

Luleå

# Swedish Lapland



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 the land of the Aurora Borealis and the midnight sun; a region where nature dominates. At any time of year this is a destination that cannot fail to impress.



## Dog sled tours

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? Truly magical.



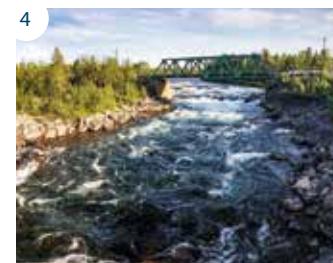
## Polar nights

From December to January, the Arctic region experiences the polar nights; the period when the sun does not rise above the horizon. With no sun visible you may think that it is dark all the time but, you could not be further from the truth.



## World famous hotels

Swedish Lapland is home to the original ICEHOTEL, the Treehotel and now the floating Arctic Bath. These properties are destinations in their own right but also can be combined as part of a tailor-made trip.



## Great Rail Journeys

Travelling north from Luleå by train, passing the imaginary Arctic Circle drawn around the earth at 66°N, you will reach the town of Kiruna. This is a scenic and relaxing 3 ½ hour journey.

Note: Not all our accommodation is suitable for guests with reduced mobility. Please contact us to answer any questions you may have regarding our properties and to discuss their suitability for those with health conditions or impairments.

# The eight seasons of Swedish Lapland

For the Sami people of Lapland, nature dictates the rhythm of their lives. Every part of their being is entwined and influenced by the environment and the wildlife of the region - the lifecycle of their reindeer, the production of food and the weather, and way in which the three converge. This ever-changing natural world has led the Sami to adopt eight seasons rather than the usual four. They say that there is a season for everything, and rather than trying to force nature to conform to set timeframes we should listen and observe its evolving patterns.

## A year round destination



**Spring–winter  
- gidádálvve**

**MARCH AND APRIL**

There's still plenty of snow for skiing and snowmobiling, but the early-spring sun brings a delicious warmth to your face. Late March is also one of the best times of the year to observe the northern lights.



**Spring  
- gidá**

**APRIL AND MAY**

When spring properly arrives hints of green return to the forests, and you might even hear the sounds of wobbly little reindeer calves being born. Catch the last of the snows while skiing in the mountains.



**Spring–summer  
- gidágiesse**

**JUNE**

In spring-summer a blanket of greenery covers the landscapes. The pleasant weather and long days are ideal for hiking, cycling and fishing.



**Summer  
- giesse**

**JUNE AND JULY**

The arrival of summer brings the midnight sun, a time when the sun does not set below the horizon. The sparkling waters of Sweden's coastlines and lakes are meant for lazy swims, and summer provides the perfect conditions for this as well as for kayaking and paddle boarding.



**Autumn–summer  
- tjaktjagiesse**

**AUGUST**

In August, everyone's thoughts turn to food. Woods teem with edible goodies such as mushrooms and berries, and you can't let August go by without joining one of Sweden's renowned crayfish parties.



**Autumn  
- tjaktj**

**SEPTEMBER AND OCTOBER**

Cool nights and sunny days herald autumn - you can feel the seasonal change in the air. The calm of autumn is reason alone to visit at this time of year, but when coupled with the fall foliage, wild produce, hiking opportunities and the northern lights we believe it is an unbeatable combination.



**Early winter  
- tjaktjadálvve**

**NOVEMBER AND DECEMBER**

The early winter period brings the fall of snow, transforming the landscape into a magical winter wonderland.



**Winter  
- dálvve**

**DECEMBER TO MARCH**

Winter is the longest of the eight seasons and the most enchanting. Wrap up warm and join a choice of guided excursions: dog sled tours, snowmobile experiences, snowshoeing, reindeer-sled tours, cross-country skiing, aurora photo tours and more.

# The sub Arctic

For many, the winter months are the most exciting time to visit Luleå and to experience the wilderness which envelops the city. The season offers the chance to participate in a range of winter activities, witness the magical Aurora Borealis and to observe the towering pack ice.

## Brändön Lodge, near Luleå

A jewel in the crown of Swedish Lapland, Brändön Lodge is everything a winter retreat should be. Not only does this locally owned and managed property enjoy an idyllic setting on the shores of the Bothnian Bay, but it is also an outstanding activity centre and one of the most welcoming and relaxing accommodations we have visited.

At the heart of the property is a two story lodge where guests can sit beside the roaring fire to read or discuss their adventures. Upstairs

in the lodge is a restaurant serving wholesome local dishes.

**Accommodation:** 15 two-bedroom cabins with view towards the bay.

- Airport: 37km Luleå
- Complimentary WiFi
- Full Board
- Restaurant
- Sub-Arctic location
- Year around activities available

Guide price from **£987 per person\***



Just one of the excursions on offer



## Arctic Retreat, Gunnarsbyn

On our exploratory trip to Sweden in 2007 we visited the community of Boden in Swedish Lapland and discovered a region where genuine hospitality and passionate locals, with a pride in their heritage and surroundings, elevate even the best holiday to a higher level. Over a decade later and we continue to promote this destination of forests, river valleys and rapids and today we are pleased to offer Arctic Retreat, an authentic owner-managed luxury lodge surrounded by unspoiled nature.

The property comprises three traditional log cabins on the edge of the Råne river renovated with the utmost attention to detail. Perfect for a romantic escape or for families looking for an exclusive break.

**Accommodation:** One 1 bedroom cabin and two 2 bedroom cabins.

- Airport: 77km Luleå
- Complimentary WiFi
- Full board
- Sub-Arctic location
- Year round activities available

Prices from **£1,625 per person\***

## Arctic Bath, Harads

The Arctic Bath is a new and exciting concept. Floating on the Lule river, Arctic Bath is unique wellness retreat that combines sustainable design and build credentials with innovative technology and design. The exterior looks like a pile of sticks but the rugged exterior hides direct access to the Lule river for wild swimming (in winter the temperature is c. 4°C), four saunas, a hot tub, treatment rooms and six detached and floating guest bedrooms.

**Accommodation:** Six floating rooms.

- Airport: 90km Luleå
- Complimentary WiFi
- Full board
- Sub-Arctic location
- Year round activities available

Guide price from **£1,439 per person\***



\* Guide prices based on 2-sharing the leading room category (3 nights), flights from London to Luleå via Stockholm Arlanda and return shared transfers. Single room supplement and regional flight departures on request.

# The sub Arctic

From spring to autumn Swedish Lapland is illuminated by the warm glow of the arctic sun. The scene of dense forests, fast flowing rivers and rapids, lofty mountain peaks, cultural attractions and wildlife call to be photographed and enjoyed.



## Treehotel, Harads

The small village of Harads, situated in the municipality of Boden, is renowned for its impressive surroundings and the Lule River Valley, creating unification of forest and river. From the village of Harads, a footpath leads you into the tranquillity and wilderness of the forest and to the seclusion of the Treehotel.

Built from inspiration taken from the film 'The Tree Lover' by Jonas Selberg Augustsen, the Treehotel consists of seven cabins each suspended 4-10 metres above the forest floor. This is a unique and exclusive haven surrounded by a backdrop of unspoiled nature. Whether it is for the experience, the adventure, a special occasion or simply to fulfil a childhood dream, a stay at the Treehotel will offer you an insight into nature at its best.

- Airport: 90km Luleå
- Bed & Breakfast
- Complimentary WiFi
- Full Board recommended
- Restaurant
- Sub-Arctic location
- Year round activities available

### Accommodation: Seven cabins

**The Cabin (sleeps 2):** Suspended in mid air and accessed via a long horizontal bridge through the trees. The Cabin has a double bed, designated seating area, tea and coffee making facilities, complimentary WiFi internet connection, bathroom (combustion WC and washbasin) and spectacular views of the forest. Rooftop terrace with views of the forest towards the Lule river valley.

**The Mirror Cube (sleeps 2):** Covered in reflective glass, The Mirror Cube is almost invisible to the naked eye, camouflaged amongst the trees. The tell-tale sign that you have stumbled across every child's dream is the 12 metre long wooden rope bridge climbing up to the entrance. The Mirror Cube has a double bed, designated seating area, tea and coffee making facilities, complimentary WiFi internet connection, bathroom (WC with built in refrigeration unit – don't worry the seat is warm – and washbasin) and 360 degree panoramic views of the forest. Balcony with forest views.

### The Bird's Nest (sleeps 2+2):

Accessed via a retractable metal staircase and hatch, The Bird's Nest cabin is a wooden hideaway positioned high in the trees. Styled as a nest the cabin is a cocoon for any guest wishing to immerse themselves in nature and enjoy a bird's eye view of the world. Circular in shape the Bird's Nest has a double bed, a bunk bed (suitable for children only), tea and coffee making facilities, complimentary WiFi internet connection and bathroom (combustion WC and washbasin).

**The Blue Cone (sleeps 2+2):** Low to the forest floor, the Blue Cone cabin is accessed via a wooden bridge. Albeit red in colour, the Blue Cone has a double bed, designated seating area, tea and coffee making facilities and bathroom (combustion WC and washbasin). On a mezzanine level (sloped ceiling), accessed by a ladder, are a further two single beds (children only). Complimentary WiFi internet connection.

**The UFO (sleeps 2+2):** Suspended above ground and accessed via a retractable metal staircase and hatch, the UFO is a must for any sci-fi fan. Within the spaceship is a double bed, two single sofa beds, designated seating area, tea and coffee making facilities, complimentary WiFi

internet connection and bathroom (combustion WC and washbasin). Porthole windows and a round skylight for viewing the night time sky above add to this extra terrestrial experience.

**The Dragonfly (sleeps 4):** The Dragonfly has two double beds (located in the 'wing' alcoves), a lounge with table, tea and coffee making facilities, complimentary WiFi internet connection, bathroom (shower, combustion WC and washbasin), TV and panoramic windows.

**The 7th room (sleeps 4+1):** This large suite is positioned high in the treetops, accessed by a metal staircase. There is an elevator for luggage. This spacious cabin (75sqm) has an open-plan living room with fireplace and kitchenette (coffee maker, kettle, wine chiller and fridge), bathroom (shower, combustion WC and washbasin), two twin bedrooms and panoramic views over the Lule river. The room can accommodate five people by using a futon-style bed in the lounge.

Guide price from £1,294 per person\*

\* Guide prices based on 2-sharing The Blue Cone (3 nights), flights from London to Luleå via Stockholm Arlanda and return shared transfers. Single room supplement and regional flight departures on request.

# North of the Arctic Circle

The imaginary line of the Arctic Circle runs around the earth at a latitude of 66° 33' 39". Heading north, settlements become fewer and smaller. This is a land where nature dominates and reindeer and moose thrive.

## Akerlund Hotel, Jokkmokk

The community of Jokkmokk is renowned as the Gateway to the Sarek National Park and as the heart of Sami culture. This remarkable village has appeal year-round.

Jokkmokk is like nowhere else in Swedish Lapland. The region's heritage and tradition can be felt and seen everywhere and in everyone, and it is impossible to leave without feeling enriched from your stay.

The Akerlund Hotel is located in the centre of Jokkmokk, a short stroll from the Ajtte Museum, Sami Duodji

(local handicrafts) and Jokkmokk Tenn (silversmiths). Recently renovated, the hotel has a warm, welcoming atmosphere.

**Accommodation:** 24 rooms including single and standard rooms.

- Airport: 176km Luleå
- Arctic location
- Bed & Breakfast
- Complimentary WiFi
- Restaurant
- Year round activities available

Guide price from **£742 per person\***



Standard room



## Camp Ripan, Kiruna

Camp Ripan sits below the Luossavaara Mountains c.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, this locally owned and managed property is convenience and wilderness combined.

Each of the 88 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 a spa, bar, lounge and restaurant.

**Accommodation:** 88 cabins including Riekko, Kiruna, Rievssat and Giron cabins.

- Airport: 9km Kiruna
- Arctic location
- Bed & Breakfast
- Restaurant
- Spa facilities
- Swimming pool (outdoor – Summer only)
- Year round activities available

Guide price from **£832 per person\***

## Fjellborg Arctic Lodge, Kiruna

The Fjellborg Arctic Lodge offers premium, all inclusive packages in unspoiled surroundings near Lake Väkkärä on the outskirts of Kiruna and Jukkasjärvi. Accommodation is reserved exclusively for your party as are the privately guided activities included. If you are looking for an oasis of comfort and tranquillity for that 'special holiday' we are pleased to say that you can stop searching!

The Lodge (Master Cabin) has a distinctively Scandinavian style and exudes a warm feel of home.

At the heart of the house is a sociable lounge with wood-burner and there are three bedrooms and a sauna.

During your stay your personal chef will serve delicious Lappish cuisine. A remarkable property.

**Accommodation:** Private cabin with three bedrooms.

- Airport: 12km Kiruna
- Arctic location
- Complimentary WiFi
- Full Board
- Winter activities available

**Prices on request**



\* Guide prices based on 2-sharing the leading room category (3 nights), flights from London to Luleå (Akerlund Hotel) and Kiruna (Ripan Hotel) via Stockholm Arlanda and return shared transfers. Single room supplement and regional flight departures on request.

# North of the Arctic Circle

Swedish Lapland is not a one-trick pony. The winter months bring a snow-covered wilderness illuminated by the colours of the Aurora Borealis and the period of the Polar Night. In the summer this is the land of the midnight sun, when the sun does not set below the horizon.



## ICEHOTEL and ICEHOTEL 365, Jukkasjärvi

Located in Jukkasjärvi, in the heart of the unspoiled wilderness of Swedish Lapland, stands the world famous and original ICEHOTEL. For the last 29 years, each winter a unique and breathtaking sculpture has taken form on the banks of the River Torne; a structure where everything from the artwork, to the chairs you sit on, the beds you sleep on, and the glass in your hand has been made using carefully harvested, crystal clear ice from the neighbouring river.

Securing its position as one of the world's most innovative properties, the ICEHOTEL launched a 365 day concept in 2016, allowing guests to experience a night on ice no matter the time of year. During winter, the exterior looks similar to that of the original ICEHOTEL structure but in summer it has a grass covered roof adorned with arctic mountain flowers and kept cool by several solar panels.

A stay at this exquisite property is guaranteed to be one that you will never forget.

**Cold Accommodation:** These rooms are located within the original ICEHOTEL structure and the newer ICEHOTEL 365 building.

### ICEHOTEL

**Ice rooms:** Rooms with special beds built of snow and ice and decorated with furniture made from ice. Some Ice rooms can accommodate 3 people and one room can accommodate 4 people.

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

### ICEHOTEL 365

**Art suites 365:** Similar to Winter suites, these rooms are individually designed with special beds built of snow and ice and decorated with furniture and unique artwork made from ice. All rooms have been designed and sculpted by international artists.

**Deluxe suites:** Hilla, Jauvre and Johka are individually designed rooms each with a special bed built of snow and ice and decorated with furniture and unique artwork made from ice. Hilla has an en-suite bathroom (shower and sauna), Jauvre has an en-suite bathroom (bath, shower and sauna) and Johka has an en-suite bathroom (shower).

**Warm Accommodation:** These rooms are located in the grounds of the ICEHOTEL and ICEHOTEL 365.

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

### Kaamos superior rooms:

Spacious rooms decorated using a contemporary Scandinavian design. These rooms have twin beds, bathroom (shower and hairdryer), TV, telephone, complimentary 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, complimentary WiFi internet connection, kettle and fridge.

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

### Accommodation:

- Airport: 12km Kiruna
- Arctic location
- Bed & Breakfast
- Complimentary WiFi
- Restaurant
- Year round activities available

Guide price from £785 per person\*

\* Guide prices based on 2-sharing an Art Suite for 1 night and a Kaamos room for 2 nights, flights from London to Kiruna via Stockholm Arlanda and return shared transfers. Single room supplement and regional flight departures on request.

# Abisko National Park

The Abisko National Park is famous for its natural beauty, Nordic wildlife and is a hot spot for winter adventures as well as summer hiking. The park enjoys a microclimate and is renowned for its virtually clear skies and low light pollution – two requisites for sightings of the Aurora Borealis.



## Björkliden Mountain Resort, Björkliden

During the early winter period (Dec – Feb), Björkliden Mountain Resort is quiet and relaxed. This is the time of year when the darkness of the polar night, the twinkling of stars and the northern lights take centre stage.

From the middle of February, the ski-slopes are open and the resort is livelier. Guests can be found exploring the snow-covered mountainsides and enjoying the northern lights.

The summer and autumn attract outdoor enthusiasts, hikers and aurora hunters. This one of the

best places in Lapland to enjoy the changing colours of the fall.

**Accommodation:** 46 rooms including single and standard rooms plus 86 detached two and four bedroom cabins

- Airport: 113km Kiruna
- Arctic location
- Bed and Breakfast
- Complimentary WiFi
- Full Board recommended
- Restaurant
- Winter activities available

Guide price from **£826 per person\***

## STF Abisko Mountain Station, Abisko

The STF Abisko Mountain Station is situated in the heart of the Abisko National Park, 100km to the west of Kiruna. This is the 'land of the northern lights', the Sami people, moose, mountain fox, polar hare, wolverine and lynx. Abisko has been highlighted by Lonely Planet as the best place in the world to see the natural phenomenon of the Aurora Borealis.

A simple yet homely and friendly property, the STF Abisko Mountain Station is ideal for those wishing to

get away from artificial light pollution and to enjoy the natural wilderness.

**Accommodation:** 43 rooms including single, standard and superior rooms.

- Airport: 100km Kiruna
- Arctic location
- Bed & Breakfast
- Complimentary WiFi
- Full Board recommended
- Restaurant
- Winter activities available

Guide price from **£895 per person\***



\* Guide prices based on 2-sharing a standard room (3 nights), flights from London to Kiruna via Stockholm Arlanda and return shared transfers. Single room supplement and regional flight departures on request.



### Price includes

- Return flights to Luleå airport, via Stockholm Arlanda
- 1 night at the Clarion Hotel Sense, Luleå (Bed & Breakfast. Please visit our website)
- 2 nights at the Akerlund Hotel, Jokkmokk (Bed & Breakfast)
- 2 nights at the Treehotel, Harads (Half Board)
- All transfers detailed
- All excursions detailed
- Single room supplement on request

### Departures

Daily between Dec – Mar

### Duration

5 nights

### Guide price based on 2-sharing from

£1,868 per person



## The heart of Swedish Lapland

Itinerary: 6 days / 5 nights

**At the heart of Swedish Lapland is the community of Jokkmokk, the centre of Sami culture and the gateway to the Sarek and Padjelanta National Parks. If you want to find the real Lapland you will find it here, next to the Arctic Circle and amongst the pristine forests, mountains and river valleys. They say that 'nature carries culture'. Everywhere you look in Jokkmokk, and everything you do, will introduce you to the traditions, language and handicrafts of the region. Our five night winter itinerary includes a stay in Jokkmokk and a stay at the remarkable Treehotel in Harads.**

**Day One:** On arrival at Luleå airport, you will be transferred to the Clarion Hotel Sense in the heart of the city. Overnight at the Clarion Hotel Sense in Luleå.

**Day Two:** After breakfast you will be transferred to Jokkmokk by a local-guided minibus. The transfer will take 2 ½ hours. On arrival at Jokkmokk, check-in to the Akerlund Hotel. Afternoon at leisure in Jokkmokk. Take the opportunity to visit Attje - the Swedish Mountain and Sami Museum.

With exhibitions telling the story of Sapmi, the land and the people, plus a popular restaurant on site, it is easy to while-away the hours here. Other sites of interest in the town include Jokkmokk Tenn, where skilled craftsmen make exquisite jewellery, and the Sami Duodji handicraft shop. Overnight at the Akerland Hotel in Jokkmokk (page 36).

#### Day Three: Essence of Lapland

Local food connoisseur Eva Gunnare is fascinating to talk to and her passion for her town and for the local produce is infectious. From game meat and forest birds to freshwater fish, berries and herbs, Jokkmokk's pantry is rich and varied. Today, we have included a 3 hour flavour experience with Eva. The tour includes a short guided walk through the forest and food tastings in Eva's warm and cosy kitchen. Afternoon at leisure. Snowmobile tours and visits to the Stone Age Centre of Vuollerim can be arranged. Overnight at the Akerland Hotel in Jokkmokk.

#### Day Four: Northern lights snowmobile tour

After breakfast you will be transferred to the Treehotel in Harads. Your accommodation this evening will be one of the unique tree rooms - choose between the UFO, the Mirror Cube, the Blue Cone, the Birds Nest, the Cabin, the Dragonfly

and the 7th room. This evening, we have included a 2 ½ hour northern lights tour by snowmobile. It is an exhilarating experience and one that, especially under the illuminating waves of the Aurora Borealis, will be remembered for a lifetime. A three course evening meal and overnight at the Treehotel in Harads (page 35).

#### Day Five: Dog sled tour

This morning enjoy a 3 hour dog sled tour in the winter landscape surrounding Harads. This serene, snow-covered environment of yewtree forests and open river valleys, is the perfect place for huskies to run and our tour includes the opportunity for you to drive your own team of dogs as well as time to enjoy the ride from the comfort of the sled. A leisurely afternoon and evening at the Treehotel. Opportunity to relax in the sauna and jacuzzi (pre-bookable and available at a supplement); hire a kick sled, snowshoes or cross country skis and explore independently - or just sit back, in your room, and enjoy the view. A three course evening meal and overnight at the Treehotel in Harads.

**Day Six:** After breakfast, you will be transferred to Luleå airport for your return flight to the UK.



### Price includes

- Flights to Luleå airport returning from Kiruna airport, via Stockholm Arlanda
- 2 nights at the Treehotel, Harads (Half Board)
- 2 nights at the ICEHOTEL, Jukkasjärvi (Bed & Breakfast)
- All transfers detailed
- All excursions detailed
- Single room supplement on request

**Departures**  
Daily between mid-Dec and mid-Apr

**Duration**  
4 nights

**Guide price based on 2-sharing from**  
£1,805 per person  
\* Available year round with alternative excursions



# Treehotel and ICEHOTEL: Earth and water

## Itinerary: 5 days / 4 nights

Combining a stay at two of the most unique hotels in Sweden, this experience will take you to the Treehotel and the ICEHOTEL.

Located in the natural forest of Harads, 90km north-west of Luleå, the Treehotel is the childhood dream of Kent and Brittas Lindvall which has now become reality. With extraordinary tree rooms created by some of Scandinavia's leading architects a stay here is guaranteed to be an unforgettable experience.

The small village of Jukkasjärvi is located 284km north of Harads, and it is here that each winter the world-famous ICEHOTEL is created out of snow and ice. A momentary art project, a stay here is one that will be engraved on your memory for a lifetime.

**Day One:** On arrival at Luleå airport, you will be transferred to the Treehotel in Harads. After check-in, you will have free time to explore the grounds of the Treehotel or simply to enjoy the view and tranquillity from your room. Dinner and overnight at the Treehotel in Harads (page 35).

**Day Two:** Day at leisure in Harads, time to relax at the Forest Sauna (payable locally) or to book an activity – a kick-sled tour around Harads, snowshoe tour, ice-fishing, dog-sled tour and a snowmobile safari are some of the excursions on offer. Dinner and overnight at the Treehotel in Harads.

### Day Three: Northern lights tour by shared snowmobile

After breakfast, you will be transferred from the Treehotel to the ICEHOTEL in Jukkasjärvi by road and rail. After check-in at the ICEHOTEL, you will have free time to visit your Art Suite and to explore the individually designed rooms within the cold accommodation – don't forget your camera!

This evening, we have included a northern lights tour by shared snowmobile. Away from the artificial lights of the village, you heighten your chance of seeing the Lady Aurora's colourful waves in the skies above. Overnight stay in an Art Suite (cold accommodation) at the ICEHOTEL in Jukkasjärvi (page 37).

### Day Four: Dog sled ride and Räidu – encounter with the reindeer experience

Today, we have included two of our most popular excursions for your enjoyment: a dog sled tour through the winter wonderland and Räidu, a cultural tour during which you will learn about the traditional way of life of the indigenous Sámi people and have the chance to feed the reindeer and take a short ride in a reindeer pulled sled. Overnight stay in a Kaamos room (warm accommodation) at the ICEHOTEL, Jukkasjärvi.

### Day Five: After breakfast, you will be transferred to Kiruna airport for your return flight to the UK.

# Spa break in Swedish Lapland

## Itinerary: 4 days / 3 nights

Treat yourself to a spa break with a difference in Swedish Lapland this winter. At 200km above the Arctic Circle, in the land where the ground is dusted with snow and the trees are adorned with sparkling icicles, the Aurora Spa at Camp Ripan welcomes visitors with its warming and reinvigorating ambience. Sympathetically designed using local materials the spa offers a journey through Lapland; it's resources - stone, wood and water, and the Sami culture. Our three night package includes access to the Aurora Spa and the spa ritual experience. Our favourite dog-sled tour, a snowmobile tour, an aurora photo tour and a northern lights dinner are also featured.

### Day One: Aurora photo tour

On arrival at Kiruna airport you will be transferred to the Ripan Hotel in Kiruna. This locally-owned property has been part of Sunvil's holiday programme to Scandinavia since 2008 and, over the years, has gone from strength to strength. Its aim is to offer authentic hospitality and excellent local gastronomy in the heart of Lapland.

A four hour aurora photo tour is included this evening. The tour will teach you the skills required to capture the northern lights and magical pictures of the darkness-blanketed landscape.

Once learned, this is a skill that you can use throughout your time in Swedish Lapland and beyond. Overnight at the Camp Ripan in Kiruna (page 36).

### Day Two: Trapline dog sled tour and Spa ritual

This morning we have included our favourite, and most highly-praised, dog-sled tour. Led by a local musher and guide, this is a small-group, hands-on experience where you will get to drive your own team of dogs across the arctic wilderness. Be sure to have your camera to hand to record the passing scene during your time on the sled.

A leisurely afternoon will be spent at Camp Ripan and in the Aurora Spa. Journey through the spa following the instructions and products provided in your 'ritual package'. Try the aroma sauna with pine oil, the coffee scrub, the mineral sauna, the footbath with juniper berries and the indoor and outdoor plunge pools to name but a few of the experiences on offer. Overnight at Camp Ripan in Kiruna.

### Day Three: Snowmobile tour and a northern lights dinner

A three hour snowmobile tour has been included this afternoon. This is not just a snowmobile tour, it is an exploration of the wilderness surrounding Kiruna, a landscape that reindeer herders have worked for centuries. Your tour will take you to the summit of Ednavaara mountain which affords far-reaching views over the town and the Torne river valley.

This evening, we have included a small group northern lights dinner for you. The trip includes a transfer by SkyArk (a heated, see-through pod pulled by a snowmobile) and a delicious meal served inside a warm Sami tipi, lavvu. The destination is away from all artificial lights and offers uninterrupted views of the night sky - sit back and enjoy, and hopefully you can put your newly-learned photography skills to the test. Overnight at Camp Ripan in Kiruna.

**Day Four:** After breakfast, transfer to Kiruna airport for your return flight to the UK using our moose safari by minibus.



Spa at Camp Ripan

## Price includes

- Return flights to Kiruna airport, via Stockholm Arlanda
- 3 nights at Camp Ripan, Kiruna (Bed & Breakfast)
- Return shared transfers
- All excursions detailed
- Single room supplement on request

## Departures

Daily between Dec – Apr

## Duration

3 nights

**Guide price based on 2-sharing from £1,826 per person**





Aurora Borealis in the Abisko National Park

**Price includes**

- Return flights to Kiruna, via Stockholm Arlanda
- 3 nights at the STF Abisko Mountain Station, Abisko (Half Board)
- Return shared transfers
- All excursions detailed
- Single room supplement on request

**Departures**  
Daily between mid-Dec and mid-Apr

**Duration**  
3 nights

**Guide price based on 2-sharing from**  
£1,279 per person



Abisko National Park

# Northern lights holiday in Abisko

**Itinerary: 4 days / 3 nights**

Abisko is considered to be one of the best places in the world to witness the Aurora Borealis due to its virtually clear skies, low precipitation and distance from artificial light pollution. For those wishing to catch a glimpse of the northern lights, Abisko is hard to beat. Listen carefully and you may even hear the lights - green, white, blue, red in colour - dancing on the wind.

Our three-night package is based at the Abisko Mountain Station STF in the heart of the Abisko National Park and includes the No.1 activity in the area - an Aurora Photo Tour, as well as a visit to the ICEHOTEL. This is a magical winter wonderland steeped in history and spectacular landscapes.

**Day One:** On arrival at Kiruna airport, your will be transferred to the STF Abisko Mountain Station in Abisko. Overnight and evening meal at the STF Abisko Mountain Station in Abisko (page 38).

## Day Two: Aurora photo tour

Day at leisure in Abisko. Opportunity to participate in a range of excursions including a Sami and reindeer experience tour, dog-sledding, a snowshoe hike, ice climbing and ice fishing. Overnight and evening meal at the STF Abisko Mountain Station.

In the evening, join a small group tour, led by professional photographers, in search of the northern lights. Under their expert guidance you will learn the skills that you need to find and photograph the magical Aurora Borealis; a high quality camera is provided for your use. The tour is extremely personal and the friendly nature of the guides adds an extra dimension to the trip. There is no wonder why they have been voted the No.1 provider of Aurora Photo Tours in Abisko by Tripadvisor. Overnight at the STF Abisko Mountain Station in Abisko.

## Day Three: Day excursion to the ICEHOTEL and evening sleigh ride in search of the northern lights

Today, you will travel c.90 minutes east from Abisko to the small village of Jukkasjärvi on the shores of the River Torne. This small community is home to the world-famous ICEHOTEL and the ICEHOTEL 365.

During your time at this unique property you will have the opportunity to join a guided tour of the property, its remarkable Art Suites, the ICEBAR by ICEHOTEL and the Ice Chapel. There is also time for lunch and independent exploration.

This evening, a local guide will lead you into the heart of the Abisko valley on board a snowmobile driven sled. Your journey will take you through arctic forests, across frozen lakes and will take-in incredible mountain vistas and wilderness panoramas. At the excursion's basecamp there will be time to relax and to practice your photographic skills, under the watchful eye of the professional photographer. If conditions permits, your dark-sky location will provide the opportunity to observe the Aurora Borealis and the skies above. Overnight at the STF Abisko Mountain Station in Abisko.

**Day Four:** After breakfast, transfer to Kiruna airport for your return flight to the UK.

# A fly-drive holiday through Lapland: Norway - Sweden - Finland

Itinerary: 8 days / 7 nights

**The drama and imposing beauty of northern Scandinavia's landscape must be seen to be believed. Words can set the scene but it is only, when surrounded by the towering mountain peaks, fast flowing rivers and glistening lakes, that you can appreciate the power of Mother Nature. Our this seven night tour you will travel from the fjords of northern Norway, to the mountains of the Abisko National Park on the Sweden/Norway border, the wilderness plains of Swedish Lapland and the fells of northern Finland - keep your camera at the ready.**

**Day One:** On arrival at Tromsø Langnes airport, collect your hire car and drive to the Clarion Collection Hotel Aurora.

The sun does not set below the horizon in Tromsø between 20 May and 22 July. This natural phenomenon is called the midnight sun and it is a remarkable, and somewhat emotive, sight to observe the golden sun fall towards the sea only to rise once more. There is no night, only dusk and day at this time of year. This evening, why not take the cable car into the mountains surrounding Tromsø and observe this ever-changing scene for yourself? Overnight at the Clarion Collection Hotel Aurora in Tromsø (page 70).

**Day Two:** Day at leisure in or around Tromsø. As the largest city north of the Arctic Circle, there is plenty to see and do. Notable visitor attractions include The Polar Museum, Tromsø Museum, the Nordnorsk Kunstmuseum and Polaria. However, these sites are eclipsed by the magnetic pull of Tromsø's dramatic natural backdrop, which beckons you to spend most of your time out of doors. Overnight at the Clarion Collection Hotel Aurora in Tromsø.

**Day Three:** After breakfast, drive south towards the coastal port of Narvik. Your route will be bordered by the fjords to the west and the mountains to the east - keep your eyes peeled for moose and reindeer.

Narvik's natural setting is as beautiful as its more famous cousin, Tromsø, yet is often overlooked by visitors. This small community has the most northern train station in Norway, towering mountains, calm fjords and was a strategically valuable port, for both sides, during World War II. Visit the Narvik War Museum to learn about the 1940 Battle of Narvik. Overnight at the Scandic Hotel Narvik in Narvik (page 69).

**Day Four:** Today, take a leisurely drive through the mountains to the Abisko National Park in Sweden and the wilderness plains that stretch below. Your destination is the world-famous ICEHOTEL 365 in Jukkasjärvi on the shores of the River Torne.

Your room is an Art Suite 365 and your bed will be formed from a base of ice and snow and insulated

with reindeer skin - thermal sleeping bags are provided to keep you cosy until dawn. Overnight at the ICEHOTEL 365 in Jukkasjärvi (page 37).

**Day Five:** Free time in Jukkasjärvi. Opportunity to explore the ICEHOTEL and the town of Kiruna. A wealth of activities and experiences are on offer locally including a treetop adventure, wildlife and nature photo tours, fishing, ice sculpting, rafting, wilderness dinners and wilderness skills. Overnight in the warm accommodation at the ICEHOTEL in Jukkasjärvi.

**Day Six:** From the Torne river valley and surrounding wilderness plains, your journey will climb to the mountain plateau dividing Sweden, Finland and Norway. This remote region is the cultural landscape of Sami reindeer herders, who for generations have followed the natural rhythm of their animals from the winter land in the mountains to the summer land near the coast. Here, you will find calm lakes, barren fells and free-roaming reindeer.

Accommodation is at Tundrea in the village of Kilpisjärvi, Finland's only mountain resort.

**Day Seven:** Free time at Finland's highest fell. Relax, unwind and enjoy the beauty of the scene. Overnight at Tundrea in Kilpisjärvi.

**Day Eight:** After breakfast, drive the 50km to the Norwegian coast and onwards to Tromsø Langnes airport. Depart on your return flight to the UK.

## Price includes

- Return flights to Tromsø Langnes airport
- 2 nights at the Clarion Collection Hotel Aurora, Tromsø (Bed & Breakfast. A light evening meal is included.)
- 1 night at the Scandic Hotel Narvik, Narvik (Bed & Breakfast)
- 2 nights the ICEHOTEL, Jukkasjärvi (Bed & Breakfast)
- 2 nights at Tundrea, Kilpisjärvi (Bed & Breakfast) Please visit our website
- 8 days car hire (Group B)
- Single room supplement on request

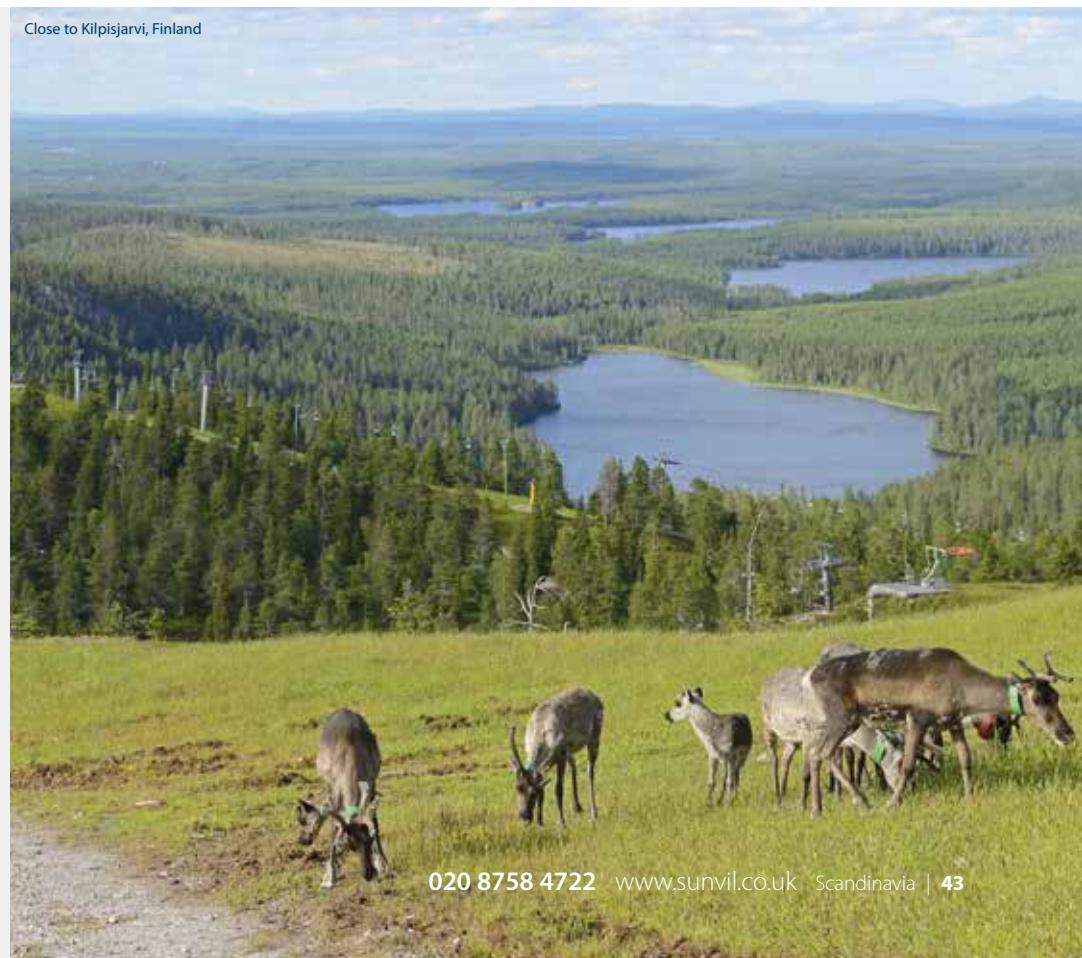
## Departures

Daily between May – Sep

## Duration

7 nights

**Guide price based on 2-sharing from £1,408 per person**





### Price includes

- Return flights to Kiruna airport, via Stockholm Arlanda
- 3 nights at the ICEHOTEL, Jukkasjärvi (as detailed - Bed & Breakfast)
- Return shared transfers
- All excursions detailed
- Single room supplement on request

<b>Departures</b>
Daily between Jun – Sep
<b>Duration</b>
3 nights
<b>Guide price based on 4-sharing from</b>
£1,120 per person



# Family break to the ICEHOTEL - Summer and autumn

Itinerary: 4 days / 3 nights

Swedish Lapland is a wonderful destination for a family holiday with a difference at any time of year. During the summer and autumn, nature takes centre stage and a host of exciting outdoor activities for all the family are on offer.

With hiking, cycling, rafting, zip-wire and treetop activities, ice sculpting and wilderness experiences on offer, plus, as the midnight sun subsides, the chance of seeing the northern lights, it is safe to say that a trip to Swedish Lapland is one the whole family will enjoy and remember for a long time.

**Day One:** On arrival at Kiruna airport you will be transferred to the ICEHOTEL in Jukkasjärvi on the shores of the River Torne. Tonight you will sleep in sub zero temperatures (between -5°C and -8°C) within the remarkable ICEHOTEL 365, a unique

and fascinating accommodation concept. Your bed for the evening has been specifically made from ice and snow and is insulated by a mattress and topped with reindeer skins. Your duvet for the night is a thermal sleeping bag. Overnight at the ICEHOTEL 365 (page 37).

#### Day Two: Torne river rafting

After a satisfying buffet breakfast at the ICEHOTEL restaurant you will join a small group of guests to take part in the ICEHOTEL's most popular summer activity, a six hour rafting experience. For centuries the River Torne was the lifeline for Swedish Lapland transporting goods and people across the region, and more recently it has provided the building blocks for the ICEHOTEL (harvested from the frozen river each winter). On this tour, you will cross calm and white-water whilst being immersed in one of the most unspoiled landscapes in Europe. Lunch is taken at a wilderness camp on an island. This evening you will stay in warm accommodation at the ICEHOTEL.

#### Day Three: Challenge park and Wilderness dinner

Morning at leisure. Time to explore the small hamlet of Jukkasjärvi or to hire canoes, stand up paddle boards (SUP), bicycles or fishing equipment from the property (payable locally). In the afternoon, head to the forest close to the ICEHOTEL for a Treetop Adventure. This 3 hour experience involves traversing six elevated obstacles, reaching heights of up to 18 metres above ground and connected by rope bridges and ziplines. This evening we have included a 3 course meal at the ICEHOTEL's wilderness camp. From the end of August, as the night's draw in, there is a chance to see the northern lights dancing overhead. Overnight in warm accommodation at the ICEHOTEL.

**Day Four:** After breakfast, you will be transferred to Kiruna airport for your return flight to the UK.

# An active autumn break in Swedish Lapland

## Itinerary: 5 days / 4 nights

As the permanent glow of the midnight sun gives way to the glorious golden hues of autumn Swedish Lapland comes into its own. For many, this is the best season of the year and the most beautiful: the forests explode with colour, wild fare is ripe for picking and, as the days get shorter, spectacles of the billowing waves of the Aurora Borealis can be seen. Autumn has another appeal and that is it offers the perfect conditions for a wealth of outdoor experiences. From hiking and biking to fishing, foraging, wilderness dinners, swimming and boat tours there is much to sample and enjoy.

**Day One:** On arrival at Luleå airport, you will be transferred to Brändön Lodge on the shores of the Bay of Bothnia. This charming owner-managed property offers detached two bedroom cabins, each with its own private deck overlooking the grounds to the sea. Overnight and evening meal at Brändön Lodge in Brändön (page 34).

### Day Two: Fat biking and northern lights boat tour with wilderness dinner

The wide and grippy tyres on fat bikes allows you to cycle out into the wilderness, along forest trails and over sand, mud and even snow. With a local guide, today you will explore the village of Brändön and its surrounding forests and archipelago. Allow the calm of your surroundings to envelop you and open your senses to the sights, sounds and smells of the nature.

Leisurely afternoon and lunch at Brändön Lodge before joining an evening boat tour on the Baltic Sea. As darkness sets in you will land on one of Luleå's low-lying islands and make camp. A roaring fire will be lit whilst your local guide prepares a fantastic outdoor dinner, and all you need to do is to sit back and relax. If conditions are right this remote spot, away from all artificial lights, will offer you front row seats for watching the northern lights dance on the cosmic winds above. Overnight at Brändön Lodge in Brändön.

### Day Three: Foraging and outdoor cooking class

The forests around Brändön are full of autumn delicacies including blue berries, cloud berries, lingon berries and a variety of mushrooms including chanterelles and porcini. These local ingredients are an integral part of many traditional dishes as well as in health and beauty products. Today, your guide will take you for a stroll in the forest and will teach you about the local flora and fauna. You will pick berries and mushrooms, some of which will later be used in the three course outdoor dinner that you prepare alongside Brändön's chef. Lunch and overnight at Brändön Lodge in Brändön.

**Day Four:** Day at leisure at Brändön Lodge or opportunity to participate in a guided kayak tour, a yoga experience, a seal safari by boat and to learn Nordic wilderness skills (pre-bookable through Sunvil). Lunch, evening meal and overnight at Brändön Lodge in Brändön.

**Day Five:** After breakfast, you will be transferred to Luleå airport for your return flight to the UK.

## Price includes

- Return flights to Luleå airport, via Stockholm Arlanda
- 4 nights at Brändön Lodge, Brändön (Full Board)
- Return shared transfers
- All excursions detailed
- Single room supplement

## Departures

Daily between mid Aug – end Sep

## Duration

4 nights

**Guide price based on 2-sharing from £1,760 per person**

