

Scandinavian Northern Lights

Your itinerary



Start Location

Plane

Cruise

Over night

Visited Location

End Location

Train

Ferry

Day 1

Welcome to Helsinki

The capital of the north and a hub for creativity and design, Helsinki kick-starts your hunt for the mystical Northern Lights. On arrival, you'll be transferred to your hotel. There's time to freshen up in the typical Finnish sauna or rooftop pool before joining your Local Specialist for a city sightseeing tour before your Welcome Reception to set the tone for your epic Scandinavian adventure.

Hotel - Holiday Inn City Centre

Included Meals - Welcome Reception

Day 2

Journey to Saariselkä

A morning flight sees us travel north of the Arctic Circle to Ivalo before a short drive to the enchanting snowy escape of Saariselkä. Admire Finland's forest-filled winterscape before our visit to a reindeer farm. Be sure to bundle up when we embrace the Sámi way of life and Dive Into Culture on an unforgettable experience - board a sleigh for a ride through the snowy forest to earn your international reindeer driving licence. Tonight, if the sky is clear, you will have your first opportunity to marvel at the 'dancing lights' of the Aurora Borealis after dinner at our hotel.

Hotel - Santa's Tunturi

Included Meals - Breakfast, Dinner

Day 3

Discover the Siida Sámi Museum

Delve into the centuries-old traditions and heritage of the Sámi people when you Dive Into Culture and visit the Siida Sámi Museum, located on the shores of Lake Inari. Explore the museum's permanent collections reflecting the spirit and history of Sámi culture spanning 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. This afternoon, you'll want to join an Optional Experience you'll never forget. Navigate the snowy forests and fells on a husky safari. Watch in wonder as these eager dogs race across the white landscape with you in tow. After an exhilarating encounter with your new furry friends, you'll savour a warming drink around a fire and learn about this special canine breed.

Included Meals - Breakfast

Day 4

Off to Santa Claus Village and Rovaniemi

Travel south to Rovaniemi, the official hometown of Santa Claus, where you'll celebrate the magic of Christmas and Dive Into Culture to share yuletide greetings with Santa at his post office. You could choose to send a letter to your loved ones and snap a selfie at the edge of the Arctic Circle which runs through this Santa Claus Village, before bidding farewell to Rudolph for the next leg of your adventure. Tonight's Stays With Stories is like something out of a storybook and as you gaze upwards through your Aurora Cabin's perfectly positioned glass roof in search of the Northern Lights, you'll be grateful for your cosy home in the Arctic wilderness for the night.

Hotel - Apukka Resort Aurora Cabins

Included Meals - Breakfast, Dinner

Day 5

Venture to Luleå in Swedish Lapland

Bid farewell to Finland, bound for Sweden. Your first stop is in the 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. You'll have the afternoon at leisure to relax or visit the brick neo-Gothic Luleå Cathedral that dominates the city skyline.

Hotel - Elite Stadshotellet

Included Meals - Breakfast

Day 6

Onwards to Kiruna

This morning we venture north to Jokkmokk, a historic meeting place for trade and festivals alike. For over 400 years this important locality has been the home to an annual Winter Market and we can relish the region's natural produce for lunch. Later, enjoy a guided tour through the Ájtte museum learning the story of life and survival in the demanding northern climate. Tonight, we Connect With Locals over a truly unique Be My Guest experience in Kiruna when we join a Sámi reindeer herder family for a traditional meal in their Sámi lavvu.

Hotel - Scandic Ferrum

Included Meals - Breakfast, Be My Guest

Day 7

Kiruna Your Way

Today, you'll learn how Kiruna is a town on the move. In just a few years, this Swedish Lapland mining centre, including its heritage buildings, will be relocated just a few miles away due to the unstable land on which it currently sits as a result of the iron mining beneath its surface. Spend the day exploring Kiruna at your own pace or take the option to delve into this unusual feat of engineering and embark on an underground mine tour. This afternoon, stay above ground and visit the Icehotel - an Optional Experience which includes a drink at the ice bar and an ice sculpting experience. Tonight is your last chance to catch a glimpse of the Northern Lights, made even more special by the fact that in just a few years the vantage point of this hotel will be moved along with the entire town of Kiruna.

Included Meals - Breakfast

Day 8

Enjoy Stunning Stockholm

Leave the Arctic behind and fly to Stockholm, Sweden's sophisticated capital. Join your Local Specialist for a city sightseeing tour exploring 'beauty on water' as the locals refer to their beloved capital. Visit the City Hall, where Nobel prize banquets are held and embark on an Optional Experience to the Vasa Museum to view the world's best-preserved 17th-century warship. Tonight, your journey across Lapland in search of the mystical Northern Lights comes to an end with a memorable Farewell Dinner with new friends.

Hotel - Clarion

Included Meals - Breakfast, Farewell Dinner

Day 9

Farewell Stockholm

As our journey to see the Northern Lights comes to an end, bid a fond farewell to Scandinavia and newfound friends. Find out more about your free airport transfer at trafalgar.com/freetransfers.

Included Meals - Breakfast

All optional experiences for this trip

Book with your travel director when you travel

AVAILABLE ON DAY 4

Arktikum and Rovaniemi Explorer

Join us on a visit to the world-class Arktikum Museum to learn about life in the Arctic. Your Local Specialist will bring to life the unique problems and prospects of this far away frozen land. Then, we'll see the main sights of Rovaniemi, the capital of Lapland.

Adult Price: €42.00*

*** The Optionals and pricing listed here are a guideline only and subject to change.**

AVAILABLE ON DAY 7

Aurora Dinner

Join us in the snowy wilderness at Aurora camp to search for the haunting Northern Lights. Away from the city lights, we'll have a good chance to witness Nature's majesty dancing across the sky. A delicious two-course dinner will keep us warm while we gaze heavenwards. Warm clothing is included.

Adult Price: €95.00*

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AVAILABLE ON DAY 7

Kiruna - City on the Move, with Swedish Fika

Join us as we explore Sweden's most northerly town. Built more than 100 years ago to serve a massive iron mine, Kiruna is currently being undermined by that very mine. We'll see historic buildings and discover how they'll soon be moving the entire city to a new location - bit by bit - in the next few years. Finally, we'll end with that most Swedish of refreshments - Fika - typical coffee and cake in a local café

Adult Price: €48.00*

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AVAILABLE ON DAY 7

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 Price: €73.00*

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AVAILABLE ON DAY 8

Stockholm Discovery Cruise

Enjoy the beauty of Lake Malaren with your Local Specialist, as we sail from the gardens of Drottningholm Palace, located on a UNESCO World Heritage site, in an antique steamboat through the archipelago, past country cottages and elegant homes. You'll also visit the royal warship 'Vasa', an ornate 17th-century galleon which sank just minutes after sailing, now reclaimed from the Baltic.

Adult Price: €58.00*

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AVAILABLE ON DAY 8

Vasa and the Old Town

Today we'll visit Vasa, the 17th century Galleon recovered from the sea bed after more than 300 years and now displayed in an award-winning museum. We'll also enjoy a walking tour through Gamla Stan (the Old Town) with our Local Specialist, who'll reveal the heart of Stockholm with its cobbled streets and fascinating shops.

Adult Price: €47.00*

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