

INFORMATION SHEET

Winter 2023 Experience the Aurora and Polar Lights



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Come to Abisko and experience the snow-covered Arctic mountains under the changing lights of the Arctic winter sky.

The dark months of winter is an amazing time to experience the frozen landscape above the Arctic circle. December and January is a time when the sun is not seen at all, instead we get pastel colored skies in a dawn that seamlessly melts into dusk. When day turns into night you are not met by complete darkness, instead the polar light show continues. Abisko is a place with minimal light pollution and offers you a night sky full of stars and gives you the best chances to see the northern lights dancing in the sky above you. If you visit during full moon you get a whole new perspective on the mountains around you as the gloomy moonlight lights up the snow-covered mountains. This package also gives you a Northern Light Dinner at STF Aurora Sky Station, where you get the chance to experience the northern lights from 900 meters elevation, with the Abisko valley and the surrounding mountains as your backdrop.



Information	
Meeting point	STF Abisko Turiststation
Finish (time/place)	Departure day after check-out, at 10.00 a.m.
Minimum age	16 years old
Experience	You need no prior experience to participate in this package.
Other	The program can be changed due to challenging weather or other unforeseen events.
	Cancellations can be made up to 7 days before arrival, after that no refunds will be made.
Included in your package	
Accommodation	3 nights in a hostel room at STF Abisko Turiststation.
Meals	Full board from dinner on the arrival day, until breakfast
	on departure day.
	On the evening of day two you will have dinner up at STF
	Aurora Sky Station (please see the "Important
	information" below).
Rental (available as add-on)	You can choose to add a Nordic touring ski package or
	snowshoe package on day two and/or three
	(You need to fill out the booking form and e-mail that to
	Abisko.butik@stfturist.se to secure equipment in your
	size).
Guide	The evening activity at STF Aurora Sky Station will be led
	by a guide certified according to the Swedish standard Fjälledarnormen.

Preliminary Program

Day 1:

3.00 p.m. – Check-in opens

6.30 p.m. – Three-course dinner (Notify the restaurant well in advance if you want to change the time for the dinner reservation)

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Day 2:

7.30-10.00 a.m. - Breakfast buffet

8.00 a.m.-8.00 p.m. – If you choose to add rental equipment you can now pick up Nordic touring skis or snowshoes that you can use during the day

11.30 a.m.-2.00 p.m. - Lunch buffet

5.30 p.m.-1.00 a.m. – Meet your guide for the walk over to the valley station and the ride up to STF Aurora Sky Station. Once you reach STF Aurora Sky Station you will be served dinner and after dinner, with some luck, you might get to see the northern lights dance in the sky*

1.00 a.m. – Last chair down from STF Aurora Sky Station



Day 3:

7.30-10.00 a.m. - Breakfast buffet

8.00 a.m.-8.00 p.m. – If you choose to add rental equipment you can now pick up Nordic touring skis or snowshoes that you can use during the day

11.30 a.m.-2.00 p.m. - Lunch buffet

6.30 p.m. – Three-course dinner (Notify the restaurant well in advance if you want to change the time for the dinner reservation)

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Day 4:

7.30-10.00 a.m. – Breakfast buffet 10.00 a.m. – Latest time for checking out from your room

*The evening program might be subject to change due to bad weather, please see the "Important information" below.

Important information

If STF Aurora Sky Station needs to be closed for safety reasons due to weather conditions, such as strong winds or cold temperatures, a specially arranged event called the Aurora Lounge will be carried out. The Aurora Lounge takes place in the lower area of Abisko National Park, where the weather doesn't have the same impact as it does up on the mountain. The decision regarding the Aurora Lounge will be made no later than the start time of the activity. All affected guests will be contacted as soon as a decision about the Aurora Lounge is made.

When booking any of our products at STF Aurora Sky Station, we cannot guarantee that you will see the Northern Lights as it is a natural phenomenon. However, if you stay with us, you have very good chances of seeing the Northern Lights due to the cloud conditions that characterize Abisko, also known as "the blue hole."

Aurora Lounge

The Northern Lights dinner is served in our wood-heated lavvu-tent (goahti) or equivalent alternative, located in the lower area of Abisko National Park. After dinner, you can join your guide for a short walk in the northern part of the national park to learn about its history, gain knowledge, and receive tips on the Northern Lights. Later in the evening, warm drinks and local snacks will be served in the lavvu-tent, and the guide will be happy to provide more information about the surrounding area, the Northern Lights, and the history of Abisko.

Bookings any of STF's products at Aurora Sky Station are binding, and no refunds will be given when Aurora Lounge replaces the visit to Aurora Sky Station.



Getting here

The easiest way to get to Abisko is by train. STF Abisko Turiststation has its own train station!

You can also fly to Kiruna, and from there take a bus or the train out to Abisko.

For more information on travel alternatives to Abisko, please visit: https://www.swedishtouristassociation.com/facilities/stf-abisko-mountain-station/directions/

Questions?

If you have any further questions, do not hesitate to contact us!

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