



BEAR & BEAR TRAVEL



FINLAND & SWEDEN, DECEMBER 15-21

COVID-19 requirements for Entry into Finland, Sweden & return to the US

Finland

- Fully vaccinated US Travelers allowed to enter Finland, provided that at least 7 days have passed since the last vaccine dose has been received
- No proof of negative pre-departure COVID test required
- No quarantine required

Sweden

- Fully vaccinated US Travelers allowed to enter Sweden (including) via Finland.
- Entry from Denmark, Finland, Iceland and Norway is not subject to any entry restrictions.
- No quarantine required

US

- Proof of negative pre-departure COVID rapid Antigen test required, taken no more than 3 days prior to your flight
- Mandatory travel attestation form. This form will be provided by the airline at check-in.
<https://www.cdc.gov/quarantine/pdf/attachment-a-global-passenger-disclosure-attestation-2021-p.pdf>

December 15:

- Finnair #16 departing New York JFK at 1150P – Business class

December 16:

- Finnair #16 arriving at Helsinki HEL airport at 255P
- **2:55pm: VIP greeter**
 - You will be met at the Gate with a name sign, then expedited through Immigration/Customs. If time and authorities permit, you will be taken to a Lounge to wait for boarding and then assisted to the departing gate/flight.
- Finnair # 575 departing Helsinki HEL at 420P, arriving into Kittila KTT at 550P – Economy class
- **5:50pm: Private transfer to the hotel (approx. 15 mins)**
 - Your driver will meet you in the arrivals hall after customs and will be holding a sign with the Bear & Bear Logo. You will be transferred to your hotel in a Mercedes Viano.

December 16-19 (3 nights)**Levin Iglut hotel**

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Suite Igloo

- The glass-roofed Levin Iglut offer their guests luxury next to the wilderness; a view of the rugged fell landscape and the northern sky. This igloo hotel is located on the slope of a fell at a height of 1115 feet and the center of Levi and it is one of the most popular holiday destinations in Lapland. There are 27 glass igloos.
 - 570 sqft in size with a private terrace with outdoor jacuzzi and illuminated Northern lights in the ceiling of lounge area.
 - There is a separate sleeping area with king size bed, bathroom and lounge area with dining table and sofa chairs.
 - Breakfast is included as well as Moët & Chandon champagne as a welcome drink and minibar.
 - They have the best unobstructed view of the valley and the northern sky
- **6:30pm:** A light supper will be available in your room for your arrival.

- **8:00pm – 10:00pm: Private Northern Lights Reindeer Safari**

Today you will have a unique chance to get familiar with reindeer together with a true reindeer herder. You'll hear stories about reindeers, how to work with them, and if there's anything you would like to know – just ask! While chatting, you can feed and pet a reindeer. You can also gather your family and take a group-photo with this Lapland's own symbol animal.

After meeting them, you will head out to a wintery forest on a sleigh pulled by reindeer. This is a traditional and peaceful way of moving through snow where the only sound you will hear is the light ringing of reindeer bells. The starry northern sky is already a magical experience and hopefully the nature will bless you by blazing out the northern lights



December 17:

- **10:45am – 3:15pm: Private Ice fishing Safari by Snowmobile including lunch** (4.5 hours)
Your driver will meet you in the hotel lobby and will transfer you to the start of your tour in a Mercedes Viano or similar (estimated driving time is 15 minutes).

Before starting the safari you will get driving and safety instructions for the snowmobile. Your guide have prepared everything you need on the ice-fishing trip.

You will drive through the fells and wilderness and finally arrive to a private lake where Ice fishing experience starts. The guide will give equipment for the ice fishing and successful fishing can start.

While you are testing your ice fishing skills, guide will prepare an outdoor lunch. After lunch you may continue fishing and later on you will start your way back via snowmobile.



December 18:

- **11:00am - 1:00pm: Private Ice Driving experience (2 hours)**

Upon arrival our driving instructors will go over the day's program and safety instructions. You are then ready to hop into a rally car! Your driving instructor will give you tips on how to handle the vehicle in order to complete the stage in the shortest time possible.

Two training sessions lasting 10 minutes each will focus on the special aspects of driving in winter conditions and on developing related skills.

The grand finale will be the rally sprint competition, consisting of two special stages. Ready, set, go! Afterwards the fastest drivers will be awarded with a ceremony & prizes.

Last but not least, you will have a chance to be the co-driver for an experienced rally driver and see how they handle the car in an incredible way.



December 19:

- **9:00am – 2:00pm:** 5 hour drive with stops en route to the Ice Hotel in Sweden (Mercedes Viano with wi-fi on board)

December 19 -21 (2 nights)

Icehotel Jukkasjarvi

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The first night is in the 'ice room' (Art Suite) with a warm room (Arctic Chalet) confirmed as backup. The second night is in the Arctic chalet.

Art Suite

- Individually designed and sculpted thematic suites. The artists, perhaps from Kiruna, Germany, UK or the US have been picked from over two-hundred applicants and invited to make the suite you'll be sleeping in. Each suite is unique and has never been created before.
- The room holds a temperature of 23 to 17 degrees Fahrenheit.
- The bed you sleep on has a thick mattress that rests on a wooden base. The bed is covered with reindeer hides and you sleep in a thermal sleeping bag. Instead of doors the hotel rooms have curtains that you draw to give you and your company privacy.
- 3 beds
- 290 sqft in size
- Parallel to cold room we have also booked a warm Arctic chalet if you find the cold to be too much.

Ice room-How it works:

The temperature inside the hotel hovers at a constant of 23 to 19 F. We provide you with expedition-style sleeping bags which are tested for extreme temperatures, so you'll be fine with just thermals, hat, warm socks and a mid-layer sweater. You are given access to your room at 6 pm, but the heated service building is staffed and open 24 hours, this is where you store your belongings, collect your sleeping bag and use the bathroom, shower and sauna. There is a tutorial for guests sleeping amongst ice art every day.

Arctic chalet

- Traditionally Scandinavian chalet with natural materials and colors.
- The two-bedroom apartment is rustic, simple and comfortable and has a space of 355 sqft in size.
- The chalets are located in a u-shaped walkway between Icehotel, the main reception and Icehotel shop – all within a couple of minutes' walk.
- Arctic Chalets can accommodate up to three persons.
- The master bedroom is furnished with a 160 x 200 cm bed.
- There is also one single bedroom, a small lounge, a kitchenette and a bathroom with shower and toilet.
- Wifi
- Breakfast, entrance to Icehotel and loan of snowsuit and boots are also included.

December 20:

- **9:30am – 11:30am: Private dogsledding adventure (1.5 hours)**

Experience the winter wonderland from the dog sled. On this tour, you ride as a passenger in the sled and experience the dogs' tremendous desire to run and pull. Sit back and marvel at the surroundings — the only thing you hear is the dogs' breathing and the sound of the sled's runners against the snow. You stop along the way for wilderness coffee and cake, served by an open fire. The tour ends outside Icehotel.

Sledge driving: one guest drives/ one sits in sledge. You may switch half way. If you need professional guide to drive you individually there is an additional charge



- **2:00pm- 3:30pm: Private ice sculpting class (1.5 hours)**

Do as Icehotel's artists do and create your own ice sculpture from pure Torne River ice. Take an intense course in ice sculpting – a must when you're at Icehotel.

The class starts with the instructor talking about your block of the crystal-clear ice harvested from Torne River, followed by an introduction on how to use the tools and the basics of ice sculpting



- **6:00pm – 10:00pm Private northern lights safari by snowmobile (4 hours)**

A clear sky, darkness and some patience are the best ingredients for hunting the northern lights. On this tour, we take a snowmobile out in the wilderness, where the northern lights are most visible, away from light pollution. An exciting adventure where we both get to drive snowmobile and have a chance to see the northern lights. You share a snowmobile, or drive your own, through the dark winter landscape, following your guide. The guide will frequently make short stops to talk about the phenomenon, how it occurs and stories.

Meal included: Along the way we will stop for a two-course dinner in a cabin



December 21:

- **8:15am: Private transfer to Kiruna airport** (approx. 15 minutes in a Mercedes Viano)
- Scandinavian Airlines #1041 departing Kiruna KRN at 1040A, arriving into Stockholm ARN at 1220P – Business class.
- Finnair #29 departing Stockholm ARN at 735P, arriving into New York JFK at 1000P – Business class