

TRIP START DATES

2023	2024
OCT 11, 25	JAN 03, 17, 31
NOV 08, 22	FEB 14, 28
DEC 06, 10, 13	MAR 13, 27

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↗ COUNTRY ROADS
ACTIVITY LEVEL: **LEISURELY**

10 DAYS
2 COUNTRIES
15 MEALS
7 INCLUDED EXPERIENCES

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GUEST REVIEW ★★★★★

MAKE TRAVEL MATTER®

Tromsø: Delve into the fascinating history of Scandinavia in Tromsø. A Sami family welcomes you into their reindeer camp to share their traditions, culture and history, and to enjoy an evening of dinner and games.

INSIGHT EXPERIENCE

Alta: Meet the Lyrek family and their huskies. Hear tales about their marathon Arctic dog sled races during a hearty lunch.

AUTHENTIC DINING

Welcome Drink in Helsinki • Welcome Dinner at the Aurora Village hotel • Drinks at an Ice Bar in Alta • Highlight Dinner in Alta • Celebration Dinner in Oslo.

TOP RATED HIGHLIGHTS

Visit North Cape and search for the Northern Lights.

See the Opera House and the new Deichmann Library in Oslo.

SCENIC DRIVES

Enjoy the scenery as you travel through Scandinavia. Catch glimpses of shimmering winter wonderland forests and snow covered mountains, as you cross the border between Finland and Norway, chasing the northern lights. Watch dramatic coastlines rise from the seas by Alta, tracing your way past the Lyngen Alps down the coast to Tromsø.

NORTHERN LIGHTS OF SCANDINAVIA

"Come to experience true Arctic wilderness, in this remote and little-known northern region. This is an amazing journey into one of the most rugged and most sparsely populated parts of the world."

– Lene, Travel Director



IVALO,
FINLAND



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DOG SLEDDING (OPTIONAL), ALTA



DAY 1 WELCOME TO HELSINKI.

Welcome to Helsinki, with its excellent museums and pretty seaside buildings. This beautiful city is set to be your home for the night. At Helsinki airport, transfers depart at 10:00, 14:00 and 16:00 for the grand GLO Hotel Art. Meet your Travel Director at 18:00 for a drinks reception. Decorated in a distinctive Art Nouveau style, this charming four-star hotel is the ideal place to sit back and get to know your fellow travellers, before your Scandinavian adventure begins.

GLO Hotel Art, Helsinki.

DAY 2 THE GATEWAY TO LAPLAND

Today you'll take a flight to Ivalo, a small yet important centre in Finnish Lapland, 250km above the Arctic Circle. The Gateway to the North, Ivalo is set on the Ivalo River, where the first Lapland Goldrush took place in the 19th century.

You'll enjoy a Welcome Dinner at your boutique hotel, Aurora Village.

Look out for the dancing northern lights, as you gaze through the glass ceiling from the comfort of your room. Please note that the northern lights are a natural phenomenon and therefore sightings cannot be guaranteed. (B) (DW)

Aurora Village, Ivalo.

DAY 3 IVALO TO HONNINGSVÅG

Today you'll be heading further North through the winter Lapland landscape. Cross the Finnish-Norwegian border as you make your way to Honningsvåg, the northernmost and smallest city in Norway. Your drive will take you along the mighty Porsangerfjord, the fourth largest fjord in Norway. Take the subsea Nordkapp Tunnel to the island of Magerøya, to reach your hotel in this small fishing community. Explore the quaint city by taking a stroll along the waterfront before dinner at your hotel. (B) (D)

Scandic Bryggen, Honningsvåg.

DAY 4 NORTHERN LIGHTS IN NORTH CAPE

Relaxed Start. You simply can't visit Norway without heading to North Cape (weather permitting). Dubbed the northernmost point in continental Europe, you'll go in search of the iconic Northern Lights as you sip on bubbles and delight in exquisite caviar with your fellow travellers. End your day back at your charming hotel, where you'll rest up ahead of tomorrow's adventures. (B) (D)

DAY 5 NORTH CAPE TO ALTA

Enjoy a spectacular drive from North Cape to Alta, taking in the country's magnificent fjords and Arctic landscapes along the way.

Head to an ice bar with your fellow travellers, for a chilled beverage as you discuss the day's events.

Home for the next couple of nights is Scandic Alta, a traditional and relaxing hotel, situated in the heart of Alta. With time at leisure, perhaps visit the UNESCO World Heritage listed Rock Art Museum? (B)

Scandic Alta.

DAY 6 ALASKAN HUSKIES IN ALTA

Relaxed Start. This is a day for dog lovers and a true highlight of the trip. Visit a working husky farm and get to know the Lyrek family and champion sled dogs. Learn about their Alaskan huskies and the challenges they face competing in the marathon long Arctic dog sled races. Indulge in a delectable oven-baked Highlight Lunch, before meeting the dogs themselves. (B) (LW)

DAY 7 NORWAY'S GATEWAY TO THE ARTIC

Today you'll head to Tromsø, northern Norway's largest city, located on the island of Tromsøya. You'll be surrounded by snowcapped mountains and ethereal water views. Just a short walk from your hotel, you'll find a high concentration of old wooden houses and a great array of restaurants. (B)

Clarion Hotel The Edge, Tromsø.

DAY 8 DELVE INTO SCANDINAVIAN HISTORY

Join a MAKE TRAVEL MATTER® Experience as you meet members of the indigenous Sami community of Scandinavia. Delve into the history of Arctic Norway and join a Sami guide for an immersive journey through their camp, with an invitation to help feed their reindeer herd.

You are invited into a lavvu (a traditional Sami tent) to hear stories of Sami life and folk songs around the fire, after enjoying a traditional Sami meal with hot drinks. (B) (D)

DAY 9 A MERRY FINALE IN OSLO

In the morning, take a flight from Tromsø to Oslo, a modern city located on the shores of the Oslofjord. Surrounded by forested mountains, city dwellers and visitors alike have easy access to nature all year round. On your orientation, see the Oslo Opera House and the new Deichmann Library in the contemporary Bjørvika district.

Join your fellow travellers at a local restaurant to make a toast to newfound friends and a wonderful journey, over a Celebration Dinner with wine. (B) (DW)

Thon Hotel Europa, Oslo.

DAY 10 FAREWELL OSLO

It's time to say farewell to your fellow travellers. Transfers arrive into Oslo airport at 07:15 or 10:15. (B)

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Join/Leave Options

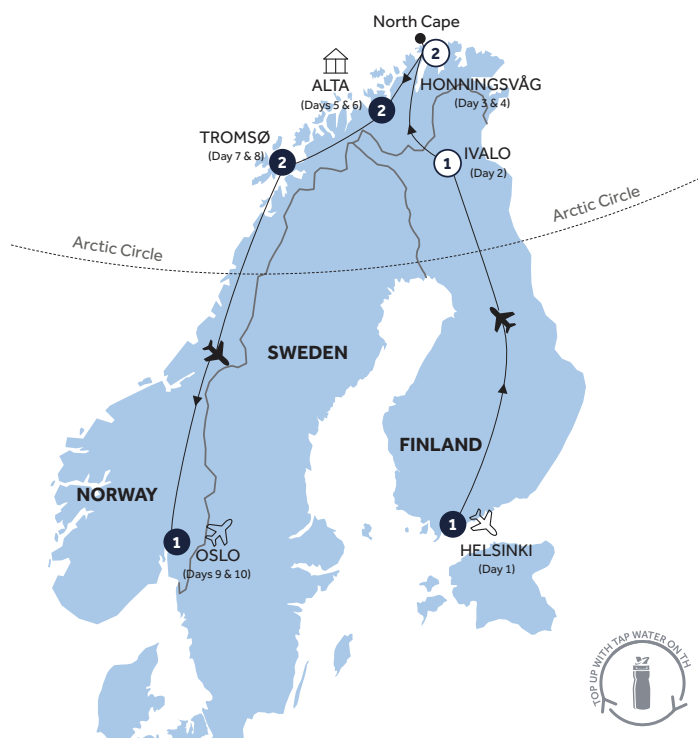
Included Flights

UNESCO Heritage Site

Central Hotels + Nights

Scenic Hotels + Nights

Place Visited



CHOOSE YOUR GROUP SIZE

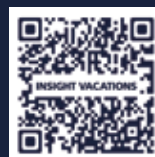
This trip operates both classic and small group departures. You can also book your own private group with as few as 12 travellers.



TOP RATED HIGHLIGHT Witness the wonder of the Aurora Borealis. (Photo by Yeo Yong Meng, Day 2, Ivalo)



TOP RATED HIGHLIGHT Discover beautiful scenery in Tromsø with your Travel Director. (Photo by Yeo Yong Meng, Day 7, Tromsø)



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