

Northern Lights of Scandinavia

Embrace the Northern Lights. Sample caviar in Europe's northernmost point, meet racing huskies and feed reindeer in an Indigenous Sámi community.

10 DAYS | 2 COUNTRIES | 15 MEALS | LEISURELY



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Guest Review Rating



Trip code: W800A

DEPARTURE MONTHS

January - March + October - December

For dates, prices and to choose your group size call your Travel Advisor or see insightvacations.com/northernlights

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. Meet your Travel Director for a drink and mingle with your fellow travellers.

Hotel: GLO Art, Helsinki

TRANSFERS: Depart the airport at 10:00, 14:00 and 16:00.

WELCOME: Meet your Travel Director at 18:00.

DAY 2 | THE GATEWAY TO LAPLAND

Today you'll take a flight to Ivalo, a small yet important centre in Finnish Lapland, 250 km (155 miles) 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 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. Throughout history, the Northern Lights have inspired numerous myths and legends. In Norse mythology, they were believed to be reflections from the Valkyries' armour, whilst Finnish folklore attributed them to the Firefox, a magical fox that created sparks as it ran across the snow. It's important to remember that the Northern Lights are a natural phenomenon, so sightings cannot be guaranteed during your trip. **(B) (D)**

Hotel: 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)**

Hotel: Scandic Nordkapp

DAY 4 | NORTHERN LIGHTS IN NORTH CAPE

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) (RS)**

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

INCLUDED MEALS: Breakfast (B) Lunch (L) Dinner (D)
RELAXED STARTS: (RS)

HOTELS: On occasion, hotels of a similar standard and location may be used.

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)**

Hotel: Scandic Alta

DAY 6 | ALASKAN HUSKIES IN ALTA

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 lunch, before meeting the dogs themselves. **(B) (L) (RS)**

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. **(B)**

Hotel: Moxy Tromso

DAY 8 | DELVE INTO SCANDINAVIAN HISTORY

Join a MAKE TRAVEL MATTER® Experience as you meet members of the Indigenous Sámi community of Scandinavia. Delve into the history of Arctic Norway and join a Sámi guide

for an immersive journey through their camp, with an invitation to help feed their reindeer herd. You are invited into a lavuu (a traditional Sámi tent) to hear stories of Sámi life and folk songs around the fire, after enjoying a traditional 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 Deichman 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 dinner paired with wine. **(B) (D)**

Hotel: Radisson Blu Scandinavia, Oslo

DAY 10 | FAREWELL OSLO

It's time to say farewell to your fellow travellers. Your trip ends after breakfast. **(B)**

TRANSFERS: Arrive at the airport at 07:15 and 10:15.



HIGHLIGHT INCLUSIONS

Premium Experiences

Honningsvåg | During your orientation, learn about the past and present of this small fishing community.

Alta | Explore this city, home to the first Northern Lights observatory. With increasing tourism, Alta is rapidly developing, offering a wide range of activities.

Meet the Lyrek family at their husky farm for lunch and hear tales about their marathon Arctic dog sled races.

Tromsø | Enjoy your orientation, Northern Norway's largest city located on the island of Tromsøya.

Oslo | See the Oslo Opera House and the new Deichman Library in the contemporary Bjørvika district.

Tromsø | Meet a Sámi family at their reindeer camp for dinner, games, and insights into their community's traditions, culture and history. This experience advances United Nations Sustainable Development Goal 11: Sustainable Cities and Communities.

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EXPERIENCE



Premium Dining

North Cape | Search for the Northern Lights in style, by toasting with champagne and caviar at the northernmost point of Europe.

Alta | Head for drinks at a local ice bar, where you'll get the chance to catch up with your fellow travellers.

Oslo | Toast to the finale of your travels during dinner in Norway's capital city with your fellow travellers at a local restaurant.

For all inclusions see tour page online.

