



Wilderness Hotel Inari - Tailor Made



HOLIDAY TYPE: Tailor Made

VISITING: Finland

BROCHURE CODE: 20022

DURATION: 3 or more nights

In Brief

Nestled on Lake Inari's frozen shoreline, Wilderness Hotel Inari is the ideal base for a tailored Aurora adventure, high above the Arctic Circle. This holiday allows you to design your own itinerary. You simply decide upon the duration of your stay and then pick the exceptional winter activities to suit you. It means you are in complete control of how you spend your time!

Our Opinion

“ We love that the hotel is just 40 minutes from the airport and this quick transfer will have you arriving at the warm and welcoming Wilderness Hotel Inari in no time to start your winter adventure. Located on the edge of the village of Inari you really have the best of both worlds with the local amenities in walking distance but equally the nearby the silent, snowy forests are begging to be explored by day and night. There is nothing to compare with standing on the lake at midnight with the Aurora shimmering overhead. To experience the dead silence of night combined with the ethereal lights as they dance overhead is something that only happens in this part of the world. It's magical, mystical, spellbinding and almost the stuff of make-believe. ”

Alex Charlton



What's included?

ALL THE EXPERIENCES AND SERVICES LISTED BELOW ARE INCLUDED IN THE HOLIDAY PRICE:

- **Flights:** return flights from London to Ivalo (via Helsinki). Flight routes are subject to change
- **Transfers:** Return group scheduled airport transfers
- **Accommodation:** Minimum of three nights in a standard twin or double hotel room. Range of upgrade options available, subject to availability and supplement.
- **Meals:** full board
- Cold weather clothing for the duration of your stay
- The services of our local guide
- 24/7 assistance from our UK based operations team and in destination support from our local partners

TAILOR YOUR TRIP

A selection of winter activities can be added to your trip at additional cost. Once you have chosen when you want to travel and for how long (we recommend a minimum stay of three nights) you can select as many or as few activities as you wish from the extensive range on the "[Activities](#)" tab and tailor your trip as required. All activities are individually priced and our Travel Experts can assist you with your selection and will then provide a personalised itinerary quotation for you.

Trip Overview

Situated on the shores of frozen Lake Inari, Wilderness Hotel Inari offers an exceptional base for a tailored winter holiday in search of the Northern Lights.

The vast expanse of the frozen lake is effectively one big playground by day and an ideal Aurora viewing platform by night. Our tailor-made holiday allows you to determine exactly which activities you want to include, how long you wish to stay in this winter wonderland, and when you want to travel. It offers total flexibility and is ideal if you are travelling with a group of people who may want to try different things, working to a budget (big or small) or if you have been to the region before and know what you would like to focus on this time around.

There's a great range of [snow-based activities](#) here which will allow you to explore the Arctic's wilderness in unforgettable ways. From riding across a frozen lake on a snowmobile to mushing with a team of dogs along snowy trails, visiting a reindeer farm or snowshoeing in the wintery forest, there is so much to do.

At night, the emphasis here falls very much on the Northern Lights. This is the heart of Aurora hunting territory and we offer several dedicated [Northern Lights activities](#) to give you the best chance of seeing the incredible display. These are memorable ways to venture into the Arctic night in search of our planet's greatest light show. You can explore on foot, by car or snowmobile, or travel to a remote wilderness camp.

The ice on the surface of Lake Inari also provides an exceptional viewpoint within metres of the accommodation, should the lights appear when you are at the hotel.

There is also the opportunity to explore the village of Inari - the capital of Sámi heritage and culture in Finland. It is around a 30 to 40-minute walk to the village from the hotel.

With excellent hospitality and seemingly infinite views of the snowy landscapes, Wilderness Hotel Inari provides you with a brilliant base for your tailor-made winter holiday.

If you would like to combine your stay at Inari with any of the other Wilderness Hotels, then please speak to one of our Aurora Travel Experts who will be more than happy to help.

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Agenda

Please note the order of activities is subject to change

DAY
1

ARRIVAL, TRANSFER AND WELCOME

Included Meals: Dinner

DAYS
2 TO 3

DESIGN YOUR HOLIDAY

Included Meals: Breakfast, Lunch, Dinner

DAY
4

DEPART OR EXTEND YOUR STAY

Included Meals: Breakfast

Personalise this tour

Our pick



Ice Fishing by Snowmobile-pulled Sleigh

This trip is a great way to spend a leisurely day in the wilderness, trying one of the most popular local hobbies – ice fishing.

To get to the ideal fishing spot, you will hop into a sleigh pulled by your guide's snowmobile and can enjoy the views as you travel along the snow-covered trails. When you've reached your destination, you will drill holes in the thick ice, drop your lines and wait patiently for a nibble on the line.

Regardless of whether you land a catch, this is a lovely way to spend time in the wilds of Lapland and enjoy The Great Outdoors.

Your guide will prepare a warming lunch and hot drinks around a campfire, and who knows, you might be supplementing the meal with fresh fish.

Duration: approximately 4 hours including lunch

Image credit: Juho Kuva and Visit Finland

Other options

ACTIVITIES



Sámi Culture Snowmobile Adventure

This guided snowmobile tour will give you a unique insight into Sami culture and their way of life in this part of Finland.

Following a full safety briefing and driving instructions, you will set off into the wilderness, riding two people per snowmobile, with the chance to swap drivers along the way. You will venture on to the vast expanse of the frozen Lake Inari, visiting sites of cultural and historical significance to the Sami people along the way, such as the old church at Pielpajärvi and the sacrificial site of

Ukko's Rock Island. You will also have the chance to visit the open-air exhibition at the Sami Siida

museum in Inari. You will enjoy lunch during the day, either in the wilderness by a camp fire, or in a local restaurant.

Please note: The driver must be at least 18 years old and hold a valid driving licence.

Duration: approximately 2 hours



Heated Aurora Sleigh

The wonderful Jouko and Mari at Inari have once again come up with an innovation in Aurora hunting, ensuring that guests are in total comfort throughout. They have created a heated Aurora sleigh: a unique and toasty warm experience that has been thrilling visitors to Inari during the winter.

This is the way to travel in the Arctic! Climb into your Aurora-viewing cocoon which will be pulled behind a snowmobile driven by a local guide. The sleigh has large transparent windows to the front, back and, most importantly upwards, hence providing a fantastic view of the night sky. As they are heated, it could be -30C outside and you will be reclined in comfort hopefully gazing at the fabulous Northern Lights.

This safari lasts about three hours and takes you onto the frozen expanses of mystical Lake Inari some 250km north of the Arctic Circle in prime Aurora hunting territory. Your English-speaking guide will take you to some of the best vantage points where you can choose to get out (or not!), take photos and walk on the ice. You will also be served warm drinks.

We cannot guarantee that the Aurora Borealis will come out to play but regardless, the Aurora Sleigh is a fantastic way to experience the Arctic in the dead of night.

Duration approx 3 hrs.

Maximum capacity: 4-6 people per sleigh



Sámi Culture with Lappish Dinner

The Sámi are the indigenous people of Lapland and Inari is at the heart of Sámi culture in Finland.

During this traditional Lappish dinner, you'll have the opportunity to learn all about this fascinating way of life with a presentation from a local Sámi person, who will show you their traditional dress.

You will then enjoy an upgraded evening meal which includes traditional Lappish delicacies and local foods.

This activity requires a minimum of 4 people to operate.

Duration: approximately 2-3 hours

Available Fridays at 6pm



Reindeer Farm Visit

Today you will gain an insight into the traditions of Sámi culture, the lives of a herder and the importance of the reindeer to a rural economy such as Inari when you visit a local reindeer farm (by car). During your visit, you can ask the herder questions about the way of life this far north of the Arctic Circle. There may also be the chance for you to enjoy a short reindeer-pulled sleigh ride.

Duration: Approximately 2 hours

Image credit: Kevin Owen (client)



Husky Safari

Dog sledding is effectively a 'must-do' activity whilst in Lapland and we can highly recommend this excellent adventure.

Your expert guide will provide you with full instruction and a safety briefing regarding how to handle the sled before you meet with the dogs.

You will hear the huskies long before you will see them as

they will be so excited to get on the trail. You will be allocated a team of dogs between two, with one person driving and one riding in the sled (there will be the chance to swap during the trip).

The anchor is then released and the eager animals will set off, pulling you at speed along the trails, which typically follow a circuit on magnificent Lake Inari.

You will be out for between 1.5 and 2 hours with the sled dogs. On your return there will be time for some photos, before you head to the hotel restaurant for lunch.

Duration: approximately 2 hours in total.



Cross-country Skiing

This traditional Finnish sport is definitely worth experiencing during your time in Inari. So, strap on your skis and prepare to travel like a local.

Your guide will give you instruction and no prior experience of any form of skiing is required. Once you have mastered the basics, you will set out for a trip on the trails close to the hotel.

Duration: approximately 2 hours

Image credit: Wilderness Hotel Inari



Snowmobile Adventure in the Wilderness

This is the ideal activity for those who want to explore further afield and want the thrill of speeding across the landscape on snowmobiles (full instruction is of course provided).

After a safety briefing and snowmobile driving lesson, your guide will lead you out onto the ice of Lake Inari, which is a snowmobiling paradise. Travelling two people per machine with the opportunity to swap drivers (you may wish to upgrade to have single snowmobiles for this

activity, please contact our Aurora Travel Experts for a quote), you will enjoy the thrill of the trails as you take in the wilderness around you.

During the trip, you will break for lunch around an open fire, which is a wonderful experience and an excellent addition to your day.

Please note: you must be at least 18 years old and hold a full driving licence to drive a snowmobile.

Duration – Approximately 4 hours including lunch

Image Credit: Wilderness Hotel Inari



Aurora Hunt by Car or Minibus

During this activity, your guides will use their local knowledge, as well as the Aurora and weather forecasts to lead you to a prime Northern Lights viewpoint.

If local conditions are good, then a specific Aurora camp will be selected, and you can spend more time trying to capture the lights on camera.

If the weather is less promising close to the hotel, then you will travel further in search of clear skies.

Your guide will impart some of the extensive knowledge and you will enjoy an evening out in wilds, hopefully gazing at the Northern Lights.

Duration: approximately 3 hours



Gentle Snowshoeing

This activity is a gentle introduction for complete beginners to a popular activity in Finnish Lapland. Your guide will give you full tuition and help you fit your snowshoes before you head out to explore around the hotel along a trail which really shows how remote this hotel is. There is something really special about exploring the pristine winter wilderness under your own steam before heading back to the hotel for a well-deserved rest in the cosy lounge area.

There is a more advanced snowshoeing trek for those wishing to explore a little further. Please see the other activities for further details.

Duration: approximately 2 hours

Image credits: Markku Inkila



Aurora Snowshoeing

This Northern Lights excursion offers a peaceful yet active hunt through the surrounding nature, as you strap on your snowshoes and tread over thick blankets of snow beneath the dark Arctic sky.

Your guide will lead the way to an Aurora viewpoint, passing pine trees thick with snow and the hushed wilderness of the forest as you walk. You will then come to your camp spot, where you will warm up with hot beverages and gaze at the sky in the hope of catching the Northern Lights. If they make an appearance, you will

all watch and admire as they dance and move above you.

Duration: approximately 2.5 hours

Image Credit: Matt Robinson



Aurora Camp

This relaxing Northern Lights hunt is perfect for those wanting to kick-back whilst still enhancing their chances of spotting the Aurora.

Your excursion will begin in a sled as your guide pulls you over the open space of Lake Inari on his or her snowmobile. Hopefully, the Northern Lights will be shimmering above you making the journey an unforgettable one. If they do not make an appearance, the Arctic sky alone is enough to keep you occupied as the clarity of the stars here is awe-inspiring in itself.

Your sleigh-ride will lead to one of the local Aurora camps where you can enjoy the warmth of a crackling fire while you stay on the lookout for the Lights.

Inari's Aurora camps are set in prime positions to enhance your prospects of seeing the Aurora, and the lack of light pollution over Lake Inari heightens your chances hugely. There is no guarantee that they will appear, but if they do it will be a night you may never forget.

Duration: 2.5 hours

Image credit: Markku Inkila



Aurora Snowmobiling

Searching for the Northern Lights by snowmobile is great fun as the landscape takes on a totally different atmosphere after darkness falls. The machines provide you with the mobility to hopefully evade any localised cloud cover and your guide will lead you to the best possible location for a potential sighting of the Northern Lights.

You will travel two people per snowmobile throughout and there will be the chance to swap drivers (the driver must be at least 18 years old and hold a valid driving

licence).

Duration: approximately 2.5 hours

Image credit: Wilderness Hotel Inari



Snowmobile Safari Tryout

This activity provides an ideal introduction to snowmobiling, as well as your wider surroundings.

Firstly, your guide will familiarise you with the snowmobile and its controls (there really aren't many), providing a full safety briefing and a driving lesson. It will then be time to set off, two people per snowmobile, on a guided excursion, typically following trails across Lake Inari.

The distance you cover will depend on the group, but the activity will last for around two hours in total and you will have the opportunity to swap drivers half way.

If you wish to drive your own snowmobile, please ask our Aurora Travel Experts for a quotation.

Please note: The driver must be at least 18 years old and hold a valid driving licence.

Duration: approximately 2 hours



Snowshoe Hike

Today you will leave the hotel behind and head off with your guide for a wonderful few hours, exploring the wilderness on foot with the use of snowshoes

Your guide will show you how to strap the snowshoes over your boots, before leading the way on a trail into the nearby snow-laden forest. As you walk, you can simply enjoy the peace and quiet that comes with a landscape that is buried in thick, sound-stifling snow. You may see some Arctic wildlife along the way, or animal tracks in the snow, while your guide tells you about the surrounding

landscape.

Your efforts will be rewarded with lunch around an open campfire along the way.

Duration: approximately 4 hours

Image credits: Inari-Saariselkä Tourism Ltd

LITTLE EXTRAS



Equipment Hire

The hotel has a range of equipment for you to hire locally and to head off and explore the wilderness in your downtime. Depending on availability there are snowshoes and cross country skis. Reception will be able to advise any local trails and routes to suit all abilities. Prices start from £18 per person per set of equipment.

Image credit: Wilderness Hotel Inari



Aurora Alert

An 'Aurora alert' is an excellent addition for any keen Northern Lights hunter and can be arranged on arrival at your destination. Effectively, this is a buzzer which sounds when the lights have been spotted outside. When you hear an alert, it is time to put your cold weather clothes on and get away from any artificial lights to watch the dark skies.

These alerts will generally operate until around 1 am but we always advise that you confirm with hotel staff as the times may vary.

The alerts are designed to be an aid to Aurora hunting and whilst every effort will be made to issue a text message to you should the weather and solar conditions seem conducive to a display, this cannot be guaranteed. The situation can change very quickly so you should keep an eye on the sky yourself and not rely solely on them.

Price: £28 per alert for duration of stay

Image Credit: Matt Robinson

SPECIAL NIGHTS



A night in an Aurora Kota

The Aurora Kotas combine a cabin structure with glass tepee elements, providing a large glass roof above the sleeping area, allowing guests to lose themselves in the magic of possible night-time Northern Lights displays from the comfort of their bed.

Each Kota contains a double bed and it has room for a third person on a sofa bed. These cosy cabins come with twin beds (which can be pushed together), a sofa or armchairs in the small living area and an ensuite shower room (toiletries and hairdryer are provided). You will also

have coffee and tea making facilities. Some of the cabins will also accommodate an extra person on a sofa bed. The cabins are 34m² in size. The Wi-Fi signal isn't as strong in the cabins so you may need to use the main restaurant or use the time to switch off!

The cabins are between 20 and 50 metres from the main building.

Please speak to our Travel Experts for a quotation.

Please note: prices are based on you spending a night of your holiday in this unique accommodation and not keeping your original accommodation. If you would like to keep your accommodation, supplements will apply. Please speak to our Travel Experts for a full quotation.

Included Accommodation

Other options are available - see below for details.

Wilderness Hotel Inari (Nights: 1-3)



Situated on Lake Inari's shores, Wilderness Hotel Inari is one of the most spectacular destinations we

feature. Offering excellent levels of comfort and some serious 'wow factor', it is the latest addition to the Wilderness Hotels owned by our good friends Jouko and Mari Lappalainen.

Importantly it is also slap, bang in the middle of the world's best Aurora hunting territory and the hotel has implemented some innovative Northern Lights features to help maximise your viewing potential.

Wilderness Hotel Inari is ideally located around 40 minutes' drive from Ivalo Airport and just five minutes from Inari Village, which is the centre of Sámi culture in Finland.

There is a variety of accommodation on offer here, including cabins, Aurora cabins and hotel rooms, all of which are separate to (but within very easy reach of), the central restaurant building.

The hotel provides modern accommodation with décor which combines both comfort and charm. A huge amount of thought has gone into creating this very special place to stay.

Hotel Facilities

- The focal point of the hotel is the main reception, bar, lounge and restaurant building. There will be gasps of delight from the moment you walk in and are confronted with exceptional views out towards the lake.
- All meals are served in the restaurant and the quality of the food has been excellent in our experience.
- Breakfast offers a continental selection of meats, breads, cheese, fish and pastries as well as hot options including bacon and eggs. There are fresh fruit and yoghurts to compliment
- A.t lunch and evening meals, an array of fresh salads and a soup is followed by a choice of two main dishes prepared by the chefs. Options will typically include some local flavours as well as international dishes. In the evening these are accompanied by a pudding. Tea, coffee and water are included in your stay and any additional drinks can be added to your bill.
- The restaurant is beautifully decorated, with local art and woodwork creating a great atmosphere. The fantastic north facing panoramic windows running the length of the room offer views out onto Lake Inari. We certainly expect a few evening meals to be abandoned as the Aurora becomes visible during dinner (the chefs get used to it)!
- The bar area is fully stocked so you can enjoy a drink with your meal or relax in the lounge area by the roaring fire.
- Free Wi-Fi is available in the main hotel building and rooms (it is less strong in the Aurora cabins and the log cabins but 3G reception should work on your phone).
- The crowning 'Northern Lights glory' here is the glass-roofed sauna which is housed by the lake in a modified Aurora Cabin. Guests can book the sauna at the reception in hour long slots for private use (free of charge) and so if you strike lucky, you can witness the Northern Lights from inside, which is a very special experience.

Room Type

HOTEL BEDROOMS

The bedrooms are located in two separate buildings around 50 metres from the main building.

Each room has been decorated in a traditional Arctic style with inspiration taken from the local environment. They are around 30m² and have either a queen-sized bed or twin beds. Coffee and tea making facilities are provided in your room as well as either a comfortable sofa or two armchairs. If you can't face being detached from the "real world", the rooms also come with free Wi-Fi. Every bedroom is en-suite and comes complete with hairdryer and toiletries.

These rooms are designed for two people to share but a third person can be accommodated on a camp bed or pull-out sofa (supplements apply).

Image credits: Inari Wilderness Hotel, Matt Robinson

Other accommodation options

Contact us for a personalised quote.

Wilderness Hotel Inari - Log Cabins



These cosy cabins are built in the traditional way, with walls constructed from huge logs and plenty of space inside. The ground floor covers 70m² and the loft area offers an additional 20m².

On the ground floor, you'll find a spacious dining/living room, comfy seating, and a wood burning stove which can be turned to face where you are sitting. There is also the main bedroom with a queen-sized bed. There is also a kitchenette and dining area, although all your meals are provided in the restaurant. The cabins also provide free Wi-Fi although the signal is not strong in all of them. It can, however, be used in the lounge area of the main building if needed.

The bathroom and toilet (hairdryer and toiletries are provided) are also on the ground floor and the cabin comes with the luxury of a private sauna.

The loft area upstairs can accommodate three more single beds and, thanks to the pull-out sofa in the

living area, the capacity of these cabins ranges from two to six people (although we would recommend a maximum of 4 adults). They are ideal for couples looking for a very romantic hideaway or for small groups of friends or family.

The cabins are between 15m and 100m from the main building.

Please note that this accommodation option requires an upgrade supplement. Please contact our Travel Experts for a quotation.

Image credits: Matt Robinson



Wilderness Hotel Inari - Aurora Cabins

With the potential of seeing the Northern Lights above, you won't want to take your eyes off the Arctic sky. Luckily, with the Wilderness Hotel Inari's Aurora Cabins, you won't have to. These amazing structures are all equipped with an expansive heated glass roof to give you unobstructed views of the northern skies at all times. Whether you want to lie back in your bed or on the sofa, you can go on the hunt for the Aurora right from the comfort of your accommodation.

These cosy cabins come with twin beds (which can be pushed together), a sofa or armchairs in the small living area and an ensuite shower room (toiletries and hairdryer are provided). You will also have coffee and tea making facilities. Some of the cabins will also accommodate an extra person on a sofa bed. The cabins are 34m² in size. The Wi-Fi signal isn't as strong in the cabins so you may need to use the main restaurant, or use the time to switch off!

The cabins are between 20 and 50 metres from the main building.

Please note that this accommodation option requires an upgrade supplement. Please contact our Travel Experts for a quotation.

Credit: Wilderness Hotel Inari, Matt Robinson

Wilderness Hotel Inari - Arctic Chalets



These semi-detached, designer chalets, are a new addition to Inari's range of impressive accommodation options. They are designed to offer couples an air of Arctic luxury in their own holiday hideaway.

The modern interiors are sleek and beautifully designed. Each features a bedroom with an en-suite shower, private sauna room and king size bed. The separate living area is well equipped with a warming log fire, ideal following a day of adventures and the stunning landscape is framed by full-height windows, offering views towards the lake. Each also offers a sofa bed which can sleep an additional two people, but we recommend keeping these chalets for just the two of you.

Please note that this accommodation option requires an upgrade supplement. Please contact our Aurora Experts for a quotation.

Image credits: Wilderness Hotel Inari

The Specifics

Holiday group size (approximate)

This holiday requires a minimum of 2 people to run, however, on some dates we require a minimum of 8 people for our flight allocation. Maximum 24 people (approximately). Please speak to our Travel Experts for further information.

Group Size

We always try to provide an approximation of the group size you can expect to be with for the duration of each of our holidays. It may be that you are joined by others for parts of your holiday (such as transfers and particular activities) but the above number reflects those you can normally expect to be with from beginning to end. If group size is something which is particularly important to you, please speak to our Travel Experts and they can suggest the best holidays for you.

Tailor-made holiday group sizes will vary for all activities as will the group size for any additional

activities you book.

Minimum numbers required for a holiday to operate

Some of our holidays require a minimum number of participants to operate (as listed in the 'Group Size' section). If your holiday departure has not yet reached the minimum number, you will be told at the time of booking. In the unlikely event that your chosen date is not guaranteed by nine weeks before your scheduled departure date, we will contact you to discuss the available options as per our [booking conditions](#).

Minimum and maximum age

If a specific minimum age applies to this holiday, it can be found in the Key Facts box on the holiday Overview page.

Unless otherwise stated in the Key Facts box on the holiday Overview page, the minimum age for participation in an Aurora Zone holiday is typically 12 years old (there may be younger children in some destinations who have booked with other companies). If an adult-only environment is important to you, then please contact our Travel Experts and they will advise on the best dates and destinations for you. If you are looking for a holiday designed specifically for families then please see our sister company www.activitiesabroad.com.

Itinerary amendments

The order of activities listed in this agenda is provided for guidance only, your final and detailed itinerary will be provided either with your final travel documents (which are uploaded into your online account around a week prior to departure) or upon arrival.

Terms and Conditions

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