

Winter

The ski resorts in Swedish Lapland begin to open for the season as early as October when the magnificent mountain and fell country becomes covered in the first thick blanket of snow.

This is when the construction of the 'Ice Hotel' begins. The world's biggest hotel made of ice. The rooms, suites, church, sauna and world-famous 'Absolut Ice Bar' are all beautifully carved from blocks of pure solid ice from the Torne River. It's world-class and inspiring architecture.

Snow and ice are two of Swedish Laplands most valuable natural resources. Winter games, festivals and markets become magical events in the snow and ice. The largest winter gathering is the 'Jokkmokks Market' which attracts visitors from as far away as Japan and America.

Ice rinks, downhill ski runs, snow mobile tracks and many more facilities for different sports and adventures are created when winter descends in Swedish Lapland. A few hundred years ago, when the forebears of this region went out into the wilderness to hunt and fish, they walked, skied or were drawn on sleighs by reindeer. And you can still enjoy the same modes of transport when you visit the deep forests or the magnificent fell country.

Nowadays, it's a matter of choice and of satisfying your thirst for adventure or simply for relaxation, rather than survival! The public spaces of towns and cities are adorned with grand ice sculptures that melt and return to back to nature when the warm rays of the spring sun transform them back into water.

Prepare yourself to embrace the snow and ice, winter cold, Northern Lights and all the fabulous experiences that await you in the Winter Wonderland of Swedish Lapland!