



# Wilderness Hotel Juutua - Arctic Aurora Adventure



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

**BROCHURE CODE:** 22017  
**DURATION:** 4 nights

## In Brief

Immerse yourself in fantastic winter activities during your four-night stay at the Wilderness Hotel Juutua in Inari, Finnish Lapland. This small village has been hugely important to the culture of the Finnish Sámi people for centuries. Go on an epic snowmobile safari, an unforgettable dog sledding adventure and a more relaxed snowshoeing experience. You will also search for the Northern Lights on two dedicated nighttime activities, enabling you to experience all that Lapland has to offer.

## Our Opinion

*“ This short break is jam-packed with everything you need for an epic stay in Lapland – huskies, snowmobiles, reindeer, snowshoeing, Aurora Camps and more. The hotel is a perfect base to explore the village and interact with the locals. There is a reason nearly everyone in our office has seen the Auroras in the Inari region since we started The Aurora Zone – The ideal combination of the lack of light pollution and our expert local guides who are dedicated to ensuring every guest has the best possible chance of seeing the Aurora during their stay. ”*

Alex Charlton



## What's included?

**ALL THE EXPERIENCES 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 group shuttle airport transfers
- **Accommodation:** 4 nights in a double hotel room
- **Meals:** full board (including five-course taster menu in Aanaar Restaurant)
- **The following activities are included in the holiday:** snowmobile safari, Aurora Camp, husky safari, snowshoeing, reindeer farm visit and Aurora hunt by car or minibus (order subject to change)
- 24/7 assistance from our UK-based operations team and in-destination support from our local partners
- Cold weather clothing for the duration of your stay

## Trip Overview

The Inari region of Finland is Aurora hunting's unsung hero. Most people have heard of Reykjavik in Iceland and Tromsø in Norway and whilst they are fantastic destinations in their own right – Inari really is a hidden gem. Comparatively unknown Inari boasts a Northern Lights track record that approaches or surpasses any of its more renowned competitors, but more importantly, Inari's population density is insignificant in comparison. On a nice night, you can simply go down to the lake and watch the display rather than having to flee the yellow glare of a big town or city because there are more reindeer than people living in the Inari municipality.

Additionally, Inari serves as the Sámi people's capital in Finland. The small village is rich in tradition and local culture. About as far away from contemporary urban life as you can get is to stand on frozen Lake Inari, 250 kilometres north of the Arctic Circle, and gaze at the Northern Lights above.

This 4-night programme includes all the very best activities this area has to offer – husky, snowmobile and reindeer safaris along with two Aurora hunting activities to give you the best possible chance of seeing the Aurora.

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# Agenda

Please note the order of activities is subject to change

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## FLIGHTS, ARRIVALS, AND TRANSFERS

You will be met by a driver and transferred to Wilderness Hotel Juutua upon arrival at Ivalo Airport (approx. 40 min). After a welcoming dinner, you will have time to settle into your hotel room or enjoy a drink in the hotel bar. Cold weather clothing is provided to you either the day of your arrival or the day after, depending on your arrival time.

**Included Meals:** Dinner

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## SNOWMOBILE SAFARI AND AURORA CAMP

After breakfast, you will have the chance to embark on an exhilarating snowmobile trip to explore the wintry surroundings. The trail will incorporate snow-covered forests and vast frozen lakes as you explore your new surroundings in style!

Prior to heading out on the safari, you will receive thorough safety training. Two guests share the snowmobile and each has the chance to drive (assuming both are over the age of 18 and have a full driving licence).

You will then return to the hotel for lunch and a free afternoon. We highly suggest a visit to Sámi Siida Museum at some stage during your holiday (small entrance fee payable locally). Sámi Museum and Northern Lapland Nature Centre are located just a short walk from the hotel and are home to exhibitions about Sámi culture and the Northern Lapland environment, including a short film about the Northern Lights.

Aurora Camps have been established throughout the local region by the hotel's expert guides. They are all located in locations with clear views of the north and completely dark skies. You will arrive at the camp in a sleigh pulled by your guide's snowmobile. As you wait for the Northern Lights, a fire will keep you warm and hot refreshments will be provided. Hopefully, the lights will shine brightly overhead.

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

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## HUSKY SAFARI AND SNOWSHOEING

A husky safari is one of the real core adventures strongly associated with the Arctic. The sense of adventure you get from hitting the route with an excited team of dogs pulling your sled along is quite simply unmatched by anything else. It is a tried-and-true mode of transportation that has never lost any of its appeal.

A short transfer from the hotel, you will find your excited huskies. Before you meet the teams, you'll receive a thorough safety briefing and be shown how to operate the sleds. You'll hear their barks before you see them; the huskies will be ready to get moving but don't worry, there will be plenty of time for pictures and cuddles later! As you travel along the route, you will enjoy the beautiful winter wonderland surrounding you – these memories will stay with you for an exceedingly long time!

After returning to the hotel to warm up and enjoy some lunch you will explore in a very different way. As in any new destination you visit, walking is normally the best method to experience your new surroundings. If you were to try to navigate the deep snow on foot, you would rapidly find yourself knee-deep; however, if you put on snowshoes, it becomes much easier. There will be plenty of time for you to take in the tranquil silence of this area as you explore where even snowmobiles and huskies cannot reach. The pace will be gradual, allowing you and your knowledgeable guide to pause and take in the beauty and fauna.

This evening, a gala 5-course dinner will be served in the locally renowned restaurant Aanaar situated in the hotel. The restaurant is known for its fine dining interpretation of classic dishes by using as many local, freshly sourced ingredients as the chef can.

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

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## REINDEER FARM VISIT AND AURORA HUNT BY CAR

Through today's activity, you can gain a rare insight into the daily lives of Lapland's traditional reindeer herders and their animals. Both today and historically how each season impacts how and where the reindeer live. You will transfer to a local reindeer farm where the peaceful animals will be the star attraction. The reindeer herder will provide you with information about the reindeer's life and value to the community and economy.

To mark your final evening in Lapland you will head out with your guide on a final Aurora hunt by car or minibus. Being mobile has the advantage of allowing you to travel farther and, as a result, increase your chances of finding clear skies. You'll set up in one of the Aurora Camps close by if the weather is suitable in the area around the hotel. Or if there is cloud cover in the local area, you will move further away in an effort to avoid it.

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

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## TRANSFERS, FLIGHTS AND DEPARTURES

You will take a transfer back to the airport this morning to catch your flight home. We are confident that you will have loved your stay in Lapland, and our travel specialists are here to assist you if you

wish to arrange a repeat trip to the same area or somewhere different such as the Arctic Fjords surrounding Tromsø, or the unique hotels such as the ICEHOTEL® or Treehotel in Swedish Lapland.

**Included Meals:** Breakfast

## Included Accommodation

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



The newly refurbished Wilderness Hotel Juutua is situated right in the heart of Inari village.

This village has huge cultural significance to the Finnish Sámi population both historically and today, which is reflected in the ownership of this hotel. The hotel became part of the Wilderness Hotel family in October 2022 and whilst they have put their own signature Scandi-chic design style on the hotel they have designed the interior to be sympathetic to its Sámi heritage.

The main building houses the reception, lounge and bar area and the locally renowned Restaurant Aanaar on the ground floor with the standard double wilderness rooms upstairs. A short walk from the hotel, you will find the Riverside Suites located on the shore of the frozen Juutua River.

Restaurant Aanaar is a highly regarded fine dining restaurant which is popular with visitors and locals alike in the Inari region. The menu here reflects local dishes unique to Lapland and uses as many fresh, local ingredients as possible which are all sourced through a network of small, independent local suppliers.

## Room Types

### WILDERNESS ROOM

These rooms are in the main building of the hotel. They were renovated during Autumn 2022 ready to welcome guests for the winter season. The rooms are tastefully decorated in a cosy, Scandinavian style which incorporates the surrounding arctic nature.

Each room has an ensuite bathroom with a wet-room shower, equipped with a hairdryer and Wi-Fi is available throughout the hotel. It is important to note that these rooms all have a double bed and therefore cannot be configured as a twin room. If you require a twin room, please speak to one of our Travel Experts who will be happy to help (a supplement may apply).

**Please note:** the images used are an artist's impression which have been developed with the hotel owners to reflect the intended room style once renovations are complete. Interiors may differ slightly and we will update the website once the renovations are complete.

## 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 10 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](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>