



Traditional Sámi clothing



Raidu - Encounter with the reindeer

Winter holidays in Kiruna and Jukkasjärvi

The wilderness landscape surrounding Kiruna is transformed into a winter wonderland at the arrival of the first snow. Forests dusted with the fresh fall, frozen lakes and rivers, crisp air and blue skies await visitors.

With the winter month comes the natural phenomena of the Polar nights when the sun does not rise above the horizon, and the Northern Lights, as well as a host of activities to suit all interests from dog-sledding excursions, to snowmobile safaris and snow shoe tours.

Full details of the following excursions can be found on our website www.sunvil.co.uk/discovery

Northern Lights:

The dance of the Northern Lights is an awe inspiring sight and one which will be remembered for a lifetime. Away from artificial lights, the landscape is plunged into darkness and the fir trees resemble black coal silhouettes against the endless starry sky. It is here, surrounded by peaceful, unspoiled nature, that seekers of the Northern Lights await the heavenly curtains of blues and greens fluttering in a cosmic wind.

Northern Lights experiences by snowmobile, horse-sled and minibus are available. To the west of Kiruna, the mountains of the Abisko National Park dominate the landscape. Located towards the summit of Mount Nuolja, in the heart of the range, stands the Aurora Sky Station which at latitude of 68.2° offers one of the finest platforms for viewing the Aurora Borealis away from artificial lights.

Excursions from Kiruna

- Snowmobile evening tour from Kiruna: Price £119.00 per person
- Abisko Aurora sky station – Northern Lights tour: Price £225.00 per person. Abisko is regarded, by Wanderlust, as the best place in the world to view the Northern Lights.
- Horse sled evening tour from Kiruna: Price £88.00 per person

Excursions from the ICEHOTEL

- Northern lights tour by shared snowmobile: Price £175.00 per person
- Northern lights tour on horseback: Price £179.00 per person
- Northern lights, Esrange space centre and dinner under the stars: Price £245.00 per person



Husky dog sled excursion



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Aurora Borealis



Jukkasjärvi

Snowmobile excursions:

The arctic winter landscape of glistening snow, crisp air and blue skies brings out the inner child in every visitor. Make a snow angel or feel the rush of air and adrenalin as you cross the frozen lakes, swamps and forests of Europe's last wilderness on the back of a snowmobile.

Excursions from Kiruna

- **Snowmobile mountain tour:** Price £213.00 per person
- **Snowmobile tour to the ICEHOTEL:** Price £200.00 per person
- **Sámi snowmobile tour:** Price £194.00 per person

Excursions from the ICEHOTEL:

- **40 clicks of freedom:** Price £100.00 per person
- **In the Arctic wilderness:** Price £155.00 per person
- **Arctic wildlife tour:** Price £300.00 per person

Husky dog sled excursions:

Dog sled tours are extremely popular in Northern Sweden and it is easy to see why. What better way to take in the stunning scenery than by gliding over the rolling terrain, through forests and across frozen lakes behind a team of huskies? You can decide whether you want to drive your own sled or enjoy the ride from the comfort of a sled seat.

Excursions from Kiruna:

- **Short dog sled tour – Trappers cabin:** Price £109.00 per person
- **Trap line dog sled tour:** Price £158.00 per person
- **Dog sled tour to the ICEHOTEL:** Price £195.00 per person

Excursions from the ICEHOTEL:

- **The story of huskies:** Price £156.00 per person
- **Everyday life of a musher:** Price £313.00 per person

Note: If purchasing Sunvil travel insurance, the optional adventure cover must also be purchased if snowmobile, dog sled, reindeer sled and/or ice driving excursions are planned.

Sámi cultural tours:

The Sámi people are one of the largest indigenous groups in Europe, whose traditional occupations have included reindeer herding, hunting, fishing and crafts. During the winter months the Sámi return to their homes and villages around Kiruna bringing their reindeer herds with them. A range of Sámi cultural experiences, offer visitors the opportunity to learn more about the traditions and history of the community, are available.

Excursions from Kiruna:

- **Sámi snowmobile tour:** Price £194.00 per person

Excursions from the ICEHOTEL:

- **Raidu – Encounter with the reindeer:** Price £158.00 per person
- **Vuojan – Reindeer sled excursion:** Price £224.00 per person



Kebnekaise

The summer

The return of the long awaited summer months in Northern Sweden transforms the snow-covered countryside into a landscape of lush, vibrant green. This is a region where nature dominates and provides a paradise for outdoor enthusiasts.

The Midnight Sun:

At 200km north of the Arctic Circle, Kiruna and its environs, is in the 'land of the midnight sun', a time of year when the sun never drops below the horizon. As many as 100 days of the magical light can be experienced from late May to mid July.

The **Panorama Cafe**, 100km to the west of Kiruna, is a wonderful location from which to experience the natural phenomenon. Perched 500m above the **Abisko National Park** on the slopes of Mount Nuolja, the Station affords marvellous panoramic views towards the horizon over Lakes Tornetrask and Lappporten and the endless mountain landscape.

Nature:

The countryside surrounding Kiruna is spectacular with virgin wilderness, vast valleys and mountains (including Sweden's tallest mountain, **Kebnekaise** at 2104m). Within a short drive visitors are able to explore this natural paradise.

For walking enthusiasts Northern Sweden has over 2000km of marked trails. A popular trail climbs 19km from the Sámi village of **Nikkaluokta** (70km west of Kiruna) to the Kebnekaise Mountain Lodge and restaurant (open 11Jun-19Sep), 14km if you take a boat excursion over Lake Ladjojaure.

Kiruna:

The mining centre of Kiruna is the seat of the Swedish Sámi Parliament and the capital of the second largest municipality in the world. Kiruna's primary tourist attraction is the **iron-ore mine** which, during the summer months, offers guided tours which explain the fascinating origins of the city.