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# THE ICE & LIGHTS TRAIL

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# THE ICE & LIGHTS TRAIL

Stockholm, Kiruna, Icehotel, Abisko, Narvik & Tromsø – it's the ideal tour if you're wanting a winter package that offers it all – capital cities, arctic scenery, a wilderness escape and a visit to the worldfamous ice hotel. One of our best sellers, this tour starts in the beautiful capital, Stockholm from there to Sweden's cool winter hot spot – the Icehotel in Jukkasjärvi. Enjoy the Arctic scenery as you cross from Sweden to Norway. The last stop is Tromsø, Norway's winter capital, also known as Paris of the North.

## DAY 1: ARRIVAL IN STOCKHOLM

Arrival in Stockholm according to your own itinerary. Stockholm – the capital of Sweden busts of life and movement. The city is built on fourteen islands all part of an archipelago. Sweden's Capital is charming, vibrant and surrounded by beauty and water – hence its nickname, Venice of the North. Stockholm city has an abundance of charm, history and tradition! This urban and trendy city will impress you with its interesting museums and castles. The city keeps its warm atmosphere apparent in the old town. Take time to explore the small and winding alley ways – the perfect area to find a suitable restaurant for the evening.

## DAY 2: STOCKHOLM – KIRUNA BY OVERNIGHT TRAIN

After breakfast the day is yours to continue exploring Stockholm. Our recommended top 10 includes the following: Gamla Stan – The Old Town, Vasamuseét – The Vasa Museum, Skansen Open Air Museum, Kungliga Slottet – The Royal Palace, Stadshuset – The City Hall, Drottningholms Slott – The Drottningholm Palace, Östermalmshallen – The Östermalm Food Court, Millesgården – Art Museum, Moderna Museét – Museum of Modern Art and Kungsträdgården – City Park.

Departure late evening by train from Stockholm to Kiruna.

## DAY 3: ARRIVAL IN KIRUNA - ICEHOTEL

Breakfast is available on the train (own cost) before your arrival in Kiruna. Transfer from the train station to the Icehotel. Enjoy the rest of the day at leisure or join one of the many exciting winter activities, Icehotel has to offer. How about speeding across frozen lakes and through hilly landscapes by snowmobile? Tonight you'll experience an overnight in the Icehotel. The Ice rooms are especially comfortable and spacious – you will get a good night's sleep in minus 5 degrees. You sleep in thermal sleeping bags on a special bed built of snow and ice, on reindeer skins.

## DAY 4: ICEHOTEL

This morning you are awakened with a cup of hot lingonberry juice at your bedside. Breakfast buffet with morning sauna and

towels included. Remainder of day at leisure to explore the beautiful surroundings of the Icehotel. Many activities are available – husky sled rides, Sami experiences or Northern Lights adventures all of which are reservable in advance.

## DAY 5: KIRUNA – TRAIN TO ABISKO

After breakfast transfer to Kiruna train station to board the train to STF Abisko Mountain Station, at the heart of Abisko National Park, 250 kilometres north of the Arctic Circle. Visitors from all over the world come to Abisko to experience arctic Sweden and if they're there at the right time, to see the magical Northern Lights.

## DAY 6: SNOWSHOES AND EXCLUSIVE AURORA DINNER

After breakfast at your hotel, it's time to put on your snowshoes. Head out across the snow-covered landscape towards an opening glade in a birch wood forest where the mountain scenery becomes visible – a long valley framed by beautiful mountain tops, clothed in white. After a break to take in the scenery and enjoy a light snack and a hot beverage (a classic Swedish "fika"), head back to the station.

This evening take the chairlift up to the Arctic Sky station where, as your eyes will adjust to the pitch black skies, you'll see more stars than you've possible ever seen in your life. Adding to the wonder of the evening, you'll enjoy a four-course dinner of Nordic influence. Another possible chance to view the Northern Lights so keep your eyes peeled.

## DAY 7: ABISKO TO NARVIK

Breakfast at the hotel and departure to Narvik in Norway.

The city has a dual personality. On the one hand, its location is spectacular, pincer'd by islands to the west and mountains in every other direction, while spectacular fjords stretch north and south. At the same time, the city is still quite industrial by loading several million tonnes of ore annually from train wagons on to ships.

## DAY 8: BREATHTAKING VIEWS OVER NARVIK

Breakfast is served at your hotel.



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Today you have the opportunity to view Narvik from the top of the mountain and to get there, you'll take the 1810-metre long cable car. The views are simply breathtaking. During the afternoon, you'll board the Arctic bus and continue to the city of Tromsø.

#### DAY 9: SPECTACULAR VIEWS OF TROMSØ

Breakfast at your hotel before taking the cable car up the mountain for spectacular panoramic views of Tromsø and the surrounding islands, mountains and fjords. The city is situated in the heart of the Northern Lights or Aurora Borealis zone, and one of the better places to experience this mysterious phenomenon.

#### DAY 10: DEPARTURE

Breakfast at your hotel and departure according to your own itinerary.

### HIGHLIGHTS

- ◆ Overnight Icehotel
- ◆ Snowshoe walking
- ◆ Following the Lights
- ◆ Aurora Sky Station Dinner
- ◆ Winter panorama view over Tromsø

### INCLUSIONS

*Based on 3\* twin share. Request pricing for other categories*

- ◆ 1 nights' hotel accommodation with private facilities in Stockholm
- ◆ Overnight train to Kiruna
- ◆ Private transfer to and from the Icehotel
- ◆ 1 nights accommodation in Jukkasjärvi - Ice Room
- ◆ 1 nights accommodation in Jukkasjärvi - Kaamos room
- ◆ Train to Abisko
- ◆ 2 nights accommodation in Abisko
- ◆ Snow shoe hike
- ◆ Aurora Dinner at the Sky Station in Abisko
- ◆ Train to Narvik
- ◆ 1 nights hotel accommodation with private facilities in Narvik
- ◆ Cable car in Narvik
- ◆ Bus to Tromsø
- ◆ 2 nights hotel accommodation in Tromsø

**PRICE FROM \$3,455 per person sharing**



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