



Nangu - Northern Lights short break



HOLIDAY TYPE: Small Group
VISITING: Finland

BROCHURE CODE: 2914
DURATION: 3 nights

In Brief

Secure your holiday with a £200 deposit today. Spend three nights in a wonderful whirlwind of winter activities by the shores of Lake Inari. This short trip doesn't compromise on activities with experiences including husky sledding, a reindeer farm visit, snowmobiling and snowshoeing. At night, you will search for the Northern Lights on foot and at an Aurora Camp.

Our Opinion

“ We were all so excited when Jouko and Mari announced the opening of Hotel Nangu. The accommodation is simply idyllic, with a gorgeous décor and everything you could need on-site. Everywhere you turn there are stunning views, particularly from the communal area and restaurant. It's also fantastic what you can do here in just two full days. All of my favourite activities are in this itinerary, yet I still felt like I had time for a couple of well-deserved breaks in between all of the action. ”

Ali Mclean



What's included?

ALL OF THE ACTIVITIES AND SERVICES LISTED BELOW ARE INCLUDED IN THE HOLIDAY PRICE

- **Flights:** return from London to Ivalo (via Helsinki). Flight routes are subject to change.
- **Transfers:** return scheduled group shuttle airport transfers
- **Accommodation:** 3 nights in a twin/double hotel room
- Meals: full board
- **The following activities are included in the holiday:** dog sledding and reindeer farm visit, snowshoeing, Aurora camp, snowmobiling tryout and Aurora snowshoeing **(the order of activities is subject to change)**
- Fully qualified guides and instructors during activities
- Cold weather clothing for the duration of your stay
- Aurora Alert until approximately 1am

Trip Overview

Venture 250km north of the Arctic Circle to the southern shores of Lake Inari in Northern Finland, and experience a short-but-sweet, Northern Lights hunting holiday.

The newly transformed adults-only (16+) Wilderness Hotel Nangu is just a total haven of peace and quiet and is tucked in the most incredible lakeside location in the depths of the wild. It is small scale and just oozes comfort and charm with its high-end décor and stunning log-built construction. The owners also happen to be our longstanding friends and suppliers, and we know that they offer nothing less than excellence. With this as your base, we can assure you that every free moment you have can be savoured and enjoyed. The hotel's proximity to Lake Inari means that, by night, there is a vast expanse of dark sky above you, ideal for Northern Lights hunting.

The lake and surrounding area also offer a base for a myriad of activities during your time here. Despite the short length of this trip, we have included all the "must-dos" when visiting Northern Finland. You will do some incredible dog sledding and visit a reindeer farm, you'll explore the wilds on snowshoes and will have the chance to try snowmobiling. We have also included two Northern Lights hunts.

By night, you will spend one relaxed evening at an Aurora Camp which you will typically reach via a snowmobile-pulled sleigh. With your expert guide, you will sit around a warming fire in this prime viewpoint and will wait to see if the Northern Lights will appear. Your second trip will see you venture out on snowshoes as you head to an ideal viewpoint with your guide in the hope of catching a display.

So, go on, spare a few days from your hectic schedules this winter and escape to the remote wilderness of Northern Finland. Returning with memories that will last a lifetime and impressive stories to tell your friends and family, we know that you will not regret it.

Please note: If you are travelling over Christmas or New Year, you will enjoy a festive dinner and celebrations on the 24th or the 31st of December (traditionally in Finland, Christmas is celebrated on Christmas Eve).

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Agenda

Please note the order of activities is subject to change

DAY
1

ARRIVAL AND WELCOME

Once you land at Ivalo Airport, you will be greeted by your driver who will be waiting to escort* you to the shores of Lake Inari. The journey will take around thirty minutes, as you venture further North and deeper into the remote wilderness of Finnish Lapland.

After arriving, you will have some time to settle into your cosy hotel room before dinner in the hotel's fabulous log-built restaurant.

You will also receive your cold weather clothing tonight, so you will be all set to head out this evening and down on to the lake should you wish to begin your Aurora efforts.

Please note that the order of activities listed in this agenda is provided for guidance only, your final itinerary will be provided on arrival at your accommodation.

* Transfers are based on a scheduled group shuttle that sometimes stops at a few nearby hotels. If you would prefer to upgrade to private taxi transfers please ask our Travel Experts for a quotation.

Included Meals: Dinner

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DOG SLEDDING, REINDEER FARM VISIT AND EVENING AURORA CAMP

Today, the trip will truly commence as you begin your first full day at Nangu, which includes one of our favourite winter activities as well as an evening Aurora hunt.

After filling up on breakfast, you will take a transfer to the husky farm where you will meet an expert musher (and your guide for the day) who will give you a brief tour of the farm. The first thing that you will notice is the loud, impatient barking of the huskies that are raring to take you on your sleigh-ride. They must wait a little longer as you are given a thorough safety briefing and lesson on how to guide your own husky team before you set off.

Once your guide is comfortable that you are ready, you will head out, huskies first, on an unforgettable journey. With two sharing a sled, you can appreciate the sudden silence as the dogs are so focused on running. This is an unforgettable way to enjoy the snow-laden trees and the stunning, crisp white surroundings. Half-way through the drive, you will have the chance to pause and swap with your driving partner, so that both of you can try taking control. After your adventure, you will travel to a nearby reindeer farm, where you will meet with a reindeer herder. Here you will learn about the Sámi culture and have the chance to meet and feed the reindeer. Lunch will then be served in a hotel.

Overall, this activity will last for around six hours (including transfers and lunch), so you will be more than ready for a delicious dinner in the hotel restaurant tonight!

Your busy day will end with a relaxing Aurora hunt, as you head to a dedicated Aurora camp in the hope of spotting the Northern Lights this evening.

Beginning with a snowmobile-pulled sleigh ride, you will kick back and enjoy a cosy journey beneath the stars. You will travel further and further away from any light pollution from the hotel until you come to an Aurora camp spot where you can huddle up around a warming open fire.

Hopefully, while you enjoy a hot drink and some interesting facts and stories told by your guide, the Northern Lights will dance and swirl above you, lighting up the night and putting on an awe-inspiring display. This activity will last around two and a half hours in total.

Included Meals: Breakfast, Lunch, Dinner

DAY
3

SNOWSHOE WALK, SNOWMOBILING TRYOUT AND AURORA SNOWSHOE HUNT

After breakfast today, you will explore this wild and wonderful spot on foot, using snowshoes to ease your travels.

Snowshoes will be provided by the hotel, and your guide will show you how to securely strap these over your winter boots before you set off. It is amazing how much further you can travel in snowshoes, as you can cover areas of extremely thick snow that you would otherwise find yourself knee-deep in.

With your guide leading the way, you will take to the snowshoeing trails and venture to even more remote areas of wilderness. Along the way, your guide will explain features of the landscape and any wildlife that you might see. It is also common to spot animal prints embedded into the snow, which your guide can give you some insight into.

Weather permitting, you will break for lunch while the comforting sound of a crackling open fire acts

as the only background noise in the peaceful surroundings. This activity will last for around four hours including lunch.

In the afternoon you will get to try one of the most popular forms of transport in Lapland as you board snowmobiles for an introductory safari. You will be given a safety briefing and full instructions before heading out on a short safari in the hotel's surroundings with your guide. Please note that you must be over 18 years of age and hold a valid driving licence in order to drive a snowmobile. The safari will last for around two hours.

After a relaxed late afternoon and final dinner at the hotel, you will head out on a snowshoe Aurora hunt for the final night of your trip.

With your guide leading the way, you venture onto the lake and head to a prime Aurora viewpoint. Here, a fire will be lit, and you will gather with your guide to wait and watch for a potential Aurora display. This is a wonderful way to spend an evening in the wilderness and if the Northern Lights dance above your head, it will be unforgettable. The activity will last for around two and a half hours in total.

Included Meals: Breakfast, Lunch, Dinner

DAY
4

DEPARTURE

Today, it is time to depart ready for your flight home. After breakfast, your transfer will take you to Ivalo Airport, as you bid farewell to a fantastic few days. If you are on an early flight, a packed breakfast will be provided.

Included Meals: Breakfast

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Our pick



Aurora Huts

Immerse yourself in the spectacular Finnish wilderness and spend an unforgettable night hunting the Northern Lights from a unique Aurora Hut.

The Aurora Huts are the very latest in Aurora accommodation, and their innovative design makes them a wonderful addition to any holiday at Nangu. They are completely mobile and can travel across ice, snow and can even float on water. They are situated on the edge of frozen Lake Inari, so you will be away from any artificial light pollution.

The huts allow you to spend the night surrounded by the pristine landscape of Lapland and the floor to ceiling windows provide exceptional views of the night sky. As darkness falls, you can relax in your cosy double bed and gaze up at the Arctic firmament as you keep watch for the Northern Lights.

Because they need to be easy to move by snowmobile, the huts are compact, but they have electricity and the clever designers have also managed to fit in a small composting toilet for convenience. Please note that there is no running water. However, you'll only be a short distance from Nangu so you can utilise your room's shower facilities the next morning before breakfast.

Please note: the price is based on a per person per night basis.

Included Accommodation

Other options are available - see below for details.

Wilderness Hotel Nangu (Nights: 1-3)



Wilderness Hotel Nangu is an adult-only (16+), boutique hotel tucked away in a secluded spot close to the shores of Lake Inari in North East Finnish Lapland. This is the ideal place for those wanting to

escape to a real haven of peace and quiet which just oozes rustic style, charm and comfort. Think handmade wooden furniture, sheepskins, stunning log architecture, comfy chairs and roaring fires; all with a view over snow-laden trees and a vast frozen lake beyond.

The central log-built restaurant and reception building is a spectacular spot in which to dine and unwind and the elegant wooden buildings which contain the bedrooms are around 20-50 metres away.

The hotel was transformed in 2017 by our longstanding friends and partners Jouko and Mari and they have really put their heart and soul into making Wilderness Hotel Nangu the grown-up retreat that it is.

In prime Aurora territory and just a minute's walk from the shores of Lake Inari, this is really an incredible place in which to hunt the Northern Lights.

There are only 36 bedrooms here and so there is also a real exclusivity about this place and we would really recommend booking early to avoid disappointment.

Hotel Facilities

- The wonderful main log building contains the reception, dining area and lounge where a roaring log fire and tasteful décor makes for a relaxed and welcoming atmosphere
- We think the food at Nangu is delicious and the setting for your meals could not be more delightful. Breakfasts and lunches are both varied buffets with local and international flavours. Evening meals are served at your table (except for Christmas and New Year's Eve) and guests are provided with two or three choices each evening
- There is a sauna situated in one of the bedroom buildings and this is available for guests to reserve during their stay. The ideal way to relax after a day of activities
- Free Wi-Fi is available in the public areas at Nangu, but really, other than checking the Aurora forecasts, we recommend that you just switch off from the outside world

Room types

STANDARD WILDERNESS ROOM (DOUBLE OR TWIN)

All rooms at Nangu are comfortable and elegantly decorated with a cosy and rustic, wooden interior, offering a traditional yet stylish Finnish ambience. The standard rooms accommodate two people, have a large window, an en-suite shower and toilet with a hairdryer. They also include tea and coffee making facilities. Single rooms are also available which are slightly smaller and accommodate solo travellers.

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Other accommodation options

Contact us for a personalised quote.

Superior room with view



These rooms provide extra space and are all equipped with double beds. They each have their own private entrance and a large panoramic window offering views towards Lake Inari. This means that it might even be possible to witness the Aurora from your room (although the views are much better outside!). All rooms are en-suite and equipped with a shower and toilet, a hairdryer and tea and coffee making facilities.



Aurora Log Cabin

There's nothing cosier than staying in a log cabin during a winter escape to the Finnish wilderness. With an Aurora Log Cabin, you get the same cosy feeling but with the added benefit of a panoramic window for clear views of the night sky as you lay in bed. This is Northern Lights hunting in ultimate style and comfort. Equipped with a double bed, shower and toilet, you'll have everything you need inside your peaceful cabin.

Sleeps 2 people

Panorama Log Cabin



These luxurious log cabins are the perfect place to come back to after a day in the wilderness. Warm-up by the fireplace or stare out of the huge panoramic windows facing Lake Inari, a spot where you could quite comfortably search for the Northern Lights. There's also the chance to relax as the Finns do in your private sauna, or in the outdoor Jacuzzi on the terrace (supplement applies). The cabins also come with a fully equipped kitchenette and en-suite (shower and toilet).

Sleeps 2 people

The Specifics

Holiday group size (approximate)

This holiday requires a minimum of 1 person to run, however, on some dates we require a minimum of 8 people for our flight allocation. Maximum 30 people (approximately). Please speak to our Travel Experts for further information.

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 numbers required for a holiday to operate

Some of our holidays require a minimum number of participants to operate (as listed in the 'Group Size' section). If your holiday departure has not yet reached the minimum number, you will be told at the time of booking. In the unlikely event that your chosen date is not guaranteed by nine weeks

before your scheduled departure date, we will contact you to discuss the available options as per our [booking conditions](#).

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 Key Facts box on the holiday Overview page, the minimum age for participation in an Aurora Zone holiday is typically 12 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.

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.

Terms and Conditions

Our full booking terms and conditions can be found on our website: <https://www.theaurorazone.com/booking-conditions>