



Northern Lights at the Top of the World

Prices from
£1995pp

DEPARTURES DAILY DEC-APR

Travel around the top of the Norwegian peninsula for a very special adventure. Snowmobile across Norwegian tundra; fish for king crabs; sail along the Norwegian coast to the Russian border; sleep on ice in the world's most northerly snow hotel. Enjoy fish straight from the sea in a quayside restaurant and reindeer cooked over an open fire in a traditional Sami Teepee. And much more besides.

NORTH EAST BY NORTH TOUR

DAY 1 UK – TROMSO Scheduled SAS flight(s) via Oslo to Tromso on the edge of Norwegian Lapland. Self transfer to & overnight at Hotel With. Buffet supper at the hotel.

DAY 2 TROMSO Day at leisure in this uni town set down by Tromso Sound: the Arctic and Polaria museums and Fjellheisen cable car with its seascape view of the city and Tromso Sound are all worth it. And of course you shouldn't leave Tromso without having fish in one of the quayside restaurants. Early evening departure by Hurtigruten sailing north along the coast to Honningsvag with overnight accommodation in an inside 2 berth cabin with private WC/Shower.

DAY 3 HONNINGSVAG – NORTH CAPE-KJOLLEFJORD-MEHAMN Late morning arrival in Honningsvag and then by bus north to the vertiginous cliff face, christened North Cape and labelled Europe's northernmost point (even though it isn't!) by English explorer Richard Chancellor. On arrival toast your intrepidity in champagne and gaze out across the eerie Arctic Ocean before returning to Honningsvag

and re-embarking on your ship. Sail across the Kjollefjord, clad yourself in thermal outerwear and snowmobile with your guide across the Nordkyn peninsula to the tiny fishing village of Mehamn. Dinner and overnight in a waterside Rorbu.

DAY 4 MEHAMN – KIRKENES Time to savour this uniquely remote spot and its rugged surroundings before re-embarking on the Hurtigruten and cruising overnight above the 70th parallel to Kirkenes on the Norwegian/Russian border.

DAY 5 KIRKENES – SNOW HOTEL Disembark early morning and transfer to Rica Arctic Hotel. Early afternoon husky safari over by the Russian border with a hot snack lunch en route. Upon return transfer to the Kirkenes Snow Hotel with a guided tour on arrival followed by dinner in a nearby Kota followed by a night sleeping on ice in one of the hotel's exquisitely sculpted snow suites.

DAY 6 KIRKENES – UK Warm up with a sauna before breakfast and transfer to the airport for return flight to the UK.

HOTEL WITH

The Hotel With is down close to the quayside in the city centre with Tromso Sound on one side and the City's historic centre on the other (see more on p8).



MEHAMN RORBU

Fjord side fisherman's huts in the world's most northerly fishing village renovated with all mod cons and panoramic views of the Barents Sea.



HURTIGRUTEN

Norway's everyday maritime bus service dropping off people, post and packing cases all along the coast. (see more on our website).



KIRKENES SNOW HOTEL

With just 15 exquisitely sculpted snow suites and ice beds topped with reindeer hides this is the boutique of the ice hotel world (see more on page 19).



WHAT'S INCLUDED Prices include return scheduled SAS flight(s) from Heathrow to Tromso and Kirkenes to Heathrow via Oslo - All airport departure taxes and passenger service charges - 2 nights accommodation in twin room(s) with private WC/shower - 2 nights onboard Norwegian Coastal Steamer in 2 berth cabin with private WC/shower - Overnight in a Snow Suite at Kirkenes Snow hotel - 5 breakfasts, 2 lunches & 3 dinners - Excursions in Nordkap, Kjollefjord and Kirkenes as per itinerary - Local transfers as per itinerary - Protective clothing during snowmobile safari



SOUTH WEST BY WEST TOUR

DAY 1 UK – OSLO Scheduled SAS flights to Oslo. Self transfer to Grand Hotel and overnight.

DAY 2 OSLO – KIRKENES Time to look around this, the Viking Capital, before late afternoon flight to Kirkenes close by the Russian border. Self transfer to and overnight at Rica Kirkenes Hotel.

DAY 3 KIRKENES After breakfast sail out into the local fjord and catch your lunch of giant King Crab, some of which have a 'claw span' of 2 metres. Late afternoon transfer to the Gaba Reindeer Park for a traditional Sami supper round an open fire in a Kota before spending the night in an exquisitely sculpted suite at the Kirkenes Snow Hotel.



DAY 4 KIRKENES – AT SEA Embark at mid-day on a Hurtiguten steamer for a scenic voyage along the Ice Age sculpted Norwegian coast, stopping at Vardø, Båtsfjord and Berlevåg en route. Overnight in a twin outside cabin.

DAY 5 AT SEA – TROMSØ Continue south calling at Mehamn, Kjøllefjord, Honningsvåg, Oksfjord and Skjervøy before reaching Tromsø



around midnight. Self transfer to and overnight at Hotel With.

DAY 6 TROMSØ – LYNGENFJORD After breakfast, enjoy an epic guided adventure mushing your own dog sled in the foothills of the Lyngen Alps through a snow-covered landscape with fantastic views. Afternoon at leisure before a short flight over the Lyngen Alps north to Storlett. Continue with a local guide who takes you to a spot on the Lyngenfjord shoreline which locals hold to be the best for seeing Northern Lights and where Joanna Lumley spent a night filming them for her BBC programme. Supper & overnight in a cabin with private WC/shower and sauna.

DAY 7 LYNGENFJORD – TROMSØ After breakfast return by private car to Tromsø and check-in at Hotel With for 2 nights. Afternoon cable car ride to Mount Storsteinen for fantastic ariel views of Tromsøya, the island on which the city stands.

DAY 8 TROMSØ – UK Morning at leisure before



lunchtime cruise in Tromsø Sound for stunning seascape views in the blue half light of an Arctic winter afternoon.

Round off your tour with the ultimate hunt for the Aurora. Our Guide takes you dodging the strato, alto and nimbocumulus clouds from the North Atlantic searching for the best place to see the Northern lights, whether on the coast or over by the Finnish Border.

DAY 9 TROMSØ – UK Transfer to airport for return flight to UK.

WHAT'S INCLUDED Scheduled return flights with SAS from London Heathrow to Kirkenes via Oslo and return from Tromsø - 1 night at Grand Hotel (Oslo) - 1 night at Rica Hotel (Kirkenes) - 1 night at the Snow Hotel (Kirkenes) - Overnight Hurtigruten voyage Kirkenes to Tromsø in an outside cabin with private WC/shower - 3 nights at the Hotel With (Tromsø) - Lodging in twin rooms with private WC/shower - Breakfasts throughout, 3 light lunches & 3 buffet suppers - King Crab Safari (Kirkenes) - Husky Safari (Tromsø) - Lyngenfjord overnight excursion - Cable Car (Tromsø) - Arctic Light cruise (Tromsø) - Aurora Spotting (Tromsø)