



Nangu - Northern Lights Adventure



HOLIDAY TYPE: Small Group
VISITING: Finland

BROCHURE CODE: 2916
DURATION: 7 nights

In Brief

This week-long itinerary includes all the Arctic highlights and is set on the idyllic shores of Lake Inari, Finland. Four Aurora activities, a husky safari, cross-country skiing, snowshoeing and snowmobiling are just some of the fantastic activities on offer.

Our Opinion

“ I just love Nangu. It is the only child free destination we feature and therefore it is ideal for adults who perhaps want a calmer, more boutique style atmosphere. Couples or friends who want to escape the everyday, taste adventure and enjoy some peace and quiet will just love this destination. You don't have to compromise anything to get this atmosphere either. The Aurora record here is exceptional and the activities are fantastic. ”

Alex Charlton



What's included?

ALL OF THE ACTIVITIES AND SERVICES LISTED BELOW ARE INCLUDED IN THE HOLIDAY PRICE

- **Flights:** return from London to Ivalo (via Helsinki). Flight routes are subject to change.
- **Transfers:** return scheduled shuttle airport transfers group
- **Accommodation:** 7 nights in a standard twin/double hotel room
- **Meals:** 7 breakfasts, 6 lunches, 7 dinners
- **The following activities are included in the holiday:** snowmobile introduction, Aurora snowshoeing, 2 x Aurora camps, dog sledding and a reindeer farm visit, cross-country skiing, Aurora snowmobile safari, snowshoeing **(the order of activities is subject to change)**
- Cold weather clothing for the duration of your stay
- Aurora Alert until approximately 1am
- 24/7 assistance from our UK based operations team and in destination support from our local partners

Trip Overview

Visiting Wilderness Hotel Nangu is like escaping to a winter destination that you thought you could only dream of. The crisp white landscape, the snow-covered log buildings, and the warm glow that emanates from the windows create a destination that oozes cosy charm and peace.

The hotel's position on the southern shores of Lake Inari creates a stunning backdrop as well as providing excellent Aurora-spotting potential. The mass of open space above the lake is the perfect canvas for the Northern Lights and so, of course, we have made sure that the Aurora activities included are plentiful.

You will hunt for the lights in several ways, including on snowshoes, by snowmobile, and by snowmobile-pulled sleigh. Your expert guides will take you away from any light pollution and towards Northern Lights viewpoints which have been chosen based on the most recent Aurora activity, cloud cover and weather conditions.

By day, you will experience everything that Northern Finland has to offer, including its wildlife and its

incredible landscape. You will crank up the action with cross-country skiing, snowmobiling, a reindeer farm visit, a husky-pulled sleigh-ride and snowshoeing, as you explore the landscape in a host of ways and enjoy the glistening, snow-carpeted surroundings.

Over winter, the hotel is only open for guests over the age of 16, meaning extra peace and quiet in your free time.

Please note: If you are travelling over Christmas or New Year, you will enjoy a festive dinner and celebrations on the 24th or the 31st of December (traditionally in Finland, Christmas is celebrated on Christmas Eve).

Agenda

Please note the order of activities is subject to change

DAY
1

ARRIVAL AND WELCOME

After landing at Ivalo Airport, you will be greeted by your driver who will take you to Wilderness Hotel Nangu (around 30 minutes away)*.

You'll know you have arrived at Nangu when you come across a group of charming, snow-covered log buildings, with a warming and welcoming glow emanating from the windows.

Use tonight to settle in and relax, enjoy a meal in the hotel restaurant. You will then receive your cold weather clothing (this will be done tomorrow morning if you arrive on a later flight). Take this chance to venture outside to take advantage of the vast, expansive views from the lake which offer fantastic Northern Lights-spotting potential. You might begin your week by witnessing a dazzling display of glistening colours and awe-inspiring formations across the sky.

Please note that the order of activities listed in this agenda is provided for guidance only, your final itinerary will be provided on arrival at your accommodation.

* Transfers are based on a scheduled group shuttle that sometimes stops at a few nearby hotels. If you would prefer to upgrade to private taxi transfers please ask our Travel Experts for a quotation.

Included Meals: Dinner

DAY
2

SNOWMOBILE TRY OUT AND AURORA SNOWSHOEING

In order to ease you into the action this week, your first morning will begin with a snowmobiling lesson to introduce you to this thrilling pastime.

After a safety briefing and full tuition, you will take control and head out on a short safari using some

of the easiest trails to gently ease you into the activity. Two people will share a snowmobile and you must hold a valid driving licence and be 18 years or older in order to drive. You will be out for around two hours.

You will return to the hotel for a warming lunch and there will be some free time for you to relax this afternoon. The sauna can be reserved for guests to enjoy and the lounge area is an ideal place in which to unwind and relax with a book.

This evening, you will head out on your first Aurora hunt. You will strap on snowshoes and head out on foot with your guide leading the way. With head torches illuminating the landscape you will journey along the snow-covered trails to a prime Aurora viewpoint. Here you will enjoy warm drinks as you wait and watch for the Northern Lights to hopefully appear. This activity will last for around two and a half hours in total.

Included Meals: Breakfast, Lunch, Dinner

DAY
3

DOG SLEDDING AND REINDEER FARM VISIT

Today you will experience one of the most popular winter activities, dog sledding. After breakfast, you will be transferred to a husky farm.

Your guide will lead you to meet the huskies who will make their eagerness for the trail acutely obvious through excited barks and howls. They must, however, wait until you have been given a full safety briefing and instructions on how to control the sled. Then, finally, it will be time to set out on the trails, gliding over the expanse of snow-carpeted land. You will enjoy the safari in pairs, with the opportunity to swap driver and passenger if you wish to do so.

Once the ride is over, the dogs will be far calmer, offering the perfect moment to pet them and take photos.

After your husky safari, you'll be taken to a reindeer farm, where you will meet a local reindeer herd and his animals. You'll learn about Sámi culture and the life of the reindeer and you will also have the chance to meet and feed the reindeer. Following this, you will enjoy lunch at a hotel.

You will be out for around six hours in total (including transfers and lunch) before returning to Nangu for a laid-back evening of dinner and rest after a busy day. Don't miss the opportunity to look out for the Northern Lights tonight, as you never know when they may decide to grace you with their presence.

Included Meals: Breakfast, Lunch, Dinner

DAY
4

EVENING AURORA CAMP

After a very busy day yesterday, we have left the daytime free for you today. You can snuggle up with a good book, explore independently, or speak to the hotel about any [additional activities](#) you may

want to include. Your meals, of course, will be served at Nangu.

After dinner tonight, your guide will take you out into the dark night to hunt for the Aurora Borealis. In a sledge pulled by your guide's snowmobile, you will head to a prime viewpoint, increasing your chances of seeing the Aurora as you become truly immersed in darkness. You will be out for approximately two and a half hours.

While you wait for a potential appearance, you will sit around a campfire and keep warm, enjoying hot drinks and listening to your guide tell you all about the Aurora.

Included Meals: Breakfast, Lunch, Dinner

DAY
5

CROSS-COUNTRY SKIING AND AURORA SNOWMOBILING

Fill up on breakfast this morning as you prepare for an active couple of hours gliding over the snow on cross-country skis.

This is one of Finland's most popular activities and you need no prior experience of any form of skiing to enjoy this sport. A full lesson and briefing will be given beforehand, and before you know it you'll be gliding along the trails like the best of them.

Once your guide feels that the group are ready, he/she will lead a short ski trip in the surrounding area, usually heading out across Lake Inari. The activity will last around two hours in total.

After lunch at the hotel this afternoon, you will have some time to relax, resting after an active morning and preparing for a thrilling Aurora excursion tonight.

Following dinner, you will meet with your guide to prepare for your snowmobile Aurora hunt. A full lesson and safety briefing will be given before you set off on the trails once again.

Riding two people per snowmobile, you will make your way into the darkness on a hunt for the Aurora (approximately two and a half hours). You will have the chance to swap driver and passenger during the ride, but please note that you must hold a valid driving licence and be 18 years or older in order to drive a snowmobile.

With any luck, the Northern Lights will appear, and you can all hit the brakes and stare in awe at a mystical show of light moving across the sky.

Included Meals: Breakfast, Lunch, Dinner

DAY
6

SNOWSHOEING

After a rather active and fast-paced day yesterday, we have taken everything down a notch, with a snowshoeing excursion. Although snowshoeing can be physical, it is a slow-paced and peaceful activity, ideal for exploring the surroundings in a tranquil and gentle manner.

Snowshoes will be provided, and your guide will help you fit them to your boots in preparation for the walk. Your guide will take you through the landscape, pointing out any animal footprints that you may come across, and discussing the surrounding nature with you as you take your time touring the snow-laden forests. It is a great chance for photography (just keep your camera and batteries warm).

The activity will last for around four hours in total, including time for lunch around an open fire and warm drinks.

After dinner this evening you can head down to the lake for your own Aurora stake out.

Included Meals: Breakfast, Lunch, Dinner

DAY
7

AURORA CAMP

Today has been left free for you to tailor your time. You could use this opportunity to take a break, enjoying your cosy accommodation and curling up with a book by the fire. You could head outside the hotel for some independent exploration of the area and to enjoy the peaceful environment surrounding this very special spot.

Breakfast, lunch and dinner will be served in the restaurant, as usual, today, followed by an Aurora Camp excursion tonight. For the final time, you will head out to a camp in a snug snowmobile-pulled sleigh, keeping warm and relaxing as you go. Remember to keep your eyes on the sky, as you never know when the elusive lights are going to make an appearance.

Once you arrive at the camp, you can reminisce about the fantastic memories that you have made during your trip, while the campfire crackles and flickers in the background. As you sip on a hot drink and peer at the sky, you will hopefully catch sight of the awe-inspiring Aurora Borealis tonight. This activity lasts for around two and a half hours.

Included Meals: Breakfast, Lunch, Dinner

DAY
8

DEPARTURE

Today you must depart, as you take your transfer to Ivalo Airport in time for your flight home. If you are on an early flight, a packed breakfast will be provided. If you depart on a later flight, you will have breakfast in the restaurant.

Included Meals: Breakfast

Personalise this tour

Our pick



Explore the wilderness by snowmobile

This excursion promises to be a thrilling experience, as you head out into the untouched wilderness, onto frozen lakes and snowy forests.

Whether you are a beginner or have driven a snowmobile before, it does not matter as a full safety briefing will be given before you set off on your guided journey (2 people per snowmobile). Lake Inari is the third largest lake in Finland and in winter it is the perfect playground for snowmobilers. With wide-open spaces, fantastic views and very little need for any technical steering skills.

You will eat lunch around a cosy open fire, with hot drinks for added warmth.

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

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

Duration: approximately 4 hours including lunch

Other options

ACTIVITIES



Ice fishing trip with snowmobile-pulled sleigh ride

On this excursion, you will hop into a sleigh and your guide will pull you along behind his or her snowmobile.

Once you reach the lake and your guide has chosen an ideal spot for fishing, you will stop there and your guide will set up. After showing you how to drill a hole in the ice and use the equipment, you will wait patiently in the hope of a catch.

After fishing, you will also enjoy hot drinks and lunch around a campfire; hopefully, you will be eating fresh fish!

Duration: approximately 4 hours including lunch

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SPECIAL NIGHTS



Aurora Huts Nangu

Immerse yourself in the spectacular Finnish wilderness and spend an unforgettable night hunting the Northern Lights from a unique Aurora Hut.

The Aurora Huts are the very latest in Aurora accommodation, and their innovative design makes them a wonderful addition to any holiday at Nangu. They are completely mobile and can travel across ice, snow and can even float on water. The expert local team will situate them in a prime Aurora location on the edge of frozen Lake Inari, so you will be away from any artificial light

pollution.

The huts allow you to spend the night surrounded by the pristine landscape of Lapland and the floor to ceiling windows provide exceptional views of the night sky. As darkness falls, you can relax in your cosy double bed, and gaze up at the Arctic firmament as you keep watch for the Northern Lights.

Because they need to be easy to move by snowmobile, the huts are compact, but they have electricity, miniature kitchenette and WiFi. The clever designers have also managed to fit in a small composting toilet for convenience. You'll only be a short distance from Nangu so you can utilise your

room's shower facilities the next morning before breakfast.

Please note: the price is based on a per person per night basis.

Included Accommodation

Other options are available - see below for details.

Wilderness Hotel Nangu (Nights: 1-7)



Wilderness Hotel Nangu is an adult-only (16+), boutique hotel tucked away in a secluded spot close to the shores of Lake Inari in North East Finnish Lapland. This is the ideal place for those wanting to escape to a real haven of peace and quiet which just oozes rustic style, charm and comfort. Think handmade wooden furniture, sheepskins, stunning log architecture, comfy chairs and roaring fires; all with a view over snow-laden trees and a vast frozen lake beyond.

The central log-built restaurant and reception building is a spectacular spot in which to dine and unwind and the elegant wooden buildings which contain the bedrooms are around 20-50 metres away.

The hotel was transformed in 2017 by our longstanding friends and partners Jouko and Mari and they have really put their heart and soul into making Wilderness Hotel Nangu the grown-up retreat that it is.

In prime Aurora territory and just a minute's walk from the shores of Lake Inari, this is really an incredible place in which to hunt the Northern Lights.

There are only 36 bedrooms here and so there is also a real exclusivity about this place and we would really recommend booking early to avoid disappointment.

Hotel Facilities

- The wonderful main log building contains the reception, dining area and lounge where a roaring log fire and tasteful décor makes for a relaxed and welcoming atmosphere
- We think the food at Nangu is delicious and the setting for your meals could not be more delightful. Breakfasts and lunches are both varied buffets with local and international flavours. Evening meals are served at your table (except for Christmas and New Year's Eve) and guests are provided with two or three choices each evening
- There is a sauna situated in one of the bedroom buildings and this is available for guests to reserve during their stay. The ideal way to relax after a day of activities
- Free Wi-Fi is available in the public areas at Nangu, but really, other than checking the Aurora forecasts, we recommend that you just switch off from the outside world

Room types

STANDARD WILDERNESS ROOM (DOUBLE OR TWIN)

All rooms at Nangu are comfortable and elegantly decorated with a cosy and rustic, wooden interior, offering a traditional yet stylish Finnish ambience. The standard rooms accommodate two people, have a large window, an en-suite shower and toilet with a hairdryer. They also include tea and coffee making facilities. Single rooms are also available which are slightly smaller and accommodate solo travellers.

Image credits: Matt Robinson

Other accommodation options

Contact us for a personalised quote.

Superior room with view



These rooms provide extra space and are all equipped with double beds. They each have their own private entrance and a large panoramic window offering views towards Lake Inari. This means that it

might even be possible to witness the Aurora from your room (although the views are much better outside!). All rooms are en-suite and equipped with a shower and toilet, a hairdryer and tea and coffee making facilities.



Aurora Log Cabin

There's nothing cosier than staying in a log cabin during a winter escape to the Finnish wilderness. With an Aurora Log Cabin, you get the same cosy feeling but with the added benefit of a panoramic window for clear views of the night sky as you lay in bed. This is Northern Lights hunting in ultimate style and comfort. Equipped with a double bed, shower and toilet, you'll have everything you need inside your peaceful cabin.

Sleeps 2 people

Panorama Log Cabin



These luxurious log cabins are the perfect place to come back to after a day in the wilderness. Warm-up by the fireplace or stare out of the huge panoramic windows facing Lake Inari, a spot where you could quite comfortably search for the Northern Lights. There's also the chance to relax as the Finns do in your private sauna, or in the outdoor Jacuzzi on the terrace (supplement applies). The cabins also come with a fully equipped kitchenette and en-suite (shower and toilet).

Sleeps 2 people

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 30 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

Our full booking terms and conditions can be found on our website: <https://www.theaurorazone.com/booking-conditions>