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Swedish Lapland – the world's best place to see the Northern Lights?

A Spectacular Haven for Northern Lights Enthusiasts
Nestled within the Arctic Circle, Sweden and, in particular, Swedish Lapland, stand out as one of the premier destinations in the world for witnessing the mesmerizing phenomenon of the Northern Lights, also known as the Aurora Borealis. This captivating natural spectacle is a breathtaking dance of vibrant colors that illuminates the night sky, creating an unforgettable experience for those fortunate enough to witness it.

Here are some compelling reasons why Sweden and Swedish Lapland are among the best places globally to witness the Northern Lights:

- **Optimal Geographic Location:** Situated in the high latitudes, Swedish Lapland's geographical location is ideal for Northern Lights viewing. The region's proximity to the magnetic pole increases the frequency and intensity of auroral displays, making it a hotspot for aurora enthusiasts.
- **Clear Skies and Low Light Pollution:** Swedish Lapland boasts vast, sparsely populated areas with minimal light pollution. Combined with the region's clear skies, visitors have an excellent chance of enjoying vivid and undisturbed displays of the Northern Lights.
- **Accessible Viewing Locations:** Sweden's well-developed infrastructure makes it easy for travelers to access remote areas in Swedish Lapland. Popular destinations like Abisko and Kiruna offer comfortable accommodations and guided tours, ensuring that visitors can easily reach prime Northern Lights viewing locations.
- **Winter Wonderland Setting:** Beyond the celestial light show, Swedish Lapland's winter landscapes add to the experience. Visitors can enjoy the beauty of snow-covered landscapes, frozen lakes, and pristine forests, creating a magical atmosphere that complements the Northern Lights' splendor.
- **Extended Viewing Season:** While the Northern Lights are generally visible during the winter months, Swedish Lapland offers a more extended viewing season compared to many other locations. The season typically runs from September to March, providing ample opportunities for travelers to plan their visit and increase their chances of witnessing the auroras.
- **Aurora-friendly Activities:** In addition to Northern Lights viewing, Swedish Lapland offers a variety of winter activities, such as dog sledding, snowmobiling, and ice hotels, allowing visitors to make the most of their Arctic adventure.

Top 4 places to see the Northern Lights in Sweden
For the best chance of seeing the Northern Lights, you should visit theAurora Sky Station in Abisko National Park. A chairlift takes you up to the observation tower and the station's Northern Lights exhibition, café and souvenir shop. Abisko National Park is 100 kilometres west of Kiruna, with daily shuttle transfers and accommodation offered at the STF Abisko Tourist Station. There are no guarantees, but being surrounded by mountains,Abisko is known for its clear skies and has become one of the most popular spots for visitors hoping to tick this must-see off their bucket lists.
Read more here: swedishlapland.com/abisko-worlds-best-place-for-northern-lights

Kiruna
Kiruna is the country's northernmost city and the perfect base for exploring Sweden's great white north whether you want to see the Aurora Borealis by car, snowshoe, snowmobile, dogsled or skis. From Stockholm, you can either take a scenic 12-hour train ride or a 90-minute flight.

Jukkasjärvi
If you're looking for the quintessential northern Swedish experience, go to the charming village of Jukkasjärvi. Located only 20 minutes by car from Kiruna, Jukkasjärvi is home to some 550 inhabitants and the world-famous Icehotel. A visit to the Icehotel, the first in the world, is an incredible experience. If combining your stay with one of their Northern Lights Safaris turns any trip into the holiday of a lifetime.

Porjus
Another tiny northern village, Porjus, with merely 400 inhabitants, is a coveted spot for viewing the Northern Lights in Sweden. 60 kilometres north of the Arctic Circle, Porjus lies in the UNESCO World Heritage Site Laponia on the edge of a beautiful lake. Away from the city lights, in the stillness of nature, you can rent a cabin and (fingers crossed) enjoy the dancing light show from your front porch, or try the Arctic indigenous life and stay in a traditional 'lavvu' glamping tent at Sápmi Nature Camp just north of Porjus. There are buses and trains to Porjus from major cities in the north such as Kiruna, Luleå and Gällivare.

In addition to the ones above, see a complete list of10 cool accomodations to see the northern lights.

For more info: visitsweden.com/swedish-lapland/abisko-and-northern-lights and press photos.

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