



ICEHOTEL® - Tailor-Made



HOLIDAY TYPE: Small Group
VISITING: Sweden

BROCHURE CODE: 5116
DURATION: 3 nights

In Brief

Design your dream winter itinerary during this tailor-made trip to Swedish Lapland. With an array of memorable day time and Northern Lights excursions available and your excellent base at the original and world-famous ICEHOTEL®, you have all the makings for a complete Arctic adventure.

Our Opinion

“ The beauty of a tailor-made trip is that you get to choose the Arctic activities that make up your dream itinerary in Swedish Lapland. With the ICEHOTEL® as your base, you'll spend two nights in a warm room and one unforgettable night in a cold room - what better place to carry on your winter adventure than in a stunning structure made completely of ice and snow?

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Andy Marshall



What's included?

- **Transfers:** private return airport transfers
- **Accommodation:** 1 night in an ice room and 2 nights in a Kaamos warm room
- **Meals:** 3 breakfasts
- **Activities:** choose from our extensive range of activities (individually priced in the '[Personalise](#)' section)
- Fully qualified guides and instructors during activities
- Outdoor winter wear such as warm overalls, warm boots, hats and mittens are included during your stay at the Icehotel
- **A note on flights:** whilst flights are not included in the holiday price, our team will happily provide a quote and arrange them for you. Simply ask one of our Travel Experts for details of the available options for you

Trip Overview

Though there are now many hotels made of snow and ice, there is only one original and during this holiday, the world-famous ICEHOTEL® is your base for your brilliant winter break, searching for the Northern Lights.

After admiring the impressive ice sculptures, winter suites and ice chapel, you'll get to experience both the cosy hotel 'warm' rooms as well as the incredible opportunity to stay in an ice room. Don't worry, the Arctic-grade sleeping bag means you will be surprisingly warm through the night.

The wonders continue outside too, with an array of amazing Arctic experiences on offer. Your time has been left completely free so that you can decide which activities suit you best. Perhaps you want to snowmobile over the frozen landscape or instead, take a tranquil horse ride into moose-grazing territory. Then, as darkness falls, give yourself an even better chance of seeing the Northern Lights during a dedicated activity that takes you further into the wilderness.

The ICEHOTEL®'s location in the Swedish village of Jukkasjärvi and 200km north of the Arctic Circle gives you a pristine winter wonderland environment to enjoy. From the impressive Torne River, whose frozen waters shape the hotel to the mighty mountain range Kebnekaise, there is plenty of wilderness

to explore here and our range of activities helps you do just that. See our 'personalise' section for more details.

Please note, ICEHOTEL® is open to the public between 10 am and 6 pm. Guests sleeping in a cold room will get exclusive access to their rooms from 6 pm (deluxe suites and warm rooms from 3pm), and a wake-up call is around 7:30 am.

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Agenda

Please note the order of activities is subject to change

DAY
1

ARRIVAL AND TRANSFER

Your driver will be waiting at the airport and will take you to the transfer vehicle. It's just a short drive from Kiruna Airport to Jukkasjarvi and the ICEHOTEL® where you'll check-in and be shown to your room constructed entirely of ice and snow! For guests who have upgraded to the warm room, you will be guided to the hotel. The great thing about our tailor-made holidays is that you can choose your preferred duration as well as the activities. The basic holiday price includes your transfers, and accommodation on a bed and breakfast basis for the duration of your stay. You simply select the activities you would like to do from the list shown in the '[Personalise](#)' section, ensuring your holiday can be as active or gentle as you wish.

Included Meals: None

DAYS
2 TO 3

DESIGN YOUR OWN ITINERARY

You can fill your stay with as many or as few activities as you please. We have listed all the winter activities available here in Swedish Lapland in the "[Personalise](#)" section. If you need advice on any of them then please just ask our Travel Experts who will be delighted to help you piece together your dream itinerary.

Included Meals: Breakfast

DAY
4

DEPARTURE

Your transfer will take you back to Kiruna Airport in good time for your homebound flight.

Included Meals: Breakfast

Personalise this tour

Our pick



Northern Lights Safari on Snowmobile

Drive out into the wilderness and to a prime lookout location as you search for the Northern Lights on a snowmobile.

After a full safety briefing, you will follow your guide further into the wilds and away from light pollution. You will stop along the way to watch the skies, as your guide tells you more about the Northern Lights, before reaching a warm wilderness camp to enjoy a two-course meal.

You will travel two per snowmobile with the opportunity to swap drivers. Please note, you must be at least 18 years old and hold a full driving licence to drive a snowmobile. You can drive your own snowmobile for a single supplement charge.

Duration: 4 hours

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Other options

ACTIVITIES



Dog Sledding with Overnight Stay

Combine two of the Arctic's most-loved activities when you take your own team of sled dogs on an overnight Aurora hunting adventure.

This mini-expedition starts with a transfer to the husky kennel, where you will meet with your loyal team.

After full instructions and a safety briefing, you will step into the role of musher and head out into the winter wilds.

Your destination is a secluded wilderness camp with welcoming cabins that are situated far away from light pollution and in prime Northern Lights territory. Upon arrival, you can unwind in the traditional sauna before enjoying a three-course dinner. Throughout the evening, make sure you're keeping an eye on the sky for a potential display.

The cabins are simple yet cosy retreats in the Arctic wilds and come equipped with a shared double room. In the morning, you will be served breakfast and then help to harness the dogs before driving your team back to the kennels.

Duration: 3:30pm – 11am

Please note: you will also keep your room at the Icehotel during your overnight stay. Minimum age 15.

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Northern Lights Photography

This evening activity takes you into the hidden wilderness areas of Jukkasjärvi to get you away from any light pollution and into darker skies, ready for a potential Northern Lights display. While you wait in anticipation, your expert local guide will teach you the basics of nighttime photography and how to capture the Northern Lights on camera. Warm drinks are also included.

Please note: Equipment (camera and tripod) is included, however, the memory card must be brought (at least 4GB)

Duration: 4-4.5 hours

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Wildlife and Nature photography

Photography enthusiasts or those who simply want to see more of the stunning landscape and wildlife will love this nature photography tour into the surrounding wilderness.

The activity starts with a minivan transfer and your first stop will be all about familiarising yourself with the camera and your surroundings with the assistance of your guide.

Once you're comfortable with getting a great shot, the tour will move on to find the most photogenic locations and hopefully, some Arctic animals will make an appearance too.

Please note: Camera equipment is provided (camera with 300mm telelens) and a memory card can be bought on-site.

Duration: 4 hours

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Northern Lights on Horseback

Go in search of Mother Nature's greatest light show as you travel on horseback into the Arctic night.

Your evening adventure starts with a short bus transfer to the Ofelas Icelandic horse farm where you will meet the animals and help prepare your horse.

After full instructions, you will saddle up and follow the guide for a tranquil ride along Sweden's highest mountain range of Kebnekaise. Keep an eye out for moose and other wildlife which may be present here and

of course, make sure you're looking up at the night sky as the Auroras could appear at any moment.

Back at the farm, you will help unsaddle your horse before heading to a traditional Sámi hut for a dinner made using local ingredients.

Duration: 5 hours

Suitable for: 12 years and older; max. 90kg

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Moose Safari on Horseback

This wildlife experience brings you closer to the wonderful natural surroundings as you ride an Icelandic horse directly through the moose's grazing land.

Your day starts with a transfer to the Ofelas Icelandic horse farm where you will help to prepare the animals for your ride.

Then you will set off to travel through the grazing land of the wild moose where hopefully, you will get to spot some of the animals. This area provides amazing views

over Sweden's highest mountain range, Kebnekaise and is a brilliant way to see more of the winter landscape in daylight.

After returning to the farm, you will help to unsaddle the horses before enjoying a three-course traditional lunch.

Duration: 6 hours in total (including transfers)

Suitable for: 12 years and older; max. weight 90kg

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Snowmobile Adventure

Use a snowmobile to drive further into the wilderness and see more of Sweden's impressive winter landscape.

After driving instructions and a full safety briefing, you will follow the guide on a journey across the frozen Torne River, over hills blanketed in snow and along icy lakes. There will be stops along the way at incredible viewpoints to spot Arctic wildlife, and you can enjoy a break around an open fire with a hot drink.

You will travel two per snowmobile with the opportunity to swap drivers. Please note, you must be at least 18 years old and hold a full driving licence to drive a snowmobile. You can drive your own snowmobile for a single supplement charge.

Duration: 3 hours

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Sled Dog Tour with Wilderness Lunch as a Passenger

Enjoy dog sledding from the comfort of the passenger seat as you sit in the guide's sled and enjoy the wonderful surroundings.

This mini-expedition will take you into the stunning snowy plains to appreciate the scale of the winter environment. The dogs are likely to be loud and excitable before you set off, but once they settle into their pace, this becomes a relaxing way to appreciate the serenity of the

surroundings.

Halfway through, you will stop at a cosy cabin for a traditional lunch using local ingredients. The sled takes up to 4 people.

Duration: 4 hours in total

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Driving Your Own Dog Sled Including Wilderness Lunch

Dog sledding is a much-loved Arctic pastime but it is also one of the best ways to see more of the stunning landscape. During this trip, you will get to try your hand as a musher, driving your own team of dogs further into the winter wilderness. This mini-expedition starts with a transfer to the husky kennel, where the dogs will more than likely be barking with excitement to get on the trails.

After a full safety briefing and instructions, you will stand on your sled behind your team of dogs and set off with the guide leading the way into the wilds. Halfway, you'll stop at a cosy cabin for a traditional lunch and then you will drive your team back to the kennels where you can help unharness the loyal dogs and take some pictures with them.

Please note: you must be at least 15 years old. Passengers are not allowed to ride with other guests, only with a guide.

Duration: 4 hours in total

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Sled Dog Ride in a Winter Wonderland

Experience the splendour of the winter wonderland surroundings during one of the most-loved Arctic activities; dog sledding.

During this experience, you don't need to worry about controlling the dogs as you will be a passenger so you can see the best of the sights (the sled takes up to 4 people).

Along the way, you will stop for hot drinks and snacks around an open fire and afterwards, you can pet and take photos with the dogs.

Duration: 1.5 hours

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Wilderness Dinner

Travel out to a secluded camp and celebrate the best of the season with an authentic three-course wilderness dinner.

When you arrive at the camp, the guide will tell you all about the characteristics of Sweden's eight seasons, and what has inspired the meal tonight which uses flavours to represent the time of year.

Duration: 4 hours

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Ice Sculpting

Once you've seen the remarkable sculptures at the ICEHOTEL®, you can try creating your own during this masterclass in ice sculpting.

You'll start by learning all about how the crystal-clear ice is harvested from the Torne River and then your guide will teach you how to use the carving tools. From here, let your creativity take over and watch the ice take shape.

Duration: 1.5 hours

Minimum age: 13 years old

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LITTLE EXTRAS



Sled Dog Airport Transfers

Start or end your Lapland experience with a dog sledding adventure to or from the airport. We'll take care of your luggage so all you have to concentrate on is enjoying your time as a musher, and either start or end your winter retreat in style.

The price is per sled (1-4 people) is £858 in total.

Please note: minimum age requirement is 5 years old

Duration: 75 minutes

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Jukkasjärvi Sauna Ritual

After some time exploring the Arctic, you'll see why saunas are hugely traditional in Sweden. During this activity, you'll get the full experience of a Swedish sauna ritual. The positive effects of the hot and cold contrast are said to be plentiful which is why there are 10 steps to this ritual ranging from a traditional sauna to a plunge in the icy Torne River. You can even wash with tar soap and relax further in the heated outdoor bathtubs (please bring your own swimsuit).

Please note: It is recommended that pregnant women or people with cardiovascular diseases do not take part in the ice plunge part of the sauna ritual.

Duration: 2.5 hours

Price: £506 per group of up to six people

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SPECIAL NIGHTS



Spend a night at the Arctic Bath Hotel

For an extra dose of relaxation in Swedish Lapland, you can choose to stay at the Arctic Bath Hotel for a wellness retreat like no other. Featuring four saunas, a spa room with a variety of treatments on offer, a hot bath, outdoor and indoor showers and two dressing rooms, the hotel offers everything you need to unwind, including a cold-water bath for guests to take an icy plunge - a true Nordic tradition!

Guests can choose to stay in one of the six floating cabins or land-based cabins. On land, you can make use of the huge glass windows facing north to search the skies for the Auroras and in the floating cabins, you can enjoy a brilliant view from your wooden deck outside. The structure floats on the Lulea River during the summer and freezes in place throughout the winter for a peaceful retreat amongst stunning nature.

The Arctic Bath believes in a holistic approach and the four cornerstones of wellness; proper nutrition, regular exercise, peace of mind and care of the face and body. Nutrition is covered in the onsite restaurant which features local, pure and sustainable ingredients. Regular exercise can be achieved with the available activities such as snowshoe hiking and yoga. You will find peace of mind in the tranquil surroundings and by making use of the saunas and wellness areas. Finally, take care of your face and body with the available treatments on offer, ranging from massages to facials all using organic skincare.

Please contact us for a full quotation based on your transfer and rooming requirements.

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Spend a night at The Treehotel

An incredible example of the talent and imagination of Swedish architecture, the Treehotel is one of the most sought after accommodation options in Swedish Lapland.

Here you can spend the night in one of the remarkable concept rooms. You can choose from The Mirror Cube with its stunning exterior, The Bird's Nest tucked high up in the trees, The UFO (any sci-fi addicts dream), or The Blue Cone which offers wonderful views a bit closer to the ground. All of the rooms are surrounded by the forest and offer an unforgettable place in which to end your

holiday.

This one night package is an ideal extension to your trip and includes an overnight stay at the Treehotel (based on two sharing a tree room, excludes The Dragon Fly or The Cabin), a delicious three-course meal at the nearby Britta's Guesthouse, breakfast and transfers to the airport the following day.

Please note: a supplement is required if you wish to stay in either The Cabin or Dragonfly. Please speak to a Travel Expert to find out more.

Please contact us for a full quotation based on your transfer and rooming requirements.

Included Accommodation

ICEHOTEL (Nights: 1-3)



Located on the banks of the magnificent Torne River the ICEHOTEL® in Jukkasjärvi is the original snow and ice ("snice") hotel and is undoubtedly one of Northern Scandinavia's most fascinating sites. The concept began when a Swede by the name of Yngve Bergqvist built a small igloo to display

locally designed art. Some of the guests asked if they could spend the night and it was from these small beginnings that this concept began, rapidly growing in scale each season.

The classic ICEHOTEL® structure is created usually by mid-December using around 30,000 tonnes of snow and ice with ice blocks harvested from the nearby Torne River. This structure is home to the ice rooms, winter suites and chapel. Come summer, the hotel simply melts back into the river from which it came.

Until recently it has always been necessary to brave the sub-zero temperatures of winter if you want to visit or stay. Happily, for anybody who doesn't like the cold, there is now a permanent ICEHOTEL® 365 which is open every day of the year. A specially designed, permanent ice art hall housing luxury and art suites, an ice bar, sculpture gallery, and an event hall. The exciting new environmentally-friendly concept holds the same standard and visual design as the purely ice and snow building and is kept at the same temperature via inner cooling tubes.

Facilities

It is important to remember that the ICEHOTEL® and ICEHOTEL® 365 also have a "normal" warm side to them. Inside the main warm building, you'll find a relaxing lounge area, a bar, dressing room, restaurant, warm accommodation options and a gift shop selling gifts and locally sourced handicrafts.

Meals are served in the warm restaurant. The breakfast buffet provides plenty of hot and cold choice to fortify you for the day ahead. Please note that dinner reservations must be made in advance and can be done through us.

If you are spending the night in one of the cold rooms then you'll change in the facilities provided at the Riverside Lobby next to the main building before walking over to your cold room (approx. 60 to 80 metres).

Cold rooms:

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Inside the cold rooms, the temperature is on average around -5°C, but with the Arctic-grade sleeping bag, insulating reindeer skins and your thermal layers, you will stay surprisingly warm!

There is a range of cold rooms to choose from:

- **Ice rooms:** These are the simplest rooms which we usually book as standard. These rooms are made of snow and ice and had an ice bed with a mattress topped in reindeer skins, as well as some ice carvings and furniture. The ice rooms are closed off from the corridors by thick curtains rather than doors, but the walls of snow and ice ensure excellent sound insulation. There are around 15 ice rooms available for guests.
- **Art suites:** Uniquely and expertly designed, the stunning art suites are envisioned and carved by chosen artists and architects from around the world each season. Each room varies in style

and is based around a certain theme, utilising sculptures, light and carvings to set the scene. As with the ice rooms, these are closed off from the corridors using thick curtains. There are around 15 art suites available for guests

ICEHOTEL® 365

Accommodation at ICEHOTEL® 365 consists of 9 Deluxe Suites and 11 Art Suites. Ice artists from all over the world come to Jukkasjärvi to create these rooms and no two suites are the same. The expertise and skill are remarkable and each artisan carves his or her own unique vision into each room.

Temperatures inside the suites sit constantly between -5°C and -8°C and, we know that sounds cold but, without any wind chill factor, it's very tolerable. This is especially the case when you are lying on your comfortable bed, insulated from the cold by a reindeer skins and a thermal sleeping bag.

There are also lockers where you can leave your valuables overnight as well as toilets, showers and, rather temptingly, a sauna. The warm building also has a small number of bunk beds in case you decide your ice room is not for you.

- **Art Suites 365:** These are the same as the art suites in the ICEHOTEL® but being part of the permanent building allows them to have a proper door. Each is independently designed by chosen artists and architects. There are 12 Art Suites 365 in total.
- **Deluxe Ice Suites 365 (upgrade):** All deluxe suites are individually themed and come equipped with a heated relaxation area. These are the largest cold rooms available and offer incredible ice and art design along with the comfort of your own warm en-suite shower room, toilet and private sauna (as well as space to store your luggage). Each room has a bed with a wooden base and extra thick mattress topped with reindeer hides and thermal sleeping bags. There are 10 deluxe suites available.

Warm rooms:

Whether you travel in the summer or winter, however, you don't have to sleep in a cold room, as you can upgrade to one of the lovely, warm rooms, chalets and suites on site for the duration of your stay.

- **Kaamos Hotel Room:** All warm hotel rooms are spacious and tastefully decorated with natural materials. Each room has two beds, a desk, seating area with two armchairs and a coffee table and the en-suite bathroom comes equipped with heated floors. You can also upgrade a superior room for more space.
- **Nordic Hotel Chalet:** These are designed to accommodate up to four people. Each has one double/twin bedroom and one room with bunk beds, making them ideal for families or small groups of friends. Each has an ensuite bathroom with shower, small living room with a fridge and kettle and TV.
- **Arctic Chalet:** These have a double and a single room are best suited to three people. Each chalet is en-suite and has a shower room, a small living area, fridge, kettle, TV and telephone.

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Please note that the images used are from both the ICEHOTEL® & ICEHOTEL® 365

The Specifics

Holiday group size (approximate)

A minimum of 2 and a maximum of 30 people

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 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 in the Key Facts box on the holiday Overview page, the minimum age for participation in an Artisan holiday is typically 8 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

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

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Minimum travellers 10, Maximum travellers 20