



# Wilderness Hotel Inari - New Year Auroras by the Lake



**HOLIDAY TYPE:** Small Group  
**VISITING:** Finland

**BROCHURE CODE:** 22005  
**DURATION:** 4 nights

## In Brief

Wilderness Hotel Inari sits in one of the most spectacular Finnish locations, right on the shores of Lake Inari and in prime Aurora viewing territory. During your four-night break, you'll celebrate the New Year, try amazing winter-based activities and of course, go hunting for the Northern Lights.

## Our Opinion

“ Wilderness Hotel Inari is just in the most wonderful location on the shores of Lake Inari. In a recent meeting with Mari, one of the owners, we were looking at the views of the forest and lake from the vast panoramic windows in the restaurant. Mari said that she had been coveting that view for years and we are thrilled that our guests now to share it too! The location is far from any light pollution and in a wilderness location, providing exceptional Aurora potential and a genuine escape from the everyday. ”

Ali Mclean



## What's included?

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

- **Flights:** return flights from London Heathrow to Ivalo (via Helsinki). Regional and non-UK departures available on request (flight routes subject to change)
- **Transfers:** return airport transfers
- **Accommodation:** 4 nights in a twin/double hotel room
- **Meals:** 4 breakfasts, 3 lunches, 4 dinners
- **The following activities are included in the holiday:** reindeer farm visit, snowmobile tryout, Aurora Camp, dog sledding, Aurora hunting by car or minibus, cross-country skiing, Aurora snowshoeing (order subject to change)
- Fully qualified guides and instructors during activities
- Cold weather clothing for the duration of your stay
- Aurora alert until approximately 1 am

## Trip Overview

On the shores of Lake Inari, in the remote wilderness of Northern Finland, sits Wilderness Hotel Inari. With a breath-taking location, wonderful rooms and cabins, elegant décor and a restaurant with views to die for, we can think of few places that would offer a better New Year holiday this winter.

The hotel's position amongst the pristine nature of Inari makes it ideal for an array of winter activities. Snowmobiling, cross-country skiing, a husky safari and a reindeer farm visit, are all on the agenda, adding a variety of action, adventure, and culture to your daytime activities.

During the evenings, you will enjoy New Year celebrations and three dedicated Northern Lights excursions. One of the hunts sees you exploring by snowshoe, another will take you to a prime location at an Aurora Camp and for the third, we have included the chance for you to use the mobility of a vehicle to hunt the Northern Lights. Throughout, your guide will use the latest Aurora and weather forecasts to try and find the best views of the night sky.

You can also choose to upgrade from hotel rooms to elegant Aurora cabins with glass thermal roofs

that ensure clarity even at the lowest temperatures. This way, you can admire the Arctic sky at all times, and hopefully, view the Northern Lights from the comfort of your bed (supplements apply for upgrades). An innovative Aurora alert system is in operation here each night until around 1 am and we include this for our guests as an Aurora hunting aid.

Please note that whilst all of the activities listed here will be included in your holiday, the order of these activities will be confirmed on arrival and so the agenda is provided for guidance only.

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## Agenda

Please note the order of activities is subject to change

DAY  
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ARRIVAL AND WELCOME

Upon arrival at Ivalo Airport, your driver will be waiting to take you to Wilderness Hotel Inari. This transfer\* will take around 40 minutes in total. When you reach the hotel, you'll check into your cosy new home and have some time to settle in. You will also be provided with your final agenda (the order of activities listed here is subject to change).

Your first delicious dinner will be served in the hotel restaurant and then you can take a walk down to the lake before bed to keep an eye out for the Aurora.

*\*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*

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**Included Meals:** Dinner

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REINDEER FARM, SNOWMOBILING, NEW YEAR'S EVE CELEBRATIONS AND AURORA CAMP

Today you will travel by car to a local reindeer farm. On arrival, the herder will greet you and they will

provide an insight into this age-old way of life.

This is a fascinating insight into the traditions of Lapland and will highlight the importance of the animals to the region. There will, of course, be time for you to get close to the reindeer and perhaps even feed them. This activity will last around two and a half hours.

Snowmobiling is one of the most thrilling activities available and frozen Lake Inari is the perfect place to enjoy this mode of transport.

You will be provided with full driving instruction and a safety briefing before you set off on your safari which will last around two hours. The scenery is breath-taking and snowmobiling allows you to really get a sense of the scale of this lake and the surrounding wilds.

For the safari you will travel two people per snowmobile, as you try out your new skill and admire the views. Please note that you must be over 18 and hold a valid driving licence to drive a snowmobile.

This evening a special celebratory meal will be served at the hotel and the New Year festivities will get underway.

You will then head out to one of the various Aurora Camps on the shores of Lake Inari with an expert local guide. Upon arrival, you'll see why these excellent vantage spots are chosen as you enjoy warm drinks and keep your eyes looking up for a potential display. This activity will last around two and a half hours.

Later, guests may take a glass of something down to the shore and admire the frosty night, looking out for a potential Northern Lights display to end the year, on a high.

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

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DOG SLEDDING AND AURORA HUNT BY CAR

Today, another fantastic activity is on the cards as you experience the thrills of dog sledding.

You will typically meet your eager team of dogs on the ice of Lake Inari, a short walk from the hotel. You will hear them long before you can see them as they will be so excited for the trails! Prior to setting off you will be given a full briefing on how to handle a sled and control the team.

Once everyone is comfortable, you will head out, two people per sled, on a fantastic safari. As soon as you begin your journey, the sudden silence is almost surreal, as the dogs are far too concentrated to make a sound. All that you will hear is their paws and the sledge brushing against the snow, while you take this time to absorb the surrounding views.

At the end of your trip, you will have the chance to spend some time with the dogs and ask your guides any questions you may have. This is a great time to stroke and play with the huskies, as they will be much calmer after their run.

This activity will last for around one and a half hours overall. Lunch will be served either before or after the activity at the hotel.

After your evening meal, you will embark on a Northern Lights hunt by car/minibus. Your expert guide will lead the chase as they follow the latest Aurora and weather forecasts to try and hunt down the Northern Lights. The mobility provided by the vehicle will hopefully mean that you can outrun any isolated cloud cover. This activity will last around two and a half hours.

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

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## CROSS-COUNTRY SKIING AND AURORA SNOWSHOEING

There is a change of pace today as you set off exploring on cross-country skis with your guide. Cross-country skis provide the chance for you to really take in the peace and serenity of the Arctic wilderness. You may even catch a glimpse of some of the local flora and fauna as you travel. You will be out for around two hours in total. Lunch will be served back at the hotel.

During the evening, you will enjoy dinner before setting off on your final Aurora hunt. Tonight, you will strap on a pair of snowshoes and walk into the Arctic night, following your guide and keeping an eye on the sky at all times. Snowshoes are a peaceful way to explore so you can really admire the silence of your surroundings. This activity will last around two and a half hours.

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

DAY  
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## DEPARTURE

Today, you must unfortunately depart and return home after a fantastic few days spent seeing in the New Year. After one last breakfast, you will take your transfer to Ivalo airport, in time for your flight.

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

# Personalise this tour

## Our pick



## 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 34m<sup>2</sup> 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:** prices are based on you spending the first or last night of your holiday in this unique accommodation and not keeping your original accommodation. If you would like to do this on any other night during your holiday you will need to keep your accommodation and supplements will apply.

## Included Accommodation

Other options are available - see below for details.

### Wilderness Hotel Inari (Nights: 1-4)



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.

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## 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 30m<sup>2</sup> 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).

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## Other accommodation options

Contact us for a personalised quote.

### 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.

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## 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 34m<sup>2</sup> 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.

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## 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 70m<sup>2</sup> and the loft area offers an additional 20m<sup>2</sup>.

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.

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## 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](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>