



Arctic Sweden and the Icehotel

Deep inside the Arctic Circle in Swedish Lapland sits the peaceful hamlet of Lappeasundo. From here, keep an eye out for the extraordinary Northern Lights during a week packed full of exploration, activities and a memorable night in the magical Icehotel!



7 days/6 nights

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Day 1: Lappis Lodge, Lappeasundo

Your Swedish arctic adventure begins today as you check in to your accommodation and relax until dinner.

From here all that lies ahead is a land characterised by deep forests, frozen lakes and the extraordinary Northern Lights. Explore the surrounding wilderness, with a week packed full of activities and a memorable night in the magical Icehotel, the perfect end to a truly unforgettable adventure trip.

You should be moderately fit for this trip as there are a number of activity components including snowshoeing and dogsledding.

Day 2: Snowshoe Excursion

After a hearty Swedish breakfast you will have a little time to get familiar with your winter surroundings. In the afternoon you will head out into the wilderness using snowshoes. This is the perfect way to get closer to nature as you break new trails through the snow, reaching those areas where the snowmobiles and skis could not (distance is around 8km although the route may change depending on conditions. Please note that in the December departures, due to shorter daylight hours, some of this snowshoeing will be done in the dark). Out here, where there are no other sources of light, you will have an excellent chance to see the incredible Northern Lights.

Day 3: Ice Fishing

Your day will begin with a spot of fishing. Through drilled holes in the ice you will be shown how to use the small ice fishing rods to, with any luck, catch what lurks beneath the ice. In the afternoon there is the opportunity to try the optional activity of snowmobiling. If you take this option then you will have a fantastic ride starting along the frozen Kaitum and Kalix Rivers. The route then takes a wide loop over lakes and through forests before arriving back at your base. Alternatively, if snowmobiling is not for you then there are further activities available from the Lappis lodge.

Day 4: Dogsledding

Spend the morning learning the basics of dogsledding, and after an early lunch, you and your riding partner (you ride 2 to a sled) head out with your own team of 5 to 6 dogs. The dogs are well trained and extremely friendly, and most of all they love to pull sleds. Anyone worried about driving their sled can opt to sit back and enjoy the ride in the cosy passenger seat of their own sled while their riding partner does all the hard work. In deep snow you may need to help push the sled; if the trail is more compacted, the dogs can travel up to 15 or 20 km/h. Falls are not uncommon in the first hour or so. If you do fall, the only rule is 'don't let go of your sled', as the dogs don't stop to wait for you! The guide is also never far away and is on a snowmobile. Your night is spent in the wilderness in a simple lodge, nestled between the Kaitum and Kalix rivers.

Day 5: Dogsledding back to Lappis Lodge

Those who want to can rise early to help feed and water the dogs and get them ready and harnessed for the days sledding. You will take a different route back to your homebase, with plenty of time to enjoy the scenery and the excitement of mushing your own team. Lunch is usually taken by a campfire by the side of the trail, in a simple cabin or



sometimes back at base, depending on conditions. While on the forest trails keep your eyes peeled for Elk (Moose), Snow Grouse (Ptarmigan) or even Capercaillie.

Day 6: Sami Lunch & the Icehotel

Today you will be transferred to the Nutti Sami reindeer camp outside Jukkasjarvi. After a traditional Sami lunch cooked over the fire you will meet, greet and feed the reindeer. This is a wonderful insight to the life and work as a reindeer herder and the indigenous Sami lifestyle. In the afternoon you will then transfer to the fabulous Icehotel with time for a guided tour of the individually designed rooms, chapel and Absolut ice bar. Your rooms are available from 6pm and dinner (not included in trip cost) is reserved in a nearby traditional homestead or the IceHotel restaurant depending on availability.

Day 7: Departure

Your adventure ends after a hearty breakfast at the Icehotel's comfortable and warm restaurant.

Details

Group Size:

Minimum 4 - Maximum 12

2020 Departures:

February: 02, 09, 14

2020 Pricing:

From CA\$4,195 - twin

Prices are "starting from" rates, shown in CA\$, per person based on two people sharing a twin room. Single rates may be available on a limited basis. Please inquire.

Prices shown do not reflect discounts for sales and special promotions. Reduced prices, if applicable, will be quoted at the time of your inquiry.

Trip Code:

009390-W20

INCLUDED

- All breakfasts, 5 lunches and 5 dinners
- Six nights of accommodation
- Full Arctic clothing kit

NOT INCLUDED

- Flights to/from Sweden
- Travel insurance
- Gratuities
- Optional tours
- Items of a personal nature

TOUR NOTES

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