

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.

1 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.



2 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.

3 Pack ice experiences

Head out onto the frozen Bothnian sea onboard a snowmobile or hovercraft. For miles around you will witness a white landscape broken up by small islands and bordered by a seemingly endless field of pack ice.



4 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.

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 Northern Lights and to observe the towering pack ice.

Clarion Hotel Sense, Luleå

The Clarion Hotel Sense is one of the newest hotels in Luleå and also offers the highest quality of accommodation in the city. Situated on the main promenade and close to the harbourfront, the property combines modern design with spacious comfortable lounges, an excellent spa and a wonderful panoramic restaurant, terrace and bar. The result is a welcoming and relaxing environment which is enjoyed by locals and guests alike.

Accommodation: 154 rooms including single, standard, superior and deluxe rooms and suites.

- Airport: 11 km Luleå
- Bed & Breakfast
- Complimentary WiFi
- Restaurant
- Spa facilities
- Sub-Arctic location
- Swimming pool (indoor)
- Winter activities available

Prices from £796 per person*



Brandon Lodge, near Luleå

A jewel in the crown of Swedish Lapland, Brandon 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.

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

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

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.

Prices from £796 per person*

Årrenjarka Mountain Lodge, Årrenjarka

In the heart of Swedish Lapland, just 17 km from where the road ends and surrounded by the cultural landscape of the Sami is Årrenjarka Mountain Lodge; a family run hotel where personal service and a calming environment are the order of the day.

Accommodation: Cozy, comfortable accommodation of a good standard divided between Lapponia Lodge (5 guest rooms), 4 Lapland Cottages and 4 Premium Cottages.

- Airport: 277 km Luleå / 299 km Kiruna
- Complimentary WiFi
- Full Board
- Restaurant
- Sub-Arctic location
- Winter activities available

Prices on request.

Highly recommended for guests looking for a tranquil and active break – hiking, snowmobiling, dog-sledding, snowshoeing and cross-country skiing – in an authentic part of the Arctic.



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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 in 2010, with inspiration from the film 'The Tree Lover' by Jonas Selberg Augustsen, the Treehotel consists of six cabins each suspended 4-6 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.

Accommodation: Each cabin is decorated in a contemporary design • Under floor heating, combined with good insulation, ensures a warm cosy stay • Please note that the cabins do not have running water, a water canister is provided above the sink in the bathroom (adequate for washing hands, face and brushing teeth). Showers are located in the Britta's Pensionat and there are also showers in the Forest Sauna.

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 • Please note that there are steep stairs down into the cabin from the entrance door.

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 • This cabin is not suitable for guests with walking difficulties.

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 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) • This cabin is not suitable for guests with walking difficulties.

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 • This cabin is not suitable for guests with walking difficulties.

The Dragonfly (sleeps 4): The largest of the rooms at the Treehotel, 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 (combustion WC and washbasin) and panoramic windows.

The Forest Sauna:

Located within walking distance of the cabins, the Forest Sauna has two saunas, a hot tub, relaxation area and showers • Use of the sauna and hot tub is payable locally.

Notes: Check-in for the Treehotel is completed at the Britta's Pensionat, a guesthouse which retains a charm of yesteryear • The Treehotel cabins are c.5-10 minutes walk from Britta's Pensionat via a forest path – please note that during the winter, when the snow is on the ground, the path may be slippery in places • Guests at the Treehotel can leave non-essential items and luggage at Britta's Pensionat. Please note that there is no wardrobe space in the cabins.

Treehotel - Amenities / Leisure:

Buffet Breakfast (served in the Britta's Pensionat) • Lunch and evening meals can be delivered to your room on request • Forest sauna • Guided tours of the Treehotel available and payable locally • The village of Harads has a population of 600 people, a restaurant and a minimarket (c. 20 minutes walk).

Britta's Pensionat - Amenities / Leisure:

Restaurant serving home cooked dishes and specialising in local produce • Bar • Open plan sauna and relaxation area with showers (unisex) • Complimentary WiFi internet connection.

Accommodation:

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

Prices from £1,455 per person*

North of the Arctic Circle

Northern Sweden 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.

Ripan Hotel, Kiruna

Ripan Hotel 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 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 a spa, bar, lounge and restaurant.

Accommodation: 90 cabins including single, standard and family cabins.

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

Prices from £570 per person*



Mattarahkka Lodge, Kiruna

Managed by Andreas and Sofia and their family, Mattarahkka is an intimate guest house on the outskirts of Kiruna (10 minutes drive). Meaning 'Mother Earth', the property was originally built as a cultural centre for the Sami people. Today Sami colours - blue, red, yellow and green - and symbols are evident in the interior design and 7 cosy bedrooms have been created from the former handicraft studios.

Mattarahkka is a relaxed yet sociable property where staff and guests mingle and talk, and where flexibility is key.

Make yourself at home 200km north of the Arctic Circle, away from artificial light pollution and everyday stress.

Accommodation: 7 duplex guest rooms

- Airport: 13km Kiruna
- Arctic location
- Complimentary WiFi
- Full Board
- Winter activities available

Prices from £744 per person*



Pine Tree Lodge, Kangos

Situated 150km north of the Arctic Circle, in the rural hamlet of Kangos, Pine Tree Lodge is the ideal property for guests wishing to immerse themselves in the unspoiled wilderness of Northern Sweden. Away from light pollution this owner-managed property is well-positioned to offer wonderful sightings of the awe-inspiring Aurora Borealis and, with husky-dog kennels and an activity company based on site the opportunity to participate in a host of winter activities.

Accommodation: Accommodation is divided between nine wooden buildings: Pine Tree Lodge (10 standard rooms), Husky Lodge (4 standard rooms), a New Lodge (7 standard rooms) and six independent Lake Cabins.

- Airport: 133km Kiruna / 167km Kittila
- Arctic location
- Complimentary WiFi
- Full Board
- Winter activities available

Prices on request.

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ICEHOTEL, Jukkasjärvi

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. Some snow rooms can accommodate up to 4 people.

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.

Northern Light rooms: Rooms with special beds built of snow and ice and decorated with an ice sculpture inspired by the Aurora. The lighting in the room depicts the movement and colours of the Aurora Borealis. Some Northern Light 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. All rooms have been made by international artists. Some Art suites can accommodate 3 people.

Deluxe suites: Individually designed rooms with a special bed built of snow and ice and decorated with furniture and unique artwork made from ice. The Deluxe suites are the only rooms in the ICEHOTEL structure that have a door (all other rooms have curtains), an en-suite bathroom and a sauna.

Notes: Beds are made out of snow and ice and

insulated by a mattress and topped with reindeer skins. • You will be provided with a subzero sleeping bag. • Rooms (except the Deluxe suites) have curtain doors • Shared toilets • Sauna (free of charge for guest use) • Heated wash rooms and changing rooms are available • Luggage cannot be taken into the ICEHOTEL's cold accommodation structure. 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 10am until 6pm. Overnight guests are allowed access to their room 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, 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.

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 an à la carte evening menu and specialising in Lappish gourmet cuisine. Reservations are recommended. Seatings available at 18:00, 19:30

and 21:00. A chef's choice two-course menu costs c.450SEK per person and a four-course menu costs c.855SEK per person. • Homestead restaurant serving an à la carte menu - approximately 800m from the ICEHOTEL overlooking the Torne River. Reservations are recommended. A main course costs c.180SEK • Lounge • ICEBAR by ICEHOTEL • Ice Church - this is a popular location for weddings • Transfers by husky sled from Kiruna Airport are available on request

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

Notes: Due to the unique nature of the hotel it takes a different form each year. Opening and closing dates are very much dependent on the weather. The image shown above, of the cold accommodation, are from structures over the years.

Accommodation:

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

Prices from £835 per person*

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. Take advantage of the variety of daytime and evening excursions on offer or just relax near the fire in the panoramic lounge.

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.

Accommodation: Accommodation at Björkliden is divided between the main building and 83 detached cabins (80 two-bedroom cabins and 3 four-bedroom deluxe cabins).

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

Prices from £675 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. Abiskohas been highlighted by Lonely Planet as the best place in the world to see this natural phenomenon.

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
- Restaurant
- Winter activities available

Prices from £825 per person*



Itinerary: 4 days / 3 nights

Hovercraft archipelago tour

Departures: Jan – end Mar
Duration: 3 nights
Prices from: £1,273 per person

Surrounding the city of Luleå is an unspoiled coastline and an extensive archipelago of 1300 islands. Our three night weekend break to Swedish Lapland is based at Brandon Lodge on the shores of the frozen Bothnian Bay. This is a tranquil location, away from artificial lights, where guests can relax and unwind or participate in a host of winter activities.

We have included a hovercraft pack ice tour, snowmobile tour and a Nordic winter skills experience for your enjoyment. These tours will not only highlight the diversity of the landscape but also allow you to explore the surrounding nature. Additional activities can be pre-booked.

Day One:

On arrival at Luleå airport, you will be transferred to Brandon Lodge on the outskirts of Luleå. A 3-course evening meal and overnight stay are included at Brandon Lodge in Brändö (page 29).

Day Two:

Nordic winter skills and Snowmobile pack ice tour

Today we have included two excursions for you: Nordic winter skills and a snowmobile pack ice tour.

The informative, educational and fun Nordic winter skills excursion will teach you about life in the sub-Arctic, how to stay warm in the winter weather, how to use snowshoes and how to build a fire in the snow. This is information that will benefit you for the remainder of your holiday in Swedish Lapland and will open your eyes to the region that you are visiting.

Your snowmobile tour will lead you through forests and across the frozen sea to the island of Brändöskär, one of the islands in the archipelago and its idyllic 17th century fishing village. It is an exhilarating experience.

A 3-course evening meal and overnight stay are included at Brandon Lodge in Brändö

Day Three:

Hovercraft pack ice tour

The coastal region of Swedish Lapland is a sight to behold during the winter months. As the snow and crisp winter temperatures arrive, the Bothnian Bay begins to freeze and the once blue scene becomes a blanket of white.

On your 2½ hour tour you will travel across Luleå's frozen archipelago on board a hovercraft – a unique experience is not available anywhere else in Swedish Lapland! This is a journey which will allow you to witness the natural ice canvas and to visit the pack ice fields of the outer archipelago. There is even a chance to spot a seal or sea eagles.

A 3-course evening meal and overnight stay are included at Brandon Lodge in Brändö.

Day Four:

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)
- Return shared transfers
- 3 nights at Brandon Lodge in Brändö. (Full Board)
- All excursions as detailed
- Single room supplement on request

Itinerary: 5 days / 4 nights

Treehotel and ICEHOTEL: Earth and water

Departures:

Daily between mid-Dec and mid-Apr
Duration: 4 nights
Prices from: £2,156 per person

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 30).

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 32).

Day Four:

Dog sled ride in the winter wonderland and Raidu – 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 Raidu, 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.

Price includes:

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

Itinerary: 4 days / 3 nights

The ICEHOTEL

Departures: mid-Dec to mid-Apr
Duration: 3 nights
Prices from: £889 per person

Each November, on the shores of the frozen River Torne, an awe-inspiring structure unfolds. This is the site of the ICEHOTEL. Wholly made from ice and snow, the ICEHOTEL cannot fail to impress and mesmerise its guests and visitors. The grand entrance halls, glistening ice sculpted chandeliers, individual artistic pieces and spectacular Art Suites are designed to take your breath away at every turn. Snuggle down for a stay at the entrancing ICEHOTEL; a holiday experience that will remain with you for eternity.

Day One:

On arrival at Kiruna airport, you will be transferred to the ICEHOTEL in Jukkasjärvi. Upon check-in at the ICEHOTEL you will receive a thermal suit, mittens, a balaclava and snow boots. The clothing provided is for use during your stay and for use during any excursions booked with ICEHOTEL.

Tonight you will sleep in sub zero temperatures (between -5°C and -8°C) within the ICEHOTEL. Your bed for the evening has been specially 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. For that special occasion, we would recommend a stay in one of the individually designed Art Suites.

Day Two:

In the morning, you will be woken with hot lingonberry juice.

After breakfast, you will have free time in Jukkasjärvi. A wealth of winter activities including snowmobile, reindeer-sled, winter survival skills and dog-sled excursions are on offer. Northern Light excursions are also available.

Tonight, your accommodation will be in the comfortable warm accommodation at the ICEHOTEL.

Day Three:

After breakfast there is free time in Jukkasjärvi. Opportunity to participate in further winter activities; explore the village of Jukkasjärvi or visit the town

of Kiruna. Overnight in the warm accommodation at the ICEHOTEL.

Day Four:

After breakfast, transfer to Kiruna airport for your return flight to the UK.

Price includes:

- Return flights to Kiruna airport (via Stockholm Arlanda)
- Shared transfers on arrival and on departure
- 1 night in an Art Suite at the ICEHOTEL, Jukkasjärvi (Bed & Breakfast)
- 2 nights in warm accommodation at the ICEHOTEL, Jukkasjärvi (Bed & Breakfast)
- Single room supplement on request

Itinerary: 4 days / 3 nights

Björkliden: Activity & Aurora experiences

Departures: Daily Dec – May
Duration: 3 nights
Prices from: £1,061 per person

Amongst towering mountains, between the Abisko National Park and the Norwegian border, is Björkliden Mountain Resort; a ski resort, a winter sports centre and the ideal destination for a sighting of the Northern Lights.

For the Aurora hunter, Björkliden is a dream destination. High on the mountainside, the only artificial lights are those created by the resort itself. It is possible to see for miles around from the snow-covered slopes and without any natural obstructions the dark starlit sky stretches as far as the eye can see – perfect for sightings.

The Sunvil team were lucky enough to see the Northern Lights from our bedroom at Björkliden. We hope that the Lady Aurora is as kind to our guests too.

Day One:

Aurora Photo Tour

On arrival at Kiruna airport, you will be transferred to Björkliden Mountain Resort in Björkliden.

This evening, join an Aurora photo tour led by a professional photographer? The tour will explore the Abisko National Park in search of the magical Northern Lights and

includes the use of a camera, tripod, camera insurance, a winter overall and backpack. Benefiting from a microclimate of low precipitation and clear night skies, and away from light pollution, the Abisko National Park offers one of the best situations for a sighting of the Northern Lights. Listen carefully and you may even hear the lights - green, white, blue, red - dancing on the wind.

Overnight and evening meal at Björkliden Mountain Resort in Björkliden (page 33).

Day Two:

Snowmobile excursion and optional visit to the Aurora Sky Station in Abisko

The landscape surrounding Björkliden Mountain Resort is nothing short of spectacular especially when the snow glistens under the winter sunlight. At the base of the resort is the frozen Lake Torneträsk and to the east the natural landmark 'Lappporten' (a gap in the mountain range). Departing Björkliden Mountain Resort your snowmobile tour will allow you to explore this fascinating destination and access otherwise inaccessible locations.

Evening at leisure at Björkliden Mountain Resort. Alternatively, we can arrange a visit to the Aurora Sky Station in Abisko. This mountainside café/station is widely recognised as offering one of the finest platforms for sightings of the mystical Aurora Borealis.

Overnight and evening meal at Björkliden Mountain Resort in Björkliden.

Day Three:

Husky dog sled excursion

Day at leisure in Björkliden. Opportunity to join a snowshoe tour, a caving tour or to visit the ICEHOTEL or the Norwegian fjord-side town of Narvik (excursion schedule permitting).

This evening, we have included a husky dog sled excursion. With 12 eager huskies pulling your sled, you will climb the mountainside to an uninterrupted viewpoint where, if conditions permit, you will observe one of nature's most wondrous sights – the Aurora Borealis.

Overnight and evening meal at Björkliden Mountain Resort in Björkliden.

Day Four:

After breakfast, transfer to Kiruna airport for the return flight to the UK.

Price includes:

- Return flights to Kiruna (via Stockholm Arlanda)
- Shared transfers on arrival and on departure
- 3 nights at Björkliden Mountain Resort, Björkliden (Half Board)
- All excursions as detailed
- Single room supplement on request