



# Finland: Lake Inari under the Midnight Sun



**HOLIDAY TYPE:** Flexible Dates

**VISITING:**

**BROCHURE CODE:** 6002

**DURATION:** 4 nights

## In Brief

Witness the wonder of Finland's Midnight Sun during a summer stay in Inari. Choose to simply relax or hike, bike and kayak under endless daylight, surrounded by Inari's pristine lake and Arctic landscapes. Explore the rich Sámi culture, indigenous to the region. Inari offers an unforgettable summer adventure – nature, culture, and endless sun await.

## Our Opinion

“Lapland is so popular during the winter months but this area has so much to offer during the summer and autumn seasons too – the Inari area in particular is rich with local history and culture and the activities chosen as part of this itinerary are designed to really show it off. To beat the crowds (and heat!) in southern Europe we highly recommend visiting Scandinavia to relax and recharge this summer.”

Amy Hope



## What's included?

- **Flights:** Return from London to Ivalo (via Helsinki). Flight routes are subject to change. Regional departures may also be available (subject to availability).
- **Transfers:** return airport transfers
- **Accommodation:** 4 nights in twin/double hotel room
- **Meals:** 4 breakfasts, 1 picnic lunch and 4 dinners
- **The following activities are included in the holiday price:** Inari Cultural Day with Siida museum visit and Lake Inari cruise, Husky farm visit (order of activities to be provided upon arrival and are subject to change)
- 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

Immerse yourself in the magic of the Finnish summer at Inari, a captivating destination nestled high above the Arctic Circle. Bask in the endless daylight of the Midnight Sun, a unique phenomenon where the sun lingers above the horizon, casting an ethereal glow over the landscape. Choose to either relax, unwind, and enjoy the tranquillity or add on some of the optional activities such as guided hiking with huskies, fat biking or kayaking on the lake all set against a backdrop of stunning lake vistas. With average temperatures of around 15-20°C during the summer months and full daylight from May through until late August (when the Aurora begins to be visible again)

We have included several activities which allow you to learn more about the rich heritage of the Sámi people, the indigenous inhabitants of the Arctic, and their history in this area and the importance of this village to their culture. Inari offers an unforgettable summer escape, blending nature's majesty with cultural immersion.

Wilderness Hotel Inari is an incredibly popular hotel for us over on our Aurora Zone brand and we have sent thousands of happy travellers there since it opened in 2017. The welcoming staff, delicious food and idyllic setting are just as stunning in the summer months as when the snow arrives too.

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# Agenda

Please note the order of activities is subject to change

DAY  
1

FLIGHTS, ARRIVALS AND WELCOME

You will be met upon arrival at Ivalo airport and transferred the 40 minutes to Wilderness Hotel Inari. Here you will check in to your room and enjoy an evening meal in Restaurant Ukko with panoramic view of Lake Inari. After dinner you may wish to take advantage of the extended daylight hours and enjoy a stroll along the lakeshore.

**Included Meals:** Dinner

DAY  
2

HUSKY FARM VISIT

After breakfast you will transfer to the nearby Husky Farm to meet the animal so synonymous with Lapland. Along with the husky farm's owner you will get to meet several beautiful husky dogs on this tour.

Although these devoted canines' biggest love is pulling a sled through the snow during winter, summertime training is crucial. You will learn about huskies and their way of life in the North at the farm. You will learn all about how their handlers are so devoted to these dogs and their health and welfare and there may even be some puppies to meet as well. If you would like to upgrade this farm visit to include a hike with the dogs or joining one of their training tours which include pulling a kart on wheels, then please speak to the travel experts for further information or pricing.

After visiting the farm, you will transfer back to Inari for a free afternoon. Alternatively, there are several hiking routes around the hotel which reception can advise or you can hire a fat bike locally to explore the quiet road which follows the lakeside.

**Included Meals:** Breakfast, Dinner

DAY  
3

INARI CULTURAL DAY INCLUDING SIIDA MUSEUM AND LAKE INARI CRUISE

Following breakfast, you will transfer the short distance to Inari village to visit the Sámi Siida Museum. Here you will have time to explore this newly renovated museum with lots of fascinating information

about the local area including its history, the indigenous Sámi culture, and local flora and fauna. The museum is designed to give you an insight into this magical part of the world across each season of the year.

After a picnic lunch you will head out on a cruise on the stunning Lake Inari. With its 3000 rocky islets blanketed in birches and pines, Inari Lake boasts incredibly beautiful and tranquil surroundings to sit back and soak in. You will also be able to see Ukko island which held a special importance to the Sámi people and is included in the exhibit at the Siida museum.

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

DAY  
4

FREE DAY

Today we have left free for you to relax and enjoy your surroundings during your last day in Finland. There are a number of additional activities which can be booked either locally or in advance – depending on how active you would like to be you can choose from a guided hike or fat biking or even river rafting. Slower paced options include berry picking and a boat trip to Lemmenjoki National Park.

**Included Meals:** Breakfast, Dinner

DAY  
5

FAREWELLS, TRANSFERS AND FLIGHTS HOME

This morning it is time to bid farewell to Lake Inari and return home. If you would like to spend some time in Helsinki on the way home please speak to our travel experts for further information – if not then we hope you leave Inari with some wonderful memories of this destination as not many people are lucky enough to see it!

**Included Meals:** Breakfast

## Personalise this tour

### Our pick



## Berry picking

On this journey, you will visit forests and wetlands in search of the greatest locations for "earth gold," which includes blueberries and cloudberries. Hopefully, we will find a nice location with plenty of berries for us to gather and put in our baskets. Berries have a major role in harvesting, which occurs throughout the summer. We'll stop for a quick picnic in the outdoors during the journey. Spend the day living like a local as berry picking is a really popular pastime with those living in Northern Finland.

## Other options

### ACTIVITIES



## River Rafting

Led by your expert guide you will paddle down River Juutua to navigate two large white-water rapids and a few smaller ones in a rubber dinghy. At Ritakoski Rapids, we'll take a coffee break beside a campfire.



## Summer Bike Tour

This guided e-fatbike tour will lead you to the finest trails in Inari. Thanks to the electric fatbikes, you can easily explore breathtaking landscapes that would otherwise be hard to access. Halfway through, you'll take a break to start a fire and enjoy a warm drink and snack.



## Hiking Day

Listen to the wind and the birds while taking in the stunning beauty of the wilderness. If you're looking for an authentic connection with nature, this activity is perfect for you. You'll enjoy a picnic amongst breathtaking scenery, with stories shared by a knowledgeable wilderness guide. If your fortunate, we may even spot some wildlife, such as reindeer or willow grouse, during the hike.

## Included Accommodation

Wilderness Hotel Inari (summer) (Nights: 1-4)



Imagine this: Long, sun-drenched days spent exploring the stunning Finnish Lapland. Crystal-clear Lake Inari shimmering at your feet, and the promise of endless summer adventures on the horizon. That's the magic that awaits at Wilderness Hotel Inari, one of the most spectacular destinations we offer.

This luxurious hotel boasts a blend of comfort and modern design, all nestled in a prime location. You're just a short 40 minute drive from Ivalo Airport and a stone's throw from Inari Village, the heart of Sámi culture.

This hotel is one of the very best places to witness the incredible natural phenomenon of the midnight sun, where daylight stretches far into the night. Explore the surrounding wilderness under the warm glow of the never-setting sun.

After a day of adventure, unwind in style at the hotel. Choose from cozy log cabins, modern hotel rooms, or the truly unique Aurora Cabins with panoramic glass walls - please speak to our travel experts if you are interested in any of the upgraded room types.

The hotel's heart is the stunning main building, featuring a restaurant with breathtaking lake views. Savor delicious meals prepared with fresh, local ingredients, all while enjoying the beauty of the surrounding landscape.

For ultimate relaxation, head to the hotel's special glass-roofed sauna by the lake. Book a private session and experience very traditional Finnish past time of enjoying a relaxing sauna before doing some wild swimming in Lake Inari, just steps away!

Wilderness Hotel Inari offers the perfect blend of comfort, adventure, and cultural immersion. Make your summer unforgettable with a stay in this hidden Finnish gem.

## Guest room types

### Double/ Twin Rooms

The bedrooms are located in two separate buildings around 50 metres from the main building.

Each room has been decorated in a traditional Arctic style with inspiration taken from the local environment. They are around 30m<sup>2</sup> and have either a queen-sized bed or twin beds. Coffee and tea making facilities are provided in your room as well as either a comfortable sofa or two armchairs. If you can't face being detached from the "real world", the rooms also come with free Wi-Fi. Every bedroom is en-suite and comes complete with hairdryer and toiletries.

## 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.

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## 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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