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Catch the arctic light Rajamaa · Nordschweden

The rivers Könkämä, Muonio and Tornio form the 540 km long border that unites Sweden with Finland. Here in the wilderness three cultures meet, Finnish, Swedish and Saami (Lapp). A thrilling different part of Scandinavia, known as Lapland. On an island in the river Muonio, looking out over two countries, lays Rajamaa. We have fully equipped chalets and a little restaurant. Here, some 200 km above the Arctic Circle, Lapland is at its best and cleanest, with deep forests, mighty rivers and the mountains rising at the horizon. Here you can enjoy the clean untouched Lapland, its nature, people and their rare culture. During some days you will, far away from the everyday worries, experience the genuine fascinating Lapland where man still lives in harmony with nature. The Malmström family, hosts at Rajamaa since the start 1986, welcomes you as our guest.



This exclusive program sets focus on the mysterious "Aurora Borealis", that appears on the Lapland Night Sky, and also the special "Arctic Light" that can be seen when the sun stands under the horizon in Lapland. The reflecting glow creates a day-light that is unique for the north.

Led by the Finnish Nature Photographers, Timo Veijalainen and Miika Sirkiä, we will explore the beautiful and thrilling Lapland nature in both the countries Finland and Sweden. The program is suitable for all type of interested photographers. Guiding in English.

1. Tag | Samstag

At the airport in Kittilä, our bus is ready to take us through the wintry forests of Lapland. We head westward towards the Muonio River and after 1 hour we reach Rajamaa. We install ourselves in the nice fully equipped chalets, and then gather in the main building. We get to know each other and check the program of the week. Dressing in winter equipment. Dinner at the restaurant. After dinner, the evening will be spent admiring and photographing the Lapland night-sky and hopefully the Aurora Borealis.

2. Tag | Sonntag

After a steady breakfast and after we have made some sandwiches for the lunch we gather outside. Tracks of birds and animals in the snow, trees and bushes adapted to the harsh climate along with other nature phenomena of the Taiga, will be described. We eat our lunch by a flaming log fire in the forest, before walking back to Rajamaa. Dinner at the restaurant. After dinner, the evening will be spent admiring and photographing the Lapland night-sky and hopefully the Aurora Borealis.

3. Tag | Montag

After breakfast we depart for the Pallas National Park in Finland, where the light hours of the day will be spent. This low-mountain range in the middle of the Taiga, offers splendid views over vast forest and wet-lands. Plants and herbs are adapted to the tree-less surroundings. Here the winter has come far longer than in the river valley. Dinner at the restaurant. After dinner, the evening will be spent admiring and photographing the Lapland night-sky and hopefully the Aurora Borealis.

4. Tag | Dienstag

After breakfast we will explore the home island, Pitkäsaari with the great rapid Äijäkoski, and its special nature with the contrast between water, rock and ice. These mighty rapids stay open long after the calmer parts of the river have been covered with thick ice. Home of our famous otters. Dinner at the restaurant. After dinner, the evening will be spent admiring and photographing the Lapland night-sky and hopefully the Aurora Borealis.



5. Tag | Mittwoch

The day at free disposal. Perhaps You want to try Husky-Sledding? Dinner at the restaurant. After dinner, the evening will be spent admiring and photographing the Lapland night-sky and hopefully the Aurora Borealis.

6. Tag | Donnerstag

Today's tour goes to the great Northern Forest, the Taiga. A strange landscape of pine clad hills and valleys, once created by the inland ice. The area is very important for the reindeer husbandry, and holds also moose and bear (sleeping though).Lunch in a lumber-jacks cabin. Dinner at the restaurant. After dinner, the evening will be spent admiring and photographing the Lapland night-sky and hopefully the Aurora Borealis.

7. Tag | Freitag

After breakfast we go, to meet a Saami family. This family lives in between modern life and an ancient form of rein-deer herding. We will get to hear about the rare culture, about old days and today's work with the animals.



We eat a lunch inspired by Lapland. Dinner at the restaurant. Feed-back for the week and fare-well. After dinner, the evening will be spent admiring and photographing the Lapland night-sky and hopefully the Aurora Borealis.

8. Tag | Samstag

Breakfast, then transfer back to Kittilä and the flight home

Coast

- ► Transfer from airport
- Accommodation in chalets
- Lapland full board (lunch-package, drinks not included)
- Activities according to program
- Guides, warm clothing: overall, boots, warm mittens

Price EUR0

1573/person in 4-bed chalet 4 person | 2 separate bedrooms
1627/person in 4-bed chalet 3 person | 2 separate bedrooms
1650/person in 2-bed chalet 2 person
1887/person in 2-bed chalet 1 person accommodation in chalets

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