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The aurora borealis forms over Lake Inari above the Arctic Circle in Finland.

# Scenes from Finland

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The connection between Astoria and Finland is well-documented. Large numbers of Finnish immigrants began settling here in the late 1800s. I traveled to Finland in early March and captured scenes from Helsinki and above the Arctic Circle — where the reindeer is still revered by indigenous people, snowmobiles get around better than cars and night skies are filled with the Northern Lights.



A reindeer walks around an enclosure near Inari. Reindeer husbandry is an important part of life among the Sami people.



A tractor plows a track on frozen Lake Inari for the annual reindeer racing event.



Visitors to Helsinki take a photo during a ride aboard a Ferris wheel.



Tracks from snowmobiles on Lake Inari, which serves as a highway for much of the year.



People skate across an ice rink in downtown Helsinki near the main train station.