


SCANDINAVIA

CHASING THE NORTHERN LIGHTS

(TOUR CODE: 12617)
STARTS AND ENDS

 Tromsø to
Alta

TRAVEL PERIODS

20 Nov 23 - 05 Dec 23

EXPERIENCE

 Escorted
Snow & Ski

TRAVEL STYLE

Escorted Group Tour

Enjoy the magical northern lights, and the beautiful winter polar night in the cozy villages of Tromsø and Alta.

Highlights

- **Guaranteed Departures**
- Small Group Tour up to **25 passengers**
- Visit to the **award-winning Alta Museum**
- Enjoy a **traditional Norwegian dinner** in our **cosy Gamme-hut** (turf home) at the Aurora Camp.
- Learn more about this natural phenomenon known as the **Aurora Borealis** during your tour to Sorrisniva adventure facility

Begin your journey in the beautiful city of **Tromsø** and explore the city and surrounding area with its stunning natural setting before moving East to **Alta** where you will have the opportunity to visit the award-winning Museum and the Impressive Northern Lights Cathedral.



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INCLUSIONS

- 5 nights in 4* hotels centrally located
- Coach transfer to Alta on Day 4
- 5 buffet style breakfasts
- 2 hours guided city tour of Tromso
- Visits, excursions and entrances as mentioned in the program
- Luggage allowance is 1 suitcase & 1 piece of hand luggage per person
- Bi-lingual Tour Escort (English & Spanish) from Day 2 to Day 5 inclusive

ITINERARY

Intro Map

Chasing the Northern Lights



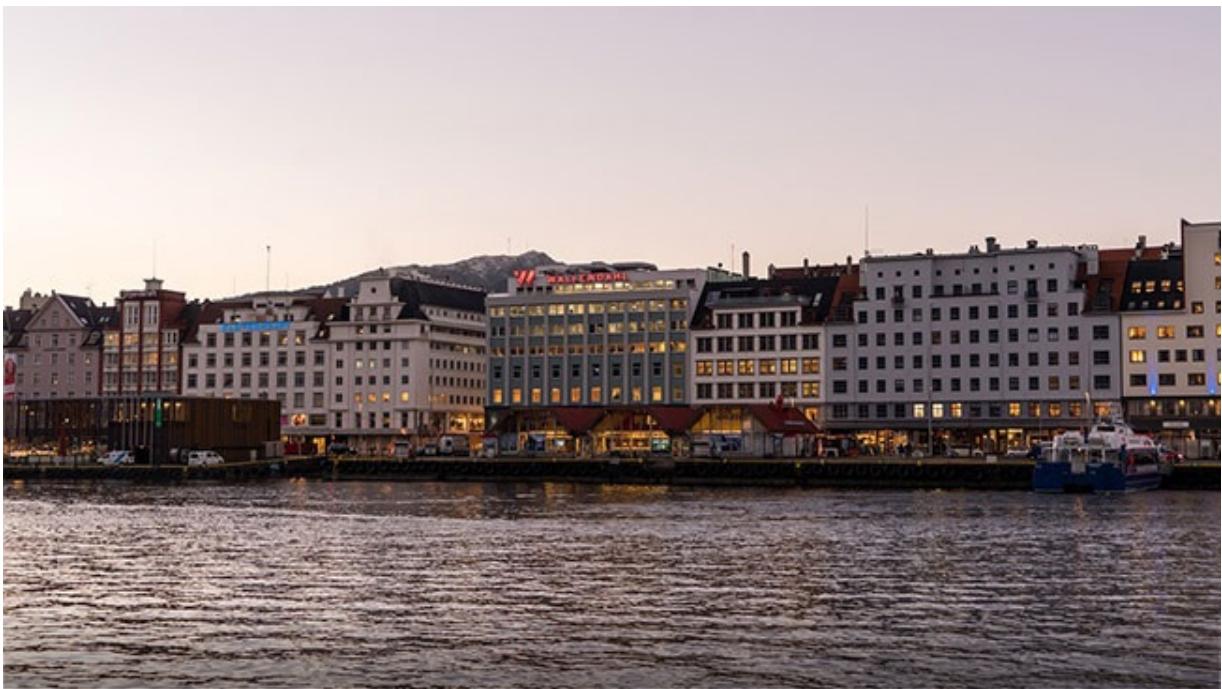
Day 1

Tromsø

Arrival to Tromsø airport and make your way to the hotel, otherwise, please check out our optional extras for the transfers (*additional cost*).

Check-in at your hotel (guaranteed from 15:00). The rest of the day is at leisure. Please consult the welcome letter, which you will receive upon check-in to your hotel, and kindly note where and when to meet your Tour Director.

Overnight stay in Tromsø at **Clarion The Edge** or similar.



Day 2

Tromsø Aurora Camp Tromsø

Breakfast at the hotel.

This morning we depart by private coach or a 2-hour city sightseeing tour and perfect introduction to Tromsø. Tromsø enjoys a subarctic climate, its location corresponding to the northern coast of Alaska. Learn about the indigenous **Sami people**, their traditional culture and recent history.

Following this, you will continue a tour around the island, passing **Lake Prestvatn** where the Meteorological Institute is situated. Travel across the bridge to the **Arctic Cathedral** for a visit to this masterpiece by Jan Inge Hovig. Built in 1965, the cathedral reflects north Norwegian nature, culture, and faith with a monumental stained-glass window (*Entrance at the Cathedral-not included*).

Afternoon at leisure.

Be ready for a pick-up right outside your hotel at 18:30 hrs where you will be met by a representative from Tromsø Villmarkssenter and taken on a **25-minute bus ride to the Aurora Camp**. At the camp you will be equipped with thermal overalls and boots to keep you nice and warm all evening. 300 friendly Alaskan huskies are waiting to greet you and enjoy some cuddles, followed by an affectionate and playful visit to the puppy enclosure.

Once you have filled up on puppy love, **it is time to enjoy a traditional Norwegian dinner in our cosy Gamme-hut (turf home)**. You will be served Norwegian Bacalao, prepared with locally sourced cod and tomato sauce, and for dessert their savoury signature chocolate cake. As it is impossible to predict when the Aurora will appear during the evening, your guide will keep a close eye on the sky for you and the program will be adjusted accordingly. For those of you who wish to sit outside and wait for it to appear, a bonfire will set the mood and keep you toasty.

Overnight stay in Tromsø at **Clarion The Edge** or similar.

Breakfast, Dinner



ARCTIC CATHEDRAL

Day 3

Tromsø

Breakfast at the hotel.

Day at leisure and time available for optional activities.

Overnight stay in Tromsø at **Clarion The Edge** or similar.

Breakfast



Day 4

Tromsø - Alta

Breakfast at the hotel.

The ride from Tromsø to Alta is breath-taking regardless of the time of year. Stunning scenery and magnificent nature ensure that this trip will stay with you for a long time. The distance between Tromsø and Alta is about 300km, a route travelled in approximately 8 hours, and includes two ferry crossings. Arrival in Alta and check-in at your hotel.

Evening at leisure. You will have the chance to visit the impressive **Northern Lights Cathedral** (*entrance fees not included*), a result of an architectural competition organized in 2001. The very modern and elegant cathedral was designed by architects Schmidt Hammer Lassen in collaboration with Kolbjorn Jenssen of Link Arkitektur. This impressive monument was built in concrete and wood; its exterior is clad with titanium plates. The central part of the cathedral is its spiral tower with a bell tower. Inside is the work of Danish artist Peter Brandes.

Overnight stay in Alta at **Thon Hotel Alta** or similar.

Breakfast



Day 5

Alta

Enjoy a breakfast at your hotel.

We recommend that you join the highly acclaimed King Crab Safari available in the optional extras section.

In the early afternoon, departure for the prestigious **EMYA award-winning Alta museum**. The museum is situated at the site of early settlement of Finnmark dating from around 11,000 years ago and presents exhibitions on local culture and historic industries. A must-see for anyone visiting the area.

Experience the Northern Europe's largest and richest rock carvingsite, inscribed on the UNESCO's World Heritage List. Here you can walk on pathways arranged around the rock carving area while enjoying a fantastic view over the Alta Fjord. The 2000 to 6200 years old rock carvings show the life of hunters and fishermen. You will have a guided tour at the museum with some free time afterwards to walk around at your own pace.

At 7.30pm meet your Tour Director in the lobby of your hotel for a 20 minute bus ride into the countryside. You will take on the **Northern Lights chase** in the company of a knowledgeable guide. Along the way you will have an excellent opportunity to learn more about the natural phenomenon as well as the local history of Alta. Your guide will also be very happy to help you catch some beautiful images with your own camera.

Overnight stay in Alta at **Thon Hotel Alta** or similar.

Breakfast



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Day

6 Alta

Breakfast at the hotel before your departure.
Airport transfer available-upon request.

Breakfast

OPTIONAL EXTRAS

Return Regular Transfers

Arrival transfer:

- Tromsø: Transfer with Flybussen shuttle bus regular transfer Airport-Hotel, one way.

Departure Transfer:

- Alta: Regular transfer Hotel- Airport, one way.

Prices are dynamic based on travel dates. Please proceed to [Book Now](#) or [Contact Us](#) for details.

Day 1: Tromso Cable Car

Join the group tour around 19:45 hrs in the hotel reception. A short transfer will take you from the hotel to the Cable Car Station. Board a gondola, and in just four minutes you will be transported 421 m above sea level to experience Tromsø's bestview. Enjoy spectacular panoramic views of Tromsø and the surrounding islands, mountains and fjords. If we are lucky the northern lights will show up and top off this already impressive experience.

PRE-BOOKING AND IN SITU.

Inclusions:

- Transportation, lift ride & guide

2 hours

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Day 2: Polaria Museum and Tromso University Museum

Meeting Time: 14:00 at the hotel reception

Polaria is the world's most northerly aquarium and looks as though the world's largest dominoes have been knocked over. This arctic aquarium, which opened in 1998, focuses on educating visitors about the exotic, freezing waters of the Nordic North. The museum portions of the aquarium feature displays on the Svalbard region as well as simulated permafrost, while the aquarium proper contains rare specimens of cold-water fish and other arctic marine life from the area. The main attraction is a large pool that houses several large-bearded seals that visitors can get remarkably close to thanks to viewing bubbles in the tank wall. Maybe the most remarkable aspect of the aquarium is the building itself. It was designed to evoke massive ice flows that have pushed up against one another, breaking and stacking into a slanted fringe. In effect, the structure looks almost as though a series of buildings toppled into each other like a dominoes cascade. The Arctic University Museum of Tromsø offers diverse and insightful exhibitions from northern culture, including everything from Norway's oldest chewing gum to the northern lights and Vikings. Located in Tromsø, Acity Nylund describes as The Port to the Arctic Ocean, the museum is a place for cutting-edge research in subjects ranging from mosquitos and Vikings to fossils, Polar exploration, and the indigenous Sami people. The museum offers three different attractions: Tromsø Museum, the Polar Museum and the Arctic-Alpine Botanic Garden.

Inclusions:

- Coach at disposal for 2:30 hours with tour leader
- Entrance-Tromsø University
- Museum Entrance-Polaria

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Day 3: Silent Whale Watching

Meeting Time: 07:30 at the hotel reception

Travel out to see the majestic orca and humpback whales feeding in the herring-rich fjords of the Arctic. The silent hybrid-electric ship allows us to get up close without disturbing the animals. Depart Tromsø in the morning and head out to the whales' feeding grounds in time to enjoy the few hours of polar daylight. Purpose-built for whale watching, the hybrid-electric ship gives you a unique perspective on the surroundings. On the way, you can take in the frozen landscapes as it slowly wakes up. Relax in comfortable, panoramic lounges and multi-level decks. Our friendly crew will share their (personal) stories about interesting sights along the way and give you in-depth information about the Orca and Humpback Whale. The hybrid engine is used to reach the whales' feeding grounds. As we near the whales, we switch to the silent, electric engine, which allows us to get close without disturbing them. If conditions allow, we will launch a hydrophone that captures the sounds of the whales as they work together to hunt in the herring-rich fjords. You will find a selection of food and drinks for purchase onboard (also hot lunch). Please note that the duration of this trip depends on the whales' migration pattern and can range from 6 to 8 hours. Our crew will do their best to find the whales, but we can not guarantee sightings as Orcas and Humpback Whales are wild animals that do as they please.

REQUIRES PRE-BOOKING AND SUBJECT TO AVAILABILITY

6-8 hours

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Day 3: Sami Reindeer Camp and Sledding

Meeting Time: 17:30 at the hotel reception

This is an evening experience to **enjoy reindeer sledding at night**, then feed the reindeer before having a **traditional Sami dinner** with the Sami reindeer herders while they tell you about their culture and beliefs. Travel out into the wilderness and walk among 300 reindeer (with the opportunity to feed them too) before enjoying a 25-minute sleigh ride. Afterwards, enter a candlelit Gamme for a relaxed three-course meal. The meal includes bidos (a traditional Sami reindeer stew that is often served at Sami weddings), which is cooked over the open fire. After dinner, you will be invited into a lavvu (Sami herdsman's tent) and gather round the fire to listen to stories about Sami culture and what it's like to be a

reindeer herder. The Sami guide will also perform a joik (traditional Sami chant) for the guests. The camp is well situated north of Tromsø city centre, which gives you good chances of seeing the majestic Northern Lights.

Inclusions:

- transfers (30min each way), English speaking Sami guide, hot drinks, traditional Sami 3 course dinner, Story telling and joik, reindeer sledding

REQUIRES PRE-BOOKING AND SUBJECT TO AVAILABILITY

4.30 hours

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Day 5: King Crab Safari

Meeting Time: 08:15 at the hotel reception

"Rated one of the best 25 excursions in the World by National Geographic"

One of the highlights of Northern Norway with the chance to taste one of the local delicacies known worldwide. Heading out on the Fjord you will come face to face with this giant of the sea on the King Crab safari. The red king crab found in the Barents Sea can reach up to two meters from claw to claw and weigh up to 15 kilos. Depending on the weather and ice the trip might be by boat or snowmobile drawn sleigh. Once your king crab has been caught, you are transferred to a remote cabin where the crab will be prepared for a delicious lunch. All equipment and clothing will be provided.

Inclusions:

- transportation, thermal equipment, king crab lunch, warm drinks and snacks

5 hours

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ADDITIONAL INFORMATION

OFFICIAL LANGUAGE

Danish, Swedish, Norwegian, Icelandic, and Faroese

LOCAL CURRENCY

Danish Krone (DKK)

- Please note that you can add an Arrival transfer from Tromsø by a regular (public) airport bus service Flybussen and also a Regular departure transfer for Kirkenes airport. For passengers who require private transfers can be provided for an additional cost.
- It is important to note that in all the winter programs can be lightly physically demanding and the passenger may be exposed to different kinds of light physical strain. Uneven grounds during walking tours, snow and ice are common surface in the Nordic destinations. All activities involving arctic sailing, snowmobiling, reindeer sleighs, husky sleighs & ice breaker will include appropriate thermal equipment provided for each guest prior to the start of each activity. Warm winter clothing and suitable winter shoe wear are a must.

Excluded

- International airfares and taxes
- Domestic airfares and taxes, unless otherwise specified in our holiday package
- Visa expenses, processing and issuance fees
- Meals other than as specified in our holiday package
- Travel Insurance or expenses of a personal nature (mini-bar, phone call, laundry, etc.)
- Tips or gratuities to guides, drivers, porters, hotel, restaurant or boat staff, etc.
- Or any other travel expense that has not been included in our holiday package