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Signature Nordic North 2024 Itinerary

Feb 23, 2024 - Mar 4, 2024

Experience the enchantment of Lapland on an extraordinary journey that will transport you to a realm of untouched Arctic beauty and snow-kissed forests. Step into a winter wonderland where the crisp air carries only the melody of cascading rivers and the eager breaths of huskies, eager to embark on a thrilling adventure across this awe-inspiring expanse of pristine white wilderness. Immerse yourself in a captivating landscape that exudes a perpetual sense of Christmas magic, while discovering the remarkable resilience of the northern inhabitants. Brace yourself for an unparalleled escapade as you delve into the heart of Lapland on a tour that promises memories to last a lifetime.

The highlight of this extraordinary expedition is an unforgettable evening at the renowned ICEHOTEL, where you will find yourself surrounded by the ethereal beauty of meticulously carved ice sculptures. Marvel at the architectural marvels sculpted entirely from ice and snow, their intricate designs reflecting the creative genius of the artists who bring this ephemeral masterpiece to life each year. Embrace the surreal ambiance as you relax amidst the frosty splendor, creating treasured moments under the shimmering glow of ice chandeliers.

Indulge in three nights of unparalleled comfort and wonder as you retreat to the cozy embrace of a glass igloo. Gaze upon the starlit sky from the comfort of your warm haven, as you witness the Northern Lights painting the heavens with vibrant hues, an ethereal spectacle that will leave you breathless. The seamless integration of nature and modern

design in these transparent sanctuaries provides an unparalleled opportunity to immerse yourself in the natural beauty of Lapland while enjoying the luxuries of contemporary living.

Beyond the stunning accommodations, this captivating tour offers an array of immersive experiences. Learn from the resilient inhabitants who have adapted to the harsh winter conditions, gaining insight into their time-honored traditions and ingenious methods. Embark on thrilling dog sledding adventures, feeling the adrenaline course through your veins as you glide across the snow-covered landscapes, accompanied by a team of devoted huskies leading the way.

Immerse yourself in the rich cultural heritage of Lapland as you engage with the local communities, discovering the folklore and traditions that have shaped their way of life for generations. Share in the warmth of their hospitality as you savor traditional Lappish delicacies, prepared with love and care, and hear captivating stories passed down through the ages. Capture the essence of this extraordinary region through visits to reindeer farms, where you can interact with these majestic creatures and learn about their significance in Sami culture.

Join us on this extraordinary journey through Lapland, where every moment is infused with a sense of magic and wonder. Embrace the allure of this ethereal destination, where the enchantment of Christmas lingers in the air throughout the year, and gain a profound appreciation for the resilience of those who call this majestic land home. Let the captivating landscapes, immersive experiences, and warm hospitality of Lapland create cherished memories that will forever hold a special place in your heart.

February 23 - Pre-Tour Day



Pre-night accommodation at Radisson Blu Airport Terminal Hotel, Stockholm Arlanda Airport

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Radisson Blu Airport Terminal Hotel, Stockholm Arlanda Airport check-in time: 2:00 PM (local time)

February 24 - Day 1



Welcome to Lapland

Arrive to Kiruna and transfer to the ICEHOTEL, your home for the next 3 nights. Every year when the winter comes, the pristine waters the meandering of Torne River slow down and freeze into ice. On one chilly day in 1989, the first ever Icehotel was hand-sculpted out of these massive ice blocks harvested from this very river running alongside. Today, over three decades later, the Icehotel has become a must-visit Swedish landmark for travelers from all parts of the globe.

Each winter since the first and the original Icehotel was built, passionate artists gather in the modest town of Jukkasjärvi to build a new rendition of this Arctic wonder. When the spring comes, the hotel is then left to melt and find its way back to nature. Each coming winter brings a one-of-a-kind version of the Icehotel, promising a new set of treasured memories just waiting to unfold in this stunning Swedish destination.

Thankfully, whatever the season, there is an extraordinary experience awaiting anyone who visits. At ICEHOTEL 365, the newest addition to this Swedish landmark, anyone who wishes to go on an ice escapade can get to do so no matter the season. As the first permanent ice and snow hotel ever to be built, guests can now enjoy this unique Arctic adventure all year round. Have you ever imagined yourself sleeping in a room built out of ice? This and so much more are prepared for you in the massive 2100 square meter ice hall. Among the exciting attractions and activities that await are an art exhibit featuring hand-carved ice sculptures, a five-course menu highlighting Scandinavian delicacies, and the famous Ice Bar, which serves drinks in unique ice-carved glasses. Can a trip to the north get any cooler than this?

This evening we will meet for a brief welcome meeting and then a wonderful 3 course meal with wine at the Icehotel Restaurant.



Dinner



ICEHOTEL Sweden

Marknadsvägen 63, 981 91 Jukkasjärvi

Phone: +46 980 668 00

February 25 - Day 2



Ice Carving

After breakfast, take the opportunity to create your own ice sculpture out of the pristine natural ice — something many artists dream of. The class starts with the instructor talking about your block of crystal-clear ice, harvested from Torne River, followed by an introduction on how to use the tools and the basics of ice sculpting.

Enjoy a free afternoon at the ICEHOTEL to take advantage of the many options and facilities.



Breakfast, Lunch, Dinner with wine



ICEHOTEL Sweden

February 26 - Day 3



Sami Experience & Northern Lights Photo Tour

Enjoy breakfast at the ICEHOTEL and some free time. After breakfast we will embark on a Sami and Reindeer experience. For thousands of years, the Sámi people have lived in harmony with nature and their reindeer, constantly moving in search of food for the herd. After a short transfer from Icehotel, you encounter the Sámi culture at Nutti Sámi Siida, founded by the Sámi Nils Nutti.

Here you get to meet and feed the curious reindeer and learn more about the Sámi lifestyle and the indigenous people of the region. Try driving a reindeer sled around a fenced 200-meter track, a wooden sled, pulled by a reindeer – a real adrenaline-kick. You then gather around the fire in a traditional Sámi tent where you are served coffee and get to taste the Sámi signature dish suovas.

Join a nightly excursion to hidden places in the wilderness around Jukkasjärvi – away from the intruding electric lights of human civilization, the conditions for catching the lights are at their best. While we wait for the Aurora to make her appearance in the night sky, your guide takes you through the basics of nighttime photography and capturing the northern lights on camera.

This tour is for beginners and includes a guide, camera, and tripod. You can also choose to bring your own camera, and your guide will help you get the settings right for the purpose of your shoot. Remember to bring your own SD memory card of at least 4 GB.



Breakfast, Dinner



ICEHOTEL Sweden

February 27 - Day 4



Travel to Frevisoren

Begin your day with a delightful breakfast, savoring a variety of delectable treats to fuel your energy for the exciting journey ahead. Following this, you will board a comfortable bus that will transport you to the enchanting destination of Frevisoren, located in the breathtaking country of Sweden.

Once you arrive in Frevisoren, you will be warmly welcomed to the esteemed Nordic Lapland Resort, your home for the next few days. This resort embodies the true spirit of Lapland, offering an authentic and immersive experience in the heart of nature's wonders.

Upon checking into the resort, take a moment to soak in the serene ambiance and prepare yourself for an unforgettable 3-day Arctic Adventure Experience that lies ahead. Before diving into the thrilling activities, indulge in some well-deserved free time. You can choose to explore the resort, discovering its hidden gems and captivating landscapes, or simply unwind and relax, allowing the tranquility of the surroundings to rejuvenate your senses.

The Nordic Lapland Resort is nestled amidst picturesque surroundings, surrounded by snow-covered mountains, pristine forests, and crystal-clear lakes. Take a leisurely stroll along the trails, breathing in the crisp, invigorating air as you admire the breathtaking vistas that surround you. Engage in a peaceful meditation session by the lakeside, feeling a profound sense of serenity wash over you.



Breakfast, Lunch, Dinner



Nordic Lapland Resort

95295 Båtskärsnäs

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February 28 - Day 5



Polar Explorer Icebreaker

After breakfast you are transferred to a nearby port for a journey on the massive Icebreaker! Embark the Polar Explorer Icebreaker for a 3 hrs voyage in the frozen waters of Bothnian sea in Lapland. On the voyage you will witness the massive ice breaking power of the vessel, go on a guided tour around the boat all the way from the engines room to the Captain's bridge!

The tour also includes an 11 minute movie of Icebreakers all over the world as well as a saloon where you can enjoy warm berry juice. You may also head out for a walk on the frozen sea ice! The icebreaker will make a pool free of ice so you can try swimming with survival suits again – a very different experience in day time and in the sea water! At the end of the tour, the captain will provide everyone who swam with a cruise and swim certificate!



Breakfast, Lunch, Dinner



Nordic Lapland Resort

February 29 - Day 6



Arctic Floating Therapy

After breakfast, we will head out to explore by snowshoe. Snowshoe hiking is an excellent way of experiencing the winter landscape. You are sure to have a fabulously different experience. On snowshoes you move easily over pristine snow. Variations in our mountain terrain, from birch tree forest to wide-open white expanses of sun lit snow make an impact on both body and soul.

This afternoon, we have a unique Arctic floating therapy. Discover the relaxing effect of floating in the frozen sea, surrounded by ice and the Nordic silence. You will be equipped with a warm survival suit and hopefully the Northern Lights will appear when you view the Arctic Sky. After the bath, head into the hot sauna before the tour end around the warm fire hut with a plate full of local delicacies and tasty drinks!



Breakfast, Lunch, Dinner



Nordic Lapland Resort

March 1 - Day 7



Travel to Rovaniemi

Today we continue our adventure and travel to the heart of Finnish Lapland and our glass igloo resort. Placed on the last frontier, where the city of Rovaniemi ends and the outback begins, the warm glow from the fireplace of Apukka Resort welcomes you for an adventure.

Lapland, located in the northern reaches of Europe, is a land of enchantment and captivating beauty. With its vast wilderness, this region offers an escape into a realm of unspoiled natural wonders. As you venture into Lapland, you are greeted by an overwhelming sense of peace and tranquility that permeates the air, creating a serene atmosphere that rejuvenates the soul.

The untouched landscapes of Lapland stretch out as far as the eye can see, encompassing dense forests, sprawling tundra, and majestic mountains. These expansive territories beckon explorers, inviting them to embark on an extraordinary adventure of a lifetime. Whether you choose to traverse the untamed wilderness on foot, by husky sled, or on skis, every step unveils a new and awe-inspiring vista.

One of the most sought-after phenomena in Lapland is the mesmerizing Northern Lights, also known as the Aurora Borealis. As night falls and the skies darken, a vibrant dance of celestial colors begins to unfold. The ethereal greens, purples, and blues of the Northern Lights illuminate the heavens, casting an otherworldly glow upon the snowy landscapes below. Witnessing this breathtaking spectacle is an experience that words cannot adequately capture, as it evokes a sense of wonder and reverence for the grandeur of nature.



Breakfast, Dinner



Apukka Resort

Tutkijantie 28, FI 96900 Rovaniemi, Lapland, Finland

March 2 - Day 8



Husky Adventure

Imagine yourself on a dogsled, travelling through the white plains of Lapland. The eager huskies in front of you enjoy running across the snowy terrains, you mushing the team, or enjoying the sceneries from the passenger's seat.

The snow-topped hills, the towering pine trees beyond the eye can see. The thrill of an unforgettable adventure. The picturesque, untouched nature spreads all around you. A wet kiss from a friendly husky. Sounds almost unreal, doesn't it? You can make it your reality.

Embark on an adventure, unlike anything you've experienced before by letting our amazing huskies lead the way into the wild!



Breakfast, Dinner



Apukka Resort

March 3 - Day 9



Snowmobile Safari

Today you will drive by snowmobiles to a snow white forest lake full of fish. This combination is the most local thing to do in Rovaniemi, Lapland. On this safari, we will drive our snowmobiles to the local lake by the track on top of the ice cover of the lake!

When we reach our secret fishing place your guide will teach you all the elements to be a successful fisherman like the locals do. If you are lucky, you might catch a pike, a perch, or even a trout. While you are fishing your guide will prepare a campfire and you can enjoy a tasty snack by the fireplace. Coffee or tea comes along.



Breakfast, Dinner



Apukka Resort

March 4 - Day 10



Depart Lapland

Time to say good-bye to beautiful country and amazing new friends. Depart for airport as need for flight home.



Breakfast



Post-night accommodation at Hilton Helsinki Airport

Lentajankuja 1, Vantaa, 01530, Finland

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Hilton Helsinki Airport check-in time: 2:00 PM (local time)