Northern Lights of Lapland 2019-20

9 days from $8,395 per person
Limited to 24 guests

Travel in search of the northern lights — one of nature’s most compelling spectacles — and experience the culture of Lapland, trying your hand at dogsledding and snowshoeing and staying in a unique hotel made from ice.

Included With Every Connections Boutique Group Journey

- Hand-Selected Boutique Accommodations
- English-Speaking Resident Tour Director® and Local Guides
- Internet Access (Where Available)
- Airport Meet and Greet with Private Transfers
- Full Breakfast Daily; Select Lunches and Dinners
- Entrance Fees, Taxes and All Gratuities Except Resident Tour Director
- 24/7 A&K On-Call Support
- Guaranteed Departures with Just Two Guests

A&K Advantages

- Venture to the northernmost end of Europe to experience the beauty and culture of Finland in the wondrous winter season
- Enjoy dinner at the SnowCastle, built each year in a striking new style
- Cruise in a genuine icebreaker, with the option to take a dip in the frigid waters of the Gulf of Bothnia
- Get around like a local when you try your hand at dogsledding, snowmobiling and snowshoeing
- Spend two nights in the Arctic SnowHotel, and learn how this incredible place is brought to life each year
- Watch for the northern lights from your own glass igloo
- 17 meals, with 8 breakfasts, 3 lunches and 6 dinners
DAY 1 ARRIVE HELSINKI, FINLAND
Upon arrival in Helsinki, you are met and privately transferred to your hotel. Gather this evening for a welcome briefing followed by dinner with your fellow guests.

Hotel Haven | Meals: Dinner

DAY 2 HELSINKI | THE ROCK CHURCH
This morning, embark on a tour of the sights of Helsinki. Enter the famous Temppeliaukio Church; built directly into solid rock, it is fittingly known as Rock Church. Enjoy lunch at a local restaurant, and then spend the afternoon exploring the city at your own pace.

Hotel Haven | Meals: Breakfast, Lunch

DAY 3 KEMI | CASTLE MADE OF SNOW
A short flight brings you to northern Kemi, on the shores of the Gulf of Bothnia. Tour this small settlement and visit the enchanting SnowCastle, which is freshly rebuilt every year to incorporate new styles and layouts. Dine in this unique setting before settling into your glass-fronted rooms overlooking the vast gulf.

Seaside Glass Villas | Meals: Breakfast, Dinner

DAY 4 ROVANIEMI | RIDE AN ICEBREAKER
Given Finland’s location along the Arctic Circle, icebreakers play a crucial role in ensuring that goods and people are able to move freely year-round. Board the mighty ‘Sampo’ today and experience this for yourself as you head out into the frozen Gulf of Bothnia. Enjoy lunch on board; the brave may even take a dip into the frigid waters in specially designed flotation suits. Return to shore and continue to Rovaniemi, where you have the once-in-a-lifetime chance to sleep in a hotel constructed entirely from snow.

Arctic SnowHotel | Meals: Breakfast, Lunch

DAY 5 ROVANIEMI | ICE FISHING & AURORA HUNTING
Begin the day with a tour of your hotel, and appreciate firsthand the skill and experience it takes to create this amazing structure of ice and snow each year. Take the opportunity to ice-fish, and learn how to sculpt snow into marvelous shapes. Spend an afternoon at leisure enjoying the activities offered. This evening, join an aurora hunting expedition, taking you far away from the lights of the town for the best viewing opportunities. Back at the hotel, continue your search for the northern lights through the roof of your glass igloo.

Arctic SnowHotel | Meals: Breakfast, Dinner

DAY 6 SAARISELKA | ABOVE THE ARCTIC CIRCLE
Cross the Arctic Circle this morning as you drive almost to the northern edge of Finland. Arrive in the small town of Saariselka, nestled on the edge of one of Europe’s northernmost national parks. Embark on a snowmobile safari into the surrounding wilderness. The next two nights are your best chance to marvel at the northern lights through the glass roof of your Aurora Cabin.

Northern Lights Village | Meals: Breakfast, Dinner

DAY 7 SAARISELKA | DOGSLEDDING & SNOWSHOEING
Your day is filled with activity today. Begin your morning with an introduction to the traditional skill of dogsledding, before setting out with your own team of dogs. After lunch at a local restaurant, set out on the trails for a guided snowshoeing experience.

Northern Lights Village | Meals: Breakfast, Lunch, Dinner

DAY 8 HELSINKI | A DAY TO EXPLORE
Transfer to nearby Ivalo, where a short flight returns you to Helsinki. Enjoy time at leisure in the city, then join your fellow guests for a special farewell dinner as you recall the adventures of the journey.

Hotel Haven | Meals: Breakfast, Dinner

DAY 9 DEPART HELSINKI
This morning, you are transferred to the airport for your onward flight.
## Dates & Prices

Prices are in USD, per person, based on double occupancy.

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### Journey Details

- **Internal Air**: Economy class from $550 Helsinki/Kemi; Ivalo/Helsinki
- This journey contains some active elements.
- Minimum age is 12 years old.
- First group event: welcome briefing at 6:00 p.m. on Day 1.
- Last group event: farewell dinner at 7:30 p.m. on Day 8.
- Departures are guaranteed to operate with a minimum of 2 guests.

Prices are per person based on double occupancy. Internal and international air not included. See complete terms and conditions [here](#).