



Abisko National Park

Northern Sweden

Northern Sweden is widely considered one of the last remaining wilderness areas on earth, and the further north you travel the more isolated the towns become.



This is a region where nature dominates and reindeer and elk thrive - vast open spaces, dense coniferous forests, swiftly flowing rivers and lakes, and the mountain peaks of Kebnekaise. It is the land of the Lapps or Sámi, Scandinavia's oldest indigenous people.

The Bothnian Coast, stretching to the border with Finland in the north is dominated by historic towns and villages. The town of Luleå is one such town and through history has been the centre for development and commerce in the region.

Surrounding Luleå an archipelago of 800 islands waits to be discovered. Renowned for its picturesque fishing communities, forest covered islets and wealth of birds, wildlife and flora the archipelago is a delight for any nature lover and, its waters play host to a wealth of excursions all year round – boat, canoe, hovercraft and snowmobile tours.

The 15th century church village of Gammelstad, declared a UNESCO World Heritage Site, is located on the outskirts of Luleå. At the heart of the village is a beautiful stone church, the largest medieval church in northern Sweden, surrounded by 424 traditional wooden cottages. Centuries old traditions are very much alive here, and residents of Luleå still travel to the village to celebrate church festivals and markets.

During the winter months, the wilderness environs and archipelago of Luleå transform into a snow-covered landscape and the Bay of Bothnia freezes. For many this is the most exciting time to visit, offering the chance to participate in a range of winter activities, drive on the miles of ice roads and witness the towering pack ice.

At 200km north of the Arctic Circle, sits the town of Kiruna. Although the town itself retains an industrial feel, the surrounding countryside is spectacular. Within a short

drive, visitors are able to explore the Abisko National Park - home to a large Sámi population and the site of Sweden's highest peak, Kebnekaise (2104m). Created in 1909, the same year in which Sweden's first laws on nature conservation were established, the National Park aims to preserve the area in its original condition for visitors to enjoy.

As the northernmost town in Sweden, Kiruna is also the place to experience the natural phenomenon of the Midnight Sun from the end of May to mid July, while winter visitors may find the location ideal for viewing the Aurora Borealis as well as for experiencing snowmobile, dog-sled and reindeer tours.

The ICEHOTEL is located 17km from Kiruna in Jukkasjärvi and a visit to this world-famous site should not be missed. First opened in 1990, the Jukkasjärvi ICEHOTEL was the first hotel entirely constructed of ice, and continues to be erected each year from December to April. The hotel is a museum during the day and a visit to marvel at its exceptional interiors is an unforgettable experience. When spring comes, everything melts away and returns to the River Torne.

A year round destination, Kiruna and the surrounding landscape is a paradise for outdoor enthusiasts.





Jukkasjärvi



Wilderness landscape surrounding Kiruna



Camp Ripan, Kiruna

- Airport: 9km Kiruna ■ Bed & Breakfast
- Outdoor swimming pool

Camp Ripan sits below the Luossavaara Mountains 10-minutes walk from the centre of Kiruna, the largest municipality in Swedish Lapland. With the unspoiled landscape of Northern Sweden as its backdrop - vast nature areas, free flowing rivers and more than 6000 lakes, Camp Ripan is convenience and wilderness combined.

During the summer months, this family-owned property attracts walkers, fishermen, outdoor enthusiasts, families and guests wishing to experience the magical Midnight Sun. Whilst, the glistening snow and natural phenomenon of the Aurora Borealis, during the winter, transforms the landscape into a magical wonderland for all to enjoy.

Each of the 90 cabins is decorated in a conventional Scandinavian style with the use of light wood furnishings and traditional Sámi colours. At the heart of the camp is an outdoor swimming pool (open mid June – mid August), bar, lounge and restaurant.

Accommodation:

Standard room (sleeps 2): Twin or double bedroom with fridge, tea and coffee making facilities, cable TV and telephone ■ Bathroom with shower and hairdryer ■ Storage cupboard ■ Allocated parking space.

Family cabin (sleeps 4): Open plan living room with kitchenette (microwave, fridge, 2 electric hobs, tea and coffee making facilities), dining area, cable TV, telephone and twin beds ■ Separate bedroom with pullman beds. The top bunk can be folded away ■ Bathroom with shower and hairdryer ■ Storage cupboard ■ Allocated parking space.

Amenities/Leisure: 90 cabins including 10 single, 27 standard and 53 family cabins ■ Restaurant serving local cuisine ■ Lounge ■ Outdoor pleasure pool ■ The furthest cabin is located c.50m from the reception ■ 10-minutes walk from the centre of Kiruna.

Note: During the summer months the grounds of Camp Ripan are shared by campers, caravans and mobile homes.

Guideline price £ per person - 3 nights

Prices based on 2-sharing a Standard cabin, flights to Kiruna (via Stockholm Arlanda) with SAS Scandinavian Airlines and private transfers. Single room supplement on request.

Camp Ripan	Jan-Apr	May-Jun	Jul-Aug	Sep-Oct
	£700	£695	£702	£695

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Hotel Arctic Eden, Kiruna

- Airport: 9km Kiruna ■ Bed & Breakfast
- Indoor swimming pool

Located in the centre of Kiruna, this former school has been tastefully converted into a modern, comfortable hotel. Locally owned and managed, the property has been carefully remodelled and decorated throughout using a combination of Sámi artwork, local materials and offering all modern conveniences. The hotel also affords a wonderful wellness area, library and observation room, ideal for viewing the natural phenomena of the Northern Lights and the Midnight Sun.

Accommodation: 32 rooms including 4 Sami suites ■ All rooms have bathroom (bath or shower. Standard rooms have shower only), hairdryer, cable TV, DVD player and complimentary WIFI internet connection ■ 25 standard rooms have a hydro-massage shower ■ Sami suites have a Jacuzzi, hydro-massage shower, sauna and can accommodate two extra beds for children.

Amenities/Leisure: Buffet breakfast ■ Restaurant serving local cuisine ■ Thai restaurant ■ Lift ■ Lounges ■ Library with 2 internet points (free of charge) ■ Observation room for viewing the Northern Lights and the Midnight Sun ■ Wellness area with indoor swimming pool (4.5 x 9.5m), gym and sauna ■ Free parking ■ 2 minutes walk from the centre of Kiruna.

Guideline price £ per person - 3 nights

Prices based on 2-sharing a Standard room, flights to Kiruna (via Stockholm Arlanda) with SAS Scandinavian Airlines and private transfers. Single room supplement on request.

Hotel Arctic Eden	Jan-Apr	May-Jun	Jul-Aug	Sep-Oct
	£797	£791	£800	£791

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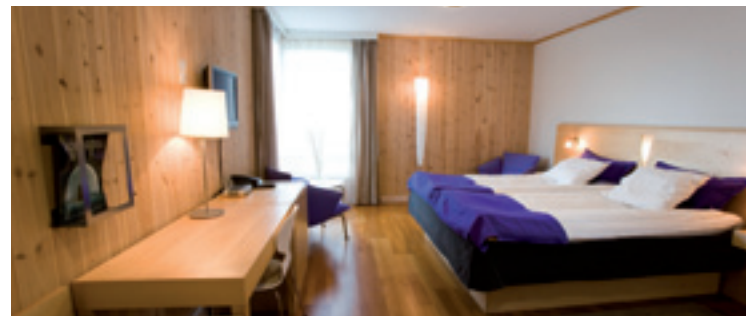
Husky dog sled excursion



ICEHOTEL



Deluxe suite



ICEHOTEL, Jukkasjärvi

- Airport: 12km Kiruna
- Bed & Breakfast

Located in Jukkasjärvi, in the heart of the unspoiled wilderness of Swedish Lapland, stands the world famous and original ICEHOTEL. Each winter on the banks of the River Torne, a unique and breathtaking sculpture takes form, where everything from the art work, to the chairs you sit on, the beds you sleep on, and the glass in your hand is made using carefully harvested, crystal clear ice from the neighbouring river. A stay at this exquisite property is guaranteed to be one that you will never forget.

Cold Accommodation:

These rooms are located within the ICEHOTEL structure.

Snow rooms: Rooms with special beds built of snow and ice ■ 2 large snow rooms are available which can accommodate up to 4 people.

Ice rooms: Rooms with special beds built of snow and ice and decorated with furniture made from ice ■ 2 Ice rooms can accommodate 3 people.

Art suites: Individually designed rooms with special beds built of snow and ice and decorated with furniture and unique artwork made from ice ■ 16 rooms have been made by international artists ■ 2 Art suites can accommodate 3 people.

Deluxe suite: Individually designed room with special bed built of snow and ice and decorated with furniture and unique artwork made from ice. The Deluxe suite is the only room in the ICEHOTEL structure that has a door.

Notes: Beds are made out of snow and ice and covered in reindeer skins. You will be provided with a subzero sleeping bag ■ Rooms are separated by curtains ■ Shared toilets ■ Heated wash rooms and changing rooms are available ■ Luggage cannot be taken into the ICEHOTEL. Secure storage is available ■ Inside the hotel the temperature is at a constant -5°C to -8°C ■ The ICEHOTEL is a museum during the day from 11am until 6pm. Overnight guests are allowed access after 6pm ■ Cold accommodation is not recommended for children under 6 years.

Warm Accommodation:

These rooms are located in the grounds of the ICEHOTEL.

Kaamos rooms: Decorated using a contemporary Scandinavian design these rooms have double or twin beds, bathroom (shower and hairdryer), TV, telephone, WIFI internet connection and kettle.

Nordic hotel chalets: Decorated using a contemporary Scandinavian design, each Nordic hotel chalet has two bedrooms - one double/ twin bedroom and one room with bunk beds - bathroom (shower and hairdryer) and a separate living room with TV, telephone, WIFI internet connection, kettle and fridge.

Arctic hotel chalets: Decorated using a contemporary Scandinavian design, each Arctic hotel chalet has two bedrooms – one double/twin bedroom and one single bedroom - bathroom (shower and hairdryer) and a separate living room with TV, telephone, WIFI internet connection, kettle and fridge.

Amenities/Leisure: Buffet breakfast ■ Guests staying in cold accommodation are awakened in the morning with a cup of hot lingonberry juice ■ Warm outer clothing is provided for all guests on arrival: snow suit, boots and mittens ■ ICEHOTEL restaurant offering buffet dinner and specialising in Lappish gourmet cuisine. Reservations are recommended ■ Homestead restaurant serving an à la carte menu – approximately 800m from the ICEHOTEL overlooking the Torne River. Reservations are recommended ■ Lounge ■ Absolut ICEBAR ■ Ice Church – this is a popular location for weddings ■ Transfers by husky sled or snowmobile from Kiruna Airport are available on request.

Open: Mid December – Mid April (arrivals in December and early January will be able to see the sculptors at work).

Notes: Due to the unique nature of the hotel it takes a different form every year. Opening and closing dates are very much dependent on the weather. The image shown above, of the cold accommodation, is from the 2010/11 structure.

Guideline price £ per person - 3 nights

Prices based on 2-sharing a Warm Accommodation (2-nights) and a Snow room (1-night), flights to Kiruna (via Stockholm Arlanda) with SAS Scandinavian Airlines and private transfers. Single room supplement on request.

ICEHOTEL	Jan-Apr	* The ICEHOTEL offers Warm Accommodation throughout the year. Please telephone for a quotation.
	£915*	

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