

STOCKHOLM & THE SWEDISH LAPLAND

5 days / 4 nights



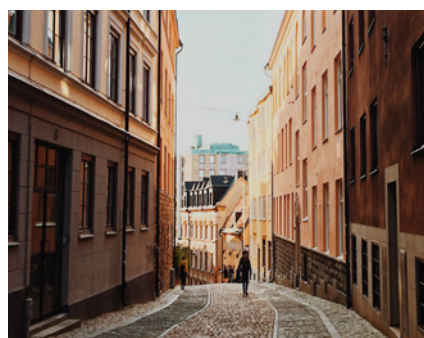
A tour with great opportunities of seeing
the Northern Lights!



Day 1, ARRIVAL STOCKHOLM

Arrive by flight on own. Transfer on own (not included) from the airport to your hotel. Stockholm, one of the most beautiful capitals in the world, is built on 14 islands, connected by 57 bridges. The beautiful buildings, the green parks, the fresh air and the proximity to the water are distinctive traits of this city. With 750 years of history and rich cultural life, Stockholm offers a wide selection of world class museums and attractions. During winter, we warmly recommend to go skiing on one of the city's slopes, glide around a classic ice-skating rink, or join a guided long-distance skating tour across Lake Mälaren (not included).

Accommodation at First Hotel Kungsbron, or similar



Day 2, STOCKHOLM – OVERNIGHT TRAIN

Breakfast at the hotel. Today, you will enjoy a regular Stockholm winter boat sightseeing tour with M/S Angantyr: We will guide you along the city's quays, out to and around the islands of Fjäderholmarna. On board the guide tells us interesting facts about Stockholm's history and surroundings. For those who want to defy the cold outside to get the best view on upper deck we have skin rugs and fleece blankets to keep you warm. If you feel a bit chilly we serve Swedish Glögg, a traditional hot mulled wine in the



cafeteria. Here you will also find other warm and cold beverages. In the afternoon, we recommend a visit to the Kungsträdgården or Vasa Parken, where you have the chance to go Ice Skating.

In the late afternoon/early evening – Board your overnight train towards Kiruna (duration approx. 16-19 hrs with 0-2 changes of train en route). Maybe you are lucky to see the beautiful Northern Lights from the train so keep a good eye on the skies.

Accommodation on board overnight train in sleeper cabin w bunk beds

Day 3, OVERNIGHT TRAIN - KIRUNA

Breakfast on own (not included). In the morning around 09.30, arrival in Kiruna by train and transfer on own to the hotel to drop off your luggage. Kiruna, where the Sami, Swedish and Finnish cultures meet, is an exciting city to experience. Kiruna was built around 120 years ago, when the treasures of the earth were to be retrieved.

The iron ore body of the mountain Kiirunavaara stretches in under the town. That's why we now have to move the town when the world's largest underground iron-ore mine is expanding.

Today it is time for your regular Dogsledding Tour: Transfer from Kiruna to the wilderness Lodge: The dogs stand harnessed to the sled; they are eager, happy and waiting impatiently to start the journey. As if by an instinctive signal the dogs suddenly fall silent and set off at full speed. All is quiet except for the sound of the dogs panting and the crisp cut of the runners through the snow. The dogs are in their element, happiest when working. Guests travel on a large sled steered by our guide. A trip of between 2-3 hours, with a pause at a scenic spot for coffee/tea over the campfire and sandwich (included). A minimum of two bookings; single person may join an already booked group. Departure at 10:00 or 17:00.

Accommodation at Scandic Ferrum, or similar

**Day 4, KIRUNA - ABISKO**

Breakfast at the hotel. This morning, pick up in Kiruna to start your Snowmobile tour including lunch: Welcome to a breathtaking tour with snowmobile. We take you on a tour through deep forests in a beautiful winter world. This is a fieldtrip through the beautiful area around the Torne River. We drive in small groups and make our own tracks. During the break in the wood hut, around the fire we offer you some Lappish lunch and some other delicacies. We use modern snowmobiles with four-stroke engine. Includes: Transfer, warm clothes, and lunch two persons per snowmobile. Supplement for single riding at snowmobile on request. 4 hours.

In the afternoon transfer back to Kiruna, pick up your luggage and take the train 2nd class from Kiruna to Abisko (duration approx. 1-1,5 hours).

In the evening, take the chairlift into the night sky for an evening at the Aurora Sky Station. With expert guides at hand you will have all your questions on the Aurora answered. Spend some time in the viewing tower, in the Aurora exhibition or at the comfortable small cafe before heading back out to search for the Northern Lights in all of their glory. **Night Visit:** The night visit starts with a beautiful chair-lift ride up to the Aurora Sky Station. Enjoy the silent Abisko National Park in darkness. Your eyes will gradually get used to the completely dark skies and soon you will see more stars than ever before. At the Aurora Sky Station there's a cosy café, souvenir shop, look-out tower and northern lights exhibition. Be sure not to miss the popular guided tours. **Included in Night Visit:** Warm aurora watchers overalls, return ticket by chair-lift and guided tour.

Booking: There is a limited number of tickets to the Aurora Sky Station each night. We recommend that you book and pay your visit in advance to be guaranteed a ticket. Opening hours: 21.00 – 01.00. When booking any northern lights adventures at STF Aurora Sky Station, we cannot guarantee that you will see the northern lights. **Accommodation at a Guesthouse in Abisko (not specified until final booking)**

Day 5, ABISKO DEPARTURE

Breakfast at the hotel. Check out from the hotel. Please see below options for further travels in Scandinavia.

END OF SERVICE

NB! – After end of program, it is possible to go back to Stockholm via night train from Abisko, take the train to Narvik (that can take you further on to Tromsø) in Norway or simply go to Kiruna again for your flight. Please do ask us for possibilities of connecting the program.

Tour includes:

- 3 night's accommodation including breakfast at hotels
- 1 night on boars overnight train (breakfast excluded)
- Regular tours and activities:
 - Winter Boat Sightseeing Tour Stockholm
 - 2-3 hours Dogsledding tour from Kiruna
 - 4 hours Snowmobile Tour
 - Night Visit at the Aurora Sky Station
- Overnight train Stockholm – Kiruna (sleeper with bunkbeds)
- Train 2nd class Kiruna – Abisko

Please note all rates and services remain subject to availability. No reservation has been made. Except for the below, all conditions are as per our general terms and conditions. All tours are on regular base, unless otherwise stated.

Payment and cancellation for the tour: 50 days prior to arrival. The amount is non refundable and non transferrable after payment has been made. Abisko may require payment upon booking in some periods. Night visit & train tickets only booked once payment has been received.

NB! Disclaimer for Abisko Night Visit! When you book any of our products at STF Aurora Sky Station, we cannot guarantee that you will see the Aurora Borealis (Northern Lights). STF Aurora Sky Station may be closed at short notice due to the arctic weather conditions (high winds, cold temperatures, snowstorms, etc.). Statistics from previous seasons show that STF Aurora Sky Station is open from 85 to 90 percent of the scheduled dates and the Aurora Borealis (Northern Lights) is visible 50-60 percent of the nights it is open. STF Aurora Sky Station has no electricity, no running water and there is only dry toilets. If we have to close the STF Aurora Sky Station due to prevailing weather conditions then our Aurora Lounge will be open exclusively for our Aurora Sky Station guests. Aurora Lounge is located at STF Abisko Mountain Station. There is an exhibition about the Northern Lights, in the evening we will show slide shows and movies about Abisko and the Aurora Borealis (Northern Lights). You will be able to participate in a "Aurora Guided Tour" where we talk about the origin and history of the Northern Lights. Switch out lights and let yourself be transported one step closer to space. Surrounded by mountain tops you feel a wave of excitement and mystique. Eagerly you await the moment when your dream comes true. Suddenly colorful northern lights dance through the sky right above you; you're caught in a meeting between Earth and Space. Due to adverse weather conditions; strong winds, very low temperature, blizzards, etc STF Aurora Sky Station may be closed at short notice for safety reasons. Statistics from previous seasons show that STF Aurora Sky Station is open 90% of the time scheduled and that the northern lights have been visible on 70% of the nights when Aurora Sky Station was open. STF AURORA LOUNGE – alternative program: Nothing can replace viewing the northern lights from STF Aurora Sky Station., but when weather conditions make it impossible we offer our guests an alternative program. NB: No part of the amount paid for a visit to Aurora Sky Station will be refunded if a decision is taken to replace your intended visit by the STF Aurora Lounge Program.