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-  End Location
-  Cruise
-  Train
-  Over night
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Day 1 | Welcome to Helsinki



Welcome to Helsinki! This lively hub for creativity and design is the perfect start to your northern adventure and your search for the mystical Northern Lights. On arrival, you'll be transferred to your hotel. There's time to freshen up and enjoy the Finnish sauna or rooftop pool before joining your Local Specialist for a city sightseeing tour. Later, a Welcome Reception will set the tone for your epic Scandinavian adventure.

Meals: Welcome Reception

Hotel: Holiday Inn City Centre

Day 2 | Journey to Saariselkä



Today our flight takes us north from Helsinki, across the Arctic Circle to Ivalo. On arrival, we delve into the centuries-old traditions and heritage of the Sámi people on our MAKE TRAVEL MATTER® Experience at the Siida Sámi Museum on the shores of Lake Inari. Explore the museum's collections showcasing the spirit and history of Sámi culture over the centuries, as well as the evolution of the Sámi languages, Northern Lapland's unique natural environment and how this community has survived and indeed thrived in the Arctic's extremes. Later, a short drive brings us to the enchanting snowy escape of Saariselkä, our home for the next two nights.

Meals: Breakfast, Dinner

Hotel: Santa's Tunturi

Day 3 | Discover the Arctic



Today is your chance to try your hand at some winter activities. Perhaps ride a snowmobile, try snow shoeing, or build yourself a snowman. This evening, you'll want to join an Optional Experience to go out 'hunting' for the Northern Lights with an expert Local Specialist, who will explain this extraordinary phenomenon and maximise your chance of a sighting.

Meals: Breakfast

Hotel: Santa's Tunturi

Optional Experiences:

Snowmobile Safari - Venture into the remote wilderness of the North on a snowmobile ride. Along the way learn some fascinating facts about the Arctic and about life in these extreme conditions.

Adult: 154.00 EUR

Arctic Showshoe Adventure - Snowshoeing is one of the best ways to get outside and enjoy the unique feeling of the North, the magic of Lapland. With your snowshoes strapped on, you will head into the wintry forest with an experienced guide, who will show you the beautiful snow-covered scenery up close. This is a fun way to experience

the great outdoors and appreciate the incredible Arctic environment of northern Finland.

Adult: 64.00 EUR

Aurora Hunting - The Northern Lights - Aurora Borealis. These dancing waves of light are one of the most beautiful sights on earth. Often visible at high latitudes during the winter months, the intensity of the auroras is variable, and of course you need clear skies above you to see them, so sometimes you have to go hunting. Join us tonight as we travel in search of these stunning displays, taking to the road with an expert Local Specialist experienced in finding the best locations to observe this natural phenomenon. Learn all about what causes these natural light shows, and how humans have interpreted them over time. Whilst we can never guarantee a sighting of the auroras, we promise that we will leave no stone unturned in our quest to find them and help you photograph them.

Adult: 62.00 EUR

Day 4 | Off to Santa Claus Village and Rovaniemi



Travel south to Rovaniemi, the official hometown of Santa Claus, where you'll discover the magic of Christmas and Dive Into Culture at Santa's official post office. Send a letter to your loved ones or snap a selfie at the edge of the Arctic Circle before continuing on to visit Rudolph and his friends. Dive Into Culture once more as we visit the home of Santa's sleigh-pullers. Be sure to bundle up for this unique opportunity to get up close and personal with these incredible Arctic creatures. The perfect finale to this amazing day comes when we check in to tonight's iconic Stays With Stories hotel. Spend the night gazing upwards through your Aurora Cabin's perfectly positioned glass roof in search of the Northern Lights, all while staying warm and cosy in the middle of the Arctic wilderness.

Meals: Breakfast, Dinner

Hotel: Apukka Resort Aurora Cabins

Day 5 | Venture to Luleå in Swedish Lapland



Bid farewell to Finland, bound for Sweden. Today you will visit the unique church village of Gammelstad, UNESCO-listed for its 424 wooden houses built around an early 15th-century stone church, providing visitors with a view of what such a village would have looked like in northern Scandinavia several centuries ago. Continue to Luleå, the largest city in Swedish Lapland. Tonight perhaps join an Optional Experience to enjoy a dinner of locally-sourced Nordic specialties in a stunning lakeside lodge.

Meals: Breakfast

Hotel: Elite Stadshotellet

Optional Experiences:

Ranua Wildlife Park - Join us on a visit to the Arctic Wildlife Park, where more than fifty species of Nordic animals live in their natural habitat. Our Local Specialist will introduce us to the unique wildlife of Northern Scandinavia.

Adult: 70.00 EUR

Dinner at Brändön Lodge - Join us for a quintessentially Nordic evening in a log cabin perched on the edge of the Gulf of Bothnia, overlooking the islands of the Luleå archipelago. In the midst of this unique wilderness environment, we will enjoy a dinner of locally sourced ingredients from Swedish Lapland, lovingly prepared by the lodge's head chef. If we're lucky, this is also a fantastic spot from which to view the Northern Lights!

Adult: 94.00 EUR

Day 6 | Onwards to Kiruna



This morning we venture north to Jokkmokk, an historic meeting place for the indigenous Sámi people for trade and festivals alike. Enjoy a guided tour through the fascinating Ájtte museum, learning the story of life and survival in the demanding northern climate. Continue on to Kiruna, the most northerly town in Sweden, where tonight we will Connect With Locals over a truly unique Be My Guest experience, joining members of a Sámi family for a traditional meal.

Meals: Breakfast, Dinner

Hotel: Scandic Kiruna

Day 7 | Kiruna Your Way



Today you have a free day to get acquainted with this Swedish mining centre, which is in the process of being relocated a few miles from its original location due to the growing size of the iron mine beneath its surface. Perhaps join a unique Optional Experience, navigating the snowy landscape on a husky safari, holding on tight as the eager dogs race across the white landscape. This exhilarating encounter with one of the most special canine breeds in the world is an experience you'll never forget. In the afternoon, you might choose to visit the incredible Icehotel on an Optional Experience to marvel at the ice sculptures and have a drink at the Ice Bar. Tonight, be sure to take the last chance to catch a glimpse of the Northern Lights in this extraordinary Arctic environment.

Meals: Breakfast

Hotel: Scandic Kiruna

Optional Experiences:

Husky Sled Adventure - Join us for the experience of a lifetime – gliding through the breathtaking landscape of Swedish Lapland with a team of friendly and playful champion huskies! This amazing ride through the Arctic wilderness will take you over frozen lakes and through snow covered forests, with a break to enjoy coffee and cake, take photos and play with the dogs. Protective thermal clothing and expert guides will be provided, so all you have to do is relax and enjoy this once-in-a-lifetime experience.

Adult: 173.00 EUR

**For groups travelling during times of insufficient snow-cover for sledding, this experience will comprise a visit to the kennels to meet and play with the huskies, a talk about the dogs, their care and training, with coffee and cake for a price of €64.00. (NB: This version of the experience is not available when sledding is operational)*

Iconic Ice Hotel and Ice Bar - Visit the world's first and largest Ice Hotel. Often copied but never surpassed, we'll take a tour around this amazing architect-designed hotel, seeing first-hand the rooms where guests spend cosy

nights on ice beds, sculpted from nearby river ice. Then, we'll enjoy time in the hotel's Ice Bar, have a drink served in ice glasses, and admire the ice sculptures.

Adult: 78.00 EUR

Aurora Dinner - Venture out to the snowy wilds of the Aurora Camp, north of Kiruna, beside the frozen Torne River. Here you will take a short sled ride down to our hand-built "Ice Colosseum" where a warm fire will be waiting, with cosy reindeer skins to sit on. Here we will gaze skywards and hope for views of the ethereal northern lights dancing across the sky, far away from the lights of the town. Later we will head inside the riverside dining room for a tasty two-course meal of local specialties before returning to Kiruna. Please note - winter overalls will be provided.

Adult: 110.00 EUR

Day 8 | Enjoy Stunning Stockholm



This morning we depart the frozen north to fly to Stockholm, Sweden's sophisticated capital. We join a Local Specialist for a sightseeing tour of the city locals refer to as 'beauty on the water', built on 14 islands where the lakes meet the sea. Tonight, your journey across Lapland in search of the mystical Northern Lights comes to an end with a walk through the cobbled streets of the Old Town and a memorable Farewell Dinner with new friends.

Meals: Breakfast, Dinner

Hotel: Clarion

Day 9 | Farewell Stockholm



As our journey in the snowy Arctic lands of reindeer and Father Christmas comes to an end, the memories of ancient Sámi culture and Nordic traditions in our hearts, we bid a fond farewell to newfound friends. Find out more about your free airport transfer at trafalgar.com/freetransfers.

Meals: Breakfast