

PREMIUM

10D7N

# NORTHERN LIGHTS OVER ABISKO, SWEDEN

TOUR CODE: ENSWEW

Venture into northern Sweden and discover the wonders of the Arctic, from the brilliant Aurora Borealis to the winter that freezes the landscape into a myriad of stunning formations, with snow-capped mountain terrain, through the woodland and along the coastline, reinforcing the vast carpet of snow.



ABISKO NATIONAL PARK, SWEDEN



## DAY 1 HOME > LULEA

*Meals on board*

Assemble at the airport and depart for Stockholm, the capital of Sweden.

## DAY 2 LULEA

*Meals on Board*

Board a domestic flight to **Lulea**, a coastal city in Swedish Lapland. Upon arrival, transfer to hotel and free at leisure.

## DAY 3 LULEA > KEMI

*Breakfast, Dinner*

Take a city tour and visit the **Luleå Cathedral**, which is the biggest church in Northern Sweden and built in 1893 in Gothic Revival style. Then we will visit **Gamlestad Church Town**, a UNESCO world heritage. It is a unique cultural environment where the largest and most well-preserved church town in Sweden, houses more than 400 church cottages, homes and a magnificent **medieval stone church**. Wandering through the beautiful red cottages of the Church Town, it is a wonderful experience bringing

## HIGHLIGHTS

### FINLAND

#### KEMI

- Santa's Seaside Office

### SWEDEN

#### LULEA

- Luleå Cathedral
- Gammelstad Church Town

#### ABISKO

- "Blue Hole of Abisko"
- Lake Tornetrask
- Aurora Sky Station
- Mount Nuolja
- Abisko National Park
- Aurora Photo Tour

#### KIRUNA

- Sámi village of Rávttas
- Sami Lavvus (teepee)
- Sled ride by husky
- Oinakka
- Ice Rooms
- Ice Hotel
- Ice Church
- Ice Bar
- LKAB Visitor Centre

## 3-4★HOTELS

**LULEA** Scandic

**KEMI** Cumulus

**ABISKO** STF Abisko Mountain Station

**KIRUNA** Scandic

## DELICACIES

#### Meal Plan

7 Breakfasts, 1 Lunch, 5 Dinners

#### Specialities

- Nordic Cuisine
- Sami Cuisine

## EXCLUSIVE

- 4 Nights of Aurora Experience
  - Aurora Sky Station
  - Aurora Photo Tour
  - Sled ride by Husky
  - Aurora Hunting by Bus
- Icehotel Visit
- Reindeer Sledge



your sight to another century. We will then make our way to **Kemi, a town on Bothnian Bay in Lapland, Finland**. Visit the official port of Santa Claus - the **Santa's Seaside Office**, located in Kemi's beautiful inner harbour. If time and weather permits, consider an optional lifetime experience with the Ice Breaking Cruise. Imagine a white frozen sea of thick ice. Listen to the sound of crackling ice, crushed ice blocks rise from the icebreaker's hull, dark water splashes out. Explore the vessel, relax in the cozy saloon, and if weather permits, take a swim in the dark icy water, in floatation survival suit. In the night, we will go on an adventure **to hunt for the famed Aurora Borealis**, taking you far away from city lights to a perfect place to spot the enchanting show. The silence and beauty of nature around offer a relaxing and refreshing experience while you warm up by the fire and enjoy the snacks.

*Note: the appearance of the Northern Lights cannot be guaranteed as it is a naturally occurring phenomenon and is subject to weather conditions.*

#### DAY 4 KEMI > ABISKO

*Breakfast, Nordic Dinner*

After which, take a drive down to the locally known "**Blue Hole of Abisko**", a prime location for viewing the northern lights. The scientifically proven 'blue hole' – a patch of sky over the **Lake Torneträsk** that usually remains clear despite overcast weather in surrounding areas – giving Abisko its own microclimate, which is suitable for catching the lights. We will check in to **STF Abisko Mountain Station**, situated on top of a hill and offers beautiful views over the lake and mountain. Tonight, we visit the **Aurora Sky**

**Station** – the best place on earth to experience Northern Lights. It is situated on **Mount Nuolja**, 900 meters above sea level, in an area with very few distracting sources of light or sound. Upon arrival to Aurora Sky Station, a four-course dinner influenced by the **Nordic cuisine** is served and will be followed by a guided tour where you will learn about the Aurora Borealis and how to find it.

*Note: If Aurora Sky Station is close due to prevailing weather conditions then their Aurora Lounge will be open exclusively instead with a "Aurora Guided Tour".*

#### DAY 5 ABISKO

*Breakfast, Dinner*

Explore the surrounding of **Abisko National Park** and be in awe of the vast snow-white fields and the wonders of what winter can bring. You could even attempt to build a snowman in your free time or have a snowball fight! Alternatively, join a snowmobile activity to explore the vast Swedish Lapland. At night, joined Abisko top rated activity, the **Aurora Photo Tour**. With the professional photographers, have an opportunity to see and photograph the aurora borealis in the wilderness. **High quality camera & lens will be provided** and you will be taught the skills that you will need to find and photograph the magical aurora borealis. Bringing home beautiful aurora photographs and memories that will last a lifetime!

#### DAY 6 ABISKO > KIRUNA

*Breakfast, Lunch - Sami Cuisine, Dinner*

Take a day trip to the **Sámi village of Rávttas**, east of Abisko and experience a glimpse of the traditional lifestyle of the reindeer



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people. This exclusive, once in a lifetime opportunity allows us to experience the amazing lifestyle of the Sámi people and to get up close and personal with Laplands most iconic creature – the reindeer. **Feed the reindeer, enjoy a short ride on a traditional sled behind a reindeer** and learn how to identify different reindeer in the herd based on personal characteristics and behaviour. After which, proceed to our **traditional Sámi lavvus (teepee)**, where fresh and delicious meal will be served around an open fire. Thereafter, proceed to **Kiruna** for the night. Tonight, with the guides **driving you on the sled by the huskies**, we will take you into the wonderful snow-covered surroundings of **Oinakka**, through the sparkling frozen winter wonderland with old pine tree forest, frozen lakes and swamps. Enjoy the silence of the polar night as you wait for the Northern Lights to appear and light up the dark sky. Along the route we will take a break and **enjoy a traditional Swedish fika**, a hot drink and cookies, by a campfire and our guide will tell you stories of legendary Aurora Borealis.

## DAY 7 KIRUNA > ICEHOTEL > KIRUNA

*Breakfast, Dinner*

The trip starts by going on a journey into the white-snowfields of the magical Swedish Lapland. On arrival at the **Icehotel**, receive the ticket before joining the expert Icehotel representative for a guided tour of the world's first Icehotel. Marvel at the amazing individually sculpted **Art Suites, Ice Rooms and Ice Church** whilst learning about how this one-of-a-kind hotel is designed and created each year. It's also Sweden's most unique and probably most extensive private

art hall. Each year it's reincarnated in a new guise, carefully designed and hand crafted by some 40 artists from around the world. Finally head to the **Ice Bar to enjoy one of the coolest drinks** you will probably ever have! In the afternoon, visit the **LKAB Visitor Centre and the moving town**. LKAB is the company mining the precious iron ore right in the centre of Kiruna, and is causing an unusual dilemma – the town centre of Kiruna, with its buildings and people, is in **danger of collapsing into the mine**. The threat is real. The cracks on the roads are visible and expanding and 3000 homes are located in the high-risk area. How will Kiruna resolve the issue? Visit the LKAB Visitor Centre for the answers to be unfold.

## DAY 8 KIRUNA > STOCKHOLM

*Breakfast*

Board a domestic flight to **Stockholm, the capital of Sweden** and the most populous city in the Nordic countries. If there is time, you may consider an optional sightseeing tour of Stockholm, before you tuck in for the night.

## DAY 9 STOCKHOLM > HOME

*Breakfast*

Enjoy the rest of the day at leisure till it is time to transfer to the airport for your flight home.

## DAY 10 HOME SWEET HOME

We hope you enjoyed your trip with EU holidays and we look forward to seeing you again for your next trip.

*Suggested Excursion:*

- **Snowmobiling €150**
  - **Kemi/Lulea - Ice Breaking Cruise €350**
  - **Stockholm - City sightseeing tour €79**
- These additional activities enrich your experiences; however it is entirely optional and will be at your own discretion. Minimum group size may apply and subject to schedule.*

*Tipping Guideline: (based on 10D7N)*

- **€80 per person**

*Note:*

- **A minimum group size of 15 passengers is required for a confirmed departure.**
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- **The sequence of the itinerary, flight schedules and hotels are subject to change without prior notice in the event of unforeseen circumstances.**
- **Activities are subject to weather conditions.**
- **During major events and festivals, accommodation may be re-located to outside of the city or another city without prior notice.**

