



## Northern Lights Wilderness Adventure



**Aurora Retreat**

### Dates available

Dec 8-15 and Dec 15-22 2012, Jan 5-12, Jan 12-19, Feb 2-9, Feb 9-16, Mar 2-9 and Mar 9-16 2013.

### Price: 13 975 SEK/adult, 9340 SEK/child (12-15 years).

Accommodation, meals, transfers from Kittilä, Finland, or, Kiruna, Sweden and activities specified on itinerary below and loan of warm outdoor clothing and equipment for activities are included in price. Flights not included.

**Group size** 2-8 guests. **Option to make the 3 night wilderness retreat part of the trip private** for 1500 SEK/adult extra.

This holiday can be tailor made. Please enquire for details.

The amazing Northern Lights, magical ancient forests, mighty untouched rivers, diverse wildlife and utter silence await you on our Northern Lights Wilderness Adventure. By traditional wooden cross-country ski, snowshoe and dog-sled we invite you to explore and experience the breathtaking beauty of winter in Lapland.

### The Northern Lights

This holiday offers you exceptional opportunities to experience the Northern Lights. We bring you to a region of Lapland known for cold, clear, dark night skies. You will spend time outdoors away from strong light pollution. The dates for the holiday are during the darker phase of the moon cycle, increasing the visibility of the Northern Lights.

Of course, the Northern Lights are a natural phenomenon which does not occur on demand; this is part of their mystery and allure. We refer to solar flare activity and weather forecasts to determine the best times and places for the Northern Lights. This science, combined with your experienced guide's local knowledge, intuition and enthusiasm for the phenomenon optimizes your chances of experiencing the Northern Lights.

### Activities

By ski, snowshoe and dog-sled you'll explore the winter landscape. The holiday is open to anyone in good health. The tours will be adjusted to be appropriately challenging whatever your experience and fitness level.

### Accommodation

For the first and last two nights you will stay at our guesthouse in the small village of Junosuando, well off the beaten tourist track. This beautiful and comfortable home was originally a vicarage. For the middle three nights you will stay at our wilderness cabin, a simple, but pleasant and cosy accommodation located by a river and surrounded by vast forests and wetlands. This experience will definitely deepen your connection to nature. We take a maximum of two parties at a time to the cabin. For an extra fee it is also possible to make this part of the trip private, just your party and the guide. There are three separate sleeping rooms, one for the guide and one for each couple or family. The group will cook and eat together in the kitchen room.

### Cuisine

Meals and snacks are freshly prepared with the highest quality, organic and local ingredients available. Root vegetables, grains, pulses, local wild meat and fish form the basis of our meals. We happily accommodate those with special diets with creatively prepared, fresh food.

## Itinerary

- Day 1** Flight arrival Kiruna/Kittilä airport. **Transfer** (90/135 min) to the village guesthouse. Upon arrival at the guesthouse, your host will welcome you and help you get settled. Enjoy a good night's rest before the rest of your adventure.
- Day 2** **Introductory tour - Cross-country skiing at Naakijärvi Old Forest Eco Park 4-5 h.** You will learn the basics of skiing with traditional wooden skis in preparation for the rest of the trip. Making our own tracks in untouched snow, the landscape is open for discovery. Skiing in this ancient forest among twisted gnarled pines and other nature spirits is a magical experience.  
**In the evening you will visit with a Sámi reindeer herder and his reindeer 2 h.** Take part in the life of a modern Sámi reindeer herder, see reindeer and enjoy some Sámi delicacies in a *lavvu*, traditional Sámi hut.
- Day 3** **Overnight Wilderness Excursion 4 days.** Together with your guide you will cross-country ski to our scenic wilderness cabin in the forest by a lake or river. This is a true wilderness experience in an ideal location for viewing the **Northern Lights**. The area is completely private; there are no other cabins in use nearby. Just our group, awesome nature and utter silence. Your guide will help you fire the sauna, prepare a satisfying, delicious dinner and make sure you are comfortable.
- Day 4** Your guide leads you in a **cross-country ski or snowshoe tour** during the day. You will traverse through ancient forests blanketed in snow, and along the frozen River Kalix, one of the last large unexploited rivers in Europe. These areas are rich in wildlife and with some luck we will stumble across a herd of reindeer or spot the king of the Swedish forest, the Elk. In the evening, the warmth of the sauna will soothe your tired muscles.
- Day 5** In the morning enjoy the wilderness camp at your leisure or perhaps make a ski or snowshoe tour on your own. In the afternoon, together with the guide you can try your hand at hollowing a snow "igloo" out of a mound of snow. In the evening, relax and warm yourself with the sauna. If you wish to sleep in your "igloo", we will insulate the floor with reindeer skins and provide very warm sleeping bags. If you should change your mind, your bed in the warm cabin awaits.
- Day 6** Together with your guide you will **cross-country ski** towards the village guesthouse. Relax in the modern comforts of our peaceful guesthouse.
- Day 7** **Daytime Dog Sled Tour 4 h.** In partners, you will drive your own team of dogs over frozen wetlands and through snow-laden forests. You will take turns driving the dogs. The dogs are eager to start running; once on your way you will enjoy the pure silence and exhilaration of this special experience.
- Day 8** Morning transfer to Kiruna/Kittilä in time for flight departure.

### Financial Security

Your holiday with us is protected by a travel guarantee lodged with the Swedish Legal, Financial and Administrative Services Agency

**Sustainable Travel?** Naturally! Check our website for more details of our sustainability practices

### Information and booking

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