

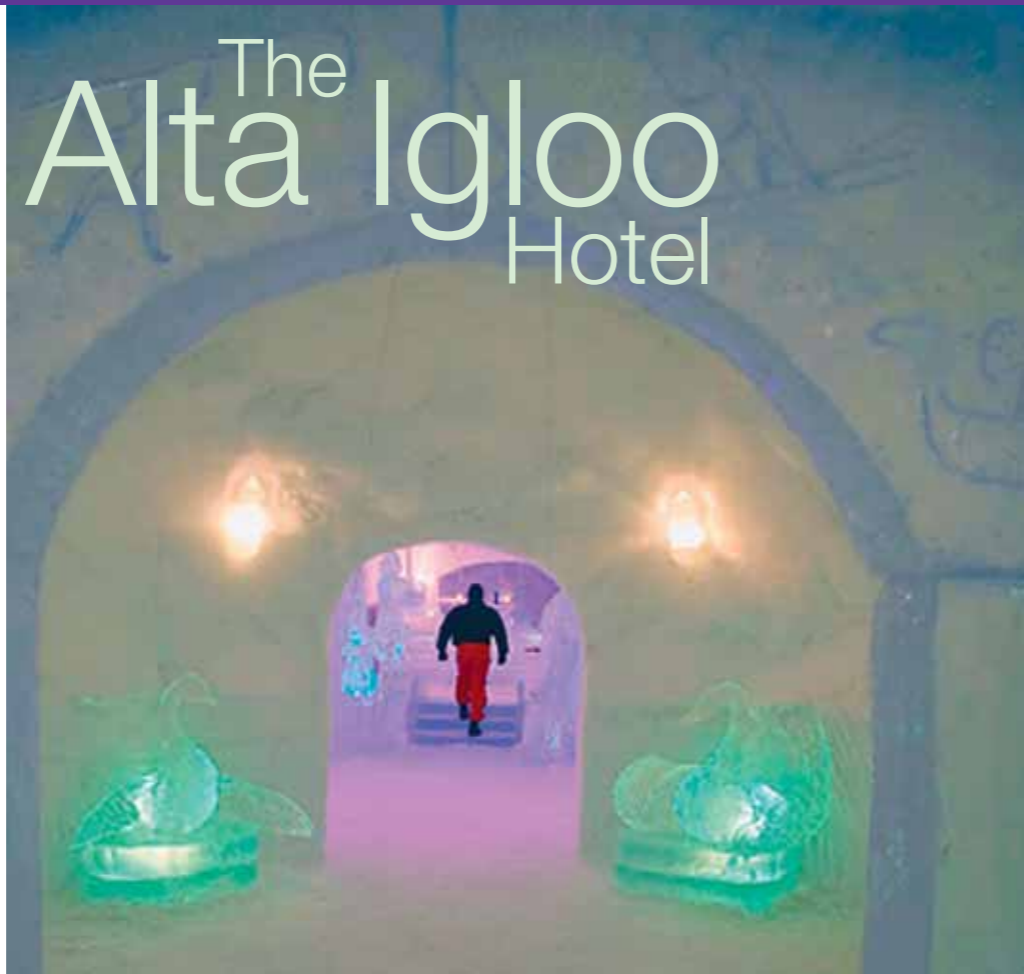
Discover the intimate charm and intricate ice architecture of the Alta Igloo Hotel. Snowmobile across the Arctic tundra; mush your own husky team under the Northern Lights and feast on ptarmigan, smoked reindeer and crab.

Around 30 kilometers south of Alta, Christian Wisloff's 3 grandchildren keep respect for the family's antecedence in the sensitive way in which they build in the slate their grandfather once quarried and the log pine, characteristic of the plateau. Their most exacting accomplishment to date must though be the Alta Igloo Hotel built entirely in snow and ice.



With building beginning as the snow falls across the vastness of the Finnmark plateau, the Alta Igloo Hotel opens its door in January each year and melts away again in the spring. The structure includes just 20 or so rooms and a few suites; ice lounges and sculpture gallery; an exquisitely decorated ice bar and a consecrated chapel.

Annexed to the hotel is something akin to a giant, tent shaped, pine cabin with an open fire, sauna, changing cubicles and restaurant serving Sami inspired dishes from aquatic fowl to chanterelle mushrooms.



Surrounding the Igloo Hotel in the heart of Norwegian Lapland is the Finnmark plateau with its undulating tundra marked only by the old trekking trails and lushly scarred by river valleys with their pine, spruce and birch trees. This is where you can hear 'the sound of silence'; be awestruck by the density of stars on a clear night in the canopy above you; watch the cold air – blue, pink and yellow but never black.

VICA HOTEL

After some inhospitable hotel experiences as a young itinerant music teacher, Knut Rydningen firmly believes that a hotel should be 'home from home' and it shows. In the sympathetic renovation and extension of the original farmhouse building. In the individual fabrics and decoration of the just 24 rooms. In the 'Halde' restaurant where you can have crab to die for. And, naming the hotel after his daughters Vibeka and Camilla.



THE ALTA IGLOO HOTEL

DAY 1 UK – ALTA Scheduled SAS flight(s) from Heathrow to Alta in Norwegian Lapland via Oslo. Self transfer to the Vica hotel for two nights (see opposite).

DAY 2 HUSKY SAFARI Breakfast and private transfer to local Husky Kennels to try your hand at mushing with your own team of dogs along the banks of the Alta River.

DAY 3 SNOWMOBILING & IGLOO HOTEL Breakfast followed by morning transfer to the Alta Igloo hotel for an exciting day and night. The day starts with a snowmobile safari following a forest and valley trail out and across vast snow covered plains. Late lunch at the Igloo Hotel. Afternoon at leisure in these

idyllic surroundings on the banks of the Alta river, take a walk, go for a kick sled ride or spend some time in the outdoor hot tub gazing at the starry skies perhaps even seeing the Northern Lights. Dinner in the Lavvu shaped restaurant specialising in Sami cuisine, followed perhaps by a fortifying drink in the Ice Bar before settling down for one of the more unusual nights of your life; sleeping in an igloo.

DAY 4 ALTA – UK Breakfast at the Alta Igloo hotel. Transfer to Alta and the Vica hotel for a last taste of Norway, a heavenly Alta cake served with ice cream and a hot drink before self transfer to the airport for return flight(s) via Oslo to the UK.

DEPARTURE DATES

Daily

Prices in £ per person

THE ALTA IGLOO HOTEL		AA1201		
DATES	TWIN	SINGLE	3rd ADULT	VICA half board
15 JAN-15 APR	1175	1295	995	35

Prices include return scheduled SAS flight(s) from Heathrow to Alta (via Oslo) • All airport departure taxes and passenger service charges • 2 nights at Vica hotel in twin room(s) with private shower/WC • 1 overnight in Alta Igloo hotel in standard snow room • 3 breakfasts • 1 lunch • 1 dinner • Hot drink and cake • Snowmobile and husky safaris as per itinerary including transfers and protective thermal clothing • Luggage storage whilst overnighting at Igloo hotel.