



CONNECTIONS BOUTIQUE GROUP JOURNEYS

Northern Lights of Lapland 2020-21

9 days from \$8,395

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 dog sledding and snowshoeing, and staying in a unique hotel made of ice.

A&K Advantages

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 dog sledding, 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

Itinerary

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 room 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 of 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 icefish, 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 | DOG SLEDDING & SNOWSHOEING

Your day is filled with activity today. Begin your morning with an introduction to the traditional skill of dog sledding before setting out with your own team of dogs. After lunch at a local restaurant, set forth upon 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, transfer to the airport for your onward flight.



Dates & Prices

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

Dates	Prices	Single Supplement	Internal Air (From)	Availability
Dec 19 - Dec 27, 2020	\$9,395	\$3,595	\$550	Call for Availability
<i>Departure features an alternate itinerary. Call A&K for details.</i>				
Dec 21 - Dec 29, 2020	\$9,395	\$3,595	\$550	Available
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Jan 08 - Jan 16, 2021	\$8,395	\$3,195	\$550	Available
Jan 15 - Jan 23, 2021	\$8,395	\$3,195	\$550	Call for Availability
Feb 05 - Feb 13, 2021	\$8,395	\$3,195	\$550	Available
Feb 12 - Feb 20, 2021	\$8,395	\$3,195	\$550	Call for Availability
Feb 19 - Feb 27, 2021	\$8,395	\$3,195	\$550	Available
Feb 26 - Mar 06, 2021	\$8,395	\$3,195	\$550	Available
Mar 05 - Mar 13, 2021	\$8,395	\$3,195	\$550	Call for Availability
Mar 12 - Mar 20, 2021	\$8,395	\$3,195	\$550	Available
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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 10 years.

First group event: welcome dinner 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](#).