



## Nangu - Tailor Made



**HOLIDAY TYPE:** Tailor Made  
**VISITING:** Finland

**BROCHURE CODE:** 2911  
**DURATION:** 3 or more nights

### In Brief

Tailor your Northern Lights holiday to suit you whilst staying at Hotel Nangu, an adult-only, Aurora-focused hotel. Sitting on the shores of Lake Inari, Finland, this is a perfect base for you to choose from an array of winter activities including snowmobiling, dog-sledding, Northern Lights hunts and more.

### Our Opinion

“ *Hotel Nangu is owned by one of our longest standing partners. Indeed, they are more than partners, they are old friends and we are so excited as this is their newest accommodation. The renovations are simply beautiful, and the whole thing was designed with mainly two things in mind: adults and the Northern Lights! This means that you can see amazing views of the lake from almost everywhere, and particularly from the superior rooms which have panoramic windows. Plus, the hotel offers all of the best activities.* ”

Ali Mclean



## What's included?

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

- **Flights:** return flights from London to Ivalo (either direct or via Helsinki depending on departure date). Flight routes are subject to change
- **Transfers:** return airport transfers
- **Accommodation:** minimum three nights in a twin or double room at Hotel Nangu (upgrades may be available)
- **Meals:** full board
- **Activities:** choose from an extensive range of activities (individually priced as detailed on the ['Activities'](#) tab)
- Cold weather clothing for the duration of your stay

## Trip Overview

Hotel Nangu is a stunning, boutique hotel sitting on the southern shore of Lake Inari, Finland's third-largest lake. Nangu only accepts guests aged 16 and above during the winter period so you would be hard pushed to find a more peaceful and relaxing base for a winter break.

The hotel has been carefully located and designed in order to enhance guests' chances of seeing the Northern Lights. The expansive lake-view offers a wide vista of the dark sky which isn't affected by light pollution making it perfect for Aurora hunting.

The lake's thick ice also offers a fantastic playground for Northern Lights-dedicated activities as well as daytime excursions, as its frozen surface can be used for snowmobiling, ice fishing and snowmobile-pulled sleigh rides.

The hotel's proximity (approximately forty to fifty minutes which in this part of the world is tantamount to being next door!) to its sister lodge at Nellim means that you can visit their huskies where you can enjoy a thrilling dog sledding adventure. Of course, the surrounding snow-laden forests make for excellent snowshoeing routes and cross-country skiing trails.

A tailor-made trip to Nangu will allow you to experience all of the best winter activities in a

breathtaking wilderness environment whilst staying in the warmth and comfort of a boutique hotel.

All you need to do is select your preferred activities from the "[Activities](#)" tab, speak to our travel experts, and your trip is your own. The perfect way to round off each day spent in the snowy wilderness is to luxuriate in the hotel's traditional sauna. Saunas are bordering on compulsory in Finland and there is no denying that the world always feels like a better place once you emerge from the steam.

Image credits: Markku Inkila, Jouko Lappalainen

## Agenda

Please note the order of activities is subject to change

DAY  
1

ARRIVAL

**Included Meals:** Dinner

DAYS  
2 TO 3

CHOOSE YOUR ACTIVITIES

**Included Meals:** Breakfast, Lunch, Dinner

DAY  
4

DEPARTURE

**Included Meals:** Breakfast

## Personalise this tour

Our pick



## Aurora Huts

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 Wi-Fi. 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.*

## Other options

### ACTIVITIES



## Snowmobiling tryout

Many find the idea of driving a snowmobile slightly daunting and jump at the chance to ride as a passenger instead of taking control. However, we know from first-hand experience that you are hugely missing out if you do not seize the opportunity to drive one yourself. Therefore, we present you with a beginner's driving lesson for those who want a little extra support and confidence before their first ride.

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. By the time this has finished, you will feel

confident enough to set off, two people per snowmobile, on a guided excursion. As you grow increasingly comfortable with your machine, you can pick up the pace whilst enjoying your snow-carpeted surroundings.

The distance you cover will depend on the group, but the activity will last for around two hours in total.

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:** 2 hours



## 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:** 2.5 hours



## Explore Lake Inari by snowmobile

This excursion promises to be a thrilling experience, as you head out onto Lake Inari on your snowmobiles.

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:** 4 hours



## Aurora snowmobiling

Snowmobiling at night is a completely different experience to during the day and it always feels as if you are travelling at a much faster pace. You're not of course but it can be so thrilling to cross Lake Inari which is shrouded in Arctic darkness.

First, you will receive all of your necessary equipment and a full safety briefing. Based on knowledge of the evening's predicted Auroral activity and the local weather forecast, your guide will then lead the way to what will hopefully be a prime Northern Lights spotting location.

The dark, expanse of sky over the lake will hopefully be glistening with green and red swirls as the Northern Lights dance above you. If so, you will all turn off your engines, switch off the headlights and stop to appreciate the fantastic display.

Two people will share a snowmobile on this excursion, and distance covered will depend on the Northern Lights visibility tonight.

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

**Duration:** 2.5 hours



## 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.

Nangu'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



## Cross-country skiing

Cross-country skiing is a traditional Finnish winter sport, and a "must-try" when you are here in Finnish Lapland!

Do not worry if you have never skied before, as you will be given a full safety briefing and lesson which will include tips and techniques that will help you along. Even those experienced downhill skiers will find this a completely new experience, so the group can muddle along together until everyone finds their feet. Then, your guide will take you out on the trail, keeping to a pace and route that is suitable for the group.

**Duration:** 2 hours



## Snowshoeing

This activity will take you deep into the wilderness that surrounds Nangu. Your snowshoes will be provided, and you will strap them to your winter boots prior to setting off on the trail.

Your guide will take you through the stunning winter scenery, while you appreciate the peace and quiet as the snow deadens any sound and only the crunching sound of your feet on the ground is audible. While you walk, your guide will share information and stories about the area's nature and wildlife.

During this activity, you will stop for hot drinks and lunch around a campfire.

**Duration:** 4 hours including lunch



## 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:** 4 hours including lunch

Image credit: Juho Kuva and Visit Finland





## 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:** 2 hours

**Image credits:** Anthony Oberlin

### LITTLE EXTRAS



## Snowshoe and ski rental

You can hire a set of skis and test yourself on the cross-country skiing trails around Nangu or go trekking through the snow on snowshoes.

**Price:** £18 per person per day

## Included Accommodation

Other options are available - see below for details.

### Wilderness Hotel Nangu (Nights: 1-3)



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 34 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 large 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 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 king-size bed, fireplace, 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.

Sleeps 2 people

## The Specifics

### Holiday group size (approximate)

Minimum numbers required for this holiday to run vary from 2 to 8 people (depending on departure date). 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](http://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>