



# Ivalo - Northern Lapland Aurora Adventure



**HOLIDAY TYPE:** Small Group

**VISITING:** Finland

**BROCHURE CODE:** 2625

**DURATION:** 4 nights

## In Brief

Located in Northern Lapland, Pine Sky Suites are delighted to give you a very warm Scandinavian welcome. Conveniently nestled close to several national parks and the beautiful resort of Saariselkä, you'll have a wide choice of enriching activities and excursions at your fingertips. This trip includes a perfect combination of both popular bucket-list items and unique, less common pursuits such as an Aurora forecasting workshop and riding an electric snowscooter.

## Our Opinion

*"I've always loved mixing relaxation with exploring whilst on holiday. This trip really satisfied my appetite for both. It was the perfect balance and learning about the Aurora Borealis on the first evening informed us perfectly of how to maximise our chances of capturing the Northern Lights. A thoroughly fascinating workshop!"*

Lauren Wiggett



## What's included?

- Flights: return from London to Ivalo (via Helsinki). Flight routes are subject to change
- Transfers: return airport transfers
- Accommodation: 4 nights in twin/double hotel room
- Meals: 4 breakfasts, 3 lunches and 4 dinners
- Clothing: cold weather clothing for the duration of your stay
- The following activities are included in the holiday: Aurora Hunt & Forecast, Snowmobile Safari, Aurora Camp with Snowshoe Trek, Husky Safari, E-Fatbiking with Electric Snowscooter, Sami Siida Museum and Winter Survival Skills, (order of activities is subject to change)
- Complimentary use of snowshoes, skis and toboggans
- Fully qualified guides and instructors during activities
- 24/7 assistance from our UK based operations team and in destination support from our local partners

## Trip Overview

This getaway offers so much more than just a short break. Expect to fall in love with the majesty and beauty of Ivalo. Boasting enchanting landscapes and a high probability of glimpsing the Northern Lights, this region of Finland will capture your heart.

Conveniently situated in the serene town of Ivalo, the Pine Sky Suites provide a cosy sanctuary after a spell in the cold. Picture kicking off your snow boots and snuggling up with a hot drink and a good book.

The balanced itinerary has been thoughtfully designed to offer you a well-rounded programme of authentic activities led by passionate and knowledgeable guides. Every guest at Pine Sky Suites is treated to an Aurora Forecasting workshop on the first evening. This gives you the opportunity to ask lots of questions, discover the best methods to hunt this natural phenomenon, where the optimum viewpoints are and technology that can aid your quest.

A trip to Lapland wouldn't be complete without snowmobiling and husky rides so you can rest assured your winter bucket list will be refreshed. You'll also have the opportunity to learn about ancient and

vibrant Sámi culture and how to thrive in the snow with a workshop in Winter Survival Skills. Adventure awaits!

# Agenda

Please note the order of activities is subject to change

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## ARRIVAL AND WELCOME AND AURORA FORECASTING

After landing in Ivalo, you'll be transferred to Pine Sky Suites where a warm reception awaits. Once you're settled into your accommodation, you'll be invited to a welcome briefing accompanied by delicious Lappish Tapas. This evening, you'll be taught how to forecast the Aurora Borealis and use your new knowledge on a quest to find them. Hopefully, the Northern Lights will perform a dazzling display of colours and patterns for you to marvel.

**Included Meals:** Dinner

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## SNOWMOBILE SAFARI AND AURORA CAMP WITH SNOWSHOEING & OPEN FIRE DINNER

After a nourishing breakfast, served at a nearby restaurant, you'll head out onto the unspoilt wilderness via snowmobile, an almost ubiquitous way to witness the enchanting scenery and travel like a local. Relish the pristine air and savour the incredible landscapes of Kaunispää, Palopää and Urupää fells. Lunch will be served at Kaunispää.

This evening, your expert guide will build an Aurora camp where they'll prepare an aromatic dinner by the open fire. Look to the sky and anticipate the arrival of the spell-binding Northern Lights. You'll also have the opportunity to explore the magical forest by snowshoe – specialised outdoor footwear that allows you to travel on top of the fresh, powdery snow.

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

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## DOG SLEDDING WITH TÄIMYR DOGS AND E-BIKE & ELECTRIC SNOWSCOOTERS

A visit to Finland would be incomplete without a husky safari. Following breakfast at a nearby restaurant, discover the thrill of mushing in this dog sledding activity. The Täimyr dogs and the Laïka Nenets will be delighted to see you and unlike most breeds, they are known for their minimal barking, creating a more peaceful and relaxed experience.

Today, lunch will be enjoyed in Ivalo before taking a spin on E-Bikes and electric snowscooters – a first of their kind. Your friendly guide will give you a short driving lesson and safety briefing before you set off along the trail. There is also the option to sit in a sledge if you prefer to be chauffeured. This

activity lasts around two hours.

Dinner will be served in Hotel Kultahippu's restaurant in Ivalo. Kultahippu translates to 'gold chip,' epitomising this small treasure in the far north. Expect fantastic hospitality and an extensive menu of delicacies.

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

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## SÁMI SIIDA MUSEUM AND WINTER SURVIVAL SKILLS

Enjoy a mouth-watering breakfast at a nearby restaurant before today's exciting programme. Opened to the public in 1963, the Sámi Museum exhibits an open-air museum and collection of pieces with the main purpose to support the identity and cultural self-esteem of the Sámi. This fascinating attraction will give you an insight into the interesting history and culture of the area and its indigenous people.

In the centre of Inari is Čaiju, your lunch stop today. Its name derives from a Skolt Sámi word meaning tea. Offering a variety of organic teas, including the exclusive chaga mushroom latte, sumptuous pastries, handmade sandwiches and savoury treats, Čaiju is a renowned spot.

Your authentic Finnish adventure continues this afternoon with a tutorial in winter survival skills. With an official wilderness guide degree, you can rest assured your instructor will ensure you gain practical, hands-on teaching and equip you with the skills and knowledge for any outdoor exploration.

Following dinner in Kultahippu, there is deliberate space in the itinerary for more Aurora hunting. Hopefully, the Northern Lights will perform a magical display for your final evening.

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

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## DEPARTURE

After breakfast at a nearby restaurant, it's sadly time to check out from Pine Sky Suites and depart Ivalo, taking with you special memories that will last a lifetime.

**Included Meals:** Breakfast

# Included Accommodation

Other options are available - see below for details.

# Other accommodation options

Contact us for a personalised quote.

## Pine Sky Suites



Conveniently positioned in the heart of Ivalo village, just a short transfer from the airport and within walking distance of local amenities, Pine Sky Suites are a great location for travellers visiting Northern Lapland.

Guests can enjoy complimentary use of snowshoes, skis and toboggans to explore the surrounding area, with close access to Ivalo River and the nearby forest.

Breakfast is included each morning and will be served in a nearby restaurant, offering local and fresh produce. The restaurant is located just a short walk from the apartment block.

## Guest bedroom types

### Apartment

Pine Sky have 13 apartments located within the same building, all varying slightly in layout and décor, but each finished with the same modern Scandi style.

Each apartment features a fully equipped kitchen, a private bathroom and TV and Wi-fi is provided free of charge for all guests. Beds can be oriented as twin or double, which is standard in Finland and some of the larger apartments have a convertible sofa bed for additional guests.

Pine Sky Suites will provide you with a comfortable base for your stay.

# The Specifics

## 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](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.

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Minimum travellers 10, Maximum travellers 20