

# NORTHERN LIGHTS OVER ABISKO NATIONAL PARK

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### DAY 1: ARRIVAL & NORTHERN LIGHTS SNOWMOBILE EXCURSION

Arrive at Kiruna Airport where you will be met by a driver and transferred to your hotel in Kiruna. After resting up a bit, spend some free time exploring the town. Then in the evening, bundle up for a guided snowmobile excursion out into the wild for a chance to see the northern lights glowing in the sky. Enjoy a rustic dinner of traditional local food in a wooden hut around a fireplace before your guide takes you back to town.

Spend the night in Kiruna.

**Helpful notes:**

- Two people share one snowmobile and take turns driving. To drive, you must have a valid driver's license.
- Please note the northern lights are a natural phenomenon and sightings cannot be guaranteed.

**HIGHLIGHTS:** Kiruna - Northern Lights - Snowmobiling - Sweden

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### DAY 2: SNOWMOBILE ADVENTURE TO THE ICEHOTEL

Now that you've gotten some practice driving a snowmobile, you'll go on another thrilling snowmobile ride today – this time to the famous ICEHOTEL in nearby Jukkasjärvi. At the ICEHOTEL you will get to explore the fascinating complex on a guided tour. Along with walking through the original snow-and-ice structure that is rebuilt each winter you will also visit the recently built ICEHOTEL 365. This permanent structure offers a year-round indoor winter experience thanks to solar energy. In both structures you'll be able to see an assortment of ice rooms and ice suites as well as the chic ICEBAR, ice church and other creative works of ice and snow. After the guided tour you will enjoy some coffee, sandwiches and some local delicacies served in a hut around an open fire.

Back in Kiruna, spend the rest of the afternoon and evening as you wish. If you feel up for another adventure tonight, you have the option of joining a guided snowshoe walk – a great way to improve your odds of seeing the northern lights(optional; not included)!

Spend the night in Kiruna.

**Helpful notes:**

- The ICEHOTEL opens in mid-December. Until then, all guided tours will be at the ICEHOTEL 365, which is open throughout the year.
- Two people will share one snowmobile and take turns driving. To drive, you must have a valid driver's license.
- Snowshoeing is considered easy, but it does require a good level of fitness. Please note that this optional activity is not suitable for children.

**HIGHLIGHTS:** Snowmobiling - The Icehotel

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### DAY 3: DOG SLEDDING EXCURSION & AURORA SKY STATION

Experience the thrill of dog sledding today with an experienced guide. At the kennel you will learn to drive your own sled and team of huskies and then you'll follow your guide's lead on the beautiful snowy trails, through the woods and over the plains. After a good ride, enjoy some coffee and a light lunch in front of a

campfire.

In the early evening, you will be ride in a minibus to Abisko, about 100 km (60 miles) from Kiruna, for an unforgettable evening of natural beauty and gourmet cuisine. The night begins with a chairlift ride up a mountainside to the Aurora Sky Station in Abisko National Park, offering an unspoilt view of the stars above. At the restaurant, indulge in a delicious, Nordic-inspired 4-course dinner, followed by a guided tour to learn about the spectacular northern lights and how to see them. Afterwards, take a short (900 m) walk to your hotel.

Spend the night in Abisko.

**Helpful notes:**

- Two people share one sled and take turns driving.

**HIGHLIGHTS:** Abisko National Park - Aurora Sky Station - Dog sledding - Northern Lights

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## DAY 4: ABISKO NATIONAL PARK AT YOUR LEISURE

Take advantage of a free day in Abisko National Park, one of the oldest and most pristine national parks in Sweden. Here you can choose from a variety of guided activities (optional; not included) or rent some skis or snowshoes from STF Abisko Mountain Station and head out on your own. However you choose to enjoy the great outdoors today, don't forget to take advantage of the hotel sauna afterwards.

Spend the night in Abisko.

**Helpful notes:**

- You can book optional activities on this day directly with the reception staff at STF Abisko Mountain Station.

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## DAY 5: TRAIN JOURNEY & FREE DAY IN KIRUNA

Take the train back to Kiruna today. At the train station in Kiruna you will be met by a driver and transferred to your hotel. Enjoy the rest of the day at your leisure, perhaps with a stroll around town.

**OPTIONAL – overnight at the ICEHOTEL:** This evening you have the option to upgrade to an overnight in an ice room at the ICEHOTEL. Sleeping on a bed made of snow and ice, snuggled in a thermal sleeping bag on top of soft reindeer skins, is a great way to end this arctic holiday on a truly unforgettable note.

Spend the night in Kiruna.

**Helpful notes:**

- The ICEHOTEL opens in mid-December. Until then, accommodation and guided tours will be at the ICEHOTEL 365, which is open throughout the year.

**HIGHLIGHTS:** Kiruna

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## DAY 6: DEPARTURE

After your adventurous winter break in Swedish Lapland you will be transferred back to Kiruna Airport for your departure flight.

*Whatever your needs, we are here to help. If you have any questions about our packages or services, please do not hesitate to contact us.*

