

Look for the spectacular northern lights from your private glass-roofed cabin

Northern Lights of Lapland

9 days from \$8,395 | Limited to 24 guests

Travel in search of the northern lights – one of nature’s most compelling spectacles – and experience the culture of Lapland, trying your hand at dog sledding and snowshoeing, and staying in a unique hotel made of ice.



A&K ADVANTAGES

- ▶ Enjoy dinner at the SnowCastle, built each year in a striking new style
- ▶ Cruise in a genuine icebreaker, with the option to take a dip in the frigid waters of the Gulf of Bothnia
- ▶ Get around like a local when you try your hand at dog sledding, snowmobiling and snowshoeing
- ▶ Spend two nights in the Arctic SnowHotel, and learn how this incredible place is brought to life each year
- ▶ Watch for the northern lights from your own glass igloo



DAY 1: Arrive Helsinki, Finland

Upon arrival in Helsinki, you are met and privately transferred to your hotel. Gather this evening for a welcome briefing followed by dinner with your fellow guests. **Hotel Haven | Meals: D**

DAY 2: Helsinki | The Rock Church

This morning, embark on a tour of the sights of Helsinki. Enter the famous Temppeliaukio Church; built directly into solid rock, it is fittingly known as Rock Church. Enjoy lunch at a local restaurant, and then spend the afternoon exploring the city at your own pace. **Hotel Haven | Meals: B L**

DAY 3: Kemi | Castle Made of Snow

A short flight brings you to northern Kemi, on the shores of the Gulf of Bothnia. Tour this small settlement and visit the enchanting SnowCastle, which is freshly rebuilt every year to incorporate new styles and layouts. Dine in this unique setting before settling into your glass-fronted room overlooking the vast gulf. Seaside Glass Villas | Meals: B D



Learn the traditional Lapland skill of dog sledding, practicing with a seasoned instructor before taking the reins of your own dog team.

DAY 4: Rovaniemi | Ride an Icebreaker

Given Finland's location along the Arctic Circle, icebreakers play a crucial role in ensuring that goods and people are able to move freely year round. Board the mighty 'Sampo' today, and experience this for yourself as you head out into the frozen Gulf of Bothnia. Enjoy lunch on board; the brave may even take a dip into the frigid waters in specially designed flotation suits. Return to shore and continue to Rovaniemi, where you have the once-in-a-lifetime chance to sleep in a hotel constructed entirely of snow.

Arctic SnowHotel | Meals: B L

DAY 5: Rovaniemi | Ice Fishing & Aurora Hunting

Begin the day with a tour of your hotel, and appreciate firsthand the skill and experience it takes to create this amazing structure of ice and snow each year. Take the opportunity to icefish, and learn how to sculpt snow into marvelous shapes. Spend an afternoon at leisure enjoying the activities offered. This evening, join an aurora-hunting expedition, taking you far away from the lights of the town for the best viewing opportunities. Back at the hotel, continue your search for the northern lights through the roof of your glass igloo.

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DAY 6: Saariselka | Above the Arctic Circle

Cross the Arctic Circle this morning as you drive almost to the northern edge of Finland. Arrive in the small town of Saariselka, nestled on the edge of one of Europe's northernmost national parks. Embark on a snowmobile safari into the surrounding wilderness. The next two nights are your best chance to marvel at the northern lights through the glass roof of your Aurora Cabin. Northern Lights Village | Meals: B D

DAY 7: Saariselka | Dog Sledding & Snowshoeing

Your day is filled with activity today. Begin your morning with an introduction to the traditional skill of dog sledding

before setting out with your own team of dogs. After lunch at a local restaurant, set forth upon the trails for a guided snowshoeing experience. Northern Lights Village | Meals: B L D

DAY 8: Helsinki | A Day to Explore

Transfer to nearby Ivalo, where a short flight returns you to Helsinki. Enjoy time at leisure in the city, then join your fellow guests for a special farewell dinner as you recall the adventures of the journey. Hotel Haven | Meals: B D

DAY 9: Depart Helsinki

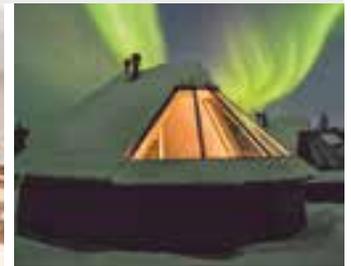
This morning, transfer to the airport for your onward flight. Meals: B

BOUTIQUE ACCOMMODATIONS



Hotel Haven

Scandinavian design and an intimate setting right on the waterfront.



Northern Lights Village

Glass-roofed cabins that afford spectacular private views of the northern lights.



Arctic SnowHotel

One-of-a-kind property built from ice every year, with each room a unique design.



Seaside Glass Villas

Cozy villas with outstanding views of the Bay of Bothnia as well as the northern lights.

DATES & PRICING

Guaranteed Departure Dates	Double Occupancy	Single Supplement
2020: Dec 19-27* Dec 21-29*	\$9,395	\$3,595
2021: Jan 8-16, Jan 15-23, Feb 5-13, Feb 12-20, Feb 19-27, Feb 26-Mar 6, Mar 5-13, Mar 12-20, Mar 19-27	\$8,395	\$3,195

Internal Air: Economy Class from \$550 Helsinki/Kemi; Ivalo/Helsinki

Journey Details

*Departure features an alternate itinerary. Call A&K for details. This journey contains some active elements. Minimum age is 10 years. First group event: welcome dinner at 6:00 p.m. on Day 1. Last group event: farewell dinner at 7:30 p.m. on Day 8. Departures are guaranteed to operate with a minimum of 2 guests.