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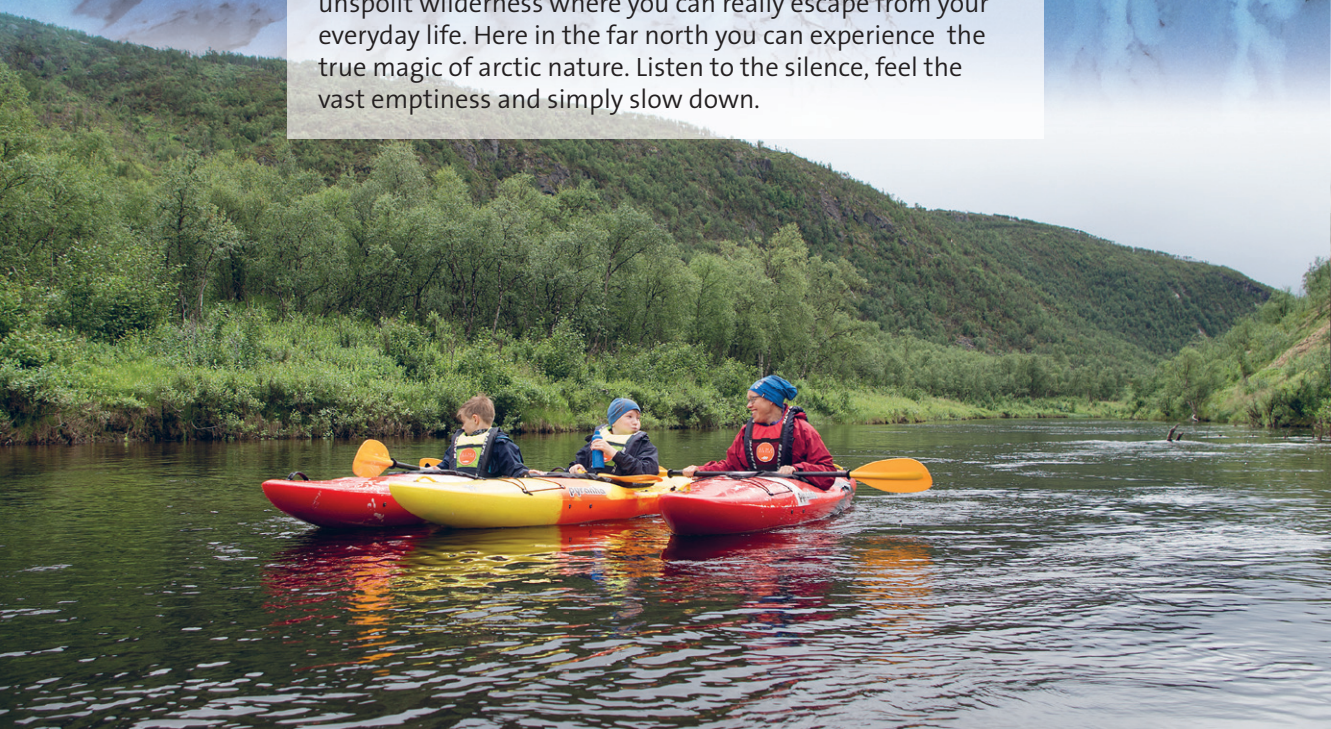


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Utsjoki is the only municipality in Finland with a Saami majority. The Saami people have inhabited the arctic region of Lapland for at least 5000 years, and traditional reindeer husbandry is still an important part of the life of the local people. The tiny Saami villages of Utsjoki, Nuorgam and Karigasniemi offer a rare opportunity to experience everyday Saami culture: a culture that you can still live, see, hear, taste and feel.

Experience the Polar Silence

Located 450 km north of the Arctic Circle, the Utsjoki area offers a unique getaway from the modern world, in a vast, unspoiled wilderness where you can really escape from your everyday life. Here in the far north you can experience the true magic of arctic nature. Listen to the silence, feel the vast emptiness and simply slow down.



The Magic of the Northern Lights

In winter, the polar night lasts for 50 days. However, it is never completely dark all day, there are always a few hours of magical twilight: an experience in itself. Situated at the extreme northern latitude of 70° North, and often having the perfect weather conditions, the Utsjoki area is one of the best places in the world to experience the Northern Lights. From September until the end of March, the nights are dark enough to witness this beautiful natural phenomenon.

Explore the Arctic Nature

The vast wilderness areas of boreal forest, and the fells of the tundra, create fairytale landscapes that are perfect for outdoor activities all year round. During winter, a thick blanket of snow allows visitors to explore these wilderness areas by skiing, snowshoeing or perhaps snowkiting. However, once the darkness of winter has given way to the long days and midnight sun of the arctic summer, the Utsjoki region becomes the perfect place for hiking, biking, and canoeing; or to experience the long fishing traditions on the legendary river Teno – one of the best salmon rivers in Europe.





How to get here

This is a place for those looking for something unique. Utsjoki is located at the northern end of the E75 highway that crosses Finland. The nearest airport in Finland is in Ivalo with daily direct flights from Helsinki. The nearest airports in Norway are at Kirkenes and Lakselv. All airports have car rental services. The nearest railway station is in Rovaniemi, which has a direct coach link to Utsjoki.

Utsjoki – Helsinki	1 267 km
Utsjoki – Ivalo airport	176 km
Utsjoki – Rovaniemi airport	453 km
Nuorgam – Kirkenes airport	148 km
Karigasniemi – The North Cape	284 km



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