



## Aurora Retreat Guest House 2012

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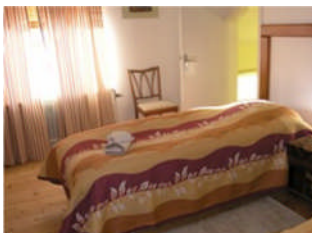
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15 <sup>th</sup> Mar	SK1530	0700	London Heathrow	1035	Stockholm Arlanda
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Inbound

Date	Flight No	Departure		Arrival	
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19 <sup>th</sup> Mar	SK1045	1325	Kiruna	1500	Stockholm Arlanda
19 <sup>th</sup> Mar	SK1523	1605	Stockholm Arlanda	1750	London Heathrow

## Accommodation

Aurora Retreat Guest House- 15<sup>th</sup> – 19<sup>th</sup> March, 4 night full board in a double room



Switch off your mobile, escape and relax! Located deep within the Arctic Circle in Northern Lapland (almost in the middle of nowhere!) is the small traditional Swedish village of Junosuando and Aurora Retreat. You will be amazed by the expanse, the openness and the silence. Your holiday at Aurora Retreat is about genuine small scale winter activities and encounters in some of the most stunning and picturesque scenery in Swedish Lapland, whilst caring for nature, the local community and the wider impacts of our actions. This is not your traditional tourist destination as tourists are few and far between.

The Aurora Retreat log cabin dates back to the 1920's when it was the village bakery and vicarage. Today it is a large beautiful eco-friendly 6 bedroom, old, recently refurnished timber house. The living areas comprise of a dining area, activity rooms and relaxation areas where you can read, relax or indulge in conversation with the other guests. There is of course the luxury of the smell, crackle and sensation of a real log fire. After a day enjoying the snow there is no better place to warm up than in the wood fired sauna.

Meals are an integral part of your experience at Aurora Retreat log cabin and you will be catered for on a full board basis from an evening meal on your first day to breakfast on your day of departure. Your hosts

Maya and Mikael serve food that builds and balances the body and spirit. Their unique cuisine is freshly prepared with the highest quality, organic, local ingredients available. Meals are created that are high in nutrient content and life energy, and satisfying to the senses. Any imported products, such as coffee and chocolate are fair trade. Although most of the meals are vegetarian you may also find fresh fish (local rivers and lakes) and wild meat, such as reindeer or elk are served. Special dietary needs and requests can of course be accommodated.

During your stay there are numerous traditional Lapland activities and excursions to take part in. Northern Lights tours and husky rides are all arranged by local operators. Other activities include yoga, a relaxing massage, felt making, visit to a sami reindeer herder, moose park, kick sleds, snow shoes, stay in an igloo and bread baking. Kick sleds and sledges can be borrowed free of charge. There is also the option of staying at a wilderness camp, with no running water, electricity or modern conveniences - this is a true experience with nature. Your guide will be there to help you prepare the food and light the fires to warm the log cabin and sauna. Your guide will return in the morning. Possible activities during this tour include ice fishing, igloo building, sledging and cross country skiing.

### Price from £835 per person based on 2 adults

Prices includes flights, full board accommodation & warm outdoor clothing at Aurora Retreat, transfers to and from Aurora Retreat to Kiruna airport. Subject to availability.

### Activities at Aurora Retreat

<http://www.simplysweden.co.uk/auroraactivities.php>

#### Trip notes:

This holiday to Swedish Lapland is all about small-scale, genuine experiences and discovery. We take you away from tour groups and tourist areas into the real Lapland, inviting you to explore, be inspired by the winter landscape and untouched nature, and take part in the local culture.

Accommodation is in a beautiful small village guesthouse, far off the beaten tourist track. With a wide range of activities and flexible approach in designing your programme, your needs and interests will be well catered for. Let us know if you have any special requests and our team will do the best to arrange for them.

Personal and reliable service from your hosts and guides, authentic experiences of the local culture and nature, the time and space for well-being and relaxation, and, of course, respect and care for nature and the community we are a part of, is fundamental to all on offer.

**Accommodation:** The Aurora Retreat guesthouse is located in a small village, well off the beaten tourist track and surrounded by expansive forests, pristine lakes and mighty, untouched rivers. The guesthouse is a timber building dating from the 1920's which has been renovated with environmentally sustainable living in mind. There are six simple, yet elegant and comfortable, double rooms with shared bathrooms and sitting area. 2 of the bedrooms now have ensuite bathrooms. There is a dining hall, a spacious group gathering room with a fireplace, and quiet corners for reflection and relaxation. It's possible to rent the entire house for your private use or to rent just one of the bedrooms. The guesthouse provides a calm and peaceful atmosphere and fits in well with the surrounding nature and community.

**Cuisine:** Meals and snacks are freshly prepared with the highest quality, organic and local ingredients available. Your hosts strive to create meals that build and balance the body and satisfy the senses. Root vegetables, grains and pulses form the basis of most meals. Small amounts of imported produce add variety. Coffee, tea, chocolate and bananas are fair-trade. Approx. 90% of all the ingredients are organic or local wild food (fish, meat, berries). Most meals are vegetarian. Occasionally or if requested, local meat or fish is on offer. We happily accommodate those with special diets with creatively prepared, fresh food.

#### How this holiday makes a difference:

This holiday is a small scale experience offering time for genuine experience and encounters with the culture and nature of the region. The essential ground of this holiday is sustainable, holistic living. At Aurora Retreat they are committed to sustainability practices that maintain and restore the health of natural ecosystems, local economies and the well-being of guests. This includes:

- Cooperation with other local companies to benefit the local economy and create work opportunities in an area with high unemployment
- Our guides and hosts inform about and encourage awareness and appreciation for the local environment and culture during their contact with visitors
- We encourage guests to take part in local events in the area such as markets or concerts
- Guests are provided with healthy food, locally and organically grown whenever possible
- We reduce, reuse and recycle and encourage our guests to minimise their waste production and use our recycling station
- We encourage our guests to use the outdoor clothing we have available instead of buying new outerwear that they may not have use for again after their trip
- The guesthouse is warmed with wood pellets which are a renewable energy source and care is taken to lower the thermostat at night to save energy
- The guesthouse has dry compost toilets and a waste water recycling system
- A leave no trace policy in all outdoor activities
- Utilising our own energy for transportation as much as possible by walking, skiing or kick-sledging and using small vans or the public bus when necessary to transport guests over longer distances