



Reine, The Lofoten

# Northern Norway



Northern Norway's weather beaten landscape of high mountain peaks, protected inlets, farmland and idyllic fishing villages can only be described as a masterpiece almost untouched by time.

No matter the time of year there is much to experience and discover in the land above the Arctic Circle. It is the region that keeps on giving and will leave you wanting to explore further.



## 1 Wildlife

Look up and you might see a Golden Eagle, White Tailed Eagle, Gannets, Puffin or Kittiwakes. Take a boat trip to see sperm, humpback, minke, orca and pilot whales, Not to mention moose and reindeer.



## 2 Illuminating Arctic lights

Even at the height of winter, at the time of the polar nights, Northern Norway is alight with a magical glow - twinkling stars, moonlight and the Aurora Borealis.



## 3 Unique hotels

Northern Norway is home to the Sorrisniva Igloo Hotel and the Kirkenes Snow Hotel. A night here is an experience that will remain with you for a lifetime.



## 4 The Lofoten archipelago

The Lofoten is a nature lover's paradise. A land of jagged mountain peaks, sheltered bays, a coastline dotted with picture-postcard wooden houses and large areas of virgin territory with beaches, fjords and sea bird colonies.

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# The land of the northern lights and the midnight sun

As the Earth tilts on its axis, relative to the sun, the seasons evolve. Above the Arctic Circle the seasons are more profound, as out of the darkness of winter comes the light of an endless summer.



## The northern lights

### The Lofoten

The 100km chain of the Lofoten archipelago hums with life throughout the winter months. For millennia fishermen have come to these waters in search of the annual catch and their wooden red rorbu's are symbolic of the region. Snowshoe treks, horse riding, kayaking, boat trips on the Trollfjord and sea eagle safaris are on offer.

### Tromsø

When you think of Norway and the Aurora Borealis it is likely that the university city of Tromsø will spring to mind. Directly under the Aurora oval, the city and its surrounding region offer the highest probability of seeing the northern lights in the country.

### Alta

The city of the northern lights and one of the most northerly cities in the world. Its connection with the Aurora goes back over 200 years. In fact, one of the world's first Northern Light observatories was built just outside of the city. A choice of small-group and private Aurora experiences are available.

### Kirkenes

At 70° latitude the frontier town of Kirkenes is as far north as Point Barrow in Alaska and situated directly under the Aurora oval. It is the easternmost town on the Norwegian mainland and is also the most culturally diverse. Light pollution is minimal in Kirkenes and the Aurora Borealis can be enjoyed from within the city limits.



## The midnight sun

### The Lofoten

**28 MAY TO 14 JULY**

The landscape of the Lofoten is one of the most dramatic and breathtaking in the whole of Norway. Add to this 24 hours of daylight and you have one of the most beautiful island destinations in the world and a geological masterpiece.

### Tromsø

**20 MAY TO 22 JULY**

There is always something happening in Tromsø and the period of the midnight sun is no exception. The city hosts midnight concerts and a midnight sun marathon, as well offering guests the opportunity to join a selection of outdoor activities. Take the cable car to the mountain ledge Storsteinen and watch the midnight sun hover over the city and the peaks of Ringvassøya island.

### Alta

**17 MAY TO 26 JULY**

The cultural landscape of Finnmark stretches far beyond Alta's city limits. Here the Sami and their reindeer have lived for thousands of years, observing the skies and nature and using their readings to determine their migratory routes and seasons. The Komsafjellet mountain in Alta rises 212m from sea level and offers a dramatic setting for watching the midnight sun.

### Kirkenes and the Hurtigruten

**18 MAY TO 26 JULY**

Many of our guests choose to travel to Kirkenes by Hurtigruten during the summer months. On passing the Arctic Circle at 66.32° the opportunity to experience the midnight sun is available on every step of your voyage. You can even visit the North Cape, the northernmost point of mainland Europe.

# The Lofoten

With craggy alpine peaks, expanses of white sandy beaches, colourful fishing hamlets in sheltered ports and verdant agricultural communities, the Lofoten archipelago is the jewel of Norway. Be prepared to be amazed by the beauty of this 100km chain of islands.

## Svinøya Rorbuer, Svolvaer

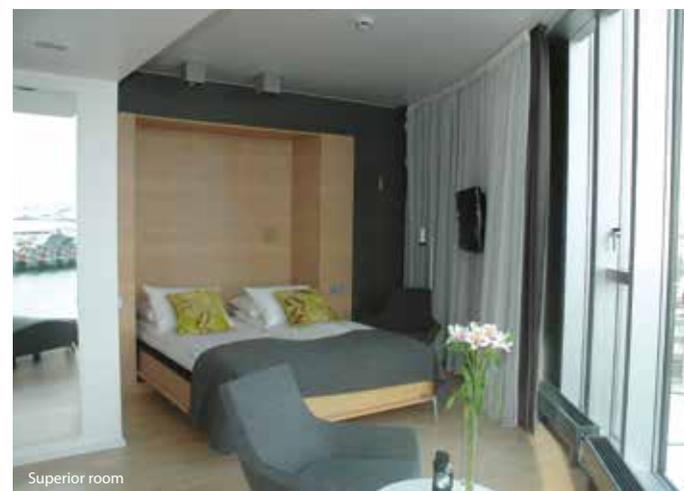
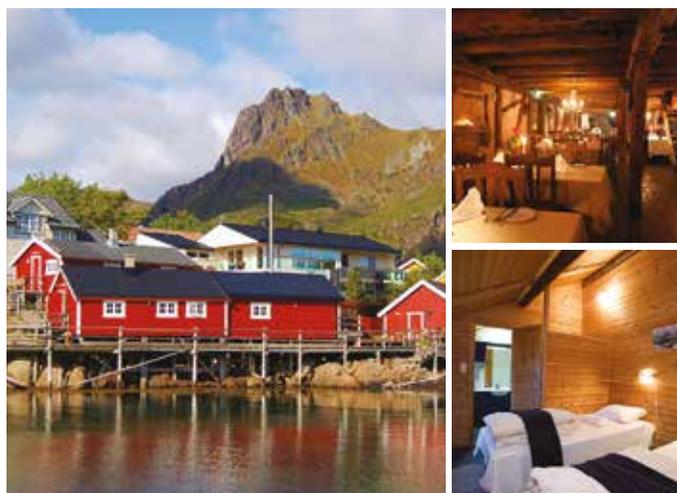
Svinøya is the oldest district of Svolvaer and it was here that the first shop was established and where the first trading activities began in 1828. During the early 19th century, a row of cabins were built to accommodate the visiting fishermen during the Lofoten winter cod season.

Today, a number of the original cabins are offered by Svinøya Rorbuer as tourist accommodation. In addition to the traditional Rorbuer, the Svinøya offers a selection of newly built cabins and suites each enjoying sea views.

**Accommodation:** 33 original or newly built Rorbuer cabins including standard one bedroom cabins, two bedroom cabins, three bedroom cabins, deluxe two bedroom cabins and deluxe three bedroom cabins.

- Airport: 4km Svolvaer Helle / 165km Harstad-Narvik-Evenes
- Arctic location
- Bed & Breakfast or Self Catering
- Complimentary WiFi
- Restaurant

Guide price from **£1,400 per person\***



## Thon Hotel Lofoten, Svolvaer

The Thon Hotel Lofoten is located on Austvågøya, the largest of the Lofoten islands where spectacular mountains frame a wild coastline. Conveniently located on the waterfront in the heart of Svolvaer, this modern hotel is the perfect choice for guests wishing to be within easy reach of the restaurants, cafés and museums of the 'Capital of the archipelago'. A short walk (50m) leads to the Hurtigruten terminal, whilst ample parking spaces allow for independent exploration of the surrounding islands.

**Accommodation:** 161 rooms including single, standard, superior, family and business rooms and suites.

- Airport: 6km Svolvaer Helle / 165km Harstad-Narvik-Evenes
- Arctic location
- Bed & Breakfast
- Complimentary WiFi
- Restaurant

Guide price from **£1,406 per person\***

## Reine Rorbuer, Reine

Reine Rorbuer stands at the mouth of the Reinefjord on the south-western tip of the Lofoten archipelago, on the island of Moskenesøy. Surrounded by blue ocean waters and with the majestic summits of the 'Lofotveggen' range as its backdrop, this is a truly picturesque setting.

The 36 cabins of Reine Rorbuer, once housing the visiting fishermen during the winter months, have been carefully restored and renovated. The red wooden structures have been warmed with colourful textiles

and modern conveniences, whilst the atmosphere of yesteryear has been retained.

**Accommodation:** 36 original or newly built Rorbuer cabins including studio cabins, one-bedroom cabins, two bedroom cabins, three bedroom cabins and four bedroom cabins.

- Airport: 55km Leknes
- Arctic location
- Complimentary WiFi
- Restaurant
- Self Catering

Guide price from **£1,614 per person\***



\* Guide prices for the Svinøya Rorbuer and the Thon Hotel Lofoten based on 2-sharing the leading room (7 nights), flights from London to Svolvaer Helle (via Oslo Gardermoen and Bodo) and car hire (Group B). Prices for Reine Rorbuer are based on 2-sharing a studio cabin, flights from London to Leknes (via Oslo Gardermoen and Bodo) and car hire (Group B). Regional airports and single room supplements on request.

# Narvik

The coastal town of Narvik is a short distance from the Swedish border and is a strategic port town between the north and south. Many pass through but with its mountain backdrop, deep fjord and transportation links it is a destination that warrants a longer stay.



Narvik

## Scandic Hotel Narvik, Narvik

At 200km north of the Arctic Circle, Narvik, the best location for alpine skiing in Norway, is 1,561 km north of Oslo. The award winning Scandic Hotel, is housed in a 19 storey building which dominates this small town. It is northern Norway's highest building.

The hotel affords panoramic views over Narvik, the Ofotfjord and the surrounding mountains. The view is particularly stunning from the hotel's Skybar on the 15th floor. In fact, given the right conditions, you can view the Aurora Borealis from your bedroom and marvel at the midnight sun.

The decor is typically Scandinavian and is a reflection of the terrain surrounding the town.

**Accommodation:** 148 rooms including single, standard, family and superior rooms and junior suites.

- Airport: 76km Narvik
- Bed & Breakfast
- City centre location
- Complimentary WiFi
- Restaurant

Guide price from **£860 per person\***



Standard room

\* Guide prices based on 2-sharing a standard room (3 nights), flights from London to Evenes-Harstad-Narvik (via Oslo Gardermoen) and car hire (Group B). Regional airports and single room supplements on request.

# Tromsø and her surroundings

Located at a latitude of 70° north, Tromsø is the largest city above the Arctic Circle in the Nordic countries and also the location of the world's northernmost university and Cathedral. Warmed by the Gulf Stream, the city enjoys a mild climate and as such is a destination worthy of a visit at any time of year.

## Clarion Collection Hotel Aurora, Tromsø

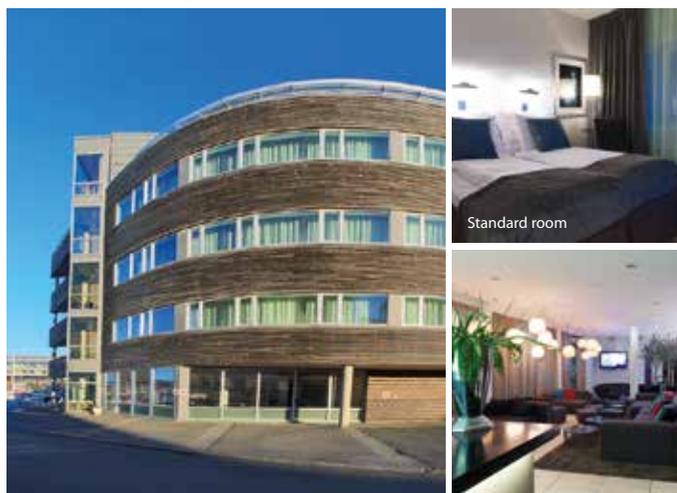
Situated on the harbour front in Tromsø, the Clarion Collection Hotel Aurora combines panoramic views with a friendly, relaxed service. From its rooftop Jacuzzi and relax area, you can see the Arctic Cathedral and Tromsø harbourfront.

This hotel is ideal for couples, families and friends. Its atmosphere is sociable and lively, with plenty of space for guests to relax, unwind and chat about their experiences.

**Accommodation:** 121 rooms including standard, superior and deluxe rooms and suites

- Airport: 8km from Tromsø Langnes
- Arctic location
- Bed & Breakfast
- Complimentary WiFi
- Light evening meal included
- Year around activities available

Guide price from **£744 per person\***



## Clarion Hotel The Edge, Tromsø

The Clarion Hotel The Edge occupies a privileged and panoramic position in the heart of the city. Inside, modern, neutral decoration has been used throughout to create a bright ambience and large windows allow the surrounding environment to flood in. The city's museums, shops, restaurants, bars and the Hurtigruten terminal are all within a short stroll of the property. Perfect for a short break or as part of a longer multi-centre itinerary.

**Accommodation:** 290 rooms including single, standard, superior and deluxe rooms, junior suites and suites.

- Airport: 8km Tromsø Langnes
- Arctic location
- Bed & Breakfast
- Complimentary WiFi
- Restaurant
- Year round activities available

Guide price from **£815 per person\***

## Lauklines Kystferie, Kvaløya

An idyllic, quiet location immersed in nature awaits guests of Lauklines. Originally built as a trading post, these six beautiful cabins have been carefully renovated and offer a high standard of accommodation directly on the waterfront of Kattfjord.

Owner-managed by Andreas Nilsen and his family, Lauklines Kystferie is the ideal choice for those wishing to relax, explore the archipelago surrounding Tromsø or to participate in a range of outdoor activities.

Winter on the island of Kvaløya is peaceful and dramatic.

**Accommodation:** 6 three-bedroom rorbu (fishermen's log cabins).

- Airport: 30km Tromsø Langnes
- Arctic location
- Complimentary WiFi
- Self Catering
- Year round activities available

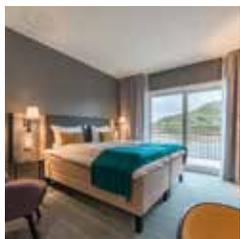
Guide price from **£1,188 per person\***



\* Guide prices for the Clarion Collection Hotel Aurora and the Clarion Hotel The Edge based on 2-sharing a standard room (3 nights), flights from London to Tromsø Langnes and private transfers. For Lauklines Kystferie the guide price is based on a three bedroom rorbu (7 nights), flight from London to Tromsø Langnes and car hire (Group B). Single room supplement and regional flight departures on request.

# Tromsø's archipelago

Surrounding Tromsø and stretching along the coast is an archipelago of islands which boast some of the most dramatic and spectacular scenery in the entire country. The turquoise waters, sandy beaches, colourful villages and lofty mountain peaks combine to create a scene that will take your breath away.



## Sommarøy Arctic Hotel, Sommarøy

The island and fishing village of Sommarøy 36km west of Tromsø has a population of 318 and occupies an area of 89 acres.

The Sommarøy hotel occupies a fair proportion of the island, offering a selection of hotel rooms, cottages, sea houses and apartments. This is a very Scandinavian property: a cluster of painted buildings; a remote place close to nature, bordered by white sands, a coral painted pale blue sea and surrounded by other tiny islands and distant mountains.

This is an informal and relaxed hotel. The perfect place to unwind.

**Accommodation:** 28 rooms including single, standard, standard plus, superior and family rooms, suites, 4 three-bedroom rorbu, 4 two-bedroom apartments and 18 three-bedroom seaside cabins.

- Airport: 53km Tromsø Langsnes
- Arctic location
- Bed & Breakfast
- Complimentary WiFi
- Restaurant
- Year round activities available

Guide price from **£1,142 per person\***

## Hamn I Senja , Hamn

On the west coast of Senja, with a backdrop of towering mountains and the ocean as its neighbour, the location Hamn is nothing short of idyllic. From the apartments guests can enjoy views of the bay and from the small lighthouse, owned by the property, uninterrupted views of the surrounding mountain peaks and fjord are visible - the perfect spot for sightings of the Aurora Borealis and midnight sun.

**Accommodation:** The accommodation at Hamn I Senja is offered in sea houses, with each house accommodating two large apartments. These apartments can be sold as one unit or divided into smaller guest rooms.

- Airport: 98km Bardufoss / 211km Tromsø Langnes
- Arctic location
- Bed & Breakfast
- Complimentary WiFi
- Restaurant
- Year round activities available

Guide price from **£1,470 per person\***



Panoramic suite



\* Guide prices based on 2-sharing the leading room (7 nights), flights from London to Tromsø Langnes and car hire (Group B). Single room supplement and regional flight departures on request.

# Lyngen Alps

Surrounding Tromsø is a landscape almost untouched by time and with age-old traditions still very much alive. The Lyngen Alps with its peaks reaching up to 1833m, gushing rivers, blue glaciers and rugged weather-beaten lands are wonderful to explore by car or on foot.



Lyngen Alps



## Arctic Panorama Lodge, Uløybukt

Owned and managed by Svein and Aud, this six room guest house epitomises the best of Norwegian hospitality, with guests arriving as strangers and leaving as friends. The communal lounge is at the heart of the house and affords uninterrupted views over the island of Uløybukta to the coast. When Sunvil visited the Arctic Panorama Lodge in March, we were lucky enough to witness a pod of orcas swimming through the channel between the mainland and the island. Even without the dolphins,

the scene is breathtaking and with the ever changing a Norwegian weather a landscape which differs every time you look.

**Accommodation:** 6 twin bedded rooms.

- Airport: 65km Sørkjosen / 138km Tromsø Langnes
- Arctic location
- Full Board
- Complimentary WiFi
- Winter activities available locally

**Prices on request**

## Lyngen Lodge, Sørkjosen (Lyngen Alps)

With an idyllic location surrounded by the Lyngen Alps, professional and welcoming service, a relaxed and social atmosphere and mouth-wateringly delicious food, we cannot recommend the Lyngen Lodge highly enough.

During the day, the property's natural backdrop is perfect for outdoor activities. At night, relax in one of the comfortable lounges where attention to detail is apparent – often a wood-burning fire will be roaring.

**Accommodation:** 8 rooms with double beds or bunk beds (larger bed below, single bed above).

- Airport: 27km Sørkjosen / 100km Tromsø Langnes
- Arctic location
- Complimentary WiFi
- Full board
- Restaurant
- Year round activities available

**Prices on request**



\* Guide prices for the Arctic Panorama Lodge and the Lyngen Lodge are on request. Set packages, including activities and all meals, are on offer.

# Alta

The city of Alta and its environs is a destination with wide appeal. During the summer months there are forests, mountain plateaus, the Altafjord and the rock carvings of Hjemmeluftm, dating from 4200-500BC and a UNESCO World Heritage Site, to discover. In the winter the ground is covered in snow and the region's natural beauty sparkles under the polar nights and the Aurora Borealis.



Snowmobiling in Finnmark



## Sorrisniva Igloo Hotel, Alta

Alta is in the northernmost region of northern Norway, hundreds of kilometres into the Arctic Circle and 1,727km north of Oslo. So, it's not surprising to find an igloo hotel here and in fact it is the northernmost ice hotel in the world. Sorrisniva is situated on the banks of the River Alta and 20km from the town itself, is a family run hotel which was established 20 years ago. It is surrounded by dense forests of fir.

Each year as the snow begins to settle a temporary structure, made entirely of ice and snow takes shape. Inside are

26 bedrooms, 4 suites and ice chapel and an ice bar. It is a remarkable feat and the artistic skill on display will leave you in awe.

**Accommodation:** 26 bedrooms and 4 suites.

- Airport: 21km Alta
- Arctic location
- Complimentary WiFi
- Bed & Breakfast
- Igloo Hotel
- Restaurant
- Winter activities available

Guide price from **£1,063 per person\***

## Thon Hotel Alta, Alta

In the heart of Alta, the Thon Hotel offers comfortable and attractively furnished accommodation in a simple Scandinavian style. The amenities of the town are all around and opposite is the stunning Northern Lights Cathedral whose cascading architecture represents the gentle movement of the Aurora Borealis.

Whether visiting in the summer or winter there is much on offer, especially for those who like to be outdoors. As the gateway to the Finnmark plateau, you have one of the most remarkable cultural landscapes on your doorstep.

Do not miss the Sami Siida visitor centre, where you can learn about the Sami culture and the historical routes followed by their reindeers or join an authentic Sami excursion.

**Accommodation:** 146 rooms including standard, triple, family and superior rooms.

- Airport: 5km Alta
- Arctic location
- Bed & Breakfast
- Complimentary WiFi
- Year round activities available

Guide price from **£752 per person\***



\* Guide prices for the Sorrisniva Igloo Hotel are based on 2-sharing a standard room at the Thon Hotel Alta (2 nights) and an ice room at the Sorrisniva Igloo Hotel (1 night), flights from London to Alta (via Oslo Gardermoen) and shared transfers. Prices for the Thon Hotel Alta based on 2-sharing a standard room (3 nights), flights to Alta (via Oslo Gardermoen) and shared transfers. Single room supplement and regional flight departures on request.

# Finnmark

Stretching from the Barents Sea to Finland and Russia, Finnmark is a region of immense appeal for nature lovers – you can travel for miles with only the lakes, birds and reindeer for company. But, this is not a wilderness, this landscape has been home to the Sami for over 2000 years and the dramatic scene is testament to their traditional way of life.

## Bjørnffjell Mountain Lodge, Alta

New to our programme in 2018, the Bjørnffjell Mountain Lodge is a collection of five independent cabins offering modern accommodation close to the Sarves alpine park on the outskirts of Alta. This is a property for families and couples, and a destination where you can be as active or as relaxed as you desire.

The focus of the cabins are the floor-to-ceiling windows that allow the natural surroundings and light to flood in. It is easy to while-away the hours

enjoying the scene of pine forests and mountains that unfolds before your eyes, especially when seated on the cosy window ledges.

**Accommodation:** 5 well-equipped cabins sleeping up to 6 people.

- Airport: 16km Alta
- Arctic location
- Bed & Breakfast
- Complimentary WiFi
- Year round activities available

Guide price from **£1,050 per person\***



## Ongajok Mountain Lodge, near Alta

It's the approach that makes the Ongajok Mountain Lodge so special. It's the 10 minute drive down an unmade road and then; it's the mountain and nothing else for miles. High up in the Arctic Circle and 1,728km north of Oslo, you are in the middle of nowhere.

Yet there is life here! The welcome is wonderful, in that visitors from all over the world all eat together and somehow form a chattering community, swapping stories about their experiences.

Activities are plentiful both in the winter and summer and include

dog sledding, snowmobile safaris, snowshoe trekking, northern lights safaris, cross country bike tours, horse riding, reindeer experiences and even gold panning. As the Lodge says, this is a spot "where nature is truly wild".

**Accommodation:** 16 rooms including standard and superior rooms. Sunvil recommends the superior rooms.

- Airport: 28km Alta
- Arctic location
- Full Board
- Year around activities available

Guide price from **£922 per person\***

## Thon Hotel Kautokeino, Kautokeino

This modern hotel is situated on the borders of the Finnmarksvidda Arctic Plateau, an area of outstanding natural beauty and with a rich cultural heritage. Here, reindeers roam freely and the traditional lifestyle of the Sami herders is very much alive. The Sami culture and approach to life is visible in everything you see, touch and taste.

Kautokeino is the winter base of the reindeer and also home to the Sami Reindeer Husbandry School. You'll also find the Juhls' Sølvsmie (Juhls' Silver Gallery), just out of town, housing a magnificent examples of the best of

Scandinavian jewellery design. In the summer months the midnight sun bathes the landscape from mid-May to mid-July. A perfect combination with Alta, Kirkenes and as part of a longer Scandinavia fly-drive holiday.

**Accommodation:** 65 rooms including standard rooms and junior suites.

- Airport: 130km Alta
- Arctic Hotel
- Bed & Breakfast
- Complimentary WiFi
- Restaurant

Guide price from **£845 per person\***



\* Guide prices for Bjørnffjell Mountain Lodge and Ongajok Mountain Lodge are based on 2-sharing a leading room category (3 nights), flights from London to Alta (via Oslo Gardermoen) and shared transfers. Prices for the Thon Hotel Kautokeino based on 2-sharing a standard room (3 nights), flights to Alta (via Oslo Gardermoen) and car hire (Group B). Single room supplement and regional flight departures on request.

# Kirkenes

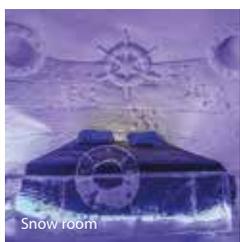
There is much to see and do in Kirkenes. Why not spend a night at the Kirkenes Snow Hotel (Dec-Apr), visit Andersgrotta (a WW2 bomb shelter in the centre of the city) and the excellent Frontier Museum, fish for King Crab, explore the Øvre Pasvik National Park or join a cruise onboard the Hurtigruten?



Kirkenes Snow Hotel



Gamme cabin



Snow room



## Kirkenes Snow Hotel, near Kirkenes

In December each year, on the outskirts of the town of Kirkenes, a remarkable transformation takes place. This is the location of the Kirkenes Snow Hotel, a property made wholly from snow and ice taken from the shores of the neighbouring Langfjord. Wrap up warm in your thermal sleeping bag and enjoy an experience of a lifetime in sub-zero temperatures, overlooked by individually carved artistic designs in the frozen walls of your bedroom.

Throughout the year, warm accommodation is offered here in their cosy wooden cabins.

**Accommodation:** 20 snow rooms and 10 gamme cabins. The cabins are available all year round.

- Airport: 14km Kirkenes
- Arctic location
- Complimentary WiFi
- Half Board
- Year round activities available

Guide price from **£1,196 per person\***

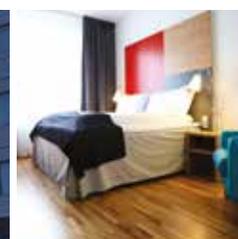
## Thon Hotel Kirkenes, Kirkenes

The Thon Hotel Kirkenes is located on the harbour front in the centre of the frontier town, and just a short walk from the Hurtigruten terminal (900m). This prime location makes it the ideal choice for guests arriving or departing on the coastal voyage. This is the newest hotel in Kirkenes and offers bright, modern guest accommodation. Many rooms enjoy views over the Bøkfjord, which, whether in summer or winter – under the midnight sun or the polar nights, is a wonderful scene.

**Accommodation:** 143 rooms including standard and superior rooms and suites.

- Airport: 14km Kirkenes
- Arctic location
- Bed & Breakfast
- Complimentary WiFi
- Restaurant
- Year round activities available

Guide price from **£940 per person\***



\* Guide prices for the Kirkenes Snow Hotel are based on 2-sharing a gamme cabin (2 nights) and a snow room (1 night), flights from London to Kirkenes (via Oslo Gardermoen) and shared transfers. Prices for the Thon Hotel Kirkenes based on 2-sharing a standard room (3 nights), flights to Kirkenes (via Oslo Gardermoen) and private transfers. Single room supplement and regional flight departures on request.



Husky dog

### Price includes

- Return flights to Tromsø Langnes
- 3 nights at the Clarion Hotel The Edge, Tromsø (Bed & Breakfast)
- Return private transfers
- All excursions detailed
- Single room supplement on request

### Departures

Daily between Nov – Apr

### Duration

3 nights

### Guide price based

on 2-sharing from  
£1,165 per person



Northern lights over Erdsfjord, near Tromsø

# Northern lights short break

Itinerary: 4 days / 3 nights

The Aurora Borealis – a spectacular natural phenomenon featuring a myriad wave of colours dancing on the cosmic wind high in the sky – has fascinated man for many millennia. In an age where we know the scientific rationale for the northern lights, a sighting still delivers an emotional rush and a primeval re-sponse that will be engraved in your memory for a lifetime. Watch nature’s greatest show unfold this winter on our three night holiday to Tromsø in Northern Norway; a destination synonymous with the Aurora Borealis. Take your seat in the front row and await the magic.

**Day One:** On arrival at Tromsø Langnes airport, you will be transferred to the Clarion Hotel The Edge in Tromsø. Overnight at the Clarion Hotel The Edge, Tromsø (page 70).

#### Day Two: Dog sled tour and northern lights tour

Watch the awakening of the Arctic landscape this morning whilst experiencing the thrills of dog-sledding. Our chosen, small group 4-hour activity takes place on the island of Kvaløya near Tromsø and offers all guests the opportunity to try their hand at mushing their own team of husky-dog sled.

This evening we have included a small group (16 people) Aurora tour for your enjoyment. The tour will take you away from the artificial lights of Tromsø in search of the northern lights. During the drive your local guide will tell you interesting facts about the Aurora Borealis, both scientific and folklore. The guide will also help you adjust your camera settings (if required) to enable you to capture the magical moment the Aurora Borealis appears in the sky above you. Overnight at the Clarion Hotel The Edge, Tromsø.

#### Day Three: Northern lights snowmobile tour

Day at leisure in Tromsø. Opportunity to visit the Arctic Cathedral, Polar Museum and Polaria, an arctic themed visitor centre. It is also possible to pre-book a range of winter excursions including reindeer-sled tours, wildlife safaris and whale watching excursions with Sunvil.

In the early evening, venture into the Valley of Finn (c.1 hour 15-minutes transfer each way) and traverse the frozen mountainous landscape on the back of a snowmobile. This is an exhilarating 7 hour excursion that includes a 30km snowmobile ride, a hot meal and the opportunity to try ice fishing. If conditions per-mit, you will find your journey illuminated by the green and crimson waves of the northern lights. Overnight at the Clarion Hotel The Edge, Tromsø.

**Day Four:** Transfer to Tromsø Langnes airport for the return flight to the UK.

# Panoramas galore in Northern Norway

Itinerary: 8 days / 7 nights

The landscape of Northern Norway is breath taking at any time of year but, during the winter months with its snow-capped mountains, low dusky sunlight (after 15Jan) and shimmering fjords it is truly magical. On our seven night tour, you will be taken away from the university city of Tromsø to the authentic and unspoiled island of Uløya. Staying at the owner-managed Arctic Panorama Lodge you will be spoiled with a stunning backdrop of the Lyngen Alps. You can sit for hours enjoying the scenery as well as the attentive, personal service provided. This is not your typical winter holiday to Northern Norway; it is a holiday that will allow you to learn about the destination you are visiting and the people who live there.

**Day One:** On arrival at Tromsø Langnes airport, you will be transferred to the Clarion Collection Hotel Aurora located by the harbour front. After check-in, you will have the evening at leisure in Tromsø; opportunity to try one of the local restaurants or to join a northern lights winter activity (available to pre-book through Sunvil). A light evening meal is provided at the Clarion Collection Hotel Aurora (18:00-21:00) if preferred. Overnight at the Clarion Collection Hotel Aurora in Tromsø (page 70).

## Days Two and Three: Northern lights chase with Norwegian charm

Days at leisure in Tromsø. Why not visit the Polar Museum, the Science Centre of Northern Norway, Polaria or the Arctic Cathedral to name but a few of the city's attractions? Alternatively, we can pre-book a reindeer sled tour, dog-sled excursion or a whale watching trip for your enjoyment (dates dependent).

On one evening we have included a small group Aurora tour for your enjoyment. The tour will take you away from the artificial lights of Tromsø in search of the northern lights. During the drive your local guide will tell you interesting facts about the Aurora Borealis, both scientific and folklore. The guide will also help you adjust your camera settings (if required) to enable you to capture the magical moment the Aurora Borealis appears in the sky above you. Overnight at the Clarion Collection Hotel Aurora in Tromsø.

**Day Four:** In the afternoon you will be transferred by road and ferry to the island of Uløya and your accommodation, the Arctic Panorama Lodge. The journey will take you through breathtaking scenery including the formidable Lyngen Alps. Overnight and evening meal at the Arctic Panorama Lodge on Uløya (page 72).

## Days Five and Six: Snow shoe tour and snowmobile tour

Each day an activity has been included: a 3 hour snow shoe tour and a 3 hour snowmobile tour. These are small group activities designed to introduce you to your natural surroundings and the people who live and work in this region.

Relaxation is the order of the day at the Arctic Panorama Lodge. As you sit in the panoramic lounge or on the outdoor terrace, the view that unfolds before your eyes cannot help but to relieve you of your everyday worries and stress - It is better than any television programme. Overnight, lunch and evening meal at the Arctic Panorama Lodge on Uløya.

## Day Seven: Dog sled tour

Today, we have included a small-group dog sled tour in the Reisa Valley on the mainland. This 3 hour experience provides the opportunity for you to try your hand at mushing your own team of dogs, as well as offering time on the sled to relax as a passenger. Overnight, lunch and evening meal at the Arctic Panorama Lodge on Uløya.

**Day Eight:** After breakfast, transfer to Tromsø Langnes airport for your return flight to the UK.

## Price includes

- Return flights to Tromsø Langnes
- 3 nights at the Clarion Collection Hotel Aurora, Tromsø (Bed & Breakfast. A light evening meal is included).
- 4 nights at the Arctic Panorama Lodge, Uløya (Full Board)
- All transfers detailed
- All excursions detailed
- Single room supplement on request

## Departures

Fridays between Dec – Apr

## Duration

7 nights

## Guide price based

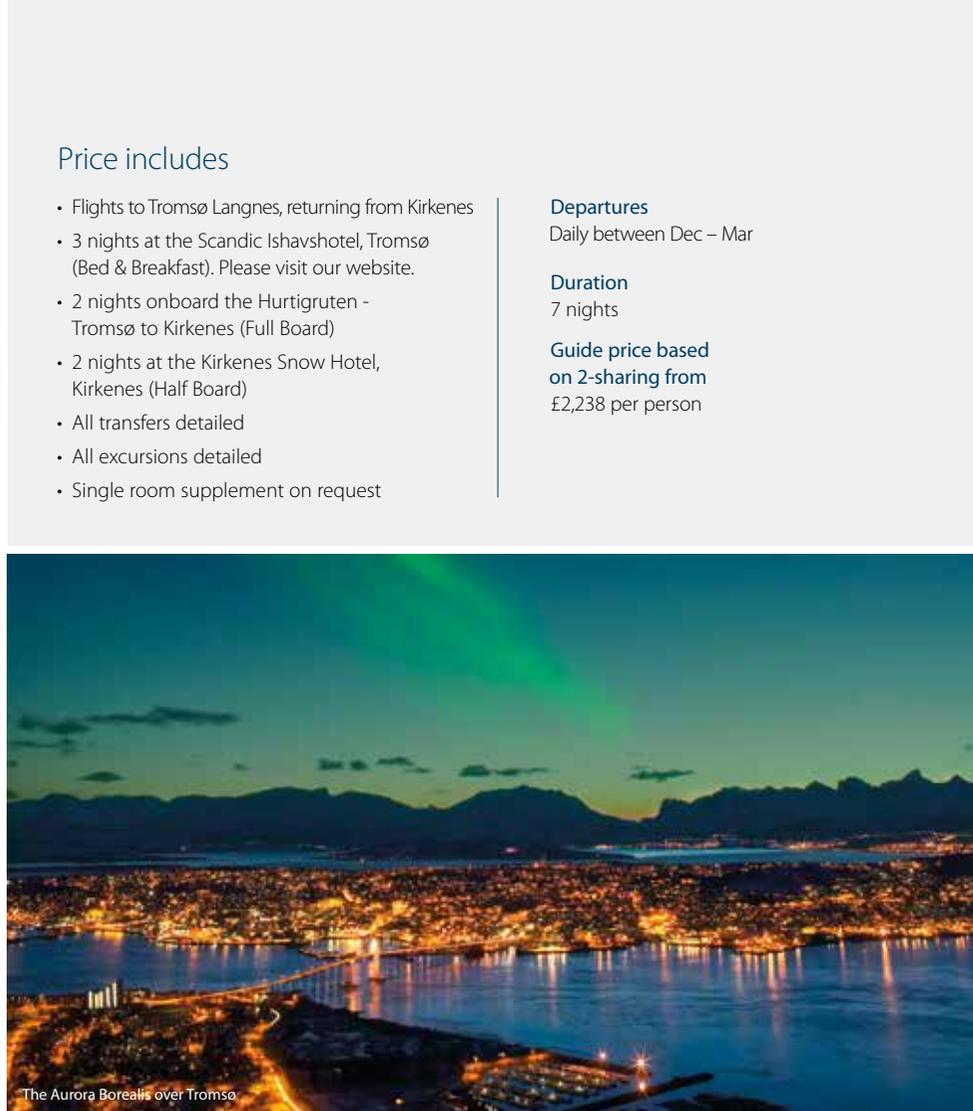
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£1,958 per person





Reindeer sled tour



The Aurora Borealis over Tromsø

### Price includes

- Flights to Tromsø Langnes, returning from Kirkenes
- 3 nights at the Scandic Ishavshotel, Tromsø (Bed & Breakfast). Please visit our website.
- 2 nights onboard the Hurtigruten - Tromsø to Kirkenes (Full Board)
- 2 nights at the Kirkenes Snow Hotel, Kirkenes (Half Board)
- All transfers detailed
- All excursions detailed
- Single room supplement on request

### Departures

Daily between Dec – Mar

### Duration

7 nights

### Guide price based

on 2-sharing from  
£2,238 per person

# Bewitched by the beauty of Northern Norway

Itinerary: 8 days / 7 nights

High above the Arctic Circle, the north of Norway is one of the most magical winter destinations in the world. Here the snow covers the landscape, mountain peaks dominate the scene and the sparking blue fjords are beguilingly illuminated by the low winter sun. Make the most of an unforgettable journey beyond the Arctic Circle by combining time in Tromsø with the frontier town of Kirkenes – just 15km from the Russian border. This seven-night trip offers ample opportunity for northern lights' sightings (weather permitting), wonderful winter activities and an overnight at the Kirkenes Snow Hotel.

**Day One:** On arrival at Tromsø Langnes airport, you will be transferred to the Scandic Ishavshotel in the centre of the city. Overnight at the Scandic Ishavshotel in Tromsø.

**Day Two:** A husky ride under the dark Arctic sky Day at leisure in Tromsø.

This evening we have included a 4 hour dog sled experience that not only takes you away from the artificial lights of Tromsø but that also offers you the opportunity to try your hands at mushing your own husky team. This excursion is a favourite of the Sunvil team. Overnight at the Scandic Ishavshotel in Tromsø.

#### Day Three: Wildlife rib boat tour

Our suggested itinerary features a 5 hour wildlife, culture and scenery boat tour. This trip, operated by a highly-rated locally-owned company, will explore the fjords and archipelago surrounding Tromsø. The scenery is breathtaking and home to a rich variety of birdlife. Overnight at the Scandic Ishavshotel in Tromsø.

#### Day Four and Five: Reindeer sled tour and Hurtigruten

Reindeers and their herders have worked the land surrounding Tromsø for millennia. At Sunvil we pride ourselves on our ability to offer our guests and insight to the real country, and today's reindeer sled and culture tour is guaranteed to do just that. You will also have the opportunity to try lasso throwing, listen to your local guide's stories and hear a joik performance.

At 18:30 depart Tromsø onboard the Hurtigruten for your cruise northbound to the frontier town of Kirkenes. The journey takes two nights, arriving into Kirkenes at 09:00 on day three. Full Board accommodation is provided onboard the Hurtigruten.

#### Day Six: Kirkenes Snow Hotel

On arrival at Kirkenes port you will be transferred to the Kirkenes Snow Hotel, a carefully sculpted structure that takes shape on the outskirts of the town each winter. Overnight at the Kirkenes Snow Hotel (page 75)

#### Day Seven: King crab safari

King crabs flourish on the floor of the icy Barents Sea and can measure up to 6ft (claw to claw). This is a local delicacy and one which tastes all the better when it is freshly-caught, served without any frills and enjoyed at a wilderness camp around a roaring fire. Overnight and evening meal at the Kirkenes Snow Hotel in a gamme cabin (warm accommodation).

**Day Eight:** Transfer to Kirkenes airport for the return flight to the UK.

# Tromsø and Alta: City and countryside

Itinerary: 7 days / 6 nights

As the title suggests, this six night itinerary combines the Arctic cities of Tromsø and Alta, both synonymous with the sightings of the Aurora Borealis and destinations which hold a weight of expectation to deliver, with the pristine, snow-covered countryside surrounding Alta. It is a trip that is guaranteed to open your eyes to the diversity and beauty of this region and will leave you wanting to explore further. The northern lights will quickly become the ice on the cake of what is an already exceptional holiday.

**Day One:** On arrival at Tromsø Langnes airport you will be transferred to the Clarion Collection Hotel Aurora. Over-night and light evening meal at the Clarion Collection Hotel Aurora in Tromsø (page 70).

#### Day Two: Aurora hunt

Day at leisure in the university city of Tromsø. This small city has a vibrant beat and is brimming with boutique shops and local food producers. It may be 350km north of the Arctic Circle but the 'Paris of the North' is a connected, innovative and charming destination. Attractions include the University Museum, Fjellheisen cable car which affords remarkable views from its summit (421m above sea level) and the Arctic Cathedral.

This evening, we have chosen a small-group Aurora tour for our guests. The Northern Light hunt will take you away from the city lights in search of Mother Nature's colourful waves. A sighting of the Aurora Borealis is a moving and exhilarating experience and one which will cement Tromsø in your memories forever. Overnight and light evening meal at the Clarion Collection Hotel Aurora in Tromsø.

**Day Three:** After breakfast, you will be transferred to Tromsø Langnes airport for a domestic flight to Alta. On arrival at Alta airport, you will be transferred to Ongajok Mountain Lodge. Keep your eyes peeled as this route regularly offers sightings of moose and reindeer. Overnight and evening meal at Ongajok Mountain Lodge in Mathisdalen (page 74)

#### Day Four: Visit to the Sorrisniva Igloo Hotel

Each year, on the banks of the River Alta, the family-run Sorrisniva Igloo Hotel is created. This is a more homely and relaxed property to the original ICEHOTEL in Swedish Lapland but the experience is no less impressive. Today you will visit the Igloo Hotel, its ice rooms, suites, chapel and bar. Lunch is included in the hotel's much-praised restaurant. Overnight and evening meal at Ongajok Mountain Lodge in Mathisdalen.

#### Day Five: Dog sled tour

One of the benefits about staying at a personable property like Ongajok is that the winter excursions on offer are also intimate. On the dog sled tour included today you will learn how to harness your dogs and drive your husky team (two people to a sled, taking it in turns to mush). It is an experience that is perfect for those who enjoy being outdoors and is guaranteed to excite all the senses - sight, hearing, smell, touch and taste (an outdoor lunch is included). Overnight and evening meal at Ongajok Mountain Lodge in Mathisdalen.

#### Day Six: Snow shoe tour

A two hour snow shoe tour with a local guided is included this morning. You will explore the direct surroundings of the lodge, looking for animal tracks and reaching otherwise inaccessible places. An afternoon snowmobile tour can be arranged at a supplement. Lunch, evening meal and overnight at Ongajok Mountain Lodge in Mathisdalen.

#### Day Seven:

Transfer to Alta airport for the return flight to the UK.

## Price includes

- Flights to Tromsø Langnes, returning from Alta
- A domestic flight from Tromsø Langnes to Alta
- 2 nights at the Clarion Collection Hotel Aurora, Tromsø (Bed & Breakfast. A light evening meal is included)
- 4 nights at Ongajok Mountain Lodge, Mathisdalen (Full Board)
- All transfers detailed
- All excursions detailed
- Single room supplement on request

#### Departures

Daily between Dec – Mar

#### Duration

6 nights

#### Guide price based on 2-sharing from

£1,962 per person

Snow-covered landscape surrounding Alta





Svolveaer



Hamnoy

### Price includes

- Flights to Leknes airport, returning from Svolveaer airport (via Oslo Gardermoen)
- 3 nights at Reine Rorbuer, Reine (Self Catering)
- 4 nights at Svinøya Rorbuer, Svolveaer (Self Catering)
- 8 days car hire (Group B)
- Single room supplement on request

Note: A car hire, one-way drop off fee is payable locally.

**Departures**  
Daily

**Duration**  
7 nights

**Guide price based on 2-sharing from**  
£1,448 per person

# Summer in Northern Norway: Lofoten - Reine - Svolveaer

Itinerary: 8 days / 7 nights

The most unique aspect of Northern Norway is its wild and beautiful landscape, and the Lofoten archipelago is considered to be the most spectacular of all. A distinctive landscape of precipitous mountains and sharp peaks combine with sheltered bays, white sand beaches and traditional fishing communities to form a backdrop that once seen, is never forgotten.

**Day One:** On arrival at Leknes airport, collect your hire car and drive to the southwestern tip of the Lofoten archipelago and the village of Reine. Overnight at the Reine Rorbuer in Reine (page 68).

**Day Two:** Day at leisure. Opportunity to explore the southern islands of the archipelago: Moskenes and Flakstadøya. At every turn the mountainous peaks and picturesque ports of the Lofoten beg to be photographed. It is easy to see why so many artists have been drawn to these magnificent isles. The light

here is very special and only enhances the splendour of this awe-inspiring scene. Overnight at the Reine Rorbuer in Reine.

**Day Three:** Day at leisure. Take a cruise on the Reinefjord (Jun-Aug) to the village of Vindstad and then continue your journey on foot to the beach at Bunesstranda (1-hour each way). Overnight at the Reine Rorbuer in Reine.

**Day Four:** A National Tourist Route (scenic drive) has been developed in the Lofoten, linking the village of Å to Raftsundet in the north. The Lofoten archipelago is blessed with some of the most spectacular scenery in Norway: craggy alpine peaks, glistening white sandy beaches, fishing hamlets and verdant agricultural communities. Today, take a leisurely drive through this diverse landscape, along the tourist route, on your way to Svolveaer. Overnight at the Svinøya Rorbuer in Svolveaer (page 68).

**Day Five:** Day at leisure. Opportunity to explore the islands of Vestvågøy and Austågøya. In particular we would recommend a visit to the Viking museum at

Borg, home to the largest-known Viking chieftain's house. During the summer months, the sun continues to bathe the mountains and fjords in a golden glow at midnight. The beach of Eggum on the island of Vestvågøy is one of the best spots from which to observe the natural phenomenon. Overnight at the Svinøya Rorbuer in Svolveaer.

**Day Six:** The village of Henningsvaer, situated at the foot of Mount Vågakaillen, has more than its fair share of art galleries, handicraft shops and workshops and is worthy of a visit. From Henningsvaer, it is possible to participate in a midnight sun safari (23 May – 24 Jul), snorkelling trip (15 Jun – 15 Aug) and a sea eagle excursion (15 Jun – 15 Aug). Overnight at the Svinøya Rorbuer in Svolveaer.

**Day Seven:** Day at leisure. Time to explore the port town of Svolveaer or to take a hike in the mountains. Overnight at the Svinøya Rorbuer in Svolveaer.

**Day Eight:** Drive to Svolveaer airport for the return flight to the UK.

# A scenic drive in Northern Norway

Itinerary: 15 days / 14 nights

Norway's National Tourist Routes are unique – 18 drives that cover most of the country, and boast roadside stops that could fill an entire architecture journal. This 14-night itinerary incorporates three of our favourite routes (the Lofoten, Andøya and Senja) as well as a stay in the university city of Tromsø.

**Day One:** On arrival at Tromsø Langnes airport, collect your hire car and self transfer to the centre of the university city. Your accommodation is the modern, Clarion Hotel The Edge. Overnight at the Clarion Hotel The Edge in Tromsø (page 70).

**Day Two:** During the summer months, Tromsø and the surrounding region is bathed in the midnight sun (21 May-21 Jul). Take a hike or a drive in the mountains and rest at the summit whilst watching the sun dipping towards the horizon before climbing again to signal the start of another day. Overnight at the Clarion Hotel Edge in Tromsø.

**Day Three:** From Tromsø, drive southbound to the island of Senja (c.3 hours). The drive along the outer edge of Senja – a National Tourist Route - is a journey past deep fjords, beaches, precipitous mountainsides and idyllic hamlets. Overnight at Hamn I Senja on Senja (page 71).

**Day Four:** Day at leisure on the island of Senja, considered by many the most beautiful of Northern Norway's arctic isles. We would recommend that you head inland to the mountain plateau at the heart of

the island. Alternatively, take a hike in the mountains surround Hamn. Overnight at Hamn I Senja on Senja.

**Day Five:** From Gryllefjord on the island of Senja, a boat travels to Andenes on the Vesterålen archipelago. On arrival at Andenes you will pick-up the Andøya National Tourist Route, which runs along the outer edge of the island and past its three nature reserves. Continue your drive to The House on the Outside on the island of Langøya – c.3 hours from Andenes. Overnight at The House on the Outside in Ringstad.

**Day Six:** Day at leisure. For the outdoor enthusiast, Vesterålen offers a natural playground with marked hiking trails, kayaking opportunities, cycle routes and an abundance of bird life. Overnight at The House on the Outside in Ringstad.

**Day Seven:** Continue your exploration of Norway's dramatic and awe-inspiring coastline by travelling south to the capital of the Lofoten, Svolvær. Overnight at the Svinøya Rorbuer in Svolvær (page 68).

**Days Eight and Nine:** Days at leisure in Svolvær. Opportunity to explore the northern islands of the Lofoten chain. We would recommend visiting the Lofoten war museum and the village of Kabelvåg, or participating in one of the many outdoor activities available in the area – kayaking, rib boat tours, cycling and hiking. Overnight at the Svinøya Rorbuer in Svolvær.

**Day Ten:** After breakfast, drive south towards the historical village of Nusfjord. The road between Svolvær and Nusfjord is part of the Lofoten National Tourist Route and travels alongside craggy alpine peaks, glistening white sandy beaches and fishing villages. Overnight at the Nusfjord AS Rorbuer in Nusfjord.

**Day Eleven and Twelve:** Free time in Nusfjord. Opportunity to visit Kittiwake cliffs in Å, the picture-postcard village of Reine, the glass and ceramic studio in Vikten, the smithy at Sund and the beach at Ramberg. Overnight at the Nusfjord AS Rorbuer in Nusfjord.

**Day Thirteen:** Day at leisure. In the evening drive to the village of Stamsund, where you will board the Hurtigruten with your car (at 19:30) and sail overnight towards Tromsø. Overnight and dinner on board the Hurtigruten.

**Day Fourteen:** Free morning on board the Hurtigruten, arriving at Tromsø at 14:30. Self transfer to the Clarion Hotel The Edge. Afternoon and evening at leisure in Tromsø. Overnight at the Clarion Hotel The Edge in Tromsø (page 70).

**Day Fifteen:** Transfer to Tromsø Langnes airport for your return flight to the UK.

## Price includes

- Return flights to Tromsø Langnes
- 3 nights at the Clarion Hotel The Edge, Tromsø (Bed & Breakfast)
- 2 nights at Hamn I Senja, Senja (Bed & Breakfast)
- 2 nights at the House on the Outside, Ringstad (Bed & Breakfast). Please visit our website
- 3 nights at Svinøya Rorbuer, Svolvær (Bed & Breakfast)
- 3 nights at Nusfjord AS Rorbuer, Nusfjord (Bed & Breakfast). Please visit our website
- 1 night on board the Hurtigruten (Half Board)
- 15 days car hire (Group B)
- Single room supplement on request

## Departures

Daily between May – Sep

## Duration

14 nights

Guide price based on 2-sharing from £2,336 per person

