

Practical Information for Winter Holidays at Aurora Retreat

Arranging your travel to Lapland

Aurora Retreat is located the village of Junosuando, about 160 km north of the Arctic Circle in Swedish Lapland. You will need to arrange your own travel from your home-country to Lapland. Transfer to Aurora Retreat from the Lapland cities of Gällivare, Kiruna, Kolari or Kittilä can be arranged by us and included in your holiday. It is also possible to take the public bus from Kiruna. Please check your booking confirmation to be sure of what is included.



Air

You can fly from Stockholm/Arlanda to Kiruna or Gällivare in 90 minutes. Everyday all year round there are 2-3 direct flights from Arlanda. It is also possible to fly from Helsinki to Kittilä

Stockholm-Kiruna

SAS +46(0)8-797 4000 www.flysas.com
Norwegian +46(0)8- 528 06 820 www.norwegian.se

Stockholm-Gällivare

Next Jet +46(0)920-23 23 63 www.nextjet.se

Helsinki-Kittilä

Finnair + 358 600 140 140 www.finnair.com

Train

We encourage you to choose environmentally-friendly travel and take the train within Scandinavia. Board the train in Stockholm in the afternoon, enjoy a good sleep, and the following day you will arrive in Kiruna. Alternatively, from Helsinki you may take the train to Kolari in Finnish Lapland.

For information and tickets:

Stockholm-Kiruna/Gällivare

SJ (+46) 771-75 75 75, www.sj.se

Helsinki-Kolari

VR Passenger Service + 358 600 41 900 www.vr.fi

Clothing

Warm clothing is essential to enjoy outdoor activities in Lapland in the winter. Temperatures usually range from 0 to -30 degrees Celsius. There is almost always snow from November to the end of April.

Layering is the best way to keep warm. Warm wool underclothes and socks covering the arms and legs are an ideal first layer. Extra underclothes and socks are useful in case you get wet. Trousers, a wool jumper, an outer layer that is windproof, warm winter boots that come up over the ankles, wool hat and scarf are needed. Mittens keep the fingers warm better than gloves.

You will be fitted with outdoor clothing and boots when you arrive at the guesthouse.

You are welcome to bring your own clothing if you prefer, if it is not warm enough we will supplement it with what we have. If you are being picked up for a transfer to the guesthouse we can bring warm clothing for you to put on directly at the airport or train station but you must request this in advance.

We provide towels, bathrobes and slippers.

Recommended items to bring with you:

Long underwear that covers upper and lower body, arms and legs, preferably wool or thermal synthetic – 2 sets

Sturdy, comfortable, long trousers - 2 pairs

Long sleeved tops -2

Not too bulky jumper/cardigan - 1

Warm socks, preferably wool or thermal synthetic - 3 pairs

A scarf or balaclava style hat to keep your face warm

Sunglasses (if your holiday is in March or April)

Personal toiletries

Accommodation

Accommodation is in double rooms. There is a total of six guestrooms in the guesthouse, two are en-suite, the other four share two bathrooms. It may be possible to reserve a private bathroom with advance booking. Child prices are based on children sharing a room with their parents.

Meals

Our holidays include all meals and snacks. Our cuisine is lovingly prepared with mainly vegetarian, organic and local products. Local fish or wild game may be offered occasionally or with request in advance. We are happy to accommodate special diets with advance notice.

