

## Golden Route of Lapland - Explore the Arctic Summer & Autumn in Northern Lapland

Welcome to Northern Lapland! [The Golden Route of Lapland](#) takes you to the beautiful and unexplored part of Lapland with stunning nature, exciting activities and rich Sámi culture. Here you can find a sample itinerary for the summer and autumn season. This route can be done with a private taxi, minibus or bus. You can also rent a car or come with your own car naturally.

If you want to book a package which is customized to you, you can contact your own travel agency or [Lapponia Tours](#) - a local tourism company in Northern Lapland.

You can check the prices and availability in most cases in the homepages of the participating companies!

**Welcome to experience the Golden Route of Lapland!**

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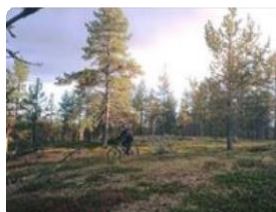
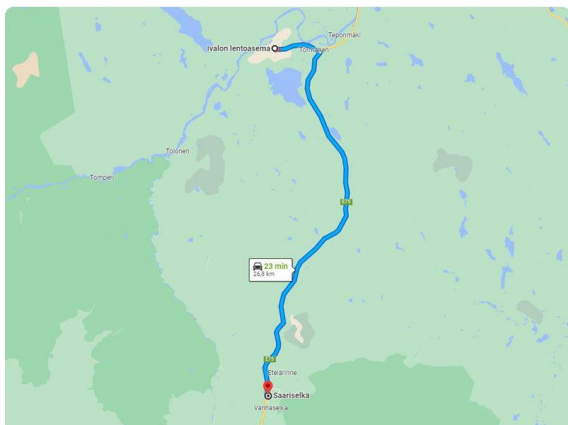
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### Welcome to Saariselkä - full of activities all-year-round

Saariselkä offers wide range of exciting activities during the summer and autumn. You can contact our local partners to book these activities. The well-marked routes of the Urho Kekkonen National Park are an invitation to hike under the midnight sun.

The surroundings of Saariselkä also offer ideal conditions for mountain biking, trail-running and hiking. Saariselkä's summer hiking trails and biking tracks can be reached easily from your accommodation.



### Comfortable and Safe Transportation for Every Need - with Local Knowhow!

If you want to just enjoy and relax your holiday, we recommend you to hire a trustworthy local transportation company in Northern Lapland - [Pajarin Taksi](#).

With more than thirty years of experience offering safe and reliable transport services in the Saariselkä and Northern Lapland region. As a local company, they know the special features of both the region and Arctic nature. Their fleet includes vehicles in various sizes for different customer needs: taxis, minibuses of different sizes and well-equipped full-length buses.

You can contact them directly at [pajarintaksi@saariselka.fi](mailto:pajarintaksi@saariselka.fi).



### Alt 1: Accommodation at the Sokosti Arctic Chalets & Apartments for 2 nights

High-quality Log House Accommodation next to the National Park!

[Sokosti Chalets & Apartments](#) are located right next to the Urho Kekkonen National Park - trails start less than 100 meters away and the services of Saariselkä are still at walking distance. Our name Sokosti comes from the highest fell in the national park. Other names for our accommodation units, Ukselma, Lupukka and Puilakka, are also the names of local fells. We offer you versatile and high-quality accommodation with great services in our beautiful log buildings, in the immediate vicinity of the centre of Saariselkä – and next to the pure nature.

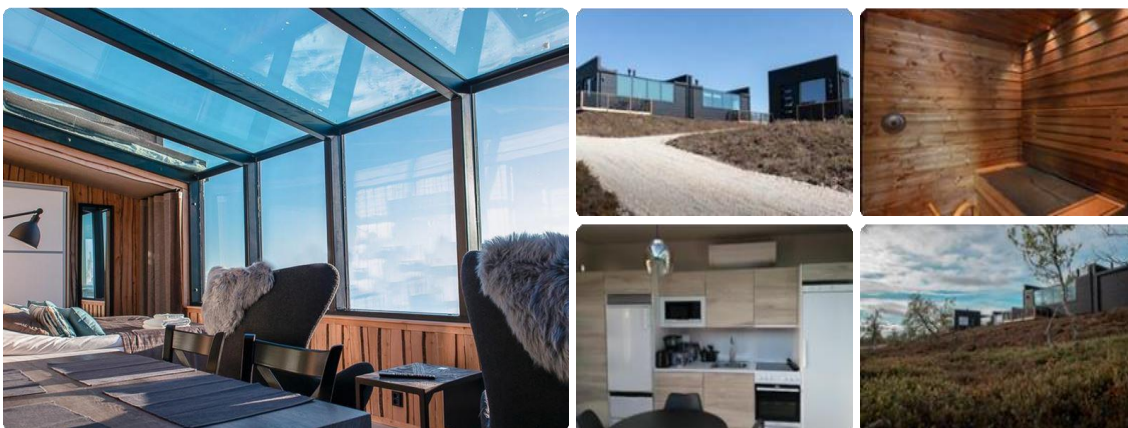
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## Alt 2: Accommodation at the Topstar for 2 nights Stunning view from the Arctic Glass Cubes at the top of the Fell!

[Top Star's](#) Arctic glass cubes offer magnificent view from the top of Kaunispää fell. The well-equipped cubes are located on the southern slope of Kaunispää, conveniently next to the ski slopes and ski and hiking trails, as well as right next to Urho Kekkonen National Park.

Each season you can admire the arctic nature - the midnight sun, the splendour of autumn colours and of course the glow of the northern lights! Saariselkä offers wide range of activities all-year-round and we are happy to help you to organize them.



## DAY 2: Activity Day in Saariselkä: Hiking, Biking, Canoeing or Gold-panning



### Loads of Activities in Saariselkä in the Beautiful Nature

The Saariselkä region is a paradise for nature lovers. Well-marked hiking and biking trails and Finland's densest network of day cabins and wilderness huts create an exquisite setting for hikers and outdoor enthusiasts. The possibilities are endless and suit everyone – you can go for multiday trekking adventures in the wilderness, or on a short walk with children to the close-by fireplace. Or how about going canoeing in a stunning river or try the gold panning? You can get most out of the activities with a local wilderness guide - we are happy to assist you!

[Contact the local company](#) for bookings and more information.

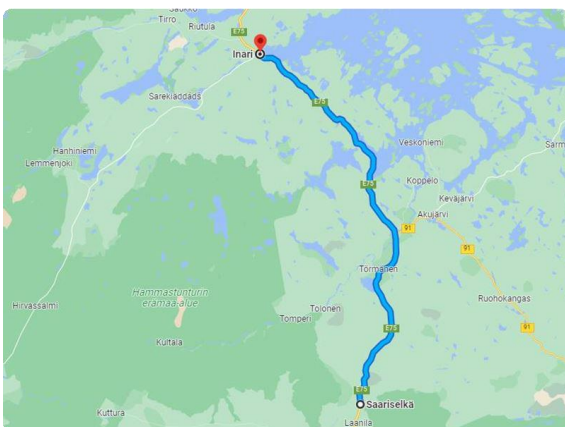


## DAY 3: Scenic Drive to Inari, Visit Siida & River Fishing



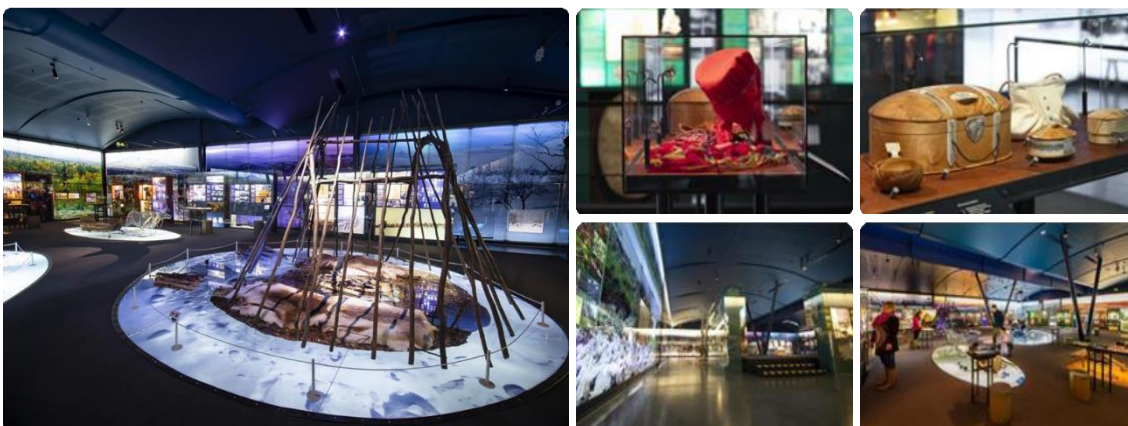
### Scenic Drive from Saariselkä to Inari

During this short drive from Saariselkä you will see different kind of nature: the endless fells of Saariselkä, lush Ivalo river valley and the vast Lake Inari.



### Visit Siida - Museum and Exhibition of Sámi Culture

**Siida** is a captivating Cultural and Nature centre. At Siida's exhibitions, you will experience the strong connection people have with the Northern nature. The museum upholds the Sámi culture and strengthens visitors' respect towards nature. Siida's services, exhibitions and outdoor museum area provide various experiences and information for visitors. Here you can feel yourself as a part of the local northern life cycle and truly sense the Sami's connection with nature. We are happy to book you a private guide for your visit.



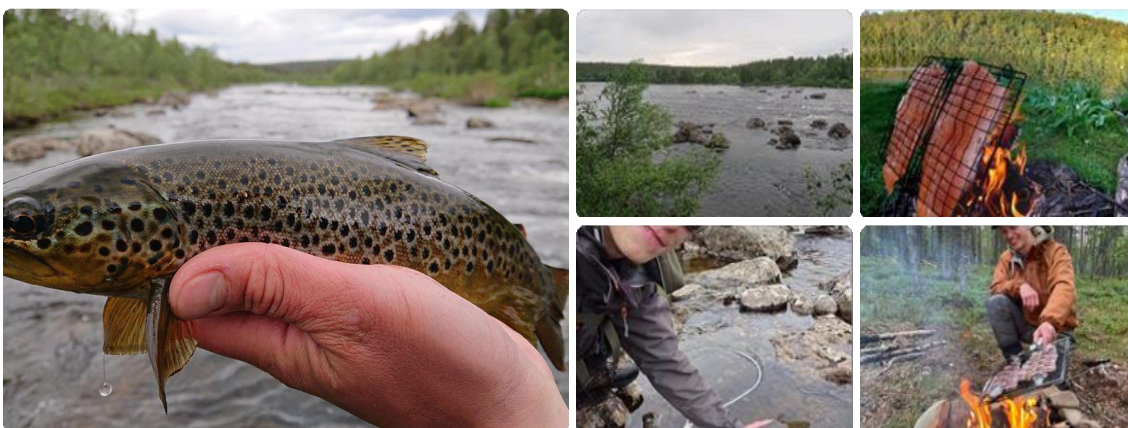
### Accommodation in Tradition Hotel Kultahovi 2 nights

The [Tradition Hotel Kultahovi](#), Lapland's second oldest tourist hotel, in a great location on the banks of the Juutua River. This hotel offers two types of accommodation: Perinnehotelli, renovated in a historical style, and the nature themed Koskihotelli, where you can enjoy the steam of your own sauna as well as the great rapids. Their popular restaurant Aanaar is an award-winning venue, specializing in raw materials of Inari area. Aanaar has been chosen as the Restaurant of the Year 2020 by the Finnish Gastronomic Society, among other accolades. Hotel also provides year-round program services and tourist ancillary services in the village of Inari, such as airport transfers. Hiking trails, ski trails and toboggan runs leave to the nature of Inari from the hotel's courtyard. They also have the Green Key eco-label, which promotes sustainable tourism. Welcome to spend an unforgettable Lapland holiday in Inari, far north!



### Fishing in the River under the Midnight Sun

Rivers in Inari hold good populations of grayling, trout and pike. River fishing season in Inari starts first of June and goes on till the end of August. (1.6. – 30.8.) Every month offers different kind of fishing and also the “hot specie” changes. Your [local fishing guide Atte Ikkala](#) knows where to be at the time of your visit in Inari.

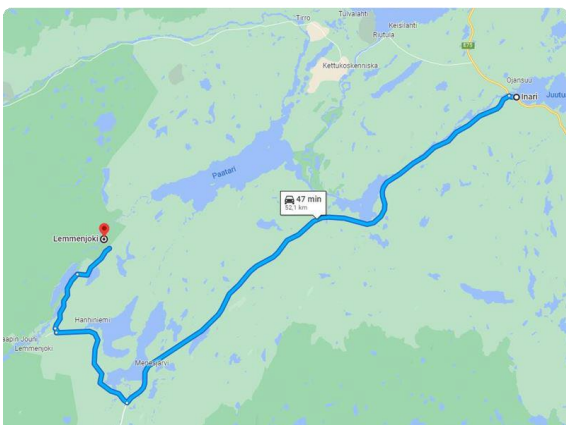


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### Wilderness Drive from Inari to Lemmenjoki

Inari is located by the Lake Inari, and from there is a short drive to Lemmenjoki. Lemmenjoki is located in the one of the biggest wilderness areas in Europe. This small village is a home for couple of Sámi families - all of them are working with reindeer herding. Our host Paltto family also welcomes visitors to their reindeer farm.



## Experience Authentic Sámi Culture in the Legendary Lemmenjoki!

The best way for you to explore the magnificent nature of the Lemmenjoki River is on a boat trip to the national park guided by the local [Paltto family](#). The Sámi family of Paltto have been reindeer herding for generations. In addition to the accommodation, we also offer you a wide range of experiences in the legendary Lemmenjoki river valley surrounded by the fells, the beautiful Ravadas waterfall and the remote gold panning area in the wilderness. You will learn about the fascinating Sámi culture and reindeer herding, hear traditional Sámi joik song and can feed the reindeer. A wilderness lunch prepared in a campfire – what an authentic Arctic culinary experience! You can also visit the [Feltmaker's studio](#) with a sales exhibition.



## Local Culinary Experience - Dinner at the Aanaar Restaurant

[The Aanaar Restaurant](#), for example, northern forest blueberries, a cow parsley growing along the riverside, whitefish from Lake Inari, the king crab of the Arctic Ocean or reindeer from a nearby bar in many forms bring taste to the plate. Come and see how sweetgrass replaces the vanilla stick in desserts and how a short trip from the lake to the plate really makes a difference on the taste buds. Our kitchen is constantly looking for new ingredients in the local area and researching the cultural traditions of our area for processing them on a plate.

**Remember to book a table!!**



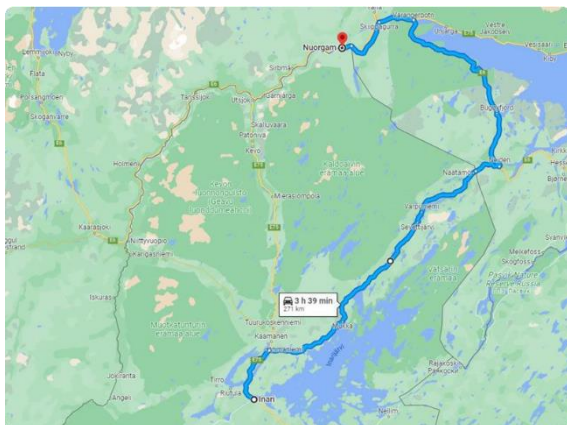
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### Atlantic Salmon Fly Fishing in Neiden River

Neiden River flows in Eastern Finnmark of Norway right on the Finnish border. Fishing here doesn't require long distance hiking and most of the best pools are right next to the road. It's possible to catch really big salmon, sea run brown trout and grayling through the whole fishing season of June, July and August.

Your [fishing guide Atte Ikkala](#) has over 20 years experience of the river. He can take care of all the arrangements here at Neiden River for you.



### Scenic Drive to Barents Sea with King Crab Fishing

You can experience King Crab fishing in the Arctic Ocean. This is an exciting experience which includes a delicious King Crab lunch.

[Contact the local company](#) for bookings and more information.



### Overnight in Nuorgam Holiday Village for 1 night on the Riverbanks of Beautiful Teno River

[Nuorgam Holiday Village](#) offers you cozy setting for a relaxing holiday. You can choose from a wide range of accommodation alternatives, and you can enjoy the fantastic nature experiences right from your door steps all-year-round. During the winter time, the spectacular northern lights blaze in the Arctic sky and during the summer time the midnight sun shines over the beautiful Teno River. The Arctic Ocean with the huge king crabs is also just a short drive away. Nuorgam Holiday Village is a local family business welcoming you to the top of Finland and EU!





## DAY 6: Boat Excursion on Teno River and Exotic Wilderness Cabin Experience



### Boat Excursion on Teno River - the Border between Finland & Norway

You will get to admire spectacular landscapes basking in the Midnight Sun while sailing the salmon river. Tenojoki is the longest and most important salmon river in Europe and marks the border between Finland and Norway. The trip is done aboard a traditional riverboat to Alaköngäs during the Midnight Sun or in the daytime later in the autumn. When you return to the Holiday Village, you can warm yourself by the fire while savouring hot drinks and snacks. Read more [here](#) about this activity.



### Overnight in a Cozy Wilderness Cabin - Fell Therapy at it's Best

[Riekkola Wilderness Cabin](#) is located on the fell highlands and the tranquillity is real and nature close to you. You can only hear wind humming, branches cracking and complete silence and see some reindeer passing by. A night in the wilderness cabin gives the opportunity to have a glimpse of the authentic local life. Pure and fresh air ensure a good night sleep in wilderness. What a perfect and romantic getaway!



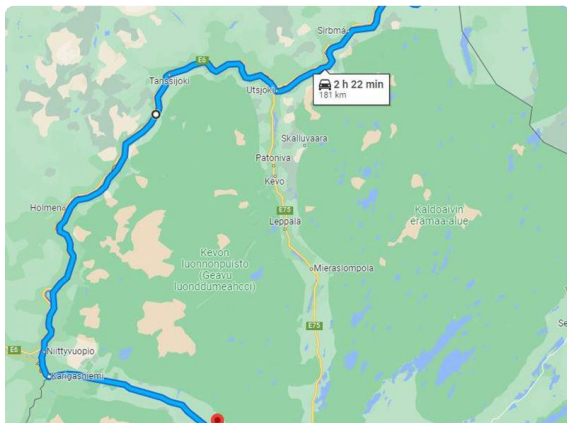
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## The Most Beautiful Road in Finland by Teno River

The River Teno is one of the largest and best salmon rivers in Europe. Teno – Deatnu in Northern Sámi and Tana in Norwegian – is the border of Finland and Norway and therefore forms also the northern border of the European Union. The beautiful river valley of Teno with its hidden sandy beaches is overlooked by rugged fells, creating unforgettable arctic scenery.

The road takes you from Nuorgam to Karigasniemi to Utsjoki following the River Teno. This “Route Teno” has been given the title of the most beautiful route in Finland as it travels alongside the river through breathtakingly beautiful river valley – you cannot find anything like it elsewhere in Finland.



## Overnight in Giellajohka for 2 nights by the Wilderness River

**Giellajohka** is in the heart of Lapland, halfway between the villages of Kaamanen and Karigasniemi offering comfortable accommodation and exciting activities all year round.

The location in the middle of the wilderness areas of Muotkatunturi and Paistunturi guarantees you great opportunities to enjoy the unique nature of Lapland. You are right on the riverbanks of Kielajoki river (Sámi: Giellajohka), which offers a wonderful setting for fishing, canoeing, and hiking. In winter you can experience snowshoeing, various safaris in the wilderness and of course ice fishing. The family who runs the hotel welcomes you to Giellajohka all year round!

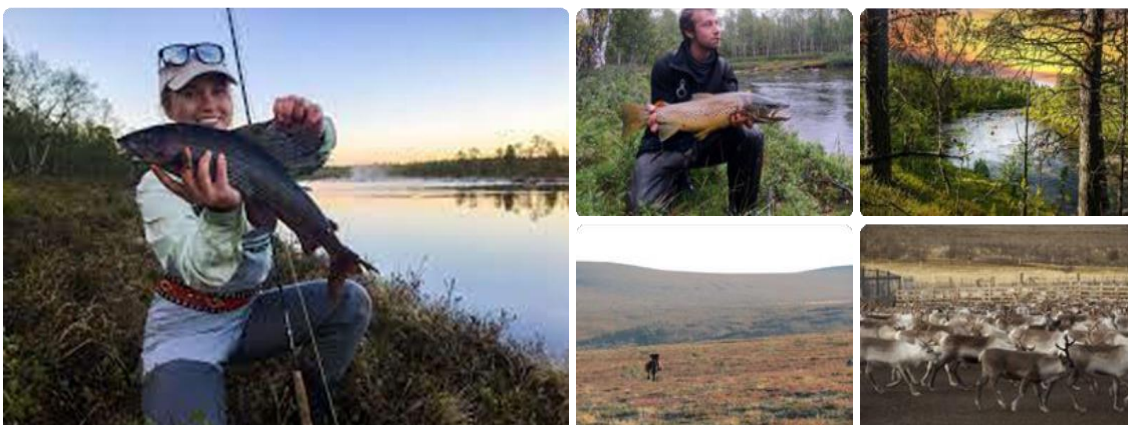


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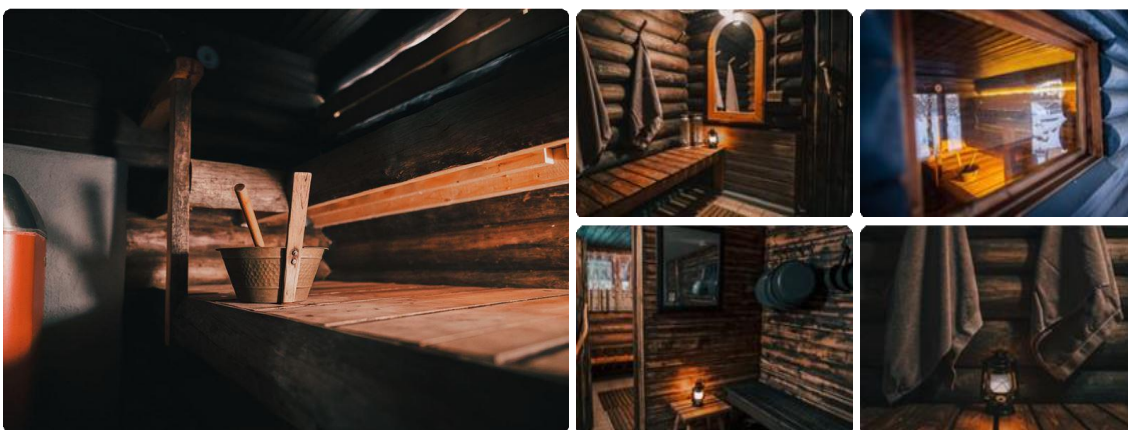
### Hiking in the Beautiful Wilderness or Fishing in the Purest Rivers

River Kielajoki offers great chances for trout and grayling fishing. There is also boat rental for lake Aksujärvi available from Giellajohka for fishing trout, grayling, whitefish, pike, perch and many more. Read [HERE](#) more about fishing in the area.



### Classic Finnish Sauna by the River

Have you had the chance to experience an authentic Finnish sauna? If not, you're in for a treat. The traditional Lappish riverside sauna is available for your private use every day. The legendary "Upo" electric sauna stove has served for several decades and will still offer you the best steams of your life! Read [HERE](#) more about this authentic experience.



## DAY 9: Time to Say Goodbye - Departure from Ivalo airport



### Scenic Drive to Ivalo Airport (return of rental car)

Time to say goodbye to Northern Lapland. And start planning the trip here during the winter and spring season with completely new experiences, like Northern Lights, ice fishing, fat biking, Nordic skiing, snow mobile safaris and a lot more!

Welcome back soon again!

