



Science Centre

Aurora

A unique science and tourism experience
of the future in the heart of Lapland



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Science Centre Aurora – an international destination in Sodankylä where science, technology, and experiences meet

ABOUT THE PROJECT:

- **An exciting**, experiential, inspiring, re-newing, **forward-looking** Science Center!
- **Launched in 2024** as a collaboration between the Municipality of Sodankylä and the Sodankylä Geophysical Observatory (SGO), University of Oulu.
- Preliminary study completed in January 2025; the project now moves to the next planning phase under the leadership of the Municipality of Sodankylä from June 2025 onwards.
- **Opening planned for 2030** – A rare opportunity for investors to join an exceptional project shaping the future of Arctic science and tourism.
- Combining **space science, Arctic phenomena, and sustainable mining – with geophysics at the core**, Aurora will be an **immersive and experiential centre unlike anything else in the world**.
- Showcasing the latest technology: **VR/AR/XR experiences and Deep Space 8K presentations**, bringing science and research to life for all audiences.
- The centre will be complemented by service complex, strengthening the region's vitality and creating new business opportunities.
- **We are now seeking partners and investors** – join us in building a major science and tourism investment with a lasting regional and international impact.

Science from the Sky to the Earth

The international **Science Centre Aurora** will serve as a unique gateway to the **Lapland landscape, space science, geophysical research, and sustainable mining solutions**. It will be a hub for science and innovation, fostering **start-ups and new technologies** in its surroundings.

Sodankylä is located in the Central Lapland Greenstone Belt, with a rich geological foundation offering unique opportunities for geoscience. The **Sodankylä Geophysical Observatory (SGO)** has been a pioneer in international aurora borealis research since 1914. Aurora builds on this strong foundation, combining **space science, Arctic phenomena, and sustainable mining – with geophysics at the heart of it all.**

Aurora Science Centre will make the **Arctic's natural wonders and Northern Lights accessible all year round**, powered by the latest immersive technologies.

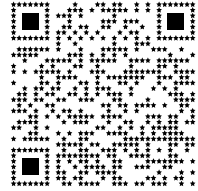


Our mission is to **strengthen Sodankylä's vitality, boost local businesses, and position the municipality as an internationally recognized hub for science and tourism in Lapland.**

Aurora Science Centre is built on four cornerstones:

- Showcasing Lapland's scientific research
- Community and collaboration
- Emphasizing local identity
- Innovation and the inspired possibilities of the future





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Building the Future Science Centre

Science Centre Aurora is entering its next development phase, focusing on securing funding and forming strategic partnerships.

This critical stage will shape the future of a project designed to combine cutting-edge science, innovation, and immersive Arctic experiences.

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