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The Best Places to See the Northern Lights

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Deplar Farm

Chasing down the ever-elusive Aurora Borealis is a daunting task. However, when staying at some of Indagare's preferred polar properties, there's a higher chance of scouting out this dramatic phenomenon. Read on for some of our favorite properties for Northern Lights viewing, along with the best times to go.

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Alaska: Sheldon Chalet

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Sheldon Chalet, courtesy Jeff Schultz

Beyond [Sheldon Chalet](#)'s privileged location, perched on a nunatak in one of [Alaska](#)'s most inaccessible regions, this five-bedroom lodge offers a superb vantage point for watching the Northern Lights dance. Panoramic windows invite viewing directly from your bedroom, and the prime elevation of 6,000 feet highlights the beautiful blues, greens and purples.

When to Go: September to late-April

Faroe Islands – Hotel Føroyar



Courtesy Heinesen Myndir

Denmark's rugged [Faroe Islands](#) are ideal for those curious about the road less traveled, with varied terrain, ample opportunity for photography and rich natural landscapes. The best Northern Lights viewing is at [Hotel Føroyar](#), which is not exceptionally luxurious, but well located above the town of Tórshavn on the coast and away from the village lights.

When to Go: November to February

Finland: Kakslauttanen Hotel



Kakslauttanen Resort, Lapland, Finland

To maximize your experience at the cozy Kasklautten Hotel, nestled in the Finnish Lapland, stay in one of the glass igloos. With an Aurora alert system set up in all accommodations, guests will be warned at the first sign of the dancing sky and can participate in Northern Lights-themed hunting activities with reindeer, huskies, a horse sleigh and snowmobiles.

When to Go: Late August to late April

Iceland: Deplar Farm



Deplar Farm, courtesy Eleven Experience

Eleven Experience's glorious [Deplar Farm](#) offers adrenaline-pumping pursuits like heli-skiing and snowmobiling based out of a plush 13-room lodge. Guests can take in the Northern Lights from a geothermal heated pool with a cocktail in hand or standing atop the Troll Peninsula with an expert photographer to assist in capturing the sky. This February (4–9), Deplar will host its inaugural Deplar Farm Photo Retreat.

When to Go: October to March, when days are shorter and there's less sunlight.

Norway: Lyngen Lodge



Lyngen Lodge

Just steps from the sea, Lyngen Lodge is a northern Norwegian oasis with an understated, alpine-chic feel. Guests spend days cross-country skiing, ice fishing, dogsledding and snowshoeing, and in the evenings, learning how best to photograph the lights with photography experts on hand.

When to Go: Mid-November to early-March

Sweden: Icehotel



Icehotel

Part art installation, part hotel, Icehotel is in its 29th year and is still impressing visitors from around the world with its ice-based architecture and construction. Guests stay here not only for the cachet of saying they've slept on a bed of ice, but also to partake in the property's wide array of Northern Lights experiences. Enjoy an evening hike, a snowmobile safari, a photography workshop or a wilderness dinner with guides trained in both the science of the phenomenon, but also the Sami significance.

When to Go: September to early April

Sweden: Treehotel



TreeHotel

This quirky property made up of sleek, minimalist treehouses is a spectacular spot for Northern Lights viewing and photography. Activities like night safaris with experts, dogsledding and snowmobiling are offered. And since so many of the accommodations are glass-enclosed, lucky visitors may see the Lights from their rooms.

When to Go: August to March

*Seeing the Northern Lights is, unfortunately, never guaranteed.

Visibility is dependent upon light pollution, magnetic activity, cloudiness and the position of the sun.

– Avery Carmichael on January 3, 2019

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