

Winter Adventure in Swedish Lapland

An active Swedish Lapland holiday based at an outstanding wilderness lodge on the edge of the Arctic - the perfect Northern Lights weekend break.



Images courtesy of Brandon Lodge

Group departures

See overleaf for departure dates

Holiday overview

Style	Walking
Accommodation	Hotel
Grade	Gentle
Duration	4 days from London to London
Trekking / Walking days	Snowshoeing/walks: on 2 days
Min/Max group size	4 / 12. Guaranteed to run for 4
Trip Leader	Brandon Lodge Guide
Land only	Joining in Lulea, Sweden

Private Departures & Tailor Made itineraries available



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Group Departure Dates and Prices

Group departures

2027 Dates:

Thu 14 Jan - Sun 17 Jan

Thu 11 Feb - Sun 14 Feb

Group prices

Visit the holiday page of our website for up-to-date land only and flight inclusive prices for all group departure dates: <https://www.mountainkingdoms.com/holiday/winter-adventure-in-swedish-lapland>

Single supplement options can also be found here.

No Surcharge Guarantee

The flight inclusive or land only price will be confirmed to you at the time you make your booking. There will be no surcharges after your booking has been confirmed.

Will the trip run?

This trip is guaranteed to run for 4 people and for a maximum of 12. In the rare event that we cancel a holiday, we will refund you in full and give you at least 6 weeks warning. Many trips do fill up quickly - we advise you to book early if you want to secure a place(s) on the dates of your choice.

Insurance

We offer a travel insurance scheme - please contact us for details.

Private Departures

We can also offer this trip as a private holiday. A Private Departure follows exactly the same itinerary as the group departure but at dates to suit you (subject to availability) - please contact us with your preferred dates.

Tailor Made service

We pride ourselves on the level of quality and choice we provide for our clients who want a fully tailor made holiday. A holiday will be created especially for you by one of our well-travelled experts. They will be able to advise on the accommodation best suited to your needs, the sights you should visit (and those to avoid!) and the best walks and activities matched to your ability. In short, we will work together with you to create your perfect holiday. If you would like to explore the idea of a Tailor Made holiday with Mountain Kingdoms then please call us on +44 (0)1453 844400 or see the Tailor Made pages of our website for further inspiration.

Your guide



Throughout your stay you will be accompanied by the experienced activity leaders and guides of Brandon Lodge, such as multilingual Nadia who leads many of the snowshoe activities.

Passionate about life in the far north, of Brandon's guides have extensive knowledge of the local environment, wildlife, winter travel and the unique coastal landscapes of Swedish Lapland. Whether leading a snowshoe walk through snow-covered forest, introducing you to dog sledding or taking you in search of the Northern Lights, they will help you gain a deeper understanding of this remarkable region.

Your trip highlights

- Snowshoe through pristine wilderness and learn about Arctic life.
- Drive your own team of huskies - the best way to experience dog sledding in Sweden.
- Search for the Northern Lights on the frozen sea ice.
- Enjoy delicious traditional Nordic cuisine.
- Explore the beautiful winter landscapes of the Lulea Archipelago.
- Visit the pretty UNESCO-listed church town of Gammelstad.

At a glance itinerary

Day 1	Fly London to Lulea. Transfer to Brandon Lodge. Dinner and Northern Lights viewing at the lodge.
Day 2	Guided Nordic winter snowshoe walk with wilderness lunch. Free time at the lodge. Evening Northern Lights by sled.
Day 3	Morning self-drive husky sledding adventure. Afternoon guided winter snowshoe walk. Evening Northern Lights viewing opportunity at the lodge.
Day 4	Guided visit to Gammelstad World Heritage Site. Transfer to airport and fly to London.

Trip summary

Experience the magic of winter in Swedish Lapland on this action-packed long weekend combining husky sledding, snowshoeing and Northern Lights experiences in an idyllic wilderness location.

Your base throughout is the excellent Brandon Lodge, where you stay in authentic log cabin accommodation on a peninsula overlooking the frozen waters of the Lulea Archipelago, one of northern Sweden's most remarkable winter landscapes. Here, close to the Arctic Circle, the sea freezes solid, forests are cloaked in snow and the long winter nights create ideal conditions for viewing the Aurora Borealis.

Designed as the perfect winter break in Lapland, this active holiday brings together some of the region's most iconic experiences. Travel by snowshoe through silent snow-covered boreal forest, drive your own team of huskies through a winter wonderland and venture out across the frozen sea, tucked under reindeer skins on an evening Northern Lights excursion. With expert local guides leading each activity, you'll gain a fascinating insight into life in Sweden's far north whilst enjoying some of the best winter adventures Lapland has to offer.

To maximise opportunities for seeing the Northern Lights, our departure dates have been chosen to coincide with periods of low or lower moonlight, when darker skies provide enhanced aurora viewing conditions. Combined with Brandon Lodge's location away from urban light pollution, this provides an excellent chance to witness one of nature's most spectacular displays.

Warm outdoor kit is provided for the duration of your stay, so whilst the activities offer plenty of adventure, there is also the opportunity to explore the surrounds of the lodge yourself. The 15 cosy cabins all have lounge areas with big glass windows facing out towards the frozen Gulf of Bothnia, and there is also a welcoming lounge and bar area in the main building underneath the restaurant. The food is excellent and plentiful, with the majority sourced locally.

Your holiday concludes with a visit to fascinating Gammelstad. This UNESCO World Heritage Site is the best-preserved church town in Scandinavia and adds an interesting cultural dimension to this memorable Arctic escape.

No previous experience is required for any of the activities, making this holiday ideal for anyone seeking an active introduction to Swedish Lapland and the unforgettable landscapes of the Arctic winter.

Your trip itinerary

Day 1: Fly London to Lulea

Depart London this morning on a flight to Lulea in Swedish Lapland via Stockholm. On arrival, you will be met and transferred forty minutes north to Brandon Lodge, your base for the next three nights.

Occupying a peaceful setting beside the frozen waters of the Gulf of Bothnia, Brändön Lodge looks out across the islands of the Lulea Archipelago, a vast coastal wilderness that becomes transformed during winter. As the sea freezes, roads of ice form between the islands and the archipelago becomes a unique playground for winter activities.

After checking into your comfortable wooden cabin, there will be time to settle in and familiarise yourself with the lodge and its surroundings before dinner. You will also be given the winter outdoor kit - super warm overalls, snow boots and over gloves and a hat if required - that is yours for the duration of your stay.

Following your evening meal, weather and conditions permitting, we suggest heading outside in search of your first glimpse of the Northern Lights. With little light pollution and wide-open views across the frozen sea, the lodge enjoys excellent conditions for aurora viewing.

Day 2: Snowshoe walk in the Arctic wilderness - 3 hours (including lunch). Afternoon at leisure. Northern Lights sled tour - 2 hours.

This morning you'll be introduced to one of the most enjoyable ways to explore a winter landscape: snowshoeing. Accompanied by a local guide, you'll set out from the lodge and ascend Home Hill which overlooks the surrounding forest and frozen coastline. The pace is gentle, allowing plenty of opportunity to appreciate the stillness of the Arctic environment and learn more about life in this northern region. Along the way your guide will point out signs of wildlife and explain how local people have adapted to the long winters and changing seasons. You will also keep an eye out for reindeer who are often found around the lodge.



An authentic wilderness lunch enjoyed around an open fire with hot drinks concludes your morning experience, offering the chance to savour the simplicity of eating out in the snow-covered landscape.

The afternoon is free to spend at leisure. You may wish to relax in your cabin, take a walk along the shoreline, or simply enjoy the views across the frozen archipelago.

Later, after dinner, you venture out once more for a Northern Lights tour by sled. Wrapped up cosily and seated in a sled pulled by a snowmobile, you'll travel across the frozen sea beneath the, with luck, clear night sky. Stops are made along the route to learn more about the natural environment and, if conditions are favourable, watch for the appearance of the aurora. Tales told around a warming fire with a hot drink add to the experience before returning to the lodge.

Overnight: Brandon Lodge, Lulea

Day 3: Self-drive husky sledding - 1½ hours. Guided winter walk - 2 hours.

After breakfast, you will be transferred to a nearby husky kennel for one of Lapland's classic winter experiences.

Following an introduction to the dogs and instruction from your guides, you'll set off on a short self-drive dog sledding adventure. Working in pairs, one person drives while the other rides, with opportunities to swap during the journey. The eager huskies quickly settle into their rhythm as you travel through snow-covered forest and across frozen terrain, experiencing the remarkable silence of the Arctic wilderness broken only by the sound of paws on snow and runners gliding across the trail.

There will be opportunities to stop along the route to learn more about the dogs, their training and the traditions of dog sledding in the north. After returning to the kennel and enjoying a hot drink, you travel back to the lodge. Lunch isn't included today but is available in the lodge restaurant, or there is a fridge, kettle and microwave in your cabin if you prefer.

In the afternoon you will join your guide for another winter snowshoe walk, this time at Bälungeberget Nature Reserve. Bälungeberget peak rises 139 meters above sea level, which is actually quite high for the relatively flat Norrbotten coast! The route your guide selects may vary according to snow and weather conditions, but if you take the ascent through the dense forest up to a sparser, rocky summit, the sweeping views make the effort worthwhile. On a clear day from here you can look out across frozen Lulea River (*Lulealven*) and the vast winter landscape, with the low Arctic sun casting incredible long shadows and pink or golden hues across the snow.

The mountain is also famous for its massive geological shingle fields, formed by post-glacial land uplift, which look like undulating, wave-like snowfields in the winter. As you weave through the old-growth forest, you'll see trees that are over 400 years old and heavily draped in snow. Because motorized vehicles and snowmobiles are strictly banned inside the reserve, it is incredibly peaceful. The deep snow acts as a perfect canvas for wildlife tracking; these forests are prime winter habitat for moose, and it is very common to spot the footprints of mountain hares, squirrels, and other local wildlife along the way.

Return to the lodge in time for dinner and a final evening in Swedish Lapland. Hopefully, if skies are clear, there will be another opportunity to look for the Northern Lights from the beautiful lodge grounds.

Overnight: Brandon Lodge, Lulea

Day 4: Visit Gammelstad church town. Transfer to airport.

After breakfast, you say goodbye to Brandon Lodge and travel to Gammelstad, one of Sweden's most important historic sites and UNESCO World Heritage listed.

Founded around a medieval stone church, Gammelstad is the best-preserved example of a church town in northern Scandinavia. Its distinctive collection of traditional red wooden cottages was built to provide accommodation for worshippers travelling long distances to attend church services and markets. During your guided visit you'll learn about the history of the settlement and the role it played in community life across northern Sweden.

Following your visit to Gammelstad, you continue to Lulea Airport for your return flight to London.



We can organise separate transfers to fit other flight departure times or to alternate airports and are also happy to quote for extra nights in Brandon Lodge if you are looking to extend your time in Sweden. Please contact the office for further information and hotel/transfer prices. **(Meals: B)**

Image courtesy of Gammelstad Visitor Centre (S Lindholm)

Our grading system

Our Winter Adventure in Swedish Lapland is graded as a Gentle activity holiday, as described below.

Gentle

Trips within this grade typically mix sightseeing with easy-paced half and/or full day walks. On these trips, walks will be on relatively low altitude trails, for a duration of around 4-6 hours. On all of our Gentle graded trips, some ascent and descent should be anticipated, and there may occasionally be a longer walking day. Holidays within this grade generally use hotels and comfortable lodges although a few do have some nights camping.

These holidays are suitable for people who enjoy easy-paced walks in the British countryside or exploring on foot rather than in a vehicle.

What the price includes

Mountain Kingdoms aims to offer the best value for money. We do not charge extra for meal packages or apply local charges and try to ensure that all the key elements of your holiday are included.

What's included:

- ✓ 3 x breakfasts, 1 x wilderness lunch and 3 x dinners
- ✓ Three nights' accommodation in a private cabin at Brandon Lodge on a twin-share basis
- ✓ Outdoor over-clothing for winter activities to include overalls, snow boots and gloves
- ✓ Guided snowshoe excursion including snowshoes, poles and wilderness lunch
- ✓ Northern Lights Nature Tour by sled
- ✓ Self-drive dog sledding excursion with hot drinks
- ✓ A second guided snowshoe walk
- ✓ Guided visit to Gammelstad World Heritage Site
- ✓ Services of local English-speaking activity guides
- ✓ Airport transfers in Sweden
- ✓ Economy class return flights from London via Stockholm (flight inclusive option)
- ✓ Carbon offsetting for clients taking our flight inclusive option
- ✓ A free Mountain Kingdoms gilet

Airport transfers

The cost of a transfer to/from the airport is included in the price of your holiday. This is a single group transfer which is arranged to coincide with the timings of the group flights. If you book your own flights which arrive/depart at different times to this, or we book flights at your request that have different timings, we will be happy to provide a quote for a separate transfer. Please contact us should you require any further information.

What's not included:

- × Travel insurance (must cover winter activities)
- × Lunch on Days 1, 3 and 4
- × Items of a personal nature
- × Tips

Your accommodation



Brandon Lodge, Lulea

Set on a beautiful peninsula overlooking the frozen waters of the Lulea Archipelago, Brandon Lodge offers an ideal base for exploring Swedish Lapland in winter. Accommodation is in cosy wooden cabins, each with two bedrooms, a well-equipped bathroom, kettle, fridge and microwave. The main lodge building houses the excellent restaurant and attractive communal area, where guests can relax after a day outdoors. The lodge's location, away from the lights of the city, provides excellent opportunities for viewing the Northern Lights and enjoying the tranquillity of the Arctic environment. With forest trails, frozen shoreline and open views across the archipelago all on the doorstep, Brandon Lodge combines comfort with immediate access to nature.

Meal arrangements

3 x breakfasts, 1 x lunch and 3 x dinners are included.

Flight arrangements

Flight inclusive from price

Our 'Flight inclusive from' price is based on the best fare available at the time of printing. As airfares change on a constant basis, this should be used only as a guide price. Rest assured that, at the time of booking, we will endeavour to get the best possible price for the flights you need. Remember, the earlier you book the greater your chances of securing the best fare.

Flight inclusive packages booked through Mountain Kingdoms are protected through our ATOL bonding scheme.

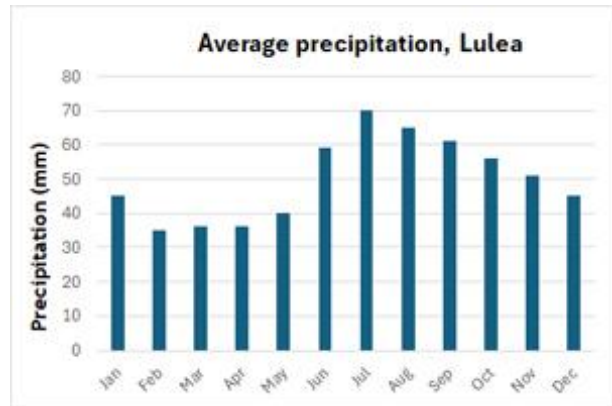
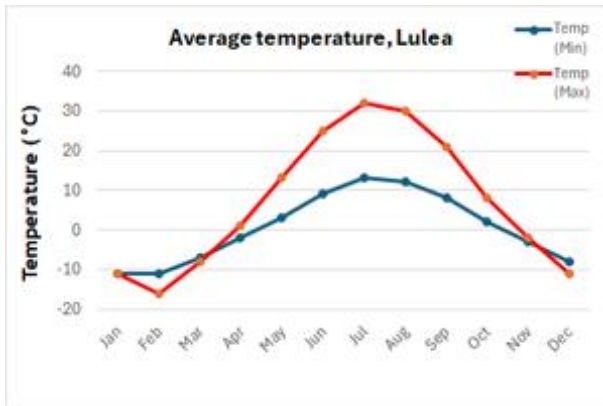
Flight upgrades and regional Airports

Please call us on +44 (0)1453 844400 for flight options from regional UK airports, Business Class upgrades, alternative airlines and stopovers. Please also check our website for the most up to date flight inclusive 'from' prices.

Further information

When we receive your booking, we send you a full Trip Dossier which contains details of any visas and vaccinations required, a suggested gear and clothing list and lots of useful information. If you do have queries at this initial stage do call us on 01453 844400 and we will be pleased to offer advice.

Climate information



Extensions

Extending your holiday

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Additional time in Sweden

If you would like to extend your holiday, we can book extra hotel nights in Brandon Lodge for you and arrange other activities such as time in the city of Lulea, ice fishing and cross-country skiing.

We can also assist with flight upgrades.

Why book this holiday with Mountain Kingdoms?

- This holiday is perfect for first-time visitors to the Arctic, combining classic Arctic winter experiences with time to relax.
- Experience dog sledding, snowshoeing and Northern Lights viewing without the need to change accommodation.
- Stay in a comfortable lodge overlooking the frozen Lulea Archipelago, one of Swedish Lapland's most distinctive winter landscapes. The location is ideal for viewing the Aurora.
- Return flights from London and airport transfers to and from Lulea are included, making travel arrangements straightforward.
- As with all Mountain Kingdoms holidays, you will benefit from our knowledge, experience and personal service both before and during your trip. Marketing Manager, Jude Limburn Turner, stayed at Brandon Lodge in January 2026 and highly recommends it.

If we've tempted you to take your next holiday with us, we advise you to check availability and you can do this via our website: www.mountainkingdoms.com or by calling the team on +44 (0)1453 844400. Bookings can be made online, by phone or by completing a booking form and returning it to us. We can also provisionally hold places if you need time to consider your options.

What we say



A magical, Narnia-esque experience. Our cabin at Brandon Lodge was cosy and comfortable, the food in the restaurant superb, and the activities all excellently guided. Stepping out onto the frozen sea ice felt surreal, and I loved sharing tales around our island campfire as we watched for the elusive Aurora.

-Jude Limburn Turner, Mountain Kingdoms

Mountain Kingdoms - distinctly different

Truly independent

In an age where many so-called 'independent' travel companies have in fact been bought out by multi-national giants, we remain fiercely independent with all the benefits this offers our clients.

Value for money prices with an emphasis on quality

We are not in the business of cutting our itineraries and services to the bone to offer eye-catching cheap prices. We use some of the best airlines, and typically 3 or 4 star hotels in cities. We include the majority of meals and private transport for road travel. We use excellent equipment and appoint well-trained staff and leaders. Last year, over 98% of our clients rated their Mountain Kingdoms holiday as 'excellent' or 'good'. We are members of AITO and bound by their quality charter.

Complete financial security

You can book with us confident that your holiday has full financial protection. Flight inclusive holidays are financially protected by the Civil Aviation Authority under ATOL licence number 2973 and 'Land Only' holidays are covered by a bond secured with ABTOT.

No Surcharge Guarantee

Your peace of mind is important to us so we have a No Surcharge Guarantee on all Land Only and Flight Inclusive bookings. This means that there will be no change to the price of your holiday once we have confirmed your booking, regardless of fluctuations in exchange rates or fuel prices.

Award winning Responsible Tourism

We feel strongly that all our holidays should benefit local communities, protect the environment and respect local traditions, religion and heritage. You can read more about the charities we support and our Responsible Tourism commitments and initiatives on the following page or at www.mountainkingdoms.com.

Genuine small group travel

Almost all of our holidays have a maximum group size of just 12, plus leader. This provides more contact with your leader, readier access to off-the-beaten-path areas, greater interaction with local communities and a reduced environmental impact.

Loyalty Discount

If you have previously travelled with us we recognise your loyalty with a discount on future trips.

Booking your holiday - it couldn't be easier

Once you've chosen your Mountain Kingdoms holiday you can book online, call the office or complete and post a booking form which can be found in our brochure or downloaded from our website. If you would like to hold a place on one of our trips, whilst you make up your mind, please give us a call to make a provisional booking. This is a no-obligation, no-cost booking and we will hold your place until space comes under pressure or we need your decision.

Comprehensive information

When we receive your booking we send you a full trip dossier which contains details of visas and vaccinations required, a suggested gear and clothing list and lots of useful information. In fact, everything you need to know to give you peace of mind and allow you to prepare for your trip of a lifetime.



RESPONSIBLE TOURISM STATEMENT

For almost four decades, Mountain Kingdoms has been offering people the chance to visit amazing places on this extraordinary planet. We now have trips to all corners of the globe but are conscious that our holidays can have a detrimental impact on the world around us and want to do all we can to reduce that.

We have focused our main responsible tourism efforts on reducing the carbon emissions produced by our holidays, and counterbalancing this carbon by supporting carbon offset measures. Here are some of our current and future plans to minimise the impact of our business as a whole.

Carbon offsetting

Since 2007, we have donated a percentage of our client and staff flight costs to the Ecoan tree planting project in Peru. Ecoan are a trusted local NGO who use the funds directly to purchase seedling trees with the long-term goal of restoring 2.5 million acres of Andean land.

Ecoan maintains over 100 tree nurseries across Peru where their tree saplings are grown and then transported to planting sites during the rainy season. They use native trees such as the Polylepis, as these can survive at high altitudes. As well as sequestering carbon, they help protect against soil erosion, landslides and the effects of extreme weather on local crops. As such, they are enormously beneficial to the economic well-being of the surrounding communities. This is very much a community-led conservation project, with the local Quechuan people coming together to plant tens of thousands of saplings in the Andean highlands where they live. During the annual Queuña Raymi (tree festival), over 150,000 native trees can be planted in a single day!

For every person booking a long-haul, flight inclusive holiday with us, Ecoan can purchase and plant 20 trees in Peru, and for short-haul flights, 7 trees. Typically, we send over \$7,000 per year to Ecoan, which is over 7,000 trees.

Reducing carbon emissions

- ✓ We offer the majority of our clients a free, filtered Water-to-Go bottle to help reduce the need for single-use plastic bottles during their travels.
- ✓ We predominantly use locally-owned hotels and guesthouses rather than multinational chains. In some of our destinations, such as Bhutan, we use homestays. Not only does this type of small-sized, locally-owned accommodation have a much-reduced carbon footprint, but it also helps support communities.
- ✓ We evaluate our flights to make sure we are using the most fuel-efficient airlines with the youngest fleets and, where possible, choose direct flights for each trip.
- ✓ We have stopped offering unnecessary optional flights, such as Everest sightseeing. We try to minimise internal flights where possible.
- ✓ We recycle as much of our office waste as possible and have introduced a client portal to reduce paperwork and to make it easier for clients to manage their trips online.

Wider commitment to responsible and sustainable tourism

- ✓ We are signatories to the Tourism Declares a Climate Emergency initiative to stand alongside other like-minded travel companies to initiate best practices to make tourism as sustainable as possible.
- ✓ We will continue to support several charities with whom we have a long-standing relationship, such as Shiva Charity in Nepal.

Over the years, we have given sizeable payments to emergency relief when a disaster has occurred in the countries we operate in. We always try to ensure that these funds go directly to those who need them most to help rebuild their lives.



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