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Finland

AURORA ENCOUNTER

Of nature's many spectacular sights the Aurora Borealis is undoubtedly one of the most awe inspiring. Finnish folklore tells of a fire fox scampering across the snow, sending millions of snowflakes adrift as his tail sweeps across the snow. It's these snowflakes which fill the sky with celestial lights creating the Aurora Borealis. To increase your chances of seeing the Lights, you'll be accommodated in the countryside away from city light pollution and spend a night in an Aurora hut.

DAY 1: ARRIVE IVALO

Welcome to Lapland. Arrive Ivalo airport and transfer you to your Wilderness Hotel. A programme schedule will be provided before dinner to prepare you for the fun to come. Depending on your arrival time, cold weather gear is given to you either upon arrival or the following day.

DAY 2: LAKE INARI – WILDERNESS HOTEL

Today you'll meet Lapland's most famous animal - reindeers!. After a welcome from the reindeer herder you'll have a presentation on the Sámi culture and the life of a reindeer herder and have a chance to feed the reindeer by hand. Then, comfortably seated in a sleigh, enjoy a sedate ride through the forest - so sedate you may even nod off. To round off your outdoor experience and seated around a fire, tuck into a bowl of steaming soup.

After dinner this evening, comfortably seated in a sledge pulled by the guide's snowmobile, you can enjoy the northern sky all the way to the camp area. With city light pollution to spoil your views of the sky, this is a wonderful pristine place to experience Nature's fireworks, the Aurora Borealis. Relax around the fire with a hot drink whilst your guide explains this amazing natural phenomenon.

DAY 3: LAKE INARI – WILDERNESS HOTEL

Snowmobiling's big time fun. With unlimited wilderness, numerous tracks and beautiful scenery, it's another perfect outdoor experience. Before setting off safety and driving instructions will be given. Finally, head off with your guide across lakes and through forests for the most exhilarating ride.

DAY 4: LAKE INARI – WILDERNESS HOTEL

The forest's a beautiful winter wonderland, the silence therapeutic and you'll be taking a walk through the forest this morning with your guide. Along the way, your guide will explain life in this environment. Take a break and relax around the fire with hot drinks and lunch. This eco-activity's perfect for photographers and nature lovers.

Later today once darkness sets in, set off on your snowmobile on an Aurora hunting expedition. The drive takes you through the surrounding areas, stopping in open places where the forests don't obscure the view of the sky. The distance you travel is dictated by the weather conditions. Who knows, Nature willing, this could be the night of spectacular viewings.

DAY 5: LAKE INARI – WILDERNESS HOTEL

Day at leisure for optional activities? How about ice fishing? Seated in a sleigh drawn by a snowmobile, head off on the frozen lake to try ice fishing. Using your giant corkscrew, drill a

hole in the ice, drop your line and hope your bait looks good enough to lure a big one. During the activity you'll have warm drinks and lunch around the fire. And, if you're lucky, it could even be your catch of the day!

The best way to end an active day is the Finnish way – take a sauna. There's no correct sauna temperature, just what's comfortable for you. If you're feel adventurous, try what the Finns do and take a roll in the snow to cool off.

DAY 6: LAKE INARI – WILDERNESS HOTEL

Feeling energetic and ready to try the most traditional of Finnish winter sports? Under instruction from your guide, clip your boots onto your cross country skis and off you go, 'skating' along on the groomed ski tracks. Once you get the hang of it, you'll be hooked and ready for more.

By this time you're going to be an expert on the Northern Lights and what could be a more perfect way to end a perfect stay than to spend your final night with the extraordinary experience of sleeping in an Aurora Hut on the lake. It's a perfect place for a clear view of the star-filled sky and Northern Lights from the comfort of your own bed. Upgrade to Aurora Hut or Cabin on request.

DAY 7: DEPART IVALO

Check out and transfer to Ivalo airport . Time permitting, an optional visit can be arranged to the Siida Museum home to an extensive and interesting exhibition of the Sámi, the indigenous people of Lapland.

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AURORA ENCOUNTERS INCLUSIONS & HIGHLIGHTS:

- Transfers
- Six nights selected accommodation in Lapland
- Breakfast, lunch and dinner
- Aurora Alerts
- Snowmobile Safari
- Husky
- Reindeer Safari
- Aurora Snowmobile Safari
- Aurora Campfire Night
- Outdoor clothing and boots

PRICE FROM \$3,779 per person sharing



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ACCOMMODATION

NANGU WILDERNESS LODGE

Sheltered in the forest on the banks of Lake Inari, Nangu Wilderness Lodge, constructed in traditional round logs, is everything one imagines Lapland to be. With the unique situation beside the lake with no city light pollution, the clarity of the Northern Lights is spectacular. If the Lights are not dancing in the sky, the view of the inky black skies with stars and plants shining at their brightest, is breathtaking. During winter Nangu's an adult only resort and families have the choice between two sister resorts, equally magical. Accommodation options are varied:

WILDERNESS ROOMS

Housed in a separate log building in the resort area, Wilderness rooms have a rustic wilderness style decoration with the log walls adding to the Lappish atmosphere. Rooms have en-suite facilities.

SUPERIOR WILDERNESS ROOMS

As above but with private entrance and view of the tranquil surroundings.

SUPERIOR SAUNA WILDERNESS ROOMS

If you fancy your own sauna, then this is the one for you. Views of the surrounding nature give you the feel of being one with nature.

PANORAMA LOG CABIN

Providing a panoramic view of the lake, the log cabins are the perfect way to get the real Lapland feel. They are semi-detached with each suite accommodating two persons and come equipped with bathroom, private sauna, kitchenette, interior fireplace, jacuzzi and terrace.

AURORA LOG CABIN

Aurora Log Cabin is an extraordinary way to experience the wilderness. Lying in your bed, you'll have clear views of the star filled night skies and Northern Lights when they choose to reveal themselves. The laser heated glass roof opens up into the northern sky, directly above the bed.

AURORA HUT

Aurora Hut is another wonderful way to experience the lake and the sky. The sky is star-filled sky with the Northern Lights or Midnight Sun clearly visible. The environmentally friendly Aurora Hut is equipped with double bed and eco-toilet. They do not have a shower or running water but these are available in the main building.



Wilderness Room



Panorama Log Cabin



Panorama Log Cabin Jacuzzi



Aurora Hut



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