



## Northern Lights Experience

Prices from **£695**pp

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Witness the extraordinary phenomena of the 'Northern Lights' in Tromso, Norway's 'Paris of the North'. By night, enjoy the effervescent atmosphere of the world's most northerly university town and sample fresh fish dishes in myriad local restaurants. By day, enjoy a thrilling husky safari, go ice kicksledding, ice fishing or innumerable other safari excursions.

'The Northern Lights' or 'Aurora Borealis', to give them their proper name, are a natural phenomenon, totally unpredictable but a magnificent spectacle when atmospheric conditions are just right. And it was from an observatory, just North of Tromso, the Norwegian scientist Kristian Birkeland gave the world the first scientific explanation for the Aurora. He observed how electron rays from the sun collided with the earth's magnetic field and followed it down to the magnetic poles creating an explosion of light.

Visible from November to April, Tromso is one of the world's best spots from which to see the lights as well as being a city, (first christened 'The Paris of the North' by visitors in the 19th century), in which to enjoy yourself. We can't guarantee you'll see the Northern Lights (no-one can) but we can promise the best chance possible - and numerous excursion options to make your trip one to remember.



### RICA ISHAVSHOTEL

In the heart of Tromso the Ishavshotel's futuristic maritime inspired design and wharf end location overlooking Tromso Sound, the inner harbour and The Arctic Cathedral makes it probably one of the swishiest places in town. The hotel has two

restaurants (one a brasserie and the other a la carte) and two bars both at the fjord end of the hotel with spectacular views out over the Sound. All 180 rooms have TV, telephone, mini-bar, trouser-press, hairdryer and private WC/shower are styled in a modernistic Nordic fashion with the twins furnished in pine and with muted hessian and brick red fabrics.

Waterfront location - 2 Restaurants - 2 bars - central location

**WHAT'S INCLUDED** Prices are in £ per person and include return scheduled SAS flight(s) from Heathrow to Tromso via Oslo - All airport departure taxes and passenger service charges - 3 nights hotel accommodation in twin room with private WC/shower - 3 Scandinavian buffet breakfasts and 3 buffet suppers (Hotel With only)  
**ARCTIC CLOTHING PACK** Windproof, water resistant thermal suit with inner & outer pockets and hood. Non slip Arctic boots with removable inner pocket. Deer flapped tight knit woolen hat Leather gloves. **£75pp** (up to 4 days)

### SCANDIC HOTEL

The Scandic's hill top setting on the western side of Tromso Island, 4kms away from the glare of the urban lighting in the city centre, is perfect for "Northern Lights" spotting. All 146 non-smoking rooms are furnished in a functional Scandinavian style and equipped with telephone, radio, TV, hair dryer, iron and private wc/shower. - Hilltop location - Non smoking rooms - Lobby bar restaurant - Sauna - Distance from Airport 1km - Distance from city centre 4km



### 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. Close by are the Arctic Botanical gardens, Mack Brewery, Arctic Cathedral and several restaurants and bars. All 76 rooms have air conditioning, telephone, cable TV and private WC/shower. - Waterfront location - Non smoking rooms - Restaurant



# Pre-bookable Safari Excursions

## NORTHERN LIGHTS SPOTTING

Escape the city's urban lighting and travel out to the Troms Wilderness Centre where you can enjoy the warmth of a Sami lavvo's open fire over which you can grill sausages and sip hot local berry juice, in between spells lying on reindeer skins staring skywards for the Northern Lights. In between aurora sightings you can also visit the centre's husky kennels and enjoy an optional traditional supper of Bidos (stewed reindeer). Departs from Radisson SAS Hotel at 18.15. **4 (3) hours £59pp.**



## NORTHERN LIGHTS ARCTIC CRUISE

Cruise offshore in the evening blackness on the fishing boat 'Havcruise', spotting for the aurora to burst out over the Sound. Light supper on board & hotel pick-up at 20.00 hrs included. **3 hours £140pp.**



## BLUE LIGHT ARCTIC CRUISE

Cruise in Tromsø Sound and catch surrounding landscapes in the clear blue light of an Arctic afternoon onboard the custom built catamaran 'Havcruise'. See the island of Sammaroy on one side and the majestic Lyngen Alps on the other. Light fish meal on board. Departs from harbour quayside close to Hotel With at 12.30. **3 hours £114pp.**

## NORTHERN LIGHTS SEARCH

Our trip with as close to an Aurora guarantee as we can give. Our local guide picks you up from the city centre at 6.30pm and, depending on the level of cloud cover, heads North to a spot with the Atlantic to one side of you and the Lyngen Alps the other or East as far as the Finnish

border. The emphasis is firmly on hunting Aurora where they are most likely to occur, so the trip can last for anything up to 8 hours. During the evening you move location two or three times to provide different backdrop settings, avoid light pollution and hunt out the best aurora experience. Ideal for photographers whatever their competence, we provide tripods and our guide helps you with your camera settings to produce memorable shots. We provide thermal suits, hand warmer, hot meal and drinks. NB We regret having to point out in this litigious age that we use the word 'guarantee' here as a simile for 'best chance you can get'. Departs from Radisson SAS Hotel at 18.30. **6-8 hours £139pp.**



## HUSKY SAFARI

Including a traditional dinner by an open fire in a Lavvo (tent). Hotel pick-up (9.45 or 18.15 – please advise preference), protective thermal clothing and traditional Sami light supper included. **3½ hours £154pp.**

## SNOWMOBILE SAFARI

Through the Finn valley along a 15km trail from Camp Tamok (a commune of Sami tents and hospitality cabin) to Lake Tamok where you can try your hand at ice fishing. Driving in pairs you can swap round half way so each person can have a go driving. The contrast between tundra, lake and mogul like terrain provides the ultimate snowmobile experience from speeding to crawling. A hot meal round an open fire in



nomadic sami style is served en-route. Rica Ishavshotel pick-up at 09.30 or 17.00, transfers to Camp Tamok, protective clothing and 'Davy' helmet and hot meal. **7 (4½) hours £185pp.**



## SNOWSHOE TREK

Exploring the spectacular winter landscape of Tromsø's surrounds, on a self guided trek trip. We supply you with snowshoes, an easy to read map of the area and suggested routes. You'll catch sight of the fjords surrounding Tromsø and perhaps get a close look at some Arctic Wildlife! Back at base you can rest up in a traditional Sami tents or enjoy a warm lunch of traditional 'Bidos' made from reindeer and served with 'flattbrod'. Coffee brewed over the fire Norwegian style and chocolate cake for dessert rounds off the day. Pick up from Radisson SAS Hotel at 09.45. **3½ hours £52pp.**



## ARCTIC TRIATHALON

Starts with a scenic flight over the Lyngen Alps to Storslett where you are met by our guide who takes you down to a reindeer corral to try out your lassoing skills. Follow on with a snowshoe trek along the Reisa River's frozen bed to a known Eagle nesting spot and then a snowmobile safari in the foothills of the Lyngen Alps. Your trio of activities is broken with a traditional Sami supper around a Lavvo's open fire during which your hosts tell of the nomadic life of the Norwegian Sami and of their culture perilously clinging on to the coat tails of the modern world. Return to Tromsø by Hurtigruten steamer. Protective thermal clothing, hot lunch, necessary equipment, hot drinks and cookies provided. Rica Ishavshotel pick up at 09.30. **9/12 hours £225pp.**