



Land Of The Northern Lights

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Visit: STOCKHOLM – LULEÅ – KIRUNA – NARVIK – SVOLVAER - BORG – LEKNES – REINE – NUSFJORD – SVOVAER - HENNINGSVAER - KABELVAAG – SVOLVAER - TROMSO – ALTA - KIRKENES - SAARISELKA - SINETTA – SANTA CLAUS VILLAGE – ROVANIEMI - KEMI (Ice-breaker Cruise) - ROVANIEMI -

Detailed Itinerary

Day 01: DAY 1 THURSDAY ARRIVAL – STOCKHOLM

Arrival to Stockholm Airport, meet and greet by an English-speaking representative for regular arrival transfer service to the hotel for check-in. Please consult the welcome letter, which you will receive upon check-in to your hotel, and kindly note where and when to meet your tour leader. A short welcome meeting

will be held at 18:00, where you will receive information on the upcoming tour program. The rest of the day is at leisure. STOCKHOLM EVENING WALKING TOUR - INCLUDED DURATION: approximately 2 hours (20:00 – 22:00) MEETING TIME: 19:45 at the hotel reception INCLUDES: guided tour Join us for a walking evening tour of the beautiful Swedish capital. Meet your Tour Director at 19:45 hours at the lobby of your hotel to explore this beautiful city regardless of the time of the year. Your hotel located in the very heart of the capital gives easy access to the main sights such as the walking street Drottningsgatan, the beautiful Kungsträdgården and the emblematic Old Town with the Royal Palace.

Day 02: DAY FRIDAY STOCKHOLM – LULEÅ (1h20m flight)

Breakfast at the hotel. Meet with local guide and depart by private coach for a 3-hour city sightseeing. The city of Stockholm is built on 14 islands and connected by 57 bridges. The city embraces the unique character of the 13th century Old Town and modern high-tech architecture. Stockholm's islands are bordered by Lake Malaren in the west and the Baltic Sea in the east where the archipelago, with its 30.000 islands awaits exploration. The capital is a big city with a small town personality. Stockholm is proudly called “Beauty on Water” and a sightseeing tour, which includes a walk in the Old Town makes for a memorable morning tour. Discover a city of contrasts. Go back 750 years in time and feel the medieval atmosphere of the Old Town "Gamla Stan" as you wander through its narrow streets. The seven-hundred year old cathedral of Stockholm, Seat of the Archbishop, will be seen during your stroll through Old Town, where you will also get a chance to see Stortorget, where the Stockholm Blood Bath took place. The tour ends at Arlanda Airport where you will board a flight for Lulea (included). Upon arrival in Lulea transfer to your hotel for check-in. The evening is at leisure.

Day 03: DAY 3 SATURDAY LULEA – KIRUNA (340km)

Breakfast at the hotel and enjoy a bit of free time to explore the city of Lulea, the largest city in Swedish Lapland located at the mouth of the Lule River. Meet in the hotel reception at 11:00 and board the private coach towards Kiruna. The scenic ride across the top of Sweden gives you time to relax while taking in the beauty of nature. We will stop for lunch (not included) along the way. Arrive in Kiruna, the northernmost town in Sweden, and check-in to your hotel, where you can enjoy an early evening meal (not included) prior to the extraordinary experience of the Aurora Sky Station in Abisko. VISIT TO THE AURORA SKY STATION IN ABISKO (98 km) - INCLUDED DURATION: approximately 7 hours (19:30 – 02:30) MEETING TIME: 19:15 at the hotel reception INCLUDES: transportation, warm overalls, ski-lift & guided tour Meet up at the hotel at 19:15 and board your private coach towards Abisko. From 21:00 – 01:00 the unique Aurora Sky Station offers the possibility to gaze at the Northern Lights and the stars from a large, outdoor terrace and lookout tower. Inside you find a Northern Lights exhibition with a comprehensive presentation of the Aurora Borealis and in the warm cozy café you may treat yourself to “fika” (coffee break) and cake or browse around for a souvenir.

Day 04: DAY 4 SUNDAY KIRUNA

Breakfast at the hotel and the morning at leisure. Meet up at the hotel reception at 11:00 to prepare for a day full of adventure. Your private coach takes you on an 18 km ride to Jukkasjarvi where you will enjoy a guided tour of the world's most well-known Icehotel, the first in the world dating back to the late 80ies and learn the history of the impressive ice construction rising out of the snow and ice - every year in a new form. Following the visit to the ICEHOTEL our coach drives you 1 km down the road to the Jukkasjarvi Church with its striking interior. Right next door Nutti Sami Siida awaits you. Here you will have a chance to mingle with reindeer and enjoy a traditional Sami lunch (included). At approximately 15:00 transfer back to the hotel. **GUIDED TOUR OF THE ICEHOTEL (18 km) - INCLUDED DURATION:** approximately 0,5 hour (12:00-12:30) **MEETING TIME:** 11:00 at the hotel reception The story of ICE HOTEL begins in 1989, when it became the world's first and largest hotel of ice and snow. It is also Sweden's most unique and probably most comprehensive private art gallery. Every year, it is built up in a new shape, carefully designed and handmade by some 70 artists from all over the world. With the opening of ICE HOTEL 365 you can now experience ice art all year round. The tour starts outside. **JUKKASJARVI CHURCH** (The oldest wooden church in Swedish Lapland) **INCLUDED** A traditional sight awaits at the end of the dead-end Marknadsvagen: an old wooden Sami church, parts of which date from 1608, making it the oldest surviving church in Lapland. Check out the richly decorated altarpiece by Uppsala artist Bror Hjorth, depicting the revivalist preacher, Lars Levi Laestadius, alongside the woman who inspired him to rid Lapland of alcohol, Maria of Aasele. The triptych was given to the church in 1958 by the mining company, LKAB, then celebrating its 350th anniversary. Under the floor are the mummified remains of villagers who died here in the eighteenth century (not on display). The sandy ground and frost are thought to have been responsible for keeping the bodies, including that of a woman dressed in a white wedding dress and high-heeled shoes, so remarkably well preserved. The organ above the door is made from reindeer horn and birch wood; the artwork in the center of the organ, suspended over the pipes, symbolizes the sun rising over the Lappporten, the two U-shaped mountain-tops near Abisko which are one of Lapland's most enduring images. **NUTTI SAMI SIIDA** – meeting place and cafe **LUNCH INCLUDED** Markanbaiki is an easily accessible, vibrant meeting place in Jukkasjarvi for visitors from near and far who want to engage their senses to experience Sapmi. You will find grazing reindeer at the banks of mighty river Torne and outdoor exhibitions covering nomadic and modern Sami life. Stroll around on your own and explore the area. Enjoy a traditional Sami lunch at Café Sapmi (included) and warm up near the fire. Check out some local handicraft in the shop and have a chat with the staff. All this and more are found on the old market and assembly place that is origin for the village of Jukkasjarvi. At some point during the visit you will be allowed into the reindeer enclosure (together with a guide) for an up-close encounter with the friendly animals. **OPTIONAL: OVERNIGHT IN AN ICE ROOM AT JUKKASJARVI ICE HOTEL** Included: transportation, free entry to sauna, loan of snowsuit, boots, mittens and balaclava. Transfer to the Jukkasjarvi Ice Hotel and spend an extraordinary night in an Ice Room "Igloo". The rooms, all made of ice and snow, holds a temperature of -5 to -8 degrees

Celsius. You spend the night comfortably rested on a thick mattress a top of a wooden base. The bed itself is covered with reindeer hides and you sleep inside a thermal sleeping bag. Privacy between the rooms is secured by a curtain. There are no private toilet facilities for each room. In the warm building adjacent to the Icehotel you find communal changing rooms, toilets and saunas for women and men. You have access to your room from 6:00 pm and wake-up call is around 7:30. Your luggage is stored in a luggage storage room in the adjacent building. This once-in-a-lifetime experience comes highly recommended. **REQUIRES PRE-BOOKING AND SUBJECT TO AVAILABILITY.**

Day 05: DAY 5 MONDAY KIRUNA – NARVIK – SVOLVAER Train from Kiruna – Narvik (173km/3 h 30 min) Narvik – Svolvær (230 km)

Breakfast at the hotel and meet up at the hotel reception to depart by private coach towards Kiruna train station. Board the Arctic Circle Train (09:29 – 12:54) with only your hand luggage as your other belongings are transported by coach. The next 3,5 hours all you need to do is sit back and enjoy the absolutely most beautiful train ride in the region. This trainline, part of the Iron Ore Line, played a central role during WWII, supplying the Germans with iron critical for wartime production of steel. Disembark in Narvik and enjoy a casual lunch (not included) before continuing towards Svolvær by private coach. Arrive in Svolvær and check-in at your hotel. Enjoy an evening meal of your choice in town (not included). Your guide will be more than happy to help you find a restaurant to match your expectations. The town has an age-old history as a fishing village and the fishing tradition remains one of the most important economical foundations of the town. Besides from the proud fishing culture, Svolvær offers magnificent nature, a culture scene with many galleries and the well-known Lofoten War Memorial Museum. **OPTIONAL: FISHING VILLAGE WALK & DINNER AT BORSEN SPISERI** Min 4 persons **DURATION:** approximately 3 hours (18:30 – 21:30) **MEETING TIME:** 18:15 at the hotel reception **INCLUDES:** transportation, guided tour, 3-course dinner Svinoya is the oldest part of Svolvær, and has been a thriving, vibrant fishing village since 1828. You will experience a living fishing village and learn about the culture. Your guide will tell stories of how the fishermen lived 100 years ago and what happened in the Trollfjord in 1890. Hear all the stories, ask all the questions and smell and taste the stockfish. Remember warm clothes, sensible footwear and your camera to be able to capture the memories. You finish your evening with a 3-course dinner at Borsen Spiseri – the most distinctive restaurant in the Lofoten Islands. The restaurant is housed in a venerable quayside warehouse dating back to 1828. The dishes you will be served are all made with unique, fresh and local ingredients from Lofoten. **REQUIRES PRE-BOOKING AND SUBJECT TO AVAILABILITY.**

Day 06: DAY 6 TUESDAY SVOLVAER – BORG – LEKNES – REINE – NUSFJORD – SVOVAER (260 km)

Breakfast at the hotel. Depart from the hotel by private coach at 09:00. The first stop on our journey will be the Viking Lofotr Museum, where you can see the excavation of the largest known Viking house. Arrival at the museum around 10:00. Open all year this museum offers several permanent exhibitions with audio

guides, the state of the art in museum technology. Upon arrival you will be taken on a guided tour of the museum. Following the visit to Lofotr the trip continues through the idyllic village of Leknes, before reaching Reine at approximately 13:30 for lunch at the local restaurant (included). After lunch we continue via Nusfjord and return to Svolvær at the end of the afternoon (approximately 18:30). The rest of the day is at leisure.

Day 07: DAY 7 WEDNESDAY SVOLVAER – HENNINGSSVAER - KABELVAAG – SVOLVAER (95 km)

Breakfast at the hotel. After breakfast we invite you to continue discovering the wonders of Lofoten. Departure by coach at 09:30 hours towards Henningsvæ. After an approximate 30 minutes journey, we arrive to one of the most famous fishing villages of Lofoten, inhabited by only 1300 people. Here we will leave you some free time to explore this beautiful town on your own and enjoy a lunch (not included). At 13:30 the coach continues towards Kabelvåg, another important fishing village, for a visit to the North Museum (Nord Museum) where the history of the local fishing industry is presented in one of the best preserved squire farms of Lofoten. On the site of the medieval city you will find the stately main building of 1815, authentic fishing huts and boathouses. The museum also offers exhibitions on Lofoten fishing history, ports, lighthouses and traditional crafts. Return to Svolvær in the middle of the afternoon and enjoy some free time prior to this evening optional tour. **OPTIONAL: SEARCHING THE NORTHERN LIGHTS**
DURATION: approximately 3 hours (20:30– 23:30) **MEETING TIME:** 20:15 at the hotel reception
INCLUDES: Transportation, guide, snacks, hot chocolate & use of tripod Board your bus outside the hotel to take you on a search for the Northern Lights - the Aurora Boreal. The hunt for the northern lights will take you through frozen lakes, silent forests, beaches and small fishing villages. As it is impossible to predict when the Aurora will appear during the evening, your guide will keep a close eye on the sky for you looking for the Aurora. This is an evening tour for lovers of adventure, photography and knowledge. **REQUIRES PRE-BOOKING**

Day 08: DAY 8 THURSDAY SVOLVAER – TROMSO (400 km)

Breakfast at the hotel and meet up at the hotel reception at 09:00 to continue your journey. You will travel by private coach to your next destination Tromsø; a distance of 400 km travelled in 10 hours. Along the way we will make a stop at the famous Polar Park - the world's northernmost animal park. **POLAR PARK VISIT - INCLUDED** Polar Park is home to the large carnivores of the Nordic countries as well as the Nordic deer. The adventure and animal park opened June 18, 1994 and is based upon the vision of presenting animals in their natural surroundings. The park prides itself with having the world's largest area per animal. You will have the unique opportunity to meet the wolves, bears, deer, elk and reindeer. During the visit you may enjoy a delicious traditional Norwegian meal indoors in the cosy restaurant (not included). After the visit to the Polar Park the journey continues to Tromsø. Check in at your hotel. Evening at leisure. **OPTIONAL: – Tromsø Cable Car**
DURATION: approximately 2 hours (20:00 – 22:00) **MEETING TIME:** 19:45 in the hotel

reception INCLUDES: Transportation, lift ride & guide Min 2 persons A short transfer will take you from the hotel to the Cable Car Station. Board a gondola, and in just four minutes you will be transported 421 m above sea level to experience Tromso's best view. Enjoy spectacular panoramic views of Tromso and the surrounding islands, mountains and fjords. With a bit of luck, the northern lights will show themselves to us and enhance this evening experience.

Day 09: DAY 9 FRIDAY TROMSO

Breakfast at the hotel. This morning we depart by private coach for a 3-hour city sightseeing tour. This tour will be the perfect introduction to Tromso where you will visit the world's most northern Botanical gardens. Here you can enjoy the views of the mountains to the east and south. Tromso enjoys a subarctic climate, its location corresponding to the northern coast of Alaska. Visit the Tromso University Museum where you will learn fascinating facts on nature and culture in northern Norway. Learn about the indigenous Sami people, their traditional culture and recent history. Following this, you will continue on a tour around the island, passing Lake Prestvatn where the Meteorological Institute is situated. Travel across the bridge to the Arctic Cathedral for a visit to this masterpiece by Jan Inge Hovig. Built in 1965, the cathedral reflects north Norwegian nature, culture, and faith with a monumental stained-glass window. We end the city tour with a visit to the Arctic experience centre POLARIA, where the co-dependency of sea- and land life is both seen and felt. Polaria is located in walking distance from the hotel, should you wish to extend your visit.

AURORA HUSKY VISIT - LIGHT DINNER INCLUDED DURATION: approximately 4 hours (19:00-23:00) MEETING TIME: 18:30 at the hotel reception INCLUDES: transportation, guide, warm overalls, traditional Norwegian dinner Be ready for a pick-up right outside your hotel at 18:30 where you will be met by a representative from Tromso Villmarkssenter and taken on a 25-minute bus ride to the Aurora Camp. At the camp you will be equipped with thermal overalls and boots to keep you nice and warm all evening. 300 friendly Alaskan huskies are waiting to greet you and enjoy some cuddles, followed by an affectionate and playful visit to the puppy enclosure. Once you have filled up on puppy love, it is time to enjoy a traditional Norwegian dinner in our cosy Gamme-hut (turf home). You will be served Norwegian Bacalao, prepared with locally sourced cod and tomato sauce, and for dessert their savoury signature chocolate cake. As it is impossible to predict when the Aurora will appear during the evening, your guide will keep a close eye on the sky for you and the program will be adjusted accordingly. For those of you who wish to sit outside and wait for it to appear, a bonfire will set the mood and keep you toasty.

Day 10: DAY 10 SATURDAY TROMSO – ALTA (300 km)

Breakfast at the hotel. The ride from Tromso to Alta is breath-taking regardless of the time of year. Stunning scenery and magnificent nature ensure that this trip will stay with you for a long time. The distance between Tromso and Alta is about 300 km, a route travelled in approximately 8 hours, and include two ferry crossings. Lunch (included) en route. Arrival in Alta and check in at your hotel. Evening at leisure.

OPTIONAL: SLEIGH RIDE UNDER THE NORTHERN LIGHTS Min 2 persons DURATION:

approximately 4 hours (20:00 – 24:00) MEETING TIME: 19:45 at the hotel reception INCLUDES: Transportation, traditional dinner including dried meat chips w/dip, reindeer meat, lingonberry sauce, homemade cinnamon rolls, bonfire-coffee and glogg Dinner included This tour offers you an evening of cozy adventure. You will be picked up in Alta and driven to a farm in the nearby countryside where you will climb aboard a sleigh and get bundled up in warm blankets. Your sleigh is then pulled by a Norwegian Fjord Horse through the forest and along the Alta River, all you need to do is sit back and enjoy the peace and beauty all around you. Near the end of the ride, you will stop at a wilderness shelter where a light dinner will be served around a warm fire. Under the right conditions you might also be able to captures some beautiful images of the Northern Lights. REQUIRES PRE-BOOKING

Day 11: DAY 11 SUNDAY ALTA

Breakfast at the hotel before departing for the prestigious EMYA award-winning Alta museum. The museum is situated at the site of early settlement of Finnmark dating from around 11,000 years ago and presents exhibitions on local culture and historic industries. A must-see for anyone visiting the area. Afterwards we will pay a visit to the modern Northern Lights Cathedral located in the central part of town. ALTA MUSEUM - Included Experience the Northern Europe's largest and richest rock carving site, inscribed on the UNESCO's World Heritage List. Here you can walk on pathways arranged around the rock carving area while enjoying a fantastic view over the Alta Fjord. The 2000 to 6200 years old rock carvings show the life of hunters and fishermen. You will have a guided tour at the museum with some free time afterwards to walk around at your own pace. NORTHERN LIGHTS CATHEDRAL - Included The impressive Nordlyskatedralen is a result of an architectural competition launched in 2001. Designed by Schmidt Hammer Lassen Architects in collaboration with architect Kolbjorn Jenssen of Link Arkitektur, the elegant and modern construction features concrete and wood with external cladding of titanium sheets. The central feature being the towering spiral with belfry. Inside the church you will find art work by Danish artist Peter Brandes. OPTIONAL: NORTHERN LIGHTS TOUR & SORRISNIVA ICE HOTEL DURATION: approximately 3 - 4 hours (20:00– 23:00/24:00) MEETING TIME: 19.45 at the hotel reception INCLUDES: transportation, guide, sweet snacks and soft drink Min 6 persons Meet your guide in the lobby of your hotel for a 20 minute bus ride into the countryside. The family owned Sorrisniva adventure facility is perfectly located to maximize your chances of seeing the magnificent Aurora Borealis in the time between September and March. Experience the Igloo Hotel - the worlds northernmost ice hotel, built from ground every year with different themes. Get a break from your daily life and feel the serenity and silence the Igloo Hotel gives you. Wander among handcrafted ice sculptures or take an ice drink in our bar. Everything is made from pure snow and ice. After the visit in the company of a knowledgeable local guide you will take on the Northern Lights chase. Along the way you will have an excellent opportunity to learn more about the natural phenomenon as well as the local history of Alta. Your guide will also be very happy to help you catch some beautiful images with your own camera. REQUIRES PRE-BOOKING

Day 12: DAY 12 MONDAY ALTA – KIRKENES (465 km)

Breakfast at the hotel followed by an early departure. You will travel the 465 km east to Kirkenes by coach, an approximately 9-hour journey taking you through the beautiful northern Lapland. Your eyes will feast on breathtaking nature as you sit back and watch the landscape unfold. You will make a stop along the way in Karasjok for a 3-course lunch (included). Arrive in Kirkenes and check-in at your hotel before dinner (not included).

Day 13: DAY 13 TUESDAY KIRKENES - SAARISELKA (260 km)

Breakfast at the hotel. Check out at 08.30 and meet at the lobby at 08.45 for departure at 09.00 for the amazing experience of the “KING CRAB SAFARI”. Directly after the King Crab Safari you continue by coach towards Saariselka. Depart Kirkenes travelling south through the northern Lapland landscape to the centre of Sami world at Inari, the capital of Lapland. Here we visit the Sajos Sami Cultural Centre and parliament set in the heart of Sapmi in a unique natural landscape on the shore of Lake Inari, serving as a centre for Sami self-governance, culture, education and know-how. Modern conference premises, facilities and technology go hand in hand with authentic, living Sami culture. After the visit we continue onto the tiny village of Saariselka, the centre of Finland’s winter sports. Check-in to the hotel and the evening is at leisure. KING CRAB SAFARI - INCLUDED DURATION: approximately 3 hours (09:30-12:30) MEETING TIME: 09:00 at the hotel reception INCLUDED: transportation, thermal equipment, king crab lunch “Rated one of the best 25 excursions in the World by National Geographic” One of the highlights of Northern Norway with the chance to taste one of the local delicacies known worldwide. Heading out on the Kirkenes Fjord you will come face to face with this giant of the sea on the King Crab safari. The red king crab found in the Barents Sea can reach up to two meters from claw to claw and weigh up to 15 kilos. Depending on the weather and ice the trip might be by boat or snowmobile drawn sleigh. Once your king crab has been caught, you are transferred to a remote cabin where the crab will be prepared for a delicious lunch. All equipment and clothing will be provided.

Day 14: DAY 14 WEDNESDAY SAARISELKA – SINETTA (280 km)

In the morning after breakfast, the adventure continues as you make your way to Sinetta, located in the outskirts of Rovaniemi. Along the way, you will experience one of the highlights of the tour. SAMI REINDEER FARM VISIT & SLEIGH RIDE - INCLUDED DURATION : approximately 2 hours 30 minutes (11:30-14:00) INCLUDED: a traditional 3-course lunch Meet the traditional Sami farmers who will tell you about the reindeer, the Sami and teach you how to throw Suopunki (Sami lasso). Sitting in a two-person sleigh, pulled by your reindeer, you will experience a short ride in this traditional and peaceful way of moving through the white landscape where the only sound you will hear is the melody of reindeer bells. A typical three course lunch is included at the farm. OVERNIGHT IN A GLASS IGLOO - INCLUDED The

journey continues south to Sinetta following the winding roads through the snowy forest and arriving at the unique Arctic Snow Hotel, where you will check-in to your private Glass Igloo. Enjoy the warmth of your Glass Igloo and weather permitting you will have the opportunity to marvel at the amazing Northern Lights (Aurora Boreal) and the millions of stars from the comforts of your bed. In the evening, you are invited for a traditional Lappish three course dinner in a magnificent wooden “Kota” where fresh salmon is slowly grilled over the fire on a huge fire pit in the center. **OPTIONAL: SNOW SAUNA & OUTDOOR JACUZZI**
DURATION: 1 hour 30 minutes (22:00 – 23:30) EXCLUSIVE FOR OUR GUESTS Even the most enthusiastic sauna bathers are deeply impressed by the snow sauna with its walls made of snow and ice. Only the sauna benches are made of wood! The sauna bathing experience is an astonishing combination of thick steam within intimate snow walls. Afterwards jump into the outdoor Jacuzzi and admire the Northern Lights or the spectacular starry night skies of Lapland. **REQUIRES PRE-BOOKING OPTIONAL: OVERNIGHT IN A SNOW SUITE with EVENING SAUNA & OUTDOOR JACUZZI EXPERIENCE OVERNIGHT INCL. SNOW SAUNA & OUTDOOR JACUZZI 22:00 – 23:00 SAUNA & JACUZZI ARE SHARED WITH OTHER GUESTS** Each year the snow hotel is built with local artists designing and creating the ice and wall sculptures that decorate the hotel and Snow suites. Each Snow Suite is different each year and offers a unique arctic experience to spend the night as the Sami once did in a snow igloo. A mattress on an ice bed with special arctic sleeping bags keep you warm in the ambient temperature of 0 and -5 C. **REQUIRES PRE-BOOKING**

Day 15: DAY 15 THURSDAY SINETTA – SANTA CLAUS VILLAGE – ROVANIEMI

Breakfast at the hotel and depart late in the morning for the next step on the winter adventure. Heading towards Rovaniemi, you stop on the banks of the Kemi-joki river to enjoy one of the most idyllic Husky Safaris of the region. **HUSKY FARM & SAFARI - INCLUDED DURATION: approximately 2 hours INCLUDED: picnic in a Sami Kota 2 persons per sledge (self-driving)** The barking of enthusiastic dogs will welcome you to the most genuine Husky farm in Rovaniemi. The head musher will talk about the life and training of these Arctic animals and you will also have the chance to take some great photos. After brief instructions you embark, riding in pairs, on a run through the forest behind your pack of huskies (3 km). After the ride there is time to visit the farm and enjoy a traditional outdoor lunch of Lappish sausage grilled on the campfire followed by Lappish pancakes & coffee. The day continues with a visit to the world-famous Santa Claus Village, built right on the Arctic Circle and home to Santa Claus. Stop by his busy post office where you can ask Santa to send a letter to your loved ones just before Christmas. Take a step into the magical world of Santa’s home and meet Santa himself. No words can describe the emotions of this fairy-tale-like moment. It is something you will always remember. An absolute must for any visit to Lapland. After the visit to Santa Claus Village, enjoy a 15 minutes ride by bus to Rovaniemi. The rest of the afternoon and evening at leisure. **OPTIONAL: EXCURSION TO AURORA BOREALIS CAMP BY SNOWMOBILE DURATION: approximately 3 hours (21:00 – 24:00) MEETING TIME: 20:30 at the hotel reception INCLUDED: transportation, thermal outfit, guide meal, hot beverage included** Drive through the wilderness

and discover the phenomena of the northern sky at our Northern Lights base. Experience the Arctic night by driving through the snow-covered forest and on the frozen river to the Aurora Borealis camp. At the resort, you will find a theatre, presenting a film about the myths and facts of this natural phenomenon. You will also have time to roam around the resort, take a brisk sleigh ride or you can just lay back in the snow observatory by the open fire admiring the northern sky. With a little luck, the sky is clear and the Northern Lights may show up! Delicious reindeer burger will be served before your return back to the city. **REQUIRES PRE-BOOKING** *Note: To drive a snow mobile in Finland you must have a valid driver's license from a country of issue which has signed the Road Traffic Convention of Geneva. We cannot accept responsibility for licenses that are not accepted. Please consult if you have any doubts.

Day 16: DAY 16 FRIDAY ROVANIEMI – KEMI (Ice-breaker Cruise) - ROVANIEMI (119 km)

Breakfast at the hotel and meet up at 08:45 in the hotel. Time for a swim as you head to the town of Kemi for a full day of activities. First a visit to the Snow Castle* with its special snow slide. Enjoy the snow sculptures and complex. Later you will experience one of the highlights of your winter adventure as you board the Sampo Icebreaker and spend 4 hours on this unforgettable vessel breaking through the ice of the northern Gulf of Bothnia. *Please note that the construction of the Snow Castle is dependent on the weather conditions and therefore not guaranteed to be open before the 19th of January **SAMPO ICE BREAKER & ICE SWIMMING** - INCLUDED DURATION: approximately 4 hours (13:00-17:00) INCLUDED: guided tour of the ship, ice floating event, 3-course buffet This extraordinary experience includes a guided tour of the ship with its massive engine room, communications room and bridge, ice swimming and a three-course meal at the on-board restaurant. In the middle of the largest ice field in Europe, you have the opportunity to jump in the sea and float! You will of course be fitted with a warm survival suit and those of you who dare will receive a certificate by the ship authorities to attest your courage. An unforgettable experience. Return to Rovaniemi with early evening arrival at your hotel. * December 5th departure will include a visit to the Ranua Wildlife Park instead of Sampo Icebreaker cruise. * January 9th and 16th departures will go on a 3 hour cruise from 14:00-17:00. Lunch will be included onshore in the Seaview Restaurant immediately prior to the cruise.

OPTIONAL: THE MAGIC OF THE ARCTIC CIRCLE Exclusive for our guests Min 6 persons

DURATION: approximately 3 hours (19:30 – 22:30) MEETING TIME: 19:15 at the hotel reception

INCLUDES: Private transportation, guide, typical 3-course dinner Dinner included You are invited to a perfect evening in Snowland, the first and only great Arctic construction in the capital of Lapland. Do not miss this unique opportunity to visit and dine in this idyllic igloo, which only opens its doors for special events. During this evening you will enjoy a dinner with local specialties and then sit on the white patio, around a bonfire, waiting for the Aurora Borealis. Snowland has been built in the vicinity of the city but with the purpose of offering the best conditions to appreciate the dance of the Aurora Borealis when it announces its arrival on the clear nights of Rovaniemi. **REQUIRES PRE-BOOKING** *This optional will be operated on Thursday or Friday; the day will be advised at destination

Day 17: DAY 17 SATURDAY ROVANIEMI – DEPARTURE

Breakfast and the rest of your day at leisure until your regular transfer to Rovaniemi airport in good time for your departure flight.

Inclusion

? 16 nights in First Class hotels in standard double/twin rooms with private facilities ? 16 breakfasts, buffet style ? 2 dinners, 7 lunches & 1 picnic as mentioned in the program (all lunches & dinners are 3-course meals or buffets including coffee, unless otherwise specified) ? Bi-lingual Tour Escort (English & Spanish or Portuguese) from Day 2 to Day 17 inclusive ? 3-hours guided city tour of Stockholm ? 3-hours guided city tour of Tromsø ? Flight from Stockholm to Luleå included ? Regular arrival transfer from Stockholm Airport ? Regular departure transfer to Rovaniemi Airport ? The long-distance coach from day 3-16 offers WIFI ? All tours and transportation, as mentioned in the program ? Visits, excursions and entrances as mentioned in the program ? Outdoor clothing for winter activities/safaris as mentioned in the program. For further information please consult the general conditions ? Luggage allowance is 1 suitcase & 1 piece of hand luggage per person

Exclusion

- Beverages or any extras - Porter Service - Any services not mentioned in the program

Note

* December 5th departure will visit the Ranua Wildlife Park Instead of Sampo Icebreaker cruise HOTELS Scandic Anglajs Clarion Hotel Sense Scandic Luleå Camp Ripan Thon Hotel Lofoten Svinøya Rorbuer Radisson Blu Tromsø or Scandic Ishavshotel Thon Hotel Alta Thon Hotel Kirkenes Santa's Tunturi Hotel Arctic Snow Hotel & Glass Igloo Santa's Hotel Santa Claus The Northern Lights are weather dependent and cannot be guaranteed as they are a natural phenomenon. Regular arrival transfer services included in the program are only available from the airport in Stockholm and to the airport in Rovaniemi and only on the published official date of beginning and end of the tour. The transfers are escorted by an English-speaking driver and is shared with other fellow passengers; therefore, minor waiting time may occur. This transfer service is not valid for passengers with pre/post nights or passengers who require private transfers – for a supplement, private transfers can be reserved. Due to the nature of the tours and the destination, we are unfortunately not able to accept children younger than 7 years old on these programs. Child supplement is available on request Cost for Optional activity is available on request.

Tour Dates & Pricing

