

## A CELEBRATION OF SWORD AND SNOW

30 January – 1 February 2009

Levi, Finland



You are invited to the world's northernmost fencing tournament, the 2009 Levi Open Arctic Challenge. Located 150 km north of the Arctic Circle amid the spectacular nature of Finnish Lapland, Levi is also one of the fastest growing ski centers in Europe. For the last decade, fencers from around the world gathered in Levi each January for a celebration of sword and snow.

This winter is no exception. We will be competing in men's and women's foil and epee. There will be awards for the top eight and top veteran in each event.

After fencing you can relax in the indoor swimming pool overlooking the ski slopes, saunas and steam baths at the venue.

### *Not just another fencing tournament . . .*

While in Levi you can go from the fencing piste to the skiing piste. Levi, host to alpine skiing World Cup competitions, has 44 downhill pistes and 27 lifts including two gondolas. There are also 230 km of cross-country ski tracks and 886 km of snowmobile routes. If you stay a few extra days you can try your hand at driving a reindeer sled or mushing a team of huskies. With luck you might even see the aurora borealis at night.

Getting to Levi for your arctic adventure is easy. The Kittilä airport is only 15 minutes away. Finnair and Blue 1 provide multiple daily flights between Helsinki and Kittilä.

**To learn more about Levi, check these web sites**

**[www.levi.fi](http://www.levi.fi)** The official web site of Levi Ski Center

**[www.kittilajournal.com](http://www.kittilajournal.com)** A journal filled with photos of one fencer's visits to Levi to attend the fencing competition.

### **For more information on the 2009 Levi Open**

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<b>Venue</b>	Hotel Levitunturi Spa Gym, Levi, Finland		
<b>Schedule</b>	Friday, 30 January	19:00	Opening Ceremonies
	Saturday, 31 January	08:30	Women's Foil (close of registration)
		11:30	Men's Epee (close of registration)
		19:00	Competitors' Dinner
	Sunday, 1 February	09:00	Men's Foil (close of registration)
		12:00	Women's Epee

**Registration Fees** 15€ per event. Payable at the competition.

**Registration Deadline** 23 January, 2009

Register online at [www.leviopen.com/register.htm](http://www.leviopen.com/register.htm) or by phone +358 50 926 6816

**Accommodations** The Hotel Levitunturi, located in Levi Center, is offering special rates to Levi Open participants. Use registration code Levi Open for these rates. For more information on the hotel see [www.hotellilevitunturi.fi](http://www.hotellilevitunturi.fi)

7 nights

525 € per single room

315 € per person when 2 persons in room

280 € per person when 3 persons in room ( in larger family room )

3 nights (Thu-Sun or Fri-Mon)

291 € per single room

150 € per person when 2 persons in room

135 € per person when 3 persons in room ( in larger family room )

Price includes breakfast, morning swim, entrance to pools and saunas in the afternoon, and entrance to gym.

**Transportation** The Kittilä Airport is 15 km from Levi. At this time of year Blue 1 flies between Helsinki and Kittilä on Thursdays and Sundays starting at 85 € round trip. Finnair provides multiple daily flights between Helsinki and Kittilä from 152 €. There are buses leaving the airport for Levi hotels after every flight.

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