



Northern Lights Wilderness Adventure



Aurora Retreat

Dates available

Jan 14-21, Jan 21-28, Jan 28- Feb 4, Feb 18-25, Feb 25-Mar 3, Mar 10-17 2012

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

Accommodation, meals, transfers from Kittila, 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 2-6 guests

This holiday can be tailor-made for other dates. 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. Our experienced guides bring you to the perfect locations at the peak times for Northern Lights observation. 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 our 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. We take just one group at a time to the wilderness cabin, which means this part of the holiday is completely private and you will have your own guide.

Accommodation

For the first and last two nights you will stay at our guesthouse, well off the beaten tourist track. This beautiful and comfortable home was originally a vicarage. The house is located in a small village without strong light pollution and it is easy to walk to areas with no artificial lights at all. For the middle three nights you will stay at our wilderness cabin, a simple, but pleasant and cosy accommodation located by a lake and surrounded by vast forests and wetlands. This experience will definitely deepen your connection to nature.

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/Kittila 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 4-5h.** 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.
On the way back, we will stop in a village where we will visit with a Sámi reindeer herder and his reindeer 2h. 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. 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 you, awesome nature and utter silence. Your guide will help you fire the sauna, prepare a satisfying, delicious dinner and make sure you are comfortable before leaving you for the night.
- Day 4** Morning Your guide returns and 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 Sámi 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** Morning enjoy the wilderness camp at your leisure or perhaps make a ski or snowshoe tour on your own. In the afternoon, your guide returns and together you can try your hand at **ice-fishing** or **snow cave building**. In the evening, relax and warm yourself with the sauna. If you wish to sleep in your cave, we will insulate the floor with reindeer skins and provide very warm sleeping bags. If you should change your mind, your bed in the cosy cabin awaits.
- Day 6** Morning your guide returns and together you will **cross-country ski** towards the village guesthouse. Relax in the modern comforts of our peaceful guesthouse.
- Day 7** Daytime **Dog sled tour 4-5h.** 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/Kittila 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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