



SCANDINAVIA

ULTIMATE ARCTIC ADVENTURE & TROMSO (TOUR CODE: 12620)

STARTS AND ENDS

Tromso to
Alta

TRAVEL PERIODS

11 Jan 24 - 21 Mar 24

EXPERIENCE

Escorted
Snow & Ski

TRAVEL STYLE

Escorted Group Tour

Enjoy the magical northern lights, and the beautiful winter polar night in the Aurora Igloo Cabin featured at the renowned Northern Light Village in beautiful Levi.

Highlights

- **Guaranteed Departures**
- Small Group Tour up to **25 passengers**
- Discover Rovaniemi and visit the **Santa Claus Village!**
- Visit to the **award-winning Alta Museum**
- Embark on the incredible Sampo **Icebreaker cruise** and jump into the open **Arctic sea for a unique floating experience!**
- Enjoy a **traditional Norwegian dinner in our cosy Gamme-hut** (turf home) at the Aurora Camp.

Discover the captivating city of **Tromso** and marvel the award-winning **Alta Museum**. Indulge the stunning natural beauty of **Lapland** and enjoy a two-nights stay in Aurora Igloo cabin where you can with some luck witness the stunning dance of the **Northern Lights** from the comfort of your bed. Unleash the wild like wonder within you as you explore **Santa Claus Village**, the abode of the world-famous jolly fellow himself. Immerse yourself in the icy depths of the gulf of Botnia's Arctic waters while enjoying an Icebreaker cruise adventure.



- ✓ ENTIRE Cooling-Off Period
- ✓ ENTIRE Change of Mind
- ✓ ENTIRE On Ground Support
- ✓ ENTIRE AUD Prices
- ✓ ENTIRE Industry Accredited
- ✓ ENTIRE Australian Owned

INCLUSIONS

- 5 nights in 4* hotels centrally located
- 2 nights at the Northern Lights Village Levi- 4* in an Aurora Igloo Cabin
- Coach transfer to Alta
- 5 buffet style breakfasts
- 2 hours guided city tour of Tromso
- Arrival transfer in Tromso by public service Flybussen
- 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
- Regular Departure transfer to Rovaniemi Airport
- Meals: 3 lunches & 3 dinners

ITINERARY

Intro Map

Ultimate Artic Adventure & Tromso



Arrival to Tromso airport.

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 Tromso at **Radisson Blu Hotel** or similar.



Day

2

Tromso

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*).

The rest of the day at leisure.

Overnight stay in Tromsø at **Radisson Blu Hotel** or similar.

Breakfast, Dinner



Day **3**

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 along time. The distance between Tromsø and Alta is about 300km,a route travelled in approximately 8 hours,and include two ferry crossings.

Lunch included en-route.

Arrival in Alta and check in at your hotel. Downtown Alta is located just below the 70th latitude and is closer to the North Pole than it is to Central Europe. In spite of its high latitude the local climate is seldom severely cold thanks to Gulf Stream moderation in the prevailing wind. Due to Norway curving above its Nordic neighbors, Alta is located further east than almost all of Sweden and much of southern Finland. Being at a very high latitude, midnight sun and polar night are present for sizeable parts of the year.

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

Breakfast, Lunch



Alta

Enjoy a breakfast at your hotel.

This morning you will have the opportunity to experience an unforgettable *King Crab Safari*, rated as one of the best experiences in the World, please check out our optional extras section (additional cost).

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 carving site, 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.

If you would like to experience the Igloo Hotel and wander among handcrafted ice sculptures, please check out our optional extras (additional cost).

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

Breakfast

Alta Lapland Levi

Breakfast at the hotel before your departure.

You will travel the 340 km south to Levi by coach, an approximately 5-hour journey taking you through the beautiful northern **Lapland**. Your eyes will feast on breathtaking nature as you sit back and watch the landscape unfold. On the way, you will visit the Finnmarks first silverwork shop (est. 1959) Juhls Silver Museum - offers traditional and exclusive modern jewelry manufactured on the premises. The Tundra collection designed by Regine Juhls is recognized as modern classics within Scandinavian jewelry design. International art and handicrafts are also presented in a beautiful, special, and unique setting.

Welcome to **Finland and to Levi** a winter paradise like no other. Nestled in the heart of Lapland, Levi offers breathtaking landscapes, thrilling outdoor activities, and a warm, welcoming atmosphere. Located in Sirkka Village approximately 170 north of the Arctic Circle its natural surroundings are guaranteed to impress. During the next two night your accommodation will be **the Aurora Igloo Cabin half igloo half cabin at the Northern Lights Village Resort** - a magical way to experience the wintry star-filled sky and some with luck the dance of the Northern Lights, while lying comfortably in the warm bed.

Enjoy a local dinner at the restaurant and maybe take an extra optional experience like *Aurora Hunting by heated sleigh* available in our optional extras. Also remember to set your watch one hour forward!

Overnight stay in Levi at **Northern Lights Village Levi** or similar.

Breakfast, Dinner



Day 6

Levi

Breakfast at the Hotel.

The natural beauty, diverse wildlife, varying terrain and, of course, the **Northern Lights** make Lapland and Levi very special places. From its river valleys and frozen lakes up to the fells with their spectacular views over the arctic landscape, Levi is all about northern nature at its best. Today you will have opportunity to get familiar with Lappish animals and the life of the locals. Enjoy the magical tranquility in Arctic nature.

Meet the **Reindeer farmers** who will tell you about the reindeer, and its importance to the **Sami culture**. Sitting in a two-person sleigh, pulled by your reindeer, you will experience a short ride in this traditional and peaceful way of moving through the white landscape where the only sound you will hear is the melody of reindeer bells. Sami and his family have been living in the farm more than 300 years. Visit the café, the museum and enjoy a typical three-course home made lunch. Afternoon free at leisure.

Enjoy dinner at your Hotel.

If you would like to add an extra activity, please check out our optional extras for an authentic Finnish experience.

Overnight stay in Levi at **Northern Lights Village Levi** or similar.

Breakfast, Lunch, Dinner

Day 7

Levi Haparanda

Breakfast at the hotel followed by an early departure.

The route between Levi and Haparanda (290km) is quite scenic, especially during the winter months when the landscape is covered in snow. As you travel east from Levi towards Haparanda, you'll pass through the forests and hills of Finnish Lapland, which are dotted with small towns and villages.

As you approach the border between Finland and Sweden, you'll cross the Muonio River, which forms the border between the two countries. The river is quite wide and frozen in the winter, and you may be able to see people ice fishing or skiing on the river. Once you cross into Sweden, you'll notice a change in the landscape, as the terrain becomes flatter, and the forests give way to open fields. **Haparanda** is located on the coast of the Gulf of Bothnia, so you may be able to catch glimpses of the sea as you approach the town. Overall, the drive between Levi and Haparanda is a beautiful journey through the winter wonderland of Lapland, with plenty of opportunities to appreciate the natural beauty of the region.

After arrival in Haparanda in Swedish Lapland, you will have a chance to try unique ways of fishing as **optional**

experiences.

Tonight, you will stay at one of the most famous turn-of-the-century hotels in Sweden, restored to its former glory, with the authentic character of the town's number one establishment: red plush, crystal chandeliers, stucco. Haparanda, with Stadshotellet at its center, at periods has been the European town with the fastest pulse rate. The building was designed by the architects Fritz Ullrich and Eduard Hallqvist from Stockholm. The hotel was built in the classical style, the master builder and the carpenters coming from Sundsvall, Sweden, the stucco workers came from Italy, much of the building material was from Silesia.

Enjoy dinner at your Hotel

Overnight stay at **Haparanda Stadshotel** or similar.

Breakfast, Dinner



Day 8

Haparanda Sampo Icebreaker Cruise Rovaniemi

Breakfast at the Hotel.

Time for a swim as you head to the town of Kemi for a full day of activities. First a visit to the **Winter Park*** with its special snow slides, enjoy the snow sculptures and Snow Experience 365 complex, followed by three-course or buffet lunch at Seaview Restaurant.

Short drive to the harbour where you embark the impressive vessel **SAMPO ICEBREAKER for a cruise** through the ice of the Northern Gulf of Bothnia to make your adventure unforgettable. **Sea Lapland** is one of the few extraordinary places where the sea completely freezes over in the winter. Enjoy an unforgettable sea, snow and ice adventure on a cruise on the frozen Gulf of Bothnia. Let the magical moments in arctic nature blow you away. The crew gives a presentation of this historical ship and provide a guided tour around the vessel all the way from the Captain's bridge to the engine rooms. Feel the arctic freedom on the deck or relax in the warm indoors sipping hot beverages in Icebreaker Bar.

Before returning to the port, the ship will make a one-hour stop to enable **each visitor to participate in the ice floating event—in the middle of the largest ice field in Europe**. You can jump into the sea and float! Of course, comfortably dressed in survival suits (*Please note that the ice floating experience requires min. height of 130cm due to safety reasons*).

The adventure continues, as you make your way to Rovaniemi, located right on the Arctic Circle. **Rovaniemi capital of Finnish Lapland**, home of Santa Claus counts with more than 60.000 inhabitants. Evening at leisure to enjoy one of the many wonderful restaurants of the capital of Lapland.

Overnight stay in Rovaniemi at **the Santa's Hotel Santa Claus** or similar.

**Please note that the construction of the Winter Park is dependent on the weather conditions and therefore not guaranteed*

to be open during January.

Breakfast, Lunch



Day 9

Rovaniemi Santa Claus Village Rovaniemi

Breakfast at the hotel and depart for the next step on the winter adventure. Drive through the white nature to visit a Husky Farm located right on the Arctic Circle. The barking of enthusiastic dogs will welcome you to the most genuine Husky farm in Rovaniemi. The head musher will talk about the life and training of these Arctic animals and you will also have the chance to take some great photos. After brief instructions you embark, riding in pairs, on a run through the forest behind your pack of huskies (3-5km).

The day continues with a **visit to the world-famous Santa Claus Village**, built right on the Arctic Circle and home to Santa Claus. Stop by his busy post office where you can ask Santa to send a letter to your loved ones just before Christmas. Take a step into the magical world of Santa's home and meet Santa himself. No words can describe the emotions of this fairy-tale-like moment. It is something you will always remember. An absolute must for any visit to Lapland. After the visit to Santa Claus Village, return to your hotel by bus. The rest of the afternoon and evening at leisure.

Overnight stay in Rovaniemi at the **Santa's Hotel Santa Claus** or similar.

Breakfast



Day **10** Rovaniemi

Breakfast and the rest of your day at leisure until your regular transfer to Rovaniemi airport in good time for your departure flight.

Breakfast

OPTIONAL EXTRAS

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 Tromso's bestview. Enjoy spectacular panoramic views of Tromso 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

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

Day 2: Aurora Husky Visit with Dinner included

Be ready for a pick-up right outside your hotel at 18:30 hrs where you will be met by a representative from Tromso 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

chocolatecake. 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.

Inclusions:

- transportation, guide, warm overalls, traditional Norwegian dinner

4 hours

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Day 3: Sleigh Ride under the Northern Lights with Dinner

Meeting Time: 19:45 at the hotel reception

This tour offers you an evening of cozy adventure. You will be picked up in Alta and driven to a farm in the nearby countryside where you will climb aboard a sleigh and get bundled up in warm blankets. Your sleigh is then pulled by a Norwegian Fjord Horse through the forest and along the Alta River, all you need to do is sit back and enjoy the peace and beauty all around you. Near the end of the ride, you will stop at a **wilderness shelter where a light dinner** will be served around a warm fire. Under the right conditions you might also be able to capture some beautiful images of the Northern Lights.

Inclusions:

- Transportation, sleigh ride, traditional Norwegian dinner

REQUIRES PRE-BOOKING AND SUBJECT TO AVAILABILITY

4.00 hours

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Day 4: 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

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

Day 4: Northern Lights Tour & Sorrisniva Ice Hotel

Meeting Time: 18:30 at the hotel reception

Meet your Tour Director in the lobby of your hotel for a 20 minute bus ride into the countryside. The family owned Sorrisniva adventure facility is perfectly located to maximize your chances of seeing the magnificent Aurora Borealis in the time between September and March. **Experience the Igloo Hotel - the world's northernmost ice hotel**, built from ground every year with different themes. Get a break from your daily life and feel the serenity and silence the Igloo Hotel gives you. Wander among handcrafted ice sculptures or take an ice drink in our bar. Everything is made from pure snow and ice.

After the visit to the Ice Hotel, you will take on the Northern Lights chase in the company of 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.

Inclusions:

- transportation, guide, sweet snacks and soft drink, entrance to Sorrisniva Ice Hotel

4-5 hours

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

Day 5: Aurora Hunting by heated sleigh

Meeting Time: 20:15 at hotel reception

The silent, snow-covered forest, and the magical Northern Lights above you. Take a seat in the heated aurora sleigh! This is the best option if you do not wish to ride a snowmobile and rather sit in the comfort of a heated sleigh pulled by the guide. Your guide tows the sleigh with a snowmobile through the snowy, moon and starlit landscape, all the way into the forest, far away from the residential areas and their light pollution. After arriving, we prepare our cameras and take photographs of the northern night sky. If the luck is with us the Northern Lights will appear. Sit comfortably by the fire, enjoying hot drinks and listening to tales until someone spots the first flare. Now your imagination is the only limit: The Northern Lights waving across the sky, the constellations, and the glittering snow-covered trees... How will you compose your photos?

Inclusions:

- guiding, warm berry juice, cookies and marshmallows, thermal clothes

REQUIRES PRE-BOOKING AND SUBJECT TO AVAILABILITY

3 hours

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Day 6: Finnish Sauna & Jacuzzi

A beautiful setting to enjoy Finnish sauna and possibly Northern Lights. Built in the same style as our Aurora Cabins with a large sky window, the Igloo Sauna offers a perfect combination of viewing the night sky while warming up in the Sauna and relaxing in a hottub.

REQUIRES PRE-BOOKING AND SUBJECT TO AVAILABILITY

1 hour

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Day 6: Aurora Expedition on Snowshoes

Meeting Time: 20:15 at hotel reception

The Laplanders hung the wings of a willow grouse over the crib of a baby girl so that the girl would grow up to be as pure as the white willow grouse on top of the snow. Snowshoeing is the closest way to experience the nature of Lapland. The deep snow crunching under the shoes, the snow-hooded trees, and the pearly-white willow grouse watching you from afar—the winter nature is a magical world of its own. We hike through the forest in snowshoes to a nearby fell where we will build a fire, enjoy a delicious meal outdoors, and enjoy the spectacular scenery. The guide will provide information on the nature and animals of Lapland, and with any luck we may see a Siberian jay, a willow grouse, or a herd of reindeer wandering by. This trip is especially suitable for nature-lovers, who wish to take great photographs and enjoy the natural scenery in an ecological way.

Inclusions:

- guiding, hot berry juice, cookies, marshmallows, snowshoes, thermal clothes

REQUIRES PRE-BOOKING AND SUBJECT TO AVAILABILITY.

2 hours

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

Day 7: Trying Burbut fishnets and Ice-fishing

Meeting Time: 15:30 at hotel reception

Tornionjoki river is the biggest free-flowing river in Europe in which whitefish and salmon spawn. Kukkolankoski rapids are a crown jewel of Tornionjoki river. It flows unobstructed even in winter. Would you like to try your luck in ice-fishing? Ice fishing is the activity of catching fish with lines and hooks. Our guide will teach you how to drill a hole in the ice and prepare the ice-fishing rod and baits. Then it's time to test your skills.

REQUIRES PRE-BOOKING AND SUBJECT TO AVAILABILITY

2-3 hours

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ADDITIONAL INFORMATION

OFFICIAL LANGUAGE

Danish, Swedish, Norwegian, Icelandic, and Faroese

LOCAL CURRENCY

Danish Krone (DKK)

- Please note that the Arrival transfer from Tromsø is by a regular (public) airport bus service Flybussen. 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 ware are a must.
- The Itinerary may change without notice due to weather conditions. The weather in Norway, especially on fjord area, can be unpredictable during the season and road closures may be enforced by local authorities.

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