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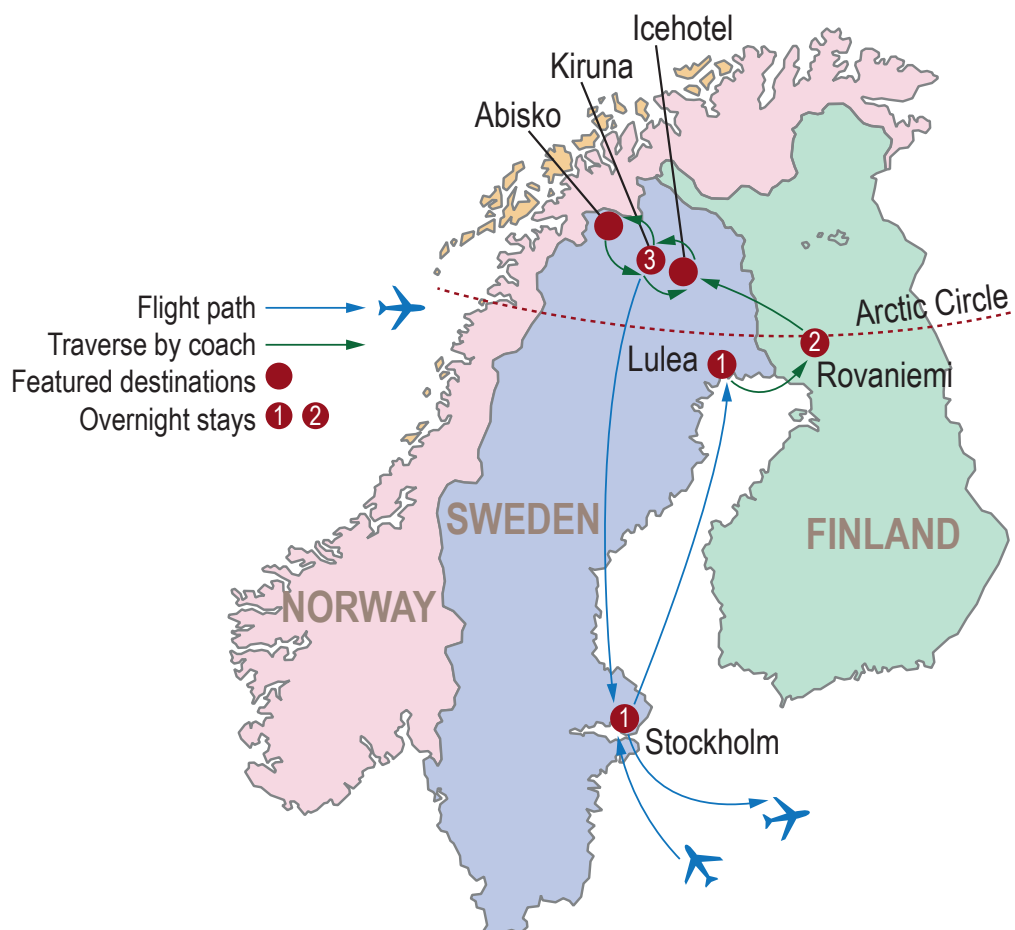
LAPLAND OF SWEDEN AND FINLAND

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Venture into the Swedish and Finnish Lapland and discover the wonders of the Arctic, from the brilliant Aurora Borealis to the winter that freezes the landscape into a myriad of stunning formations, with snow-capped mountain terrain, through the woodland and along the coastline, reinforcing the vast carpet of snow.



NORTHERN LIGHTS BACKGROUND IN ABISKO NATIONAL PARK IN SWEDEN



DAY 1

HOME > STOCKHOLM

Meals on Board

Assemble at the airport and depart for Stockholm, the capital of Sweden.

DAY 2

STOCKHOLM > LULEA

Meals on Board

Board a domestic flight to **Lulea**, a coastal city in Swedish Lapland. Upon arrival, transfer to your hotel and spend the day at your leisure.

DAY 3

LULEA > ROVANIEMI

Breakfast, Dinner

Take a city tour and visit the **Luleå Cathedral**, which is the biggest church in Northern Sweden and built in 1893 in Gothic Revival style. Then we will visit **Gammelstad Church Town**, a UNESCO World Heritage Site. It is a unique cultural environment where the largest and most well-preserved church town in Sweden, houses more than 400 church cottages, homes and a magnificent medieval stone church. Wandering through the beautiful

HIGHLIGHTS

FINLAND

ROVANIEMI

- Santa Claus Village
- Arctic Circle Certificate

SWEDEN

LULEÅ

- Luleå Cathedral
- Gammelstad Church Town

ABISKO

- "Blue Hole of Abisko"
- Lake Tornetrask
- Aurora Sky Station

KIRUNA

- Sámi village of Rávttas
- Sami Lavvu (teepee)
- Ice Hotel



ICE HOTEL, SWEDEN

AURORA SKY STATION, SWEDEN

red cottages of the Church Town, it is a wonderful experience bringing your sight to another century. If time and weather permits, consider an optional lifetime experience with the Ice Breaking Cruise. Imagine a white frozen sea of thick ice. Listen to the sound of crackling ice, crushed ice blocks rise from the icebreaker's hull, dark water splashes out. Explore the vessel, relax in the cozy saloon, and if weather permits, take a swim in the dark icy water, in floatation survival suit. In the night, we will go on an adventure to hunt for the famed **Aurora Borealis**, taking you far away from city lights to a perfect place to spot the enchanting show.

Note: The appearance of the Northern Lights cannot be guaranteed as it is a naturally occurring phenomenon and is subject to weather conditions.

DAY 4 ROVANIEMI

Breakfast, Dinner

Fulfil your childhood dreams in **Rovaniemi**, the official hometown of Santa Claus and land of fairy tales. Pay a visit to **Santa Claus Village** where you can peruse through the numerous souvenir shops and send a postcard from the **Santa's Main Post Office** to receive a special **Arctic Circle stamp**. You will also be awarded with an **Arctic Circle Crossing Certificate** as proof of your journey across the Arctic Circle. On top of that, meet **Santa Claus** in the **Christmas House** of the Santa Claus Holiday Village and receive a lasting memory of the meeting in the form of a high-quality photo. Spend the night in a comfortable and unique **glass igloo** and be mesmerized by the clear starry skies as you cuddle up in your warm, toasty bed.

DAY 5 ROVANIEMI > ICEHOTEL > KIRUNA

Breakfast, Dinner

The trip starts by going on a journey into the snow-clad lands of the magical **Swedish Lapland**. Upon your arrival at the Icehotel, receive the ticket before joining the expert Icehotel representative for a guided tour of the **world's first Icehotel**. Marvel at the amazing individually sculpted **Art Suites, Ice Rooms and Ice Church** whilst learning about how this one-of-a-kind hotel is designed and created each year. It's also Sweden's most unique and probably most extensive private art hall. Each year it's reincarnated in a new guise, carefully designed and handcrafted by some 40 artists from around the world. Head on to the **Ice Bar** to enjoy one of the coolest drinks you will probably ever have! Thereafter, proceed to **Kiruna** for the night.

DAY 6 KIRUNA > ABISKO > KIRUNA

Breakfast, Dinner

In the afternoon, take a drive down to the locally known **"Blue Hole of Abisko"**, a prime location for viewing the Northern Lights. The scientifically proven 'blue hole' – a patch of sky over the **Lake Torneträsk** that usually remains clear despite overcast weather in surrounding areas – giving Abisko its own microclimate, which is suitable for catching the lights. Today, we will visit the Aurora Sky Station – the best place on earth to experience Northern Lights. It is situated on Mount Nuolja, 900 meters above sea level, in an area with very few distracting sources

4★ HOTELS

LULEÅ Scandic
ROVANIEMI Scandic
KIRUNA Scandic
STOCKHOLM Scandic

DELICACIES

Meal Plan

7 Breakfasts, 1 Lunch, 4 Dinners

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SNOWFALL IN CHURCH VILLAGE OF GAMMELSTAD, LULEÅ, SWEDEN

of light or sound. Upon arrival to **Aurora Sky Station**, a four-course dinner influenced by the Nordic cuisine is served and will be followed by a guided tour where you will learn about the Aurora Borealis and how to find it.

Note: If Aurora Sky Station is close due to prevailing weather conditions then their Aurora Lounge will be open exclusively instead with a "Aurora Guided Tour".

DAY 7 KIRUNA

Breakfast, Lunch

Take a day trip to the **Sámi village of Rávttas**, east of Abisko and experience a glimpse of the traditional lifestyle of the reindeer people. This exclusive, once in a lifetime opportunity allows us to experience the amazing lifestyle of the Sámi people and to get up close and personal with Lapland's most iconic creature – the reindeer. **Feed the reindeer**, enjoy a **short ride on a traditional sled** behind a reindeer and learn how to identify different reindeers in the herd based on personal characteristics and behaviour. After which, proceed to our traditional **Sámi lavvus** (teepee), where fresh and delicious meals will be served around an open fire. Thereafter, proceed to back to Kiruna for the night. Tonight, you will have a chance to go an optional dog sledding tour with your guides. Enjoy the silence of the polar night as you wait for the Northern Lights to appear and light up the dark sky.

DAY 8 KIRUNA ► STOCKHOLM

Breakfast

Board a domestic flight to **Stockholm**, the

capital of **Sweden** and the most populous city in the Nordic countries. If there is time, you may consider an optional sightseeing tour of Stockholm, before you tuck in for the night.

DAY 9 STOCKHOLM ► HOME

Breakfast

Enjoy the rest of the day at leisure till it is time to transfer to the airport for your flight home.

DAY 10 HOME SWEET HOME

Breakfast

We hope you enjoyed your trip with our company and we look forward to seeing you again for your next trip.

Suggested Excursion:

- (Rovaniemi) Snowmobiling: €150
- (Luleå) Ice Breaking Cruise: €350
- (Kiruna) Dog Sledging: €180
- (Stockholm) City sightseeing tour: €79

These additional activities enrich your experiences; however, it is entirely optional and will be at your own discretion. Minimum group size may apply and subject to schedule.

Tipping Guideline: (based on 10D7N)

- €80 per person

Note:

- A minimum group size of 15 passengers is required for a confirmed departure.
- The sequence of the itinerary, flight schedules and hotels are subject to change without prior notice in the event of unforeseen circumstances.
- Activities are subject to weather conditions.
- Hotel upgrades are subject to hotel room availability.
- During major events, accommodation may be relocated to outside of the city or in another city without prior notice.



AURORA SKY STATION, SWEDEN