



EXETER  
INTERNATIONAL

IN SEARCH OF THE  
NORTHERN LIGHTS IN  
SWEDEN



## SCANDINAVIA



### ITINERARY AT A GLANCE:

DAY 1	ARRIVAL INTO STOCKHOLM
DAY 2	SIGHTSEEING IN STOCKHOLM
DAY 3	FLY TO KIRUNA
DAY 4	ICE HOTEL
DAY 5	ICE HOTEL
DAY 6	DEPARTURE

## WHY EXETER INTERNATIONAL?

At Exeter International we have been creating memories and crafting our trademark extraordinary journeys to Central Europe, Russia, Scandinavia, and Central Asia for 23 years. Our specialty is to distill the best of the best in iconic places that are on so many people's travel must-do list.

We are not a call center of nameless, faceless people. We do not try to be everything to everyone. We are a small team of specialists. We are all committed to providing the best travel experiences to our destinations. Each member of our team has travelled extensively throughout our destinations, giving them insider knowledge lacking in many other tour operators.

Our Extraordinary Experiences are different, unusual, and often closed to the general public. We can offer special insider access that takes you beyond the typical tourist sites. We know how important it is to remain authentic and increasingly going beyond the well-known sites is what is important to our guests—discovering the little known museum or street market that adds to their experience. We do this through our local knowledge, cultivating our extensive contacts and regularly visiting each destination to enable us to share the most up-to-date insider information with you, our valued partner.

The most important part of your trip will be your guides. Guides come in many quality levels, especially in the region. We have worked with a core group of the best of the best for over 20 years. We know them like family and if they weren't the best, they wouldn't work for us. Simply stated, a guide can make or break your experience. You should have 100% confidence in who is introducing you to your guide and the level of guiding that you are going to get throughout the countries you will be visiting. The best does indeed cost more and we pay our guides at the very top of the market, with pride.

You'll also want to know what kind of vehicle your tour will include. We use luxury late-model vehicles, often Mercedes, Audi, BMW, or Volkswagen, depending on the size of the vehicle you need. You'll want to see things that may or may not be open to the public and go in early or after hours before the crowds whenever possible. We also make every effort to skip lines whenever possible. Avoiding long museum lines is one of our top priorities and we work hard to minimize the wait time to get into the most popular sights in each city, maximizing your time in each destination.

You'll want impeccable planning and someone to bounce ideas off of before your trip and speak English as well as you do while planning your trip so there are no cultural misunderstandings when you arrive. You'll also want someone to talk to if your trip is not perfect when you get home. These are all ways that we distinguish ourselves from all other companies.

A lot goes into our travel program design. We arrange the program so that it is flawless and effortless for our travelers from the time they set foot in the first city until they leave us. The expertise to set up an itinerary like this comes after years of investing in staff on both sides of the Atlantic, and this too is a value that is incorporated into our traveler's trips with us.



DAY 1

## STOCKHOLM

Upon arrival into Stockholm, you will be greeted outside of baggage claim and transferred to your hotel.

### EXETER SERVICES

Transfers

### HOTEL

Hotel At Six



## DAY 2

### STOCKHOLM

This morning, your guide will meet you in your hotel lobby for a visit to Gamla Stan (Old Town) to explore the narrow winding streets and historic buildings. Storkyrkan, the Great Church, is set in the heart of Old Town. Dating back to the early 1500's the Lutheran church is Gothic design and has been the setting for numerous Royal weddings.

You will also find Tyska Kyrkan, in Old Town. The church is referred to as the "German Church" as it was created for German merchants who had settled in the area. The church's bells can be heard ringing through Old Town numerous times a day.

During your walk, you will pass by Riddarhust, the House of Nobility, dating back to the 17<sup>th</sup> century which now houses the records of the Swedish Nobility. In past years it served as House of the Lords and a concert hall.

The Royal Palace, the official residence of the King of Sweden, is also set in Old Town.

Your guide will take you to the Royal Armoury an award-winning museum situated in an atmospheric cellar vault beneath the Royal Palace in Stockholm. Here you will find a stunning collection of armors, royal clothing and parade coaches

Continue onto to Djurgården, a natural resort in the heart of Stockholm. Here you will visit the Vasa Museum. This is Scandinavia's most visited museum, for its maritime history and Housing of the Vasa warship. The Vasa, perhaps the grandest and most ambitious ship ever to be built in Sweden, is the city's prized treasure. She capsized and sank straight to the bottom on her maiden voyage in the 17<sup>th</sup> century only to be salvaged nearly 333 years later in 1961.

#### EXETER SERVICES

Car, Driver & Guide (4 hours)

#### HOTEL

Hotel At Six



DAY 3

## STOCKHOLM-KIRUNA

This morning, you will be greeted by your driver for your transfer to the airport for your flight to Kiruna. Cost of flight is not included.

Upon arrival into Kiruna, you will be greeted and transferred to the ICEHotel located close by in Jukkasjärvi. Transfer by dog sled can be arranged for an additional cost.

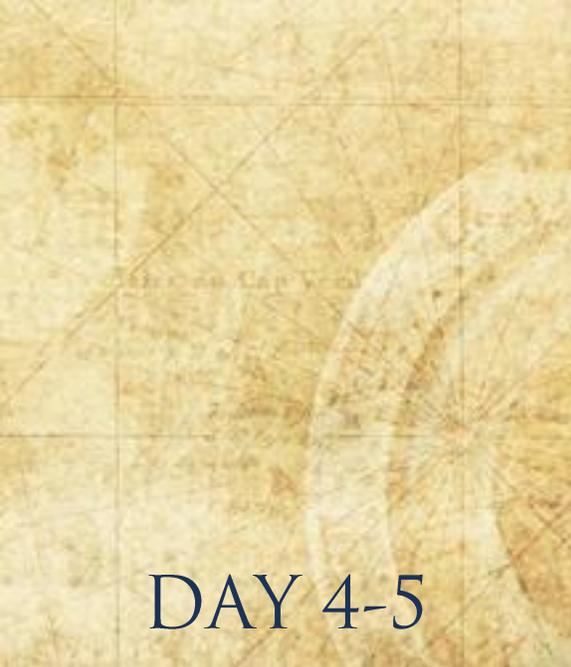
This evening, check-into your “Cold Room” at the Ice Hotel. Your accommodations include a connecting warm private bathroom. Warm clothing and a sleeping bag are included.

### SERVICES

Transfers

### HOTEL

Ice Hotel



DAY 4-5

## JUKKASJÄRVI

Days at leisure to enjoy activities. *Cost not included.*

Activities to enjoy include the following:

- Dog sledding
- Skiing
- Snowmobiling
- Fishing
- Reindeer Sledding
- Sami Village Visit
- Ice Sculpting

These next two evening you will be accommodated in a “warm room.”

### SERVICES

None

### HOTEL

Ice Hotel



DAY 7

## JUKKASJÄRVI-ONWARD

Your driver will meet you for your transfer back to Kiruna Airport. Please note other participants may be on this transfer. *Cost of flight not included.*

### EXETER SERVICES

Transfer



# WHAT IS INCLUDED

**Price: From \$2,875 per person, double occupancy, based on two guests traveling together.**

## **Accommodations**

### **Stockholm**

One Superior room for Two (2) nights at the Hotel At Six; Tax and Buffet Breakfast included daily.

Recently opened At Six Hotel is newest five star hotel in Sweden's capital. Perfect for couples, art lovers, or those who want to be in the heart of Stockholm's newest trend setting neighborhood. Housed in a former bank amongst other Brutalist architectural pieces, award winning Universal Design Studio has transformed the space into a contemporary lifestyle hotel complete with a chef run restaurant, the city's only listening lounge, a cocktail bar, and café.

All rooms have wooden floors, marble desks, worldwide adapter, and robes and slippers. All beds are by Swedish Hilding Anders and offer a variety of pillows and luxury eco-friendly sheets. Rooms offer complimentary Wi-Fi, sparkling water, tea and coffee, and organic toiletries by c/o Gerd. The rooms offer central ventilation, where guests can set the room temperature to as low as 17 degrees Celsius.

**Superior Rooms:** With 270-290 square feet of space, these rooms offer the benefit of a lounge area in an oaken window bay with views over the Brunkebergstorg Square. Rooms have either one king bed or two twins. Luxury bathrooms include a walk-in shower or bathtub/shower combo.

### **Kiruna**

One Deluxe Suite (Ice room with warm bathroom) for One (1) night at the Ice Hotel; Tax and Buffet Breakfast included daily.

One Warm Room for Two (2) nights at the Ice Hotel; Tax and Buffet Breakfast included daily.

This fantastic hotel was founded in 1989 and changes every winter. It is located in the Swedish village of Jukkasjarvi and is right by the Torne River. In fact the ice for the hotel is from the Torne River. Every year, artists from all over the world come in and design the hotel.

However with the new Icehotel 365 guests will be able to stay in these icy rooms all year long thanks to solar panels to cool the ice during summer months.

The hotel features the Icebar. This unique bar is similar to the cold, ice rooms in the hotel in the sense that it is made of entirely ice (even the glasses). The hotel also features art work throughout the cold rooms. Guests will be surrounded by art work at all times.

The hotel also offers many outdoor activities that guests may venture on. Such activities include dog sled rides, ice fishing, northern lights safaris and many more.

**Cold Room – Deluxe Suite 365:** This is the largest suite in the hotel at 540 square feet. It features specially crafted and designed by artists all over the world and a heated relaxation area with an en-suite bathroom. There is a double bed.

**Warm Room – Kaamos:** These spacious suites are 300 square feet with two bed rooms featuring a private bathroom with a shower and heated stone floors. The rooms are made of natural materials and have plenty of natural light.

## Meals

No meals included, other than breakfast as described above. Your final documents will include our top recommendations. *Your guides will recommend restaurants that fit your exact needs daily.*

## Services

Private vehicle, driver and guide at your service as described. The timing for each day is noted in your program.

Exeter International's local offices are available for your assistance 24 hours per day while you are traveling. Our local staff may also assist you with restaurant reservations and purchasing of additional theater and museum tickets at your request.

## Transportation

Transportation is included as noted. Unless otherwise noted, all transfer service is with a driver only, not a guide. In general, drivers have limited English-speaking skills.

## Guides

Hand chosen for their knowledge on local history, art & architecture. Guides are at your disposal as noted in your itinerary.

## Tickets

All entrance tickets as described in the program.

## Exeter International Travel Information

### BAGGAGE

The vehicles reserved for your itinerary can accommodate up to two medium-sized suitcases per person. If you intend to travel with additional luggage, please advise your travel consultant so appropriate arrangements may be made. In general, we schedule a sedan for parties of two, a minivan for parties of three to four and a minibus for parties of five or more.

### SIGHTSEEING

Sightseeing arrangements have been made with your special interests in mind. Your drivers and guides are at your disposal as indicated in the itinerary. Within those time and mileage guidelines, you are free to modify your program as you please. Should you require additional time or mileage, the costs will be quoted on request and may be paid for locally in the local currency or U.S. Dollars.

Every effort has been made to confirm that scheduled sightseeing venues will be open at the time you plan to visit them. However, individual estates, museums, gardens and other points of interest can change their hours of operation at short notice. In the event that a particular attraction is closed on the day or time of your visit, your guide will offer alternative arrangements or rearrange your sightseeing to accommodate these unexpected events.

## OPTIONAL EXPENSES

Charges for extra meals, transport, sightseeing services or other optional additions to your established itinerary are your responsibility and must be paid locally in the local currency.

## GRATUITIES

Gratuities are not included in your tour price. Gratuities are at your own discretion. We recommend \$15-\$20 per person, per day for your guide and \$5 - \$10 per person, per day for your driver. For your airport or station transfer, a gratuity of \$5 - \$10 is customary, based on service. Dollars, Euros and any local currency are all accepted.

## DINING WITH YOUR GUIDE

On days when dinner and lunch costs have not been included in your itinerary (or in your tour cost), you may, at your discretion, choose to invite your guide to dine with your party. You are under no obligation to do so but, if you do extend such an invitation, the guide is your guest and you will be responsible for the cost of his/her meal.

## Booking Conditions

### PAYMENTS

Exeter International must receive a deposit of 25% of the total program cost before reservations for your independent travel program can be initiated. The balance of payment is due 60 days prior to departure. *No reservations are made on your behalf until this deposit has been received.* Availability and pricing is subject to change until this deposit is received. **All deposits are nonrefundable.**

### CANCELLATION

Written cancellations received less than 60 days prior to departure are subject to the following forfeit of tour cost

- 59-46 days prior to departure, 50% of total tour cost
- 45 or less days prior to departure, 100% of tour cost

### REFUNDS

We regret that refunds cannot be issued for arrangements confirmed on your itinerary but unused once your tour has begun.

### INSURANCE

Exeter International strongly recommends the purchase of travel insurance to protect your investment. You will find insurance costs noted on your invoice and insurance coverage information in your original booking packet.

### PRICES AND ARRANGEMENTS

Once an itinerary is finalized and final payment has been made, a \$100 revision fee will be charged if the itinerary is changed.

The tour price includes planning, handling and operational charges. Rates are quoted in US Dollars on the current rate of exchange and tariff as of 2019. Exeter International reserves the right to increase tour prices to cover increased costs, tariffs and taxes, and to reflect fluctuations in foreign exchange markets. Devaluation of a

foreign currency will be weighed against any tariff increases imposed. Exeter International does not breakdown costs involved in any Small Group or Individual Travel Program.

*All arrangements are subject to availability and modification if necessary.  
Prices are subject to change if necessary until paid in full.*

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