

Norway's Arctic Circle



TRIP OVERVIEW

Take a unique journey to witness the Northern Lights from Norway's renowned Aurora Camp. Glide through mountains and fjords on Alaskan husky and reindeer sledding. Wander through Tromsø, enjoy authentic arctic meals around a campfire and exchange stories with the local Sami people.

ITINERARY & DETAILS

This document aims to give you all the information that you require for a smooth and comfortable trip to Norway. Please take the time to read this dossier to familiarise yourself with all the aspects of our tour. It includes important information such as visa requirements.

Your included meal guide:

B = Breakfast, L = Lunch, D = Dinner

DAY 1: UK to Tromsø

Arrive in Langnes where you will be met and transferred to your hotel in Tromsø.

DAY 2: Tromsø B/L

Following breakfast, depart for the Tromsø Ice Domes* and change into your arctic gear for a fabulous day of adventure. Dogsledding with Alaskan huskies is an unforgettable once in a lifetime experience. Spend time with the huskies and their puppies before enjoying a delicious traditional lunch. After lunch enjoy a guided tour of the Tromsø Ice Domes, consisting of the ice bar, ice cinema, ice restaurant and ice hotel suites which have themes that change every year. At the end of your tour enjoy a non-alcoholic ice shot at the ice bar. The rest of the day is at leisure.

Please note the Ice Domes excursion will not be available on 05 12 22. On these dates, the following itinerary will apply.

Following breakfast, it is time to change into your arctic gear for a fabulous day of adventure. Dogsledding with Alaskan huskies is an unforgettable once in a lifetime experience. Glide through stunning picture postcard mountainous scenery towards the Balsfjord and Malangen peninsula to reach your destination of Kvaløya. Spend time with the huskies and their puppies before enjoying a delicious traditional lunch of 'Bidos' around a warming campfire. This afternoon enjoy a city walk of this historical city. Whilst the distinctive Arctic cathedral dominates the skyline, meander through centuriesold charming wooden houses, learn about arctic hunting at the renowned Polar museum and visit Tromsø's oldest pub to sample Mack beer from the world's northernmost brewery. The rest of the day is at leisure.

DAY 3: Tromsø B

After the excitement of yesterday's adventure, today is at leisure to relax and unwind. For the more active of you, an optional excursion will be available. Depending on the month of your visit, this will either be whale watching or a day cruise. Both offer magnificent scenery and a contrasting view from the sea of this stunning island. In the evening, you will drive to the Aurora Camp for the highlight of this tour — a chance to gaze at the wondrous Northern lights. Surrounding a camp fire with the husky puppies, admire the astonishing array of colours from the Aurora as they light up the sky. Sometimes referred to as the polar lights, this beautiful natural light display is caused by collisions between electrically charged particles released from the sun that enter the Earth's atmosphere and collide with gases such as oxygen and nitrogen. The beauty of the lights will quite literally take your breath away.

DAY 4: Tromsø B/L

After breakfast, you will change back into your Arctic wear for your short reindeer sledding experience in the Arctic Tundra. After your sledding experience, listen to stories from the Sami people and authentic reindeer herders, learn to feed the reindeer and enjoy a traditional meal in a Lavvo (Sami tent) — a perfect ending to a unique day.

DAY 5: Tromsø to the UK or extension B

Following breakfast, enjoy some time at leisure to explore the many highlights of the city of Tromsø independently. Although primarily a popular place to observe an incredible northern lights display, Tromsø's modern metropolis is also a haven for those in search of culture and nature; you could choose to discover one of its many copious museums, or wander around the world's northernmost botanical gardens before transferring to the airport in the late afternoon for your return flight to the UK or chosen extension

Please note: the Aurora Borealis is a meteorological phenomenon and therefore viewing cannot be guaranteed. The husky and reindeer sledding excursions are weather dependent if conditions are not suitable, another excursion will be provided and details will be given on your arrival into your resort.

we are not able to operate your departure date, then you may be asked to change to a different date and a full refund will be made available to you should this alternative not be suitable.

Currency Exchange

The currency in Norway is the Norwegian Krone (NOK). We recommend that you exchange your currency before you leave the UK. It is important that you budget carefully and ensure you have the right form of currency before you arrive in the country. Cash machines will also be available throughout the tour in order to withdraw money in your local currency.

Itinerary Changes

The order of events and sightseeing may vary according to local conditions or for operational purposes. The schedules of the domestic airlines in country are subject to frequent changes. For this reason, we have indicated approximate times only. Your local guide will inform you of any schedule changes as they are informed of them. Some road construction &/or weather conditions may lengthen the driving times. Our intention is to adhere to the day-to-day itinerary as printed; however, order of events and sightseeing may vary according to local conditions.

Personal Expenses

You will need to take money with you to cover any personal purchases such as souvenirs, laundry, any meals not included in the itinerary as well as drinks and any additional snacks. Approximately £350- £450 per person will be sufficient for the duration of the tour. It is a good idea to try and maintain a supply of small notes and change in the local currency for tipping or small purchases.

Credit Card Information

As normal practice you may be asked for your credit card details on check-in at the hotel in order to cover any extras incurred during your stay. If you do not have a credit card you may be asked for a cash deposit. American Express, Diners Club, MasterCard and Visa are widely accepted in hotels.

WHAT TO PACK

- Sunglasses, sunscreen and hat in summer
- Comfortable walking shoes
- Camera and charger
- A plug adaptor - the voltage in Norway is 230 V
- Anti-bacterial hand gel
- Binoculars
- Personal first aid kit containing travel pills, rehydration powder, plasters, stomach settlers, antiseptic creams, aspirin etc
- Small day pack for excursions
- Waterproof, lightweight jacket
- Lightweight clothing
- Sweater and jacket for the cooler months (Warm arctic clothing is included for all activities on days 2, 3 and 4, except for the Northern Light Chase).

FLIGHT INFORMATION

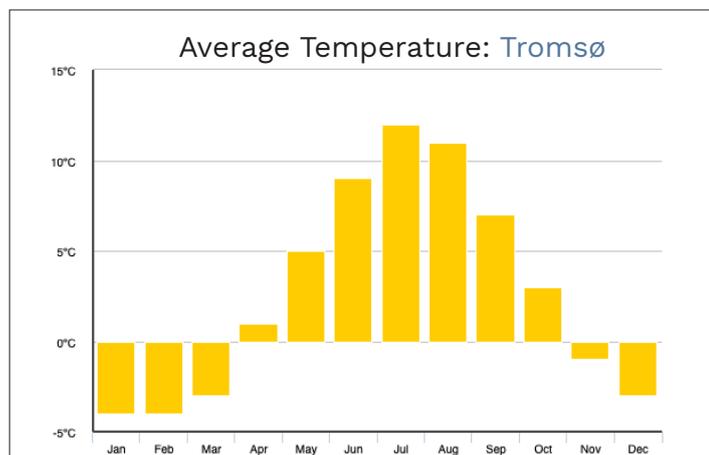
IMPORTANT: Please note that final flight details, including terminal, airline and baggage allowance, will be confirmed on your final documentation which will be sent to you approximately 10 days before departure. A printed E-ticket is no longer required at check-in, all you need to do is present your passport to the staff at the desk and your boarding pass will be given to you.

Airport Extras

If you wish to arrange Airport car parking, lounges or accommodation at preferential rates, we recommend you book this in advance with Holiday Extras Tel. 0871 360 2000, quoting HX313.

WEATHER AND CLIMATE

Weather can vary quite considerably throughout the year, so please familiarise yourself with the climate charts below.



Tromsø City Stay Extension

If you have not yet booked this fabulous extension, there is still time to do so. Please contact 0333 003 0522



TRIP OVERVIEW

Stay in Tromsø for your 2 night extension and discover at your own pace what the city has to offer or simply relax in your hotel. Tromsø is a major cultural hub above the Arctic Circle, famed as a viewing point for colourful Northern Lights. The city's historic centre is distinguished by its centuries-old wooden houses and 1965 Arctic Cathedral, with its distinctive peaked roof and soaring stained-glass windows, which dominates the skyline.

ITINERARY & DETAILS

This document aims to give you all the information which you will require during your extension in Tromsø.

Hotel

Your 2 night stay will take place at the 3★ Thon Hotel Tromsø on Bed & Breakfast.

Hotel information

Located just around the corner from Storgata, Tromsø's main shopping street, this centrally located and modern hotel offers bright and stylish well-appointed rooms all with TV, minibar and FREE Wi-Fi. A range of attractions are close by including the Polar museum and the Hurtigruten Ferry Terminal.

Hotel Information: Groennegata 50, Tromsø 9008, Norway
 Contact number: 0047 77 69 80 50

Any alternative hotels or board basis will have been confirmed at booking. Please speak to our reservations department if you are unsure.

Personal Expenses

You will need to take some extra money with you to cover any lunches or dinners where these are not mentioned on your itinerary and personal purchases, such as souvenirs, extra drinks and snacks.

Please note

This extension takes place after your main tour.



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