel Centrum.

DAY 5 Return to the UK.

□ Stop off at the Blue Lagoon for a relaxing soak in the milky blue waters, before returning your car at the airport in time for your flight home.



WHAT'S INCLUDED

- Return international flights from a choice of regional UK departures
- 4 nights' accommodation in standard twin room with private WC/ shower
- Breakfast throughout
- 4 days (4x24hrs.) Group A car hire including unlimited mileage, theft protection, CDW and all applicable taxes.
- Free GPS navigation system and road map
- Additional car hire insurance is available including SDEW, windscreen, ash and sand protection.

 NOVEMBER - APRIL

ICELAND SUPERJEEP ADVENTURE

INDEPENDENT TAILOR-MADE STAY



5 DAYS FROM
£3445PP



Iceland is a thrilling geological theme park and this is a tailor-made VIP visit to see the natural wonders of this vast playground. Your base is a luxury 3-bedroomed villa with outdoor hot tub in a northern lights hotspot. On hand is a Super Jeep with private driver-guide, who has a programme of bespoke tours that will fast-track you to Iceland's most iconic attractions and experiences.

SUGGESTED 5 DAY ITINERARY

DAY 1 **Selfoss.**

Your Super Jeep and driver/guide will be waiting for you on your arrival at Keflavik International Airport, ready to transfer you to the Grimsborgir Hotel just 90 minutes away. Check in and make yourself at home in your villa, complete with fire-place, private hot-tub, fully equipped kitchen, patio and BBQ. There are uninterrupted views of the surrounding countryside and the villa's panoramic windows and hot-tub are ideal spots from which to keep an eye out for the northern lights. Dinner can be taken in the à la carte restaurant in the main lodge.

DAY 2 **Golden Circle.**

Today you will visit three of Iceland's most iconic sights: Thingvellir National Park, where the early Vikings set up the world's first parliament and where the North American and Eurasian tectonic plates are clearly visible. On to the geyser area with bubbling mud pools and Strokkur, which spouts 100 ft. plumes of steam every 5-10 minutes. Finally there is the impressive Gullfoss waterfall with its unique 90° turn.

This is no ordinary excursion, you will be driving off road, crossing glaciers, splashing through rivers and experiencing Iceland's challenging terrain. There is also the opportunity for a snowmobile adventure (supplement applies). Lunch is taken en route (payable locally) alternatively packed lunches can be arranged. Dinner and overnight at the Grimsborgir.

DAY 3 **South Coast.**

Today's adventure takes you along the diverse landscape of the South Coast, including striking waterfalls (you can walk behind Seljalandsfoss and climb to the top of Skógafoss). Whereas the black sands at Vik draw a distinct contrast.



We also recommend taking a trek on the sweet-natured Icelandic horse (supplement applies). Choose to return to the Grimsborgir for dinner or dine at a restaurant recommended by your guide.

DAY 4 **Borgarfjord & Icecave.**

Each day is tailored to suit you and today is no exception. This tour will take you to the hot springs of Deildartunguhver, the water from which is used to heat the towns of Borgarnes and Akranes. You will also be driven to the wonderful Hraunfossar cascading falls, and visit the ice cave, man-made ice tunnels that take you deep into the glacier. Entry to the ice cave is included. This is perfect for any family who want to combine awe-inspiring scenery with plenty of action.

DAY 5 **Blue Lagoon and UK.**

After bidding a reluctant farewell to the Grimsborgir, head to the airport, stopping en route at the Blue Lagoon, where you can immerse yourselves in the soothing milky blue water, before your return to the UK.

WHAT'S INCLUDED

- Return international flights from a choice of regional UK departures
- Super Jeep and services of a private driver/guide for 5 days
- 4 nights at the Grimsborgir Hotel in a 3-bedroom deluxe villa
- Breakfast throughout. Half-board and lunches can be arranged at a supplement
- Entry, towels, drink and skin-care sample at the Blue Lagoon
- Supplements apply to some additional activities mentioned such as snowmobile, horse-riding and helicopter excursions
- Price based on 4 people travelling together



OCTOBER - MARCH

AURORA NIGHTS & ICELAND'S NATURAL WONDERS

LOCALLY GUIDED GROUP ADVENTURE



5 DAYS FROM
£1130 PP



Sit back on this exciting guided tour and spend days discovering Iceland's legendary natural wonders and nights under a canopy of stars in search of the aurora borealis. Take in the geyser that gave the world the name; Gullfoss, the golden waterfall; Jökulsárlón, the iceberg lagoon and Eyjafjallajökull, which erupted with such spectacular consequences in 2010.

SUGGESTED 5 DAY ITINERARY

DAY 1 UK to Reykjavik.

▼ Fly direct to Keflavik from a choice of regional airports. Transfer on arrival and check in to the CenterHotel Plaza. Acquaint yourself with the historic city centre and enjoy an early dinner in one of the many local restaurants. Don't forget to sign up for the northern lights wake-up alert before retiring.

DAY 2 Golden Circle.

▼ After breakfast you will meet your qualified, local guide and like-minded travellers, before heading to see the trio of sites known as the Golden Circle. Thingvellir National Park was the location for Iceland's first parliament and is where you can see the dramatic rift valley which caused the movement of the American and Eurasian tectonic plates. Stop at the geysir area where, amongst the bubbling fumaroles and hot springs, Strokkur spouts impressively every 5-10 minutes. Onwards to Gullfoss, the waterfall that plummets 32m before twisting and tumbling on down a steep canyon.

Along the way you will stop at a stud farm breeding the easy-going 5-gaited Icelandic horse. Alongside is a tomato farm which utilises the ample supply of geothermal water to produce tomatoes year-round. Pausing at Eyjafjallajökull Visitor Centre, you can view a short film showing the fortitude of the local farmers following the 2010 eruption, before arriving at your countryside accommodation, the Hotel Katla, your base for the next 2 nights. After dinner (pay locally) you will head out into the local surroundings in search of the northern lights.



DAY 3 Glacier Lagoon.

▼ After breakfast you will drive further along the south-east coast across bridges fording dramatic outwash plains, interspersed with black sand beaches and lava fields, to Jökulsárlón Glacier Lagoon. The luminous blue icebergs float in the lagoon for several years, gradually sculpting themselves into varying shapes before finally working their way out to sea. Return to Vik via Skaftafell National Park on the southern edge of the mighty Vatnajökull Glacier. Dinner and another chance for an aurora search at Hotel Katla, if not seen on the previous evening.

DAY 4 Volcanos and Waterfalls.

▼ Today you will return along the south coast, stopping at two of Iceland's plunge waterfalls. Seljalandsfoss, which spills straight off the cliffs of the former coastline and Skógafoss, which often welcomes you with a rainbow. The last call of the day is the Blue Lagoon and a chance to bathe in the soothing milky blue waters before bidding farewell to your travel companions. Overnight at the CenterHotel Plaza.

DAY 5 Return to the UK

□ Explore Reykjavik before your transfer to Keflavik and flight home.

WHAT'S INCLUDED

- Return international flights from a choice of regional UK departures
- 4 nights' accommodation with private WC/ shower • Breakfast throughout
- Standard room at CenterHotel Plaza and at Hotel Katla
- Fully escorted tour from AM on Day 2 until PM on Day 4 with services of local guide
- Entry to and bathing in the Blue Lagoon • Return airport/hotel shuttle bus transfers
- Northern lights presentations and searches as specified on Day 2 and 3

 OCTOBER - MARCH

LUXURY FIRE AND ICE

INDEPENDENT TAILOR-MADE
ITINERARY

Juxtapose the fine polished beauty of The Retreat Hotel with the wild and untamed charm of the Icelandic countryside with this itinerary. Both the ION Adventure Hotel and The Retreat offer a glimpse into the land of fire and ice, where you can relax in the milky blue waters, snowmobile on the Langjokull Glacier or explore the beautiful scenery on horseback.

With private transfers throughout, you will have the opportunity to appreciate the spectacular landscape of this unique country.



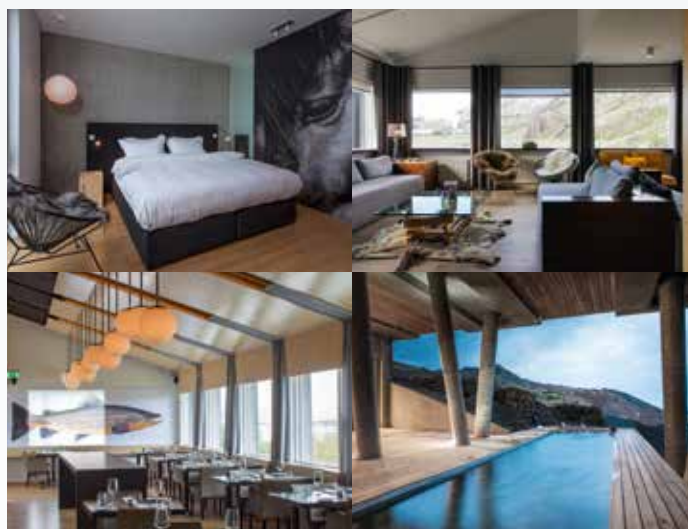
YOUR ACCOMMODATION

ION ADVENTURE HOTEL

The edgy former staff building of a nearby geothermal powerplant doesn't sound like the most beautiful of structures, however, the ION Adventure Hotel won't disappoint in style or substance. The modern building contrasts perfectly against the backdrop of its surrounding untamed wilderness. It offers luxury accommodation within easy reach of nearby sights of natural interest such as Thingvellir National Park and the erupting geysers that Iceland is so famous for.

THE RETREAT HOTEL

The Retreat Hotel opened in 2018 and is built into an 800-year-old lava flow on the south shore of the Blue Lagoon, tapping into the same volcanic aquifer of geothermal saltwater. Each of the suites has minimalist design with floor-to-ceiling windows and the Retreat Spa offers a unique treatment called the Blue Lagoon Ritual where you experience the revitalisation of the geothermal seawater. The Moss Restaurant is billed as a foodie destination, highlighting the country's culinary heritage.





6 DAYS FROM
£4550 PP



SUGGESTED 6 DAY ITINERARY

DAY 1 Fly to Iceland.

▼ Fly to Keflavik Airport, where you will be met by your private driver and travel for an hour through Iceland's unique landscape and then check in to the ION Adventure Hotel. You'll quickly feel relaxed with the tranquility of the rugged landscape that surrounds you and enjoy the Nordic cuisine in the Silfra Restaurant.

DAY 2 ION Adventure Hotel.

▼ After a hearty breakfast, you will be able to choose from some optional excursions. Take a tour combining the Golden Circle's main sights with a snowmobile ride on Langjökull glacier. Alternatively, you could venture out into the beautiful scenery by horseback, riding along mountains and into a volcanic area where lava fields, green moss, rocky mountains and Lake Pingvallavatn delight your eyes. Return to the hotel and relax in the sauna and outdoor pool, before dinner.

DAY 3- The Retreat Hotel.

DAY 5 Travel by private transfer to the Retreat Hotel where you can check in to your suite. Start the next day in the spa, where you will be served a lavish à la carte breakfast – a great start before a long day of treatments and lagoon immersions. If you want to be a little more active, you can join one of the morning yoga classes or guided hikes.

Take some time during your stay to visit Iceland's capital, Reykjavik, which is just 50 minutes away by car. Enjoy a stroll around the old town and a trip to the soaring Hallgrímskirkja before returning to The Retreat Hotel for dinner at either the Moss Restaurant, where every table has a clear line of sight through the floor-to-ceiling windows, or for more relaxed dining the Spa or Lava Restaurant.

DAY 6 Return to the UK.

□ After breakfast, take the private transfer back to Keflavik Airport for your return flight back to the UK.



The Retreat



WHAT'S INCLUDED

- Return flights to Reykjavik
- Private transfers throughout
- 2 nights at the ION Adventure Hotel
- 3 nights at the Retreat Hotel
- Breakfast throughout
- A seven-course dinner at the Moss Restaurant at the Retreat Hotel
- A three-course dinner at the Spa or Lava Restaurant at the Retreat Hotel
- Private wine tasting with the Sommelier
- Access to the Retreat Spa and The Blue Lagoon
- Morning yoga and guided group guide hikes at the Retreat Hotel

ROMANTIC ICELAND

INDEPENDENT TAILOR-MADE
SELF-DRIVE ITINERARY



5 DAYS FROM
£1150 PP



Head for the diverse and magical landscape of the Snaefellsnes Peninsula, home to the towering Snaefellsjökull Glacier, and a magnificent coastline with exceptional geological formations. This area provided the inspiration for Jules Verne's novel, 'Journey to the Centre of the Earth'. On the coast, in the very heart of the Snaefellsjökull National Park, lies the luxurious Hotel Budir, co-existing in harmony with its unique natural surroundings.

SUGGESTED 5 DAY ITINERARY

DAY 1 Fly to Keflavik.

Travel from a choice of regional airports and collect your hire car. Drive the short distance to the Northern Light Inn or stop off along the way at the Blue Lagoon, where a relaxing soak in the milky blue waters will be a perfect start to your romantic break. You may even spot the northern lights from the rooftop Aurora lounge at the Northern Lights Inn.

DAY 2 Snaefellsbaer.

After a leisurely breakfast set off for the Snaefellsnes Peninsula. It is a three hour scenic drive with plenty to see along the way so allow plenty of time. Near Borgarnes there are lava caves and remarkable rock formations as well as natural, warm springs. See the imposing basalt columns at Gerduberg before arriving at Hotel Budir, the base for your romantic retreat. Dine in the candlelit restaurant and perhaps be treated to a dazzling display of the aurora before you retire in this haven of peace and tranquillity.

DAY 3- At leisure.

Your itinerary and sightseeing options will be determined by your dates of travel as well as local weather conditions. The surrounding area plays host to spectacular rock formations and lava caves, with the charming fishing village of Hellnar, set beneath the impressive Snaefellsjökull Glacier. Kirkjufell is believed to be one of the most beautiful mountains in Iceland, with its breathtaking waterfalls. In winter Kolgrafafjordur becomes a sanctuary for wildlife seeking the sustenance given by the migrating herring. Stay overnight at Hotel Budir.

DAY 5 Return to the UK.

Following breakfast depart for Keflavik airport, returning your hire car in time for your return flight home.



YOUR ACCOMMODATION

HOTEL BUDIR

This beautiful countryside hotel sits in a lava field on the edge of the Snaefellsnes Peninsula in West Iceland. Offering stunning views out across the Snaefellsjökull Glacier and the Budir Estuary, the hotel offers a choice of charming deluxe and loft rooms. Each one is unique in style and décor, mixing modern essential conveniences (Wi-Fi and private en suite WC/ bathtub and shower) with an eclectic mix of rustic chic furnishings, creating the perfect ambience for a romantic break.

The hotel's kitchen has long been renowned as a 'Mecca' of Icelandic cooking with the restaurant serving up a stunning collection of fish dishes, original starters and desserts. Its warm ambience and eclectic charm make for an unforgettable stay. You are sure to enjoy the cosy sitting room with its mahogany bookcases, Chesterfield sofas, walls laden with framed pictures and authentic open fire, as well as the candle-lit restaurant serving elegantly presented food.

WHAT'S INCLUDED

- Return international flights from a choice of regional UK departures
- 4 days (4 x 24hr) Group F (Toyota RAV4) car hire including unlimited mileage, theft protection, CDW and all applicable taxes.
- Free GPS navigation system and road map.
- 4 nights' accommodation in twin room with private WC/ shower
- Breakfast throughout



SEPTEMBER - APRIL

WINTER MAGIC IN NORTH ICELAND

INDEPENDENT TAILOR-MADE
ITINERARY



8 DAYS FROM
£1700PP



Enjoy a journey off the beaten track in North Iceland, a region of large contrasts and small distances. Natural adventures include hot springs, geothermal baths, amazing lava formations and Dettifoss, Europe's most powerful waterfall. Lying 300m above sea level, Mývatn enjoys auspicious conditions for the northern lights, which can illuminate the dark night sky, along with the distant red glow of Holuhraun lava field, where winter brings its own set of pursuits.

SUGGESTED 8 DAY ITINERARY

DAY 1- Arrival at Reykjavik

DAY 2 Transfer by shuttle bus to the Hotel Plaza for 2 nights. Enjoy historic Reykjavik & choose from a wide range of excursions - see page 95.

DAY 3 Lake Mývatn.

Self-transfer to Reykjavik domestic airport for the short flight to Akureyri, where you will be met on arrival. Your guided transfer includes a stop at Godafoss, where during the winter, frozen tentacles adorn the edge of the horseshoe-shaped falls. Check in to Sel Hotel Mývatn, before an afternoon of sightseeing, which includes the knotted tangle of the Dimmuborgir lava fields and the bubbling mud pools at Hveraleira.

DAY 4 At leisure.

Head off on an action-packed optional excursion - choose from our favourites on the right. Dine at the hotel. If the northern lights show, you can turn the street lamps off, intensifying your experience.

DAY 5 Super Jeep tour to Dettifoss.

Travel by Super Jeep to see nature at its most powerful. The Dettifoss waterfall assaults the senses. The drive also takes you to Selfoss and the basalt canyon of the river Jökulsá.

DAY 6 At leisure.

Today is free for your chosen activity. We suggest Mývatn Nature Baths, where the rich combinations of natural minerals are sure to revitalise and rejuvenate. Dine at the hotel.

DAY 7 Reykjavik.

After breakfast, return to Akureyri for the early afternoon flight back to Reykjavik. Make your own way to the Hotel Plaza for a final evening in Iceland.

DAY 8 Return to the UK.

Transfer back to Keflavik airport in time for your flight home.



OPTIONAL EXCURSIONS:

SNOWMOBILE TOURS

Enjoy a ½ hour introductory snowmobile tour or 1-hour snowmobile tour of the pearls surrounding Lake Mývatn from: **£125/£190pp** (2 people sharing).

OFF ROAD & HIDDEN WONDERS

Super Jeep tour of the hidden gems of Mývatn including the craters of Lúdent from: **£260pp**.

NORTHERN LIGHTS HUNT

Set out for an evening adventure in search of the aurora. Cake and hot chocolate included from: **£150pp**.

MÝVATN NATURE BATHS

Soak in the milky waters of this natural geothermal pool from: **£39pp**.

HORSE RIDING WITH THE HORSEMAN OF ÁLFTAGERDI

A gentle 1-hour trek into the natural surroundings from: **£80pp**.

CULTURE TOUR

Gain insight to the Icelandic way of life.

Visit a folk museum & the whale museum at Húsavik from: **£192pp**.

WHAT'S INCLUDED

- Return international & domestic flights from UK to Keflavik and Akureyri
- Return airport/hotel transfers from Keflavik International Airport and Mývatn
- 7 nights accommodation with breakfast throughout
- Evening meal in Mývatn • Super Jeep excursion to Dettifoss



NOVEMBER - MARCH

ULTIMATE ICELAND EXPERIENCE

INDEPENDENT TAILOR-MADE ITINERARY

Combine a short stay in Reykjavik, Iceland's capital with an immersive experience at Deplar Farm, located in the Fljot Valley on the mountainous Troll Peninsula in Northern Iceland. Iceland's unique geological history has created an environment that is truly stunning. Mountains rise up from the sea along the fjords on the Troll Peninsula. The island is full of geothermal vents below the surface which form numerous hot springs throughout the country.



YOUR ACCOMMODATION

HOTEL BORG

The Hotel Borg overlooks the beautiful square of Austurvöllur, in the heart of Reykjavik, across from Althingi, the Icelandic parliament and the cathedral. The Borg, which has become one of Reykjavik's landmarks has 99 rooms and suites and is decorated in Art Deco style throughout.

DEPLAR FARM

Deplar Farm is a remote luxury getaway, and the perfect place for an Icelandic adventure. Today's modern structure celebrates a rugged past, and honours authentic Icelandic architecture, blending into the natural landscape with its black timber cladding and living roof. The 13 en suite bedrooms are beautifully designed with natural colours used throughout and offer fantastic views, of either the dramatic mountains or the peaceful lake. Meals are designed to recharge you after your exhilarating adventures while bringing the surrounding nature to your plate. Fresh produce is provided by local farmers and ingredients are locally-sourced, resulting in a contemporary Icelandic cuisine that celebrates the natural resources of the country. Garðar Garðarsson, was Iceland's 2018 chef of the year and prepares traditional Icelandic meals with modern techniques for all guests.



Hotel Borg



6 DAYS FROM
£5350 PP



Your stay will include a customised adventure itinerary, so you can be as active or relaxed as you'd like. The area is a gateway for adventures ranging from skiing to whale watching; and is the perfect location for viewing the aurora borealis due to its lack of artificial light. All equipment and guides necessary for activities are included, as well as chef prepared breakfast, lunch, and dinner throughout your stay. You will have an organic fresh food minibar and Icelandic craft brews and wines from Deplar's extensive cellar can be paired with any meal. Other facilities include a geothermal indoor/outdoor pool with swim up bar and a spa facility with sauna, steam rooms and hot tubs.

SUGGESTED 6 DAY ITINERARY

DAY 1 **Fly to Reykjavik.**

▽ Fly to Keflavik airport where you will be met by a private driver for your transfer to the Hotel Borg.

DAY 2 **Optional Excursions in Reykjavik.**

▽ Choose from a variety of excursions including a private Superjeep tour of the Golden Circle, a visit to the Blue Lagoon or an Arctic Truck Experience. In the evening there are a number of restaurants where you can try out locally sourced products.

DAY 3 **Deplar Farm.**

▽ Transfer to Keflavik airport for your onward flight to Akureyri where you will be met and transferred to the luxurious Deplar Farm. Settle in to your room, relax in the spa and then enjoy dinner in the restaurant.

DAY 4- **Deplar Farm.**

DAY 5 You can choose from a number of activities during your stay, from cross country and on piste skiing; snowmobiling around the valley surrounding the farm and whale watching – this is a prime spot for viewing white beaked dolphins, orca, humpback and blue whales. You also have full use of the swimming pools and spa area.

DAY 6 **Return to the UK.**

□ After breakfast transfer to the airport in time for your return flight back to the UK via Keflavik.



WHAT'S INCLUDED

- Return flights to Reykjavik and connecting flights to Akureyri
- Return airport/hotel private transfers
- 2 nights' at Hotel Borg and 3 nights' at Deplar Farm in suite accommodation
- Full Board and activity programme at Deplar Farm

NORTHERN LIGHTS AROUND ICELAND

LOCALLY GUIDED GROUP ADVENTURE



Join this small group escorted tour travelling to the North, East and South of Iceland in pursuit of the northern lights. Explore Akureyri, Lake Mývatn and the East Fjords. Visit Vatnajökull glacier and Jökulsárlón ice lagoon and enjoy the Golden Circle classics. Delve into hot springs, walk through volcanic landscapes and observe Arctic wildlife. Each overnight stop has been hand-picked to maximise your chances of catching a glimpse of the awesome aurora.

SUGGESTED 8 DAY ITINERARY

DAY 1 Fly to Keflavik International Airport - Reykjavik.

Transfer to the Fosshotel Baron, in the heart of Reykjavik. The afternoon and evening is at leisure to explore this vibrant city.

DAY 2 Akureyri & Lake Mývatn.

Meet your guide for an early transfer to Reykjavik domestic airport for the short 45-minute flight to Akureyri, the capital of North Iceland. After exploring this charming town, it is on to Goðafoss, Europe's most powerful waterfall. Next stop is Lake Mývatn, stopping off to walk through the bizarre lava formations at Dimmuborgir. Overnight and dinner is at Sel Hotel Mývatn, where the evening is spent learning about the northern lights and relaxing at Mývatn Nature Baths.

DAY 3 East Iceland.

Today's adventure starts after breakfast with a visit to the Mývatn bird museum and the hot spring area of Námaskarð, with its bubbling mud pools. East Iceland beckons as you cross the uninhabited highlands and navigate the moonlike surroundings, home to the Arctic fox and reindeer. Dinner and overnight at Hotel Hallormstaður, located in Iceland's largest forest, a perfect setting for hunting the aurora.

DAY 4 Meet the locals.

After a walk through the arboretum, you will head to the charming sea-side village of Eskilfjörður. Here, you will visit a seaman's lodge and, if you are feeling strong, taste the locally produced shark meat, dried fish and Brennivin schnapps. Later, Ms Oskarsdottir, a local aurora specialist, will regale you with her aurora encounters and, if the conditions are favourable, lead you to her favoured northern lights spot, just outside the village. Dinner and overnight at Fosshotel Fáskrúdsfjörður.

DAY 5 Glaciers & Ice.

Today's journey winds through dramatic fjord landscapes and tiny fishing villages, before arriving at Jökulsárlón Glacier Lagoon, filled



with sculpted floating icebergs. Continue through Vatnajökull National Park before arriving at the Fosshotel Núpar. This remote location is a renowned aurora area.

DAY 6 South Coast.

Marvel at the varied landscapes of the South Coast, including black sand beaches, mountainous cliffs and some of Iceland's most impressive waterfalls. A visit to the Eyjafjallajökull Information Centre is an enlightening experience. Overnight at the Grimsborgir Hotel, where after dinner, you can keep an eye out for an overhead dancing display of the aurora from the hotel's outdoor hot tubs.

DAY 7 Golden Circle.

Today you will visit a trio of Iceland's most iconic sights. First the geyser geothermal pools, then Gullfoss waterfall and on to Thingvellir National Park. This is followed by the highlights of Reykjavik, before overnighting at the Fosshotel Baron and dining at one of the many local restaurants (payable locally).

DAY 8 Return to the UK.

A leisurely breakfast before your return flight home.

WHAT'S INCLUDED

- Return international flights from a choice of regional UK departures.
- Flight from Reykjavik domestic airport to Akureyri
- Return airport/hotel shuttle transfers
- 7 nights' accommodation in a twin room with private WC/shower
- Breakfast throughout, 5 x 2-course dinners and 5 x midnight refreshments
- Entry to Mývatn Nature Baths and Bird Museum at Lake Mývatn
- Meet the locals tour and tastings

 OCTOBER - MARCH

NORTH ICELAND AURORA CHALLENGE

LOCALLY GUIDED SMALL GROUP
ADVENTURE



8 DAYS FROM
£3480



This small group tour (maximum 16 people) accompanied by a local expert, enables you to visit those destinations which are not usually seen by larger groups, exploring Iceland's raw natural environment. It also maximises your chances of witnessing the northern lights, including 5 evenings of lectures, presentations and guided searches. You will take in museum visits, culinary experiences, a stay in Iceland's northernmost town, and even a snowshoe hike in a lava labyrinth.

SUGGESTED 8 DAY ITINERARY

DAY 1 Fly to Keflavik International airport - Reykjavik.

▽ Fly from a choice of regional airports. Take the airport shuttle bus service to your hotel. Rest of the day at leisure.

DAY 2 Siglufjörður.

▽ After breakfast meet your guide and fellow travellers for the fascinating 400 km journey north. On the way, you will drive through mountain passes and along the shores of scenic fjords, stopping en route to climb the Grabrok volcano crater, visit a natural history and seal museum and stop at the turf church of Vidimyri. Stay overnight in Siglufjörður, one of Iceland's prettiest towns and its most northern, at the Hotel Siglo. Enjoy the evening at leisure.

DAY 3 Explore Siglufjörður and head for Lake Myvatn.

▽ Enjoy a morning exploring this delightful harbour town. Drive along Eyjafjörður, Iceland's longest fjord, explore the Tröllaskagi Peninsula and stop at a deserted fjord valley, before tasting the beer at a local microbrewery. Continue to Lake Mývatn, and the Sel Hotel, your home for the next 3 nights. Dinner and an evening lecture about the aurora followed by a search for the northern lights.

DAY 4 Trolls & Snow adventures in Lake Myvatn.

▽ Today's highlights are a walk through the lava formations of Dimmuborgir (if snowy, a snowshoe walk) said to be inhabited by trolls. Return to the hotel for a light lunch. Afternoon at leisure. After dinner enjoy a relaxing soak at Lake Mývatn Nature Baths and a northern lights hunt.

DAY 5 Exploring Lake Myvatn.

▽ Take an easy guided walk around Lake Mývatn, renowned for its lava formations and bird life. Visit the hot spring area of Námaskarð with its bubbling mud pools and steaming solfataras for a chance to taste traditional dark bread baked underground in the geothermal heat. After dinner, enjoy a video about the northern lights.



DAY 6 Akureyri.

▽ Visit the bird museum and travel to Goðafoss, the waterfall of the Gods. Next stop is the Christmas Garden, a museum and shop focused on Icelandic Christmas traditions. The afternoon is free to explore Akureyri, the capital of North Iceland. Dine at leisure and depending on the conditions, there is a short excursion to hunt the aurora borealis.

DAY 7 Return to Reykjavik.

▽ Return to Reykjavik via a western route over the mountains to Skagafjörður. Visit the folk museum and turf farm at Glaumbær. Enjoy a guided tour of the only tannery in Europe making fish leather. Stop for coffee and cake and learn about the Icelandic horse. Check in to the Keahotel Skuggi for your last night. Evening at leisure in Reykjavik.

DAY 8 Return to the UK.

□ Enjoy a leisurely breakfast before taking the shuttle bus back to the airport in time for your flight home. We can arrange for you to visit the Blue Lagoon for a final Icelandic experience (supplement applies).
NB: You will spend an average of 3 hours on the bus each day.

WHAT'S INCLUDED

- Return flights from a choice of regional departures
- Return airport-hotel transfers • 7 nights' accommodation including breakfast
- Fully escorted 6-day bus tour with an English-speaking guide and excursions/activities as per itinerary
- 2x light lunch, 3x 3-course dinner and 3x midnight refreshments
- Use of winter & northern lights explorer equipment: simple non-slip snow & ice gripper spikes for shoes and a flash light



GREENLAND

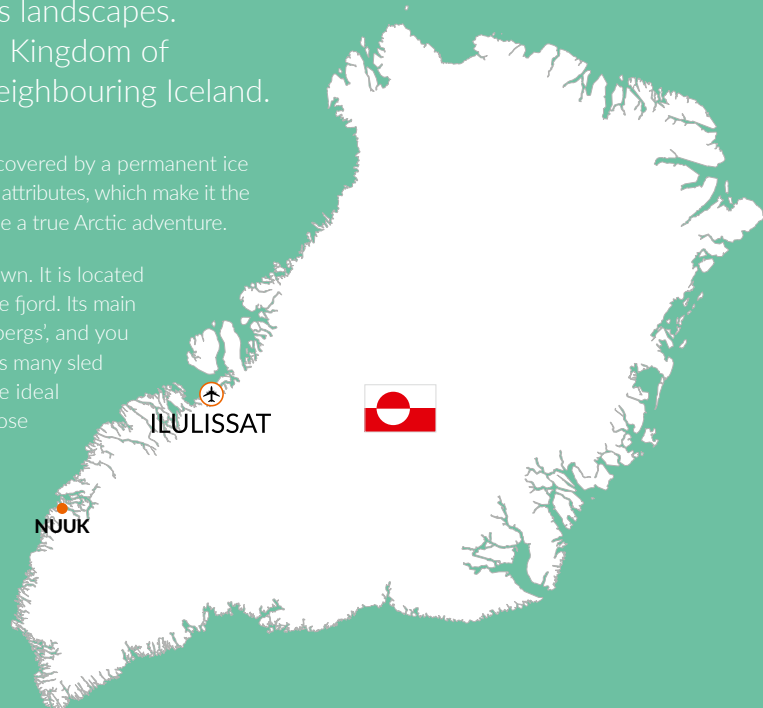
Our Greenlandic Experiences

Greenland is the world's largest island and offers a warm welcome combined with dramatic mountainous landscapes. It is an autonomous constituent country of the Kingdom of Denmark with ties to Denmark, Norway and neighbouring Iceland.

Most of its inhabitants are Inuit and three quarters of its land mass is covered by a permanent ice sheet. It is also the world's least densely populated territory. These are all attributes, which make it the perfect choice for those who want to get away from it all and experience a true Arctic adventure.

Ilulissat, formerly known as Jakobshavn, is Greenland's third largest town. It is located 250kms north of the Arctic Circle, perched on the edge of a stunning ice fjord. Its main claim to fame is its breath-taking icebergs. In fact its name means 'icebergs', and you can hear their cracking and rumbling sounds wherever you go. Almost as many sled dogs as human inhabitants live here and its rugged mountains are the ideal spot for a Nordic adventure. Cruise the fjord to see the icebergs up close or take a trip across the frozen landscape by dog-sled or snowshoe.

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COPENHAGEN

Denmark has been consistently voted the happiest country on Earth and a visit to its capital, Copenhagen, will show you why. In fact, Copenhagen may just be synonymous with that well-known Danish concept: 'hygge'. The city is sure to bring a smile to your face with its world-renowned gastronomy. It is a hub of art and culture and its pretty cobblestoned streets and canals come into their own in winter. Try ice-skating in one of the city's outdoor rinks and warm up with a unique sauna experience afterwards or a glass of Danish mulled wine, known as gløgg.

Copenhagen is home to distinctive and innovative dining, from Michelin-starred restaurants such as Noma to informal bistros. Winter is the perfect season to explore Copenhagen's many museums, scattered throughout the city, boasting a treasure trove of Scandinavian culture. A visit to the tiny but iconic Little Mermaid is a must. Enjoy the laid-back atmosphere of Nyhavn, the waterfront district with its picturesque 17th century town houses and be charmed and thrilled by the 165 year-old Tivoli amusement park. Christmas is an enchanting time in the Danish capital, when its streets are filled with bustling Christmas markets. Meanwhile, February sees the city's annual Light Festival.

Head out of the city to visit the nearby fairytale castles of Frederiksborg and Kronberg, immortalised in Shakespeare's 'Hamlet'. Copenhagen is connected to Malmö in Sweden by the famous Øresund bridge.



STOPOVER

Stopover on the way to Illulissat, Greenland
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71 NYHAVN HOTEL

This atmospheric luxury hotel is housed in converted warehouses situated on the waterfront, where Nyhavn Canal and the harbour meet. Rooms vary in size and are decorated in keeping with the style of this beautiful old warehouse. Unique works of art are proudly displayed in the reception and public areas. The brand new restaurant is SEA by Kiin Kiin offering Southeast Asian cuisine and decorated in colonial Hong Kong style. Its big sister, the original Kiin Kiin has a Michelin star, so you are sure to be in for a culinary treat.

FEATURES

- Nyhavn harbour waterfront location
- COBRA art collection
- A la carte restaurant

ROOM FACILITIES

En suite shower or bath and WC, free Wi-Fi, TV, minifridge, hairdryer, safe box, tea- and coffee-making facilities.

GUIDE PRICE

3 nights / 4 days from **£545pp**.

Including flights from UK to Copenhagen. 3 nights accommodation, B&B.



FIRST HOTEL MAYFAIR

Located less than 10 minutes walk from Tivoli Gardens, the First Hotel Mayfair is a perfect base for exploring Copenhagen. The building dates from the early 1900s, whereas the rooms boast a more contemporary, boutique flavour. Start the day with a vast buffet breakfast and end with a relaxing drink in the cosy library lounge or courtyard. If you want to enjoy the city like a local, rent a bike from reception.

FEATURES

- Charming boutique-style hotel
- Convenient central location
- Friendly service

ROOM FACILITIES

En suite shower and WC, free Wi-Fi, flat screen TV, minifridge. Some rooms have tea and coffee-making facilities.

GUIDE PRICE

3 nights / 4 days from **£295pp**.

Including flights from UK to Copenhagen. 3 nights accommodation, B&B.



FEBRUARY - MARCH

VOLCANOES AND ICE IN ICELAND AND GREENLAND

INDEPENDENT TAILOR-MADE ITINERARY WITH LOCAL GUIDE



7 DAYS FROM
£2995



THIS HOLIDAY IS TAILOR-MADE ON REQUEST
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This spectacular two country holiday allows you to explore both Iceland and Greenland. Start in Reykjavik and visit Iceland's dramatic wonders such as her geysers, Gullfoss waterfall and dramatic Thingvellir National Park, where the tectonic plates meet. Continue your adventure in Ilulissat, on the west coast of Greenland, some 300 kms north of the Polar Circle, home to icebergs and a fascinating culture. It boasts spectacular dogsledding adventures and vivid northern light displays.

SUGGESTED 7 DAY ITINERARY

DAY 1 **Travel to Keflavik International airport-Reykjavik.**

Leaving from a choice of regional UK airports where, on arrival, you will take the airport shuttle bus into the capital, Reykjavik and your chosen hotel to spend the rest of the day at leisure.

DAY 2 **Golden Circle Excursion and Iceland Fish Supper.**

Enjoy a hearty breakfast, before joining a full day excursion around the Golden Circle, a trio of Iceland's most iconic sights. First stop is Thingvellir National Park, then on to Gullfoss waterfall with its unique 90° turn and the bubbling geyser area, where Strokkur spurts a steaming stream of water up to 40m into the air. Dinner is taken at the atmospheric Reykjavik Restaurant, just a short walk from your hotel, offering an extensive seafood buffet, showcasing the best of local produce.

DAY 3 **Take the 3 hour 11.45 flight to Ilulissat.**

If the skies are clear you may see from the air just how vast and remote Greenland is. On arrival you will be met by your local guide and transferred to the Hotel Arctic. After checking in, enjoy an information meeting and a guided city walk of Ilulissat, set on the breath-taking Ilulissat Icefjord. Enjoy a delicious welcome dinner with your fellow travellers at the Hotel Arctic, remembering to keep an eye out for the northern lights from the panoramic windows.

DAY 4 **Day free for Optional Excursions.**

See our website for details of our excursions, all designed to introduce you to the spectacular nature that surrounds Ilulissat, Greenland's third largest town. Its population is just 4,500, almost matched by the number of dogs living here. With no roads, husky sledding remains the favoured form of transport. Take a boat trip on the Icefjord, where gigantic icebergs will take your breath away.



Visit isolated settlements by snowshoeing or search for the northern lights.

DAY 5 **Day Free for Optional Excursions.**

Another free day for you to choose an excursion. Once again, your local guide is on hand to help. There is a farewell dinner at the Hotel Arctic. Due to availability, we recommend that you pre-book your excursions.

DAY 6 **Return to Reykjavik.**

The return flight to Reykjavik leaves around noon, so there is still time to enjoy and absorb the atmosphere of this remarkable location, before transferring to the airport. Arrival back in Reykjavik is around 19.00 with the evening at leisure.

DAY 7 **Return to the UK.**

Board the airport shuttle bus to Keflavik International airport in good time for your return flight to the UK. If your flight timing allows we can arrange for you to visit and experience the UNESCO World Heritage site of the Blue Lagoon before continuing on to the airport. (Supplement applies).

WHAT'S INCLUDED

- Return flights from a choice of regional UK airports.
- All airport to hotel transfers in Iceland and Greenland.
- 6 nights' accommodation in standard twin/double room with private WC/shower.
- Breakfast throughout. Dinner on Day 2, 3 and 5
- Services of English speaking local guide from arrival in Ilulissat on Day 3 to Ilulissat departure on Day 6
- Excursions as per itinerary. Other optional excursions available.



NOVEMBER - MARCH

WINTER IMAGES OF ILLULISSAT

INDEPENDENT TAILOR-MADE ITINERARY WITH LOCAL GUIDE



7 DAYS FROM
£2660



THIS HOLIDAY IS TAILOR-MADE ON REQUEST
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Greenland is a unique destination and a winter break offers a truly memorable experience. At this time fjords and bays freeze over and everyday life adapts to the season. Boats are exchanged for huskies and snowmobiles, the Midnight Sun for northern lights. Travel to Ilulissat, 250 km north of the Arctic Circle, perched on the edge of a UNESCO World Heritage icefjord. View this breathtaking landscape and gain an insight into the lives of the Greenlandic people.

SUGGESTED 7 DAY ITINERARY

DAY 1 Fly to Copenhagen

Stay overnight at the Hilton Copenhagen Airport. A direct metro link from here will whizz you into central Copenhagen in a mere 13 minutes, should you wish to sample some of the city's delights.

DAY 2 Ilulissat.

Take the morning flight to Kangerlussuaq then onwards to Ilulissat. Both flights can offer amazing views of the icy landscape and illustrate the sheer scale, barren wilderness and challenges that face the tiny population of Greenland. On arrival, meet your local guide, transfer to the Hotel Arctic, check in and attend an information meeting. In order to familiarise yourself with your surroundings there is a guided walk of the town. Return to the Hotel Arctic for a welcome dinner.

DAY 3- Ilulissat.

We have left these days free for optional excursions (see website for details). Activities will be dependent on ice and weather conditions, so an adaptable approach may be needed. Open water is expected until late November, but could last all winter. Snow is expected from early December. The northern lights are visible from September – March. Your local guide is on hand to assist should any pre-booked options need rescheduling. On your final night in Ilulissat there is a farewell dinner, and an opportunity to share your experiences with fellow guests.

DAY 6 Return to Copenhagen.

After breakfast, transfer to the airport for your return flight (via Kangerlussuaq) Overnight again at Hilton Copenhagen Airport.

DAY 7 Return to the UK,

Breakfast and choose your return flight home to suit any further shopping or sightseeing requirements.



YOUR ACCOMMODATION

HOTEL ARCTIC

The 4* Hotel Arctic is located on a rocky headland with uninterrupted views over the town and the UNESCO World Heritage site of the Ilulissat Icefjord. Erik Bjerregaard has, over the years, extended the original property which now offers a wide choice of accommodation. The standard Puisi rooms with Philip Stark bathrooms, enjoy views of the town and harbour. Upgrade to the contemporary and elegant Umiaq deluxe rooms that enjoy Bang & Olufsen TV's, original Greenlandic art work and guaranteed views of the sea and bergs. Restaurant Ulo is recognised as one of the best in the country. Café Ferdinand is a light and easy alternative offering tea/coffee, cake and what has to be the wildest 'bar menu' where even the bread incorporates seawater from the Icefjord.

OPTIONAL EXCURSIONS

THE ICEBERGS OF SERMERMIUT from: **£60pp.**

HUNTERS' SETTLEMENT RODEBAY from: **£205pp.**

ICEBERG CRUISE BY BOAT from: **£95pp.**

Please see our website for full details.

THIS IS JUST A SMALL SELECTION OF THE EXCURSIONS AVAILABLE
ASK ABOUT THE FULL RANGE WE CAN OFFER

WHAT'S INCLUDED

- Return flights from London to Ilulissat (via Copenhagen and Kangerlussuaq)
- 6 nights' accommodation in standard twin room with private WC/ shower
- Breakfast throughout. Welcome & Farewell Dinner at the Hotel Arctic
- Return airport/hotel shuttle transfers in Ilulissat
- Services of a local guide in Ilulissat

TERMS & CONDITIONS

The following Booking Conditions form the basis of your contract with Colchester Travel Limited t/a Nordic Experience or Discovery Collection registered at 39 Crouch Street, Colchester, CO3 3EN, United Kingdom. Company registration no. 2496140. Colchester Travel can be contacted on +44(0)1206 708888 or via reservations@NordicExperience.co.uk. Please read the conditions carefully as they set out our respective rights and obligations.

In these Booking Conditions, "you" and "your" means all persons named on the booking (including anyone who is added or substituted at a later date). "We", "us" and "our" mean Colchester Travel Limited.

1. MAKING A RESERVATION

(a) To make a reservation your party leader must complete and sign a Booking Form accepting these Booking Conditions on behalf of all members of your party. In addition, you must pay us a non-refundable deposit. The deposit we require is a minimum of £150 per person, or 10% of the total price of your holiday, whichever is the greater. In certain circumstances we may require a higher deposit and you will be advised at the time of booking as to this charge. This could be for certain villa bookings, cruises, published fare flights and peak season payment terms from our suppliers. The deposit must accompany the signed Booking Form. If we do not receive a signed booking form, we shall still determine that on payment of monies to us that you are in agreement with our Booking Conditions. In the event that we are required to make full payment in advance of your holiday to a supplier for any services requested by you as part of your tailor-made holiday, in order to secure such arrangements, we may invoice you immediately for the full amount of that element of your holiday and payment will be due forthwith even if this is more than 10 weeks prior to your departure. If your booking is made within 10 weeks of departure, the full payment for the holiday is due immediately and should accompany this Booking Form.

(b) By making a booking, the first named person on the booking agrees on behalf of all persons detailed on the booking that:
i) He/she has read these Booking Conditions and has the authority to and does agree to be bound by them;
ii) He/she consents to our use of personal data in accordance with our Privacy Policy and is authorised on behalf of all persons named on the booking to disclose their personal details to us, including where applicable, special categories of data (such as information on health conditions or disabilities and dietary requirements);
iii) He/she is over 18 years of age and resident in the United Kingdom and where placing an order for services with age restrictions declares that he/she and all members of the party are of the appropriate age to purchase those services.
iv) He/she accepts financial responsibility for payment of the booking on behalf of all persons detailed on the booking.

(c) Your booking is not accepted until the date shown on the Confirmation Invoice and it is only then that a contract exists between you and us. Once we have received all appropriate payments and the completed Booking Form we will, subject to availability, send you our Confirmation Invoice, usually within 7 days of your booking being confirmed. Approximately 12 weeks before departure, you will be sent a FINAL INVOICE for the full amount payable. The Final Invoice will include any surcharges if applicable. Payment will become due 10 weeks prior to departure. Please check your invoices carefully as soon as you receive them. Contact us immediately if any information that appears on the confirmation or any other document appears to be incorrect or incomplete as it may not be possible to make changes later. We regret we cannot accept any liability if we are not notified of any inaccuracy in any document within 10 days of our sending it out (5 days for tickets). We will do our best to rectify any mistake notified to us outside these time limits, but you must meet any costs involved in doing so. The only exception to this requirement to meet costs is where we made the mistake in question.

For flight inclusive bookings, all monies paid to one of our authorised travel agents for your holiday with us will be held on our behalf until they are paid to us or refunded to you.

2. THE PRICE OF YOUR HOLIDAY

We reserve the right to make changes to and correct errors in advertised prices at any time before your holiday is confirmed. You will be advised of any error of which we are aware and the then applicable price prior to the time that your holiday is confirmed by us. We also reserve the right to correct errors in the price of our confirmed bookings.

Upgrades, holiday extensions or any other variation which you have requested are on a request basis with our suppliers and subject to availability, and prices for these will only be confirmed once the prices and availability has been confirmed by our suppliers. For all holidays, once you have accepted the basic price and a booking has been confirmed, that price is fully guaranteed and will not be subject to any surcharges.

Please note, changes and errors occasionally occur. You must check the price of your chosen holiday at the time of booking.

3. ALTERATIONS BY YOU & TRANSFER OF BOOKING

(a) If you wish to alter any details of your holiday after your Confirmation Invoice has been issued we will do our best to make the alterations (although we cannot guarantee that such alterations will be possible) provided that we are informed of your wish to change no later than 2 weeks prior to departure (other than as set out in (b) and (c) below). For all alterations a £50 administration fee will be charged per booking together with all costs and charges incurred by us or incurred or imposed by our suppliers. A request to alter your holiday details must be made in writing by the person who signed the Booking Form on your behalf (the Party Leader). (b) Requests for Name changes must be made in writing to us not less than two weeks before departure.

Transfer of Booking: if you or any member of your party is prevented from travelling, that person(s) may transfer their place to someone else, subject to the following conditions: i) that person is introduced by you and satisfies all the conditions applicable to the holiday; ii) we are notified not less than 7 days before departure; iii) you pay any outstanding balance payment, an amendment fee of £50 per person transferring, as well as any additional fees, charges or other costs arising from the transfer; and iv) the transferee agrees to these booking conditions and all other terms of the contract between us

You and the transferee remain jointly and severally liable for payment of all sums. If you are unable to find a replacement, cancellation charges as set out in clause 4 will apply in order to cover our estimated costs. Otherwise, no refunds will be given for passengers not travelling or for unused services. Please note: for flight inclusive bookings, you also must pay the charges levied by the airline concerned. As most airlines do not permit name changes after tickets have been issued for any reason, these charges are likely to be the full cost of the flight. (c) Please note: some alterations requested within 2 weeks of departure may be treated as a cancellation and the cancellation charges set out in clause 4 will apply.

4. CANCELLATIONS BY YOU BEFORE DEPARTURE

You may cancel your booking at any time. The person who signed the Booking Form must send us notice of the cancellation in writing. Cancellation will take effect the day we receive this written notification at our offices. If you cancel your holiday prior to the departure date, we will deduct the following charges from the full price of your holiday:

Period before departure in which you notify us	Cancellation Charge
71 days or more	Loss of deposit
70 - 43 days	50% of total holiday cost
42 days or less	100% of total holiday cost

Any advance payments made to suppliers on your behalf as part of their booking conditions that are non-recoverable will also not be refundable. Peak Season charges may differ as some suppliers impose stricter cancellation policies. Peak Season can mean, but is not limited to, Christmas & New Year, Easter and some school holidays. Please ask at the time of booking for full details.

If you cancel your holiday after it has commenced, no refund at all will be given.

Depending on the reason for cancellation, you may be able to reclaim these cancellation charges (less any applicable excess) under the terms of your insurance policy. Claims must be made directly to the insurance company concerned. Please ensure that your insurance policy covers the total cost of your holiday for cancellation purposes.

Where any cancellation reduces the number of full paying party members below the number on which the price, number of free places and/or any concessions agreed for your booking were based, we will recalculate these items and re-invoice you accordingly.

Cancellation by You due to Unavoidable & Extraordinary Circumstances:

You have the right to cancel your confirmed holiday before departure without paying a cancellation charge in the event of "unavoidable and extraordinary circumstances" occurring at your holiday destination or its immediate vicinity and significantly affecting the performance of the holiday or significantly affecting the transport arrangements to the destination. In these circumstances, we shall provide you with a full refund of the monies you have paid but we will not be liable to pay you any additional compensation. Please note that your right to cancel in these circumstances will only apply where the Foreign and Commonwealth Office advises against travel to your destination or its immediate vicinity. For the purposes of this clause, "unavoidable and extraordinary circumstances" means warfare, acts of terrorism, significant risks to human health such as the outbreak of serious disease at the travel destination or natural disasters such as floods, earthquakes or weather conditions which make it impossible to travel safely to the travel destination.

5. ALTERATIONS/CANCELLATION BY US

We start planning the holidays we offer many months in advance. Occasionally, we have to make changes to and correct errors in brochure, website and other details both before and after bookings have been confirmed and cancel confirmed bookings. Whilst we always endeavour to avoid changes and cancellations, we must reserve the right to do so. However, we promise we will only cancel your confirmed booking 10 weeks or less before departure where you have failed to comply with any requirement of these booking conditions entitling us to cancel (such as paying on time) or where we are forced to do so as a result of "force majeure" as defined in clause 10 below. We will not cancel after this date for any other reason.

Changes: Most changes are insignificant. If we make an insignificant change to your holiday, we will make reasonable efforts to inform you or your travel agent as soon as reasonably possible if there is time before your departure, but we will have no liability to you. Examples of insignificant changes include alteration of your outward/return flights by less than 12 hours, changes to aircraft type, change of accommodation to another of the same or higher standard, changes of carriers. Please note that carriers such as airlines used in the brochure may be subject to change.

Occasionally, we have to make a "significant change". Significant changes are likely to include the following changes when made before departure: a) a change of accommodation to that of a lower official classification or standard for the whole or a significant part of the time you are away, b) a change of accommodation area for the whole or a significant part of the time you are away, c) a change of outward departure time or overall length of your arrangements by more than twelve hours, d) a change of UK departure point except between: i) The London airports: Gatwick, Heathrow, Luton, Stansted, London City and Southend ii) The South Coast airports: Southampton, Bournemouth and Exeter iii) The South Western airports: Cardiff and Bristol iv) The Midlands airports: Birmingham, East Midlands and Doncaster Sheffield v) The Northern airports: Liverpool, Manchester and Leeds Bradford vi) The North Eastern airports: Newcastle and Teesside vii) The Scottish airports: Edinburgh, Glasgow, Prestwick and Aberdeen) a significant change of itinerary missing out one or more destination altogether.

If we have to make a significant change or cancel, we will tell you as soon as possible. If there is time to do so before departure, we will offer you the choice of the following options: -

- (a) for significant changes) accepting the changed arrangements; or
- (b) accepting an offer of alternative travel arrangements from us, of a comparable or higher standard to that originally booked if available (at no extra cost); or
- (c) if available, accepting an offer of alternative arrangements of a lower standard, with a refund of the price difference between the original arrangements and the alternative arrangements
- (d) cancelling or accepting the cancellation in which you will receive a full and quick refund of all monies you have paid to us.

You must notify us of your choice within 7 days of our offer. If we do not hear from you within 7 days, we will contact you again to request notification of your choice. If you fail to respond again, we will assume that you have chosen to accept the change or alternative booking arrangements.

Please note, the above options are not available where any change made is an insignificant one.

Compensation: If we have to make a significant change or cancel, we will pay you compensation in the following circumstances: i) if, where we make a significant change you do not accept the changed arrangements and cancel your booking; ii) if we cancel your booking and no alternative arrangements are available. Payments set out in the table below depending on the circumstances and when the significant change or cancellation is notified to you. Compensation will not be payable and no liability beyond offering the above mentioned choices can be accepted where: i) we are forced to make a change or cancel your arrangements as a result of Force Majeure, ii) Where we have to cancel your arrangements as a result of your failure to comply with any requirement of these booking conditions entitling us to cancel (such as paying on time) iii) where we make an insignificant change iv) where we make a significant change or cancel your arrangements more than 60 days before departure; v) where we make a significant change and you accept those changed arrangements or you accept an offer of alternative travel arrangements; vi) where the change or cancellation by us arises out of alterations to the confirmed booking requested by you.

Period before departure or cancellation is notified to you	Compensation per person
71 days or more	£nil
70 - 31 days	£20
Within 30 days	£30

If we become unable to provide a significant proportion of the arrangements that you have booked with us after you have departed, we will, if possible, make alternative arrangements for you at no extra charge and where those alternative arrangements are of a lower standard, provide you with an appropriate price reduction.

NB. If your flight is cancelled or delayed by more than 3 hours, your flight ticket is downgraded, or boarding is denied by your airline in circumstances which would entitle you to claim compensation against the airline under EC Regulation No 261/2004 - the Denied Boarding Regulations 2004, you must pursue the airline for the compensation due to you. All sums you receive or are entitled to receive from the airline concerned by virtue of these Regulations represent the full amount of your entitlement to compensation or any other payment arising from such cancellation, delay, downgrading or denied boarding. This includes any disappointment, distress, inconvenience or effect on any other arrangements. The fact a delay may entitle you to cancel your flight does not automatically entitle you to cancel any other arrangements even where those arrangements have been made in conjunction with your flight. We have no liability to make any payment to you in relation to the Denied Boarding Regulations or in respect of any flight cancellation or delay, downgrading of any flight ticket or denial of any boarding as the full amount of your entitlement to any compensation or other payment (as dealt with above) is covered by the airline's obligations under the Denied Boarding Regulations. If, for any reason, you do not claim against the airline and make a claim for compensation from us, you must, at the time of payment of any compensation to you, make a complete assignment to us of the rights you have against the airline in relation to the claim that gives rise to that compensation payment. If your airline does not comply with these rules you should complain to the Civil Aviation Authority at www.caa.co.uk/passengers.

We cannot accept liability for any delay which is due to any of the reasons set out in clause 10 of these Booking Conditions (which includes the behaviour of any passenger(s) on any flight who, for example, fails to check in or board on time).

6. YOUR OBLIGATIONS TO US

You must: (a) Arrive at stated check-in and departure times and confirm your own return flight and departure times. We accept no liability whatsoever for you for your failure to do so. (b) Take out adequate travel insurance to cover the cost of industrial action, natural disaster (flooding, storm, fire etc.), cancellation of the holiday by you or the cost of assistance, including repatriation in the event of you suffering an accident or illness. Please read your policy details carefully and take them with you on holiday. It is your responsibility to ensure that the insurance cover you purchase is suitable and adequate for your particular needs. We do not check insurance policies. (c) Behave in a reasonable and responsible manner towards any other person you meet in the course of your travel arrangements. We reserve the right to cancel forthwith your holiday arrangements in the event that you fail to do so, and we will not be liable for any loss or damage that you may suffer as a result (including any onward or return travel arrangements).

7. OUR OBLIGATIONS TO YOU

(1) We will accept responsibility for the arrangements we agree to provide or arrange for you as an "organiser" under the Package Travel and Linked Travel Arrangements Regulations 2018 as set out below and as such, we are responsible for the proper provision of all travel services included in your package, as set out in your confirmation invoice. Subject to these Booking Conditions, if we or our suppliers negligently perform or arrange those services and we don't remedy or resolve your complaint within a reasonable period of time, and this has affected the enjoyment of your package holiday, you may be entitled to an appropriate priced reduction or compensation or both. You must inform us without undue delay of any failure to perform or improper performance of the travel services included in this package. The level of any such price reduction or compensation will be calculated taking into consideration all relevant factors such as but not limited to: following the complaints procedure as described in these Booking Conditions and the extent to which ours or our employees' or suppliers' negligence affected the overall enjoyment of your holiday. Please note that it is your responsibility to show that we or our supplier(s) have been negligent if you wish to make a claim against us.

- 2) We will not be responsible for any compensation for any injury, illness, death, loss (for example loss of enjoyment), damage, expense, cost or other sum or claim of any description whatsoever which results from any of the following: -
 - the act(s) and/or omission(s) of the person(s) affected or any member(s) of their party or
 - the act(s) and/or omission(s) of a third party not connected with the provision of your holiday and which were unavoidable and extraordinary; or
 - 'force majeure' as defined in clause 10 below



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