

FROM STOCKHOLM: GRAND ARCTIC CIRCLE WINTER EXPEDITION

# Grand Arctic Circle Winter Journey

Stockholm | Kiruna | Narvik | Tromsø | Rovaniemi | Helsinki  
12 Days | 11 Nights

## Travel style:

An in-depth, experience-rich Arctic winter journey combining flights, scenic rail and coach travel, overnight sleeper trains, and guided small-group adventures, designed for travelers seeking a comprehensive Northern Lights and Arctic culture experience.



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## Why You'll Love This Trip

This is a true once-in-a-lifetime Arctic winter expedition. Travel deep above the Arctic Circle across Sweden, Norway, and Finland, chasing the Northern Lights, snowmobiling through pristine wilderness, meeting reindeer and Sámi communities, and exploring frozen waterfalls and Arctic wildlife. With a beautifully paced route and a wide variety of winter experiences, this journey showcases the very best of the Nordic Arctic.

# What You'll Experience

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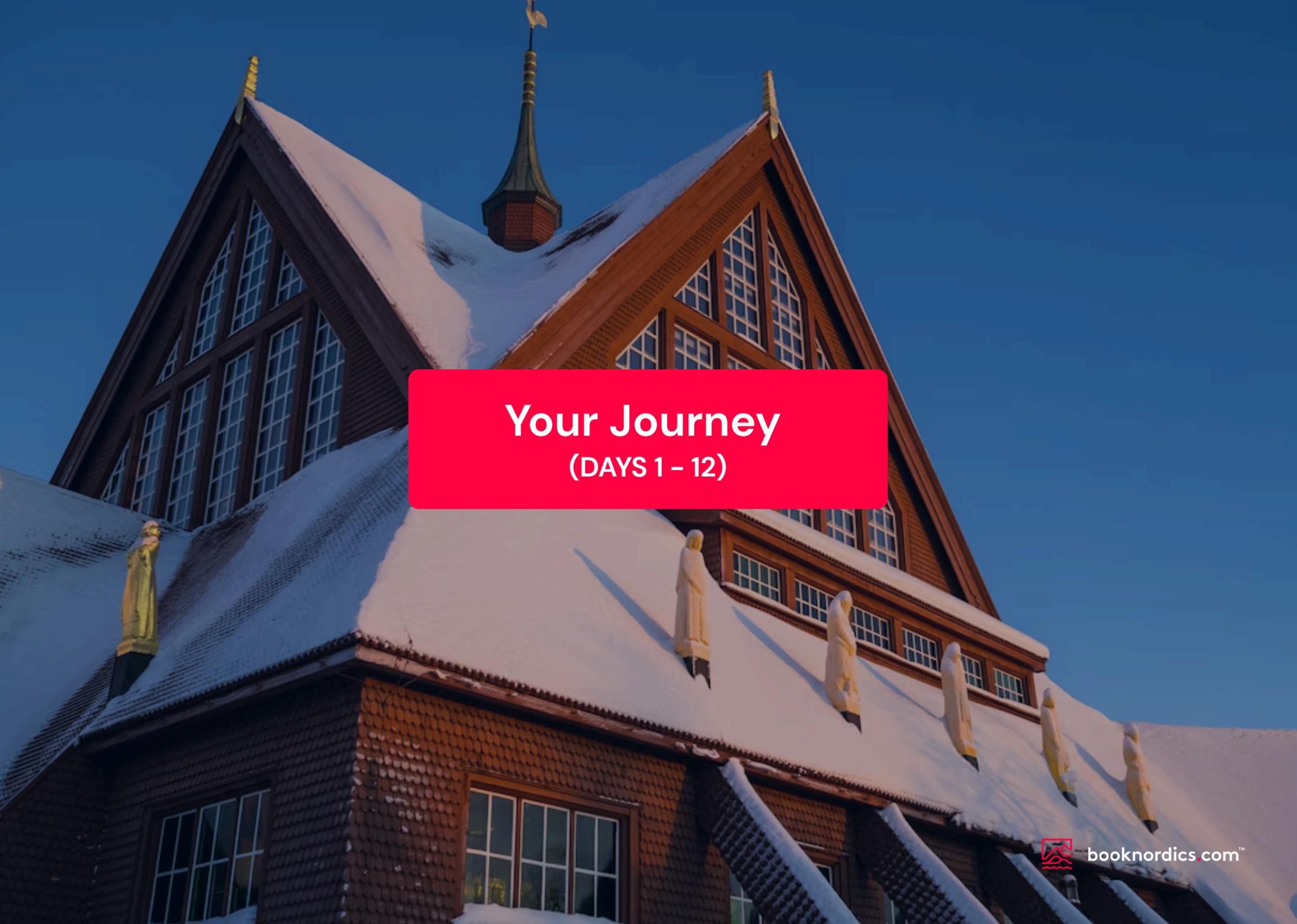
A complete Arctic winter adventure featuring Northern Lights hunts, wildlife encounters, snow-based activities, dramatic Arctic landscapes, cultural immersion, and iconic overnight rail travel.

You will:

- Journey from Stockholm into the heart of the Arctic Circle
- Chase the Northern Lights across Sweden, Norway, and Finland
- Snowmobile through untouched Arctic wilderness
- Ride one of Scandinavia's most scenic rail routes from Kiruna to Narvik
- Experience the Northern Lights aboard a dedicated evening train
- Learn about Sámi culture through authentic reindeer encounters
- Travel by panoramic coach across Arctic landscapes
- Visit Santa Claus Village and cross the Arctic Circle
- Hike among frozen waterfalls in Korouoma Canyon
- Sleep aboard the iconic Santa Claus Express overnight train



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A large, snow-covered wooden chalet with a central spire and roof statues. The chalet features a steep, snow-laden roof with a central spire and several gables. The walls are made of dark wood, and the windows are multi-paned. The scene is set against a clear blue sky.

# Your Journey

(DAYS 1 - 12)



## DAY 1 – STOCKHOLM

Arrive in Sweden's capital and enjoy a relaxed introduction before venturing north into the Arctic Circle.

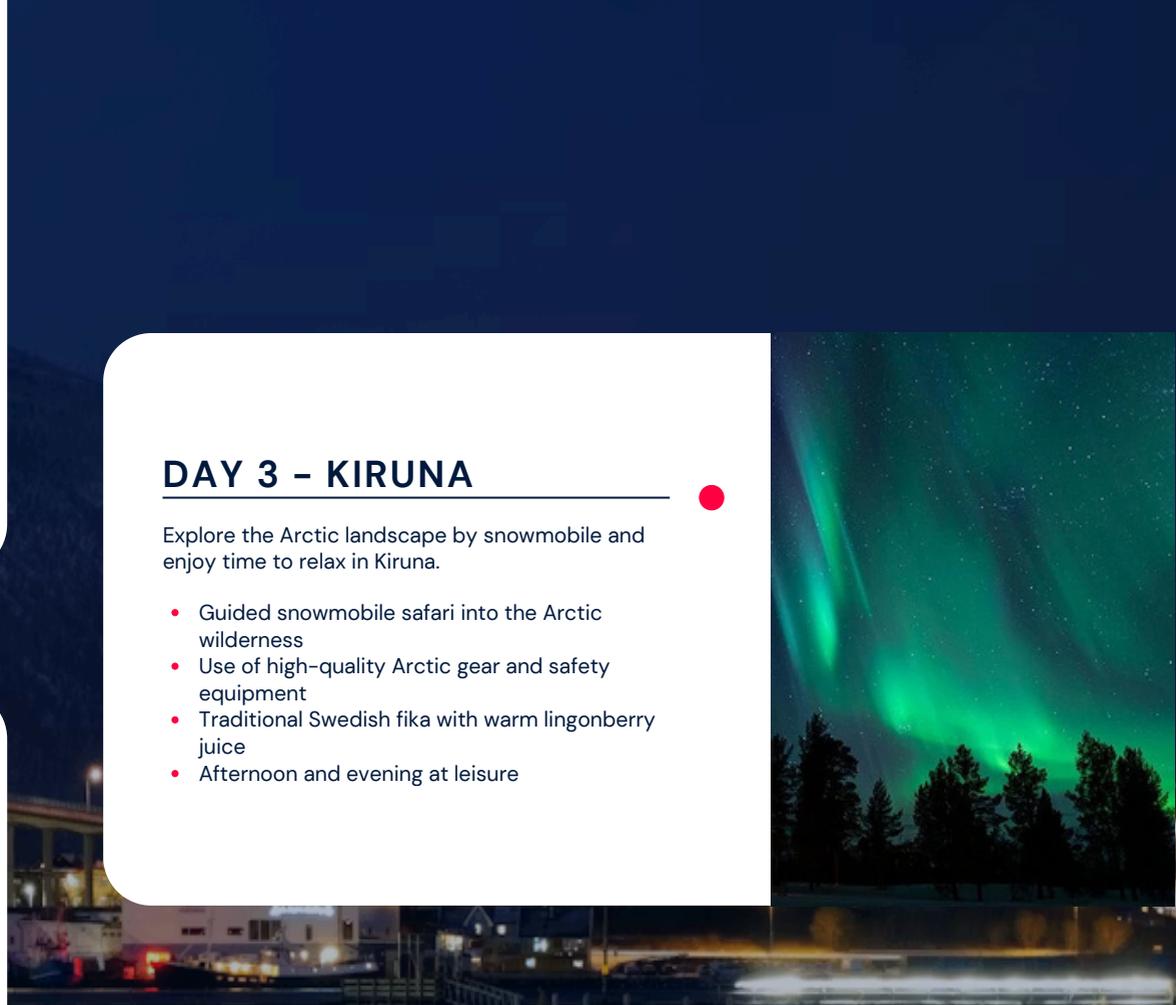
- Arrival in Stockholm
- Self-transfer to your accommodation
- Check-in to a centrally located hotel
- Spend the rest of the day at leisure



## DAY 2 – KIRUNA

Fly north into the Arctic Circle and begin your winter adventure with a guided Northern Lights experience.

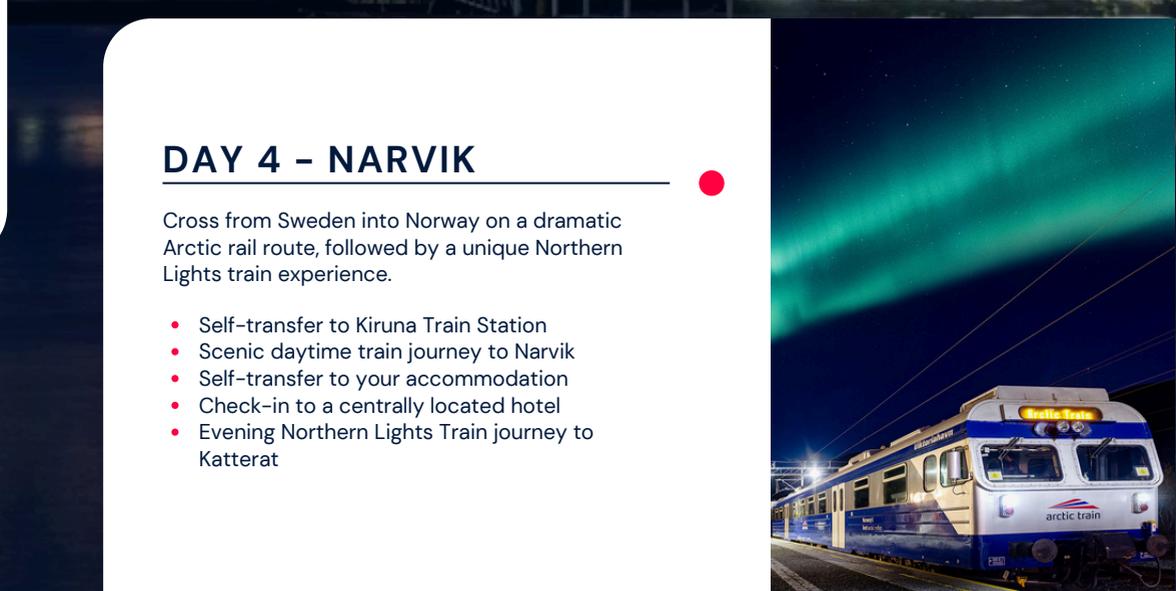
- Self-transfer to Stockholm Airport
- Morning flight to Kiruna (luggage included)
- Self-transfer to your accommodation
- Check-in to a centrally located hotel
- Evening Northern Lights hunt with professional photographer



## DAY 3 – KIRUNA

Explore the Arctic landscape by snowmobile and enjoy time to relax in Kiruna.

- Guided snowmobile safari into the Arctic wilderness
- Use of high-quality Arctic gear and safety equipment
- Traditional Swedish fika with warm lingonberry juice
- Afternoon and evening at leisure



## DAY 4 – NARVIK

Cross from Sweden into Norway on a dramatic Arctic rail route, followed by a unique Northern Lights train experience.

- Self-transfer to Kiruna Train Station
- Scenic daytime train journey to Narvik
- Self-transfer to your accommodation
- Check-in to a centrally located hotel
- Evening Northern Lights Train journey to Katterat



## DAY 5 – TROMSØ

Travel through Arctic coastal landscapes as you continue west to Tromsø, Norway's Arctic capital.

- Self-transfer to Narvik bus stop
- Scenic coach journey to Tromsø
- Self-transfer to your accommodation
- Check-in to a centrally located hotel
- Spend the rest of the day at leisure



## DAY 6 – TROMSØ

Experience Sámi traditions by day and search for the Northern Lights once more in the evening.

- Reindeer feeding experience with Sámi cultural introduction
- Hot meal and warm beverages included
- Thermal winter clothing provided
- Evening Northern Lights hunt by minibus or coach

## DAY 7 – ROVANIEMI

Cross borders and landscapes by panoramic coach as you journey from Norway to Finnish Lapland.

- Self-transfer to Tromsø bus terminal
- Long-distance panoramic coach journey to Rovaniemi
- Self-transfer to your accommodation
- Check-in to a centrally located hotel
- Evening at leisure



## DAY 8 – ROVANIEMI

Experience Lapland's iconic winter activities by day and continue your Northern Lights search at night.

- Arctic Circle highlights adventure with reindeer and husky experiences
- Free time in Santa Claus Village
- Traditional lunch included
- Evening small-group Northern Lights hunt by minibus





## DAY 9 – ROVANIEMI

Discover Arctic wildlife and enjoy a relaxed evening in Rovaniemi.

- Visit to Ranua Wildlife Park
- Barbecue snacks and warm drinks by the fire
- Afternoon and evening at leisure



## DAY 10 – SANTA EXPRESS

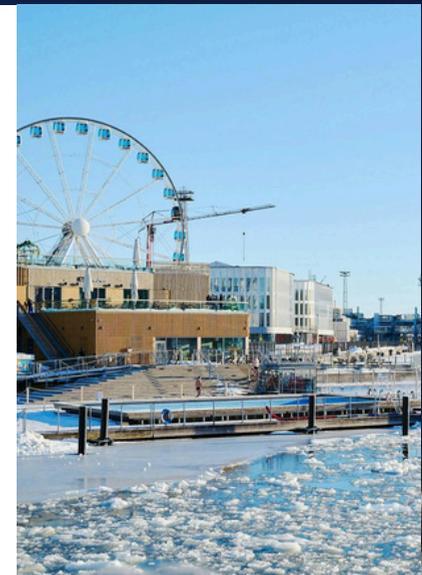
Hike through a frozen canyon before boarding an iconic overnight train south.

- Guided Korouoma frozen waterfalls hike with barbecue
- Thermal winter clothing provided
- Evening departure aboard the Santa Claus Express overnight train
- Sleeper cabin with private bathroom

## DAY 11 – HELSINKI

Arrive in Finland's capital and enjoy time to explore the city after your Arctic journey.

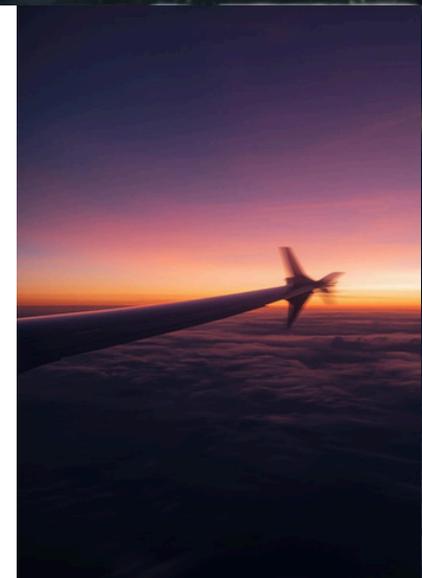
- Morning arrival in Helsinki
- Self-transfer to your accommodation
- Check-in to a centrally located hotel
- Spend the day at leisure



## DAY 12 – HELSINKI

Conclude your Arctic expedition and depart Finland.

- Self-transfer to Helsinki Airport
- Departure home



# What is Included

- **11 nights** in centrally located 3/4-star hotels and sleeper train cabins
- **Daily breakfast** at hotels
- **Flight from Stockholm to Kiruna** with luggage included
- **Northern Lights hunt** in Kiruna with professional photographer
- **Guided snowmobile safari** with Arctic gear
- **Scenic train journey** from Kiruna to Narvik
- **Northern Lights Train** experience in Narvik
- **Scenic coach journeys** between Narvik–Tromsø and Tromsø–Rovaniemi
- **Reindeer feeding and Sámi culture** experience in Tromsø
- **Northern Lights** hunt in Tromsø
- **Arctic Circle highlights** tour in Rovaniemi
- **Arctic wildlife visit** to Ranua Park
- **Guided Korouoma frozen waterfalls** hike
- **Overnight Santa Claus Express** sleeper train to Helsinki

# Make it Even More Special

Make your journey even more special with optional add-ons such as:

- Private airport, station, and port transfers throughout the journey
- Northern Lights minibus hunt to Abisko National Park from Kiruna
- Reindeer sledding experience in Tromsø
- Snowmobiling Arctic Circle upgrade in Rovaniemi
- Polar Icebreaker cruise from Rovaniemi
- Overnight stay at Kiruna Ice Hotel
- Glass igloo experience in Rovaniemi



# Good to *Know* Before You Go

- This is a true Arctic winter itinerary with long travel days and cold temperatures
- Northern Lights sightings are natural phenomena and cannot be guaranteed
- Thermal winter gear is provided on key excursions, but personal winter clothing is essential
- Weather conditions may affect activities and routing

## Is This Trip *Right* for You?

- Want an immersive Arctic winter experience
- Enjoy guided outdoor activities
- Are excited by Northern Lights hunting, cultural encounters, and scenic travel above the Arctic Circle

# General *Information*

## Best Time to Travel

- This itinerary is best enjoyed from late autumn through early spring, when Arctic conditions allow for snow activities and Northern Lights viewing.

## Accommodation Style

- Centrally located 3/4-star hotels combined with sleeper train cabins and optional specialty stays such as ice hotels or glass igloos.

## Pace & Physical Level

- This itinerary runs at a moderate to active pace and includes outdoor winter activities and long travel days. It is suitable for travelers with normal mobility and comfort in cold-weather conditions.

# What is *Not Included*

- Flights, unless otherwise stated
- Airport taxes, city taxes, and local tourism fees payable on-site
- Optional activities and upgrades not listed as included
- Personal expenses such as meals, drinks, and souvenirs not mentioned in the itinerary
- Travel insurance and personal insurance
- Tips and gratuities, unless explicitly stated



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