



Tromsø - Autumn Auroras And the Crystal Lavvos



HOLIDAY TYPE: Flexible Dates

VISITING: Norway

BROCHURE CODE: 26024

DURATION: 3 nights

In Brief

Autumn in Norway marks the return of dark skies and Auroral displays. During this 3-night break, you'll be on the lookout for the Northern Lights in a variety of ways and against the dramatic fjordic landscapes. Imagine telling your envious friends back home you spotted such a display from your glass-roofed Crystal Lavvo?

Our Opinion

“ It is difficult to find the words to describe the landscapes surrounding Tromsø and the Lyngen Peninsula. I vividly remember the drive to the Lyngen Alps which was a highlight in itself. It was remote and, at night, free of light pollution and I was able to fulfil a personal dream by spending the night in a Crystal Lavvo beneath the dark Arctic skies. I was content enough with this, but seemingly out of nowhere the sky was alight with dancing colours as the Aurora appeared and produced a captivating show. ”

Andy Marshall



What's included?

ALL OF THE ACTIVITIES AND SERVICES LISTED BELOW ARE INCLUDED IN THE HOLIDAY PRICE

- **Transfers:** return airport transfers
- **Accommodation:** 2 nights at Clarion Hotel The Edge and 1 night in a Crystal Lavvo
- **Meals:** 3 breakfasts, 1 light lunch (November departures only), 1 dinner and 1 light dinner
- **The following activities are included in the holiday price:** guided RIB adventure*, overnight in a Crystal Lavvo and guided visit to the husky centre and Aurora Camp (order subject to change)
- Fully qualified guides and instructors during activities

Trip Overview

Travelling to Tromsø and the Lyngen Peninsula during autumn, not only provides the chance to witness the stunning colours of autumn but also provides exceptional Aurora viewing opportunities. This short break combines two nights in cosmopolitan Tromsø with a night in a glass-roofed Crystal Lavvo (traditional tepee) and provides some unforgettable autumn Aurora hunting experiences. You'll also take to the fjords for a wildlife watching safari which, for those travelling in November, may provide the chance to do some whale watching too.

Your first and final nights in Norway are spent in Tromsø, which is a vibrant Arctic city, surrounded by islands, fjords and mountains. There is so much to do here (we can help you extend your holiday of course) but we strongly recommend a trip in the Storsteinen cable car to take in the incredible views. The city is alive with bars, cafes and restaurants and it is awash with Arctic history and heritage so there is much to see and enjoy during your stay.

The second night of your stay will see you sleeping in one of the remarkable Crystal Lavvos, located amid the stunning Lyngen Alps. Far from light pollution, these glass-roofed tepees, offer stunning views of the night sky and are ideal for some duvet-based Aurora hunting!

From Tromsø, we also take you out of the city lights in search of the Aurora, but we combine this with a wonderful husky encounter. You will enjoy a visit to a local husky sledding centre, where you can

meet the dogs and search the skies for the Northern Lights at their Aurora Camp. We also offer several Northern Lights activity upgrades, including an Aurora husky sledding experience (on wheels or snow, depending on your departure date), Northern Lights cruise and Northern Lights chase - please see our '[Personalise](#)' section for further details.

Of course, we also show off this area's surroundings during the day, and an ideal way to soak up the landscape is from the water. As standard, this holiday offers an exceptional RIB wildlife boat tour which is an unforgettable and very exciting way to see marine life and enjoy the views. If you travel in November, then it may also be possible to see whales, as the migration season should bring them to this area, although this can never be guaranteed.

This three-night short break offers an incredible array of experiences in a short space of time. You'll enjoy a cosmopolitan city, wildlife encounters, amazing Aurora accommodation and the chance to hopefully see the Northern Lights in all their glory.

* For those travelling between the 11th September and 30th October, you will enjoy a guided RIB wildlife safari as part of your agenda. For those travelling in November, you will enjoy a guided RIB whale & wildlife watching tour. Please be aware that the November whale & wildlife safari will require a 6 am departure and will be longer in duration. Whale activity and sightings cannot be guaranteed and dates are subject to change.

Credit: Green Gold of Norway and Francisco Damm, Tromsø Adventure, Tromsø Villmarkssenter & Ricardo Torres

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Agenda

Please note the order of activities is subject to change

DAY
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ARRIVAL AND WELCOME

Tromsø is a cosmopolitan city located in Northern Norway. It has a vibrant mix of local restaurants, interesting attractions and picturesque Norwegian landscapes. We would recommend booking an early flight in order to maximise your time here for there is simply loads to enjoy.

After arriving at the airport, you will be transferred to your hotel which has stunning views of the harbour and is ideally located for exploring the city. For dinner tonight, why not head into town to try some of the local cafés, bars and restaurants, there are plenty of fantastic options close by; it'll give

you a great chance to explore the city, which despite its location north of the Arctic Circle, comes alive during the evening.

Included Meals: None

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GUIDED RIB ADVENTURE AND OVERNIGHT IN A CRYSTAL LAVVO

For those travelling in September and October, after breakfast, you will join your local guide for a RIB (rigid inflatable boat) wildlife adventure exploring the archipelago of islands around Tromsø. The boat is able to pick up great speed as it takes you out to sea. You will be treated to some truly dramatic and breath-taking scenery with incredible views of not just the islands but the city and the mountainous Arctic landscapes. There is a variety of wildlife in this area, including seals and various seabirds. Your trip will include a stop at Hella, where you will enjoy hot drinks and snacks. The pick-up point for this activity is a short walk away from your hotel and the activity will last for approximately 3 hours, including transfers. You will return to Tromsø at approximately 2 pm and you will have some free time to explore the city until your transfer to the Crystal Lavvos this afternoon at 5:30 pm. Your luggage can be left securely at your hotel, after you have checked out this morning and you can pick it up later this afternoon, prior to your transfer.

For those travelling in November, it may also be an opportunity to spot various whale species, however, this can never be guaranteed. The whale safari in November will begin at 6 am and will need to cover greater distances to hopefully find the migration route of these majestic animals. It is certainly worth the journey. Orcas and humpbacks are common in Norwegian waters, so, hopefully, you will be in luck today. The pick-up point for this activity is a short walk away from your hotel and the activity will last for approximately 6-8 hours, including transfers. Following a light lunch, you will transfer straight to the Crystal Lavvo after your activity today, so please bring your luggage with you this morning. You may choose to pack a light overnight bag and leave the rest of your luggage in Tromsø at the hotel, if you wish.

The Crystal Lavvos are situated on the majestic Lyngen Peninsula. The region is characterised by steep-sided mountains which slope sharply down to the enchanting fjords offering a new panorama around every corner. You will be spending the night in a Crystal Lavvo, located right in the heart of these stunning natural surroundings. The glass roof offers unobstructed views of the night sky whilst the warming fire will keep you cosy during your stay (you will be shown how to keep this fire going during the night, if you prefer to stay in a nearby bedroom then this can be arranged at the time of booking).

Before you head to bed, you will enjoy a home-cooked dinner, before an informative Aurora workshop and some tips on how to capture the lights on camera. The lengthening nights and the remote location of the Crystal Lavvos are a recipe for captivating Aurora displays. Hopefully, you'll have the opportunity to put your photography skills to the test.

Included Meals: Breakfast, Dinner

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3

EXPLORE TROMSØ AND VISIT TO HUSKY CENTRE AND AURORA CAMP

Enjoy a special breakfast overlooking the untouched nature of the Lyngen Peninsula. It is a final opportunity to embrace the captivating fjord landscapes before returning to Tromsø.

The day is then yours to spend at your leisure. Explore the vibrant Arctic city which has a number of fascinating local attractions.

Polaria is the world's most northerly aquarium and a visit here offers a fascinating insight into the marine life which inhabits the Arctic waters. In addition to Polaria, you may also wish to visit the Arctic Cathedral which stands out due to its impressive architectural design. Despite its location north of the Arctic Circle, the city also has some fantastic restaurants offering exquisite local cuisine. For recommendations please speak to our Travel Experts.

Whatever you do, don't forget to take the 4-minute aerial tram ride to the spectacular vantage point at Storsteinen. Breathtaking? Jaw-dropping? Spectacular? None do the views justice.

During the evening, you will be taken to the Tromsø Wilderness Centre to meet some playful and eager huskies. The dogs will be just as excited to meet you as you are to make their acquaintance.

The tour includes meeting any delightful puppies before enjoying a traditional dinner by a roaring fire. The centre has its own Aurora camp which is ideally located away from the city lights and following dinner, you will gaze up at the night sky for any flickers of colour. The pick-up point for this activity is a short walk from your hotel. You will be out for approximately 4 hours, including transfers.

If you would like to upgrade your activity tonight, you can instead choose to take part in a Northern Lights husky sledding experience, by cart or sled, depending on your departure date. We also offer a Northern Lights cruise and Northern Lights minibus chase activities - please see our '[Personalise](#)' section for full details.

Included Meals: Breakfast, Dinner

DAY 4	DEPARTURE
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Following breakfast, it will be time to leave the colourful autumn landscapes of Tromsø behind and you will be transferred to the airport in preparation for your flight home. For those looking to extend their stay and continue the search for the Aurora, then there are a number of Northern Lights-based activities which can be found in our '[Personalise](#)' section.

Included Meals: Breakfast

Personalise this tour

Our pick



Northern Lights Sailing

Chase the Northern Lights from a unique vantage point at sea onboard a catamaran.

You will set sail from Kirkegata 1 in Tromsø and pass through the stunning fjords, away from the city lights and in search of the Aurora. A professional skipper will help you in your quest, advising you on what to look out for in the dark sky. If the Northern Lights start to appear, you will have one of the best viewpoints in the city.

The catamaran is well-equipped with a comfortable heated saloon, toilets and safety suits so you will stay dry and warm. You can enjoy drinks and a homemade fish soup from the day's fresh catch. You will return to Tromsø at approximately 12:30am.

Duration: Approximately 3 hours, including transfers

Note: The from price is based on upgrading your included evening activity on day 3.

Image Credit: Pukka Travels

Other options

ACTIVITIES



Northern Lights Husky Sledding on Wheels (Sept-Oct)

Today you will get to meet the friendly dog sledding team, located at their camp just 35 minutes away. As the deep snow hasn't settled yet, you can enjoy the dog sledding experience on wheels as you travel into the Arctic night. Each buggy has space for two people and you will have the opportunity to switch drivers during the activity.

After meeting the dogs and receiving full instructions, you will set off into the wilderness in search of the Aurora.

Returning to the camp later in the evening, a campfire will be lit and you will enjoy warm drinks and snacks as you keep an eye on the starry sky for the Auroras. Your knowledgeable guide will tell you all about the lives of the dogs, as well as his experience in dog sledding while you wait in hope for the Northern Lights to make their appearance.

You will be transferred back to Tromsø at approximately 12am.

Duration: Approximately 6 hours, including transfers.

Note: The from price is based on upgrading your included evening activity on day 3.

Credit Active Tromso



Northern Lights Dog Sledding on Snow (Nov)

Dog sledding and Northern Lights hunting are two of the most-loved Arctic experience and tonight, you will experience both in one trip (if the Aurora conditions are favourable).

Your evening starts with a transfer to the dog sledding camp, around 35 minutes away from where you will meet with your expert guide and loyal team of dogs.

After receiving full instructions on how to mush, you will set off into the night, keeping an eye on the sky at all times in search of the Aurora. You will travel two people per sled, with the chance to swap drivers during the activity. The sled ride will last approximately two hours and upon your return to the camp, you will have time to thank your dogs before enjoying warm drinks and snacks around the campfire. As you swap stories of the night's adventure, your guide will also be helping you search the skies for the Northern Lights. You will return to Tromsø at approximately 11 pm.

Duration: Approximately 6 hours, including transfers

Please note this trip is suitable for those with good fitness levels.

Note: The from price is based on upgrading your included evening activity on day 3.

Image Credit: Active Tromso



Northern Lights Chase

Tonight takes you out of the city lights in search of an incredible Northern Lights display.

Travelling by minibus allows you to outrun any potential cloud cover and go further in search of the Northern Lights. Your guide will use the weather forecast and their expert knowledge to determine the best location for potential viewings.

Upon arrival at your chosen spot, you will keep warm by the campfire and enjoy warm drinks and a local meal as your guide helps you look for the lights. If conditions are favourable and they do make an appearance, you can also get tips on how to capture the moment on camera. Your guide will also be taking photos which will be provided to you. The activity starts at 6pm.

Duration: between 6 and 9 hours depending on weather conditions and including transfers.

Please note: the from price is based on upgrading your included evening activity on day 3.

Image credit: Ricardo Torres

Included Accommodation

Clarion Hotel - The Edge (Nights: 1,3)



Situated right in the centre of Tromsø, the Clarion Hotel The Edge puts you in a prime location to explore the 'Paris of the North' and is an excellent base to transfer to your memorable activities.

Hotel Facilities

- Enjoy great views of the brilliant architecture of the city as it reflects in the waters just outside the hotel or head to the 11th-floor sky bar – the only one of its kind in the city – for a vista like no other
- The hotel puts great emphasis on being eco-friendly and is built with an environmental classification A.
- Keep up with your fitness in the onsite gym with stunning sea views
- Enjoy tastes of Manhattan made using Arctic ingredients in the 'Kitchen and Table' restaurant

Room Facilities

- Twin/Double Rooms: the hotel offers standard double rooms as well as a standard twin room (two single beds). All rooms are ensuite and come with WiFi, minibar, iron and ironing board.
- Deluxe Double/Junior Suite/Family Room: for larger groups, we can offer an upgrade to a deluxe double (sleeps up to 3 persons) or a junior suite or family room for 4 people.

NB: The hotel is cash-free. They take payment by credit or debit card and accept all major international cards.

Green Gold Villa and Crystal Lavvos (Nights: 2)



Green Gold Villa is located amongst the Lyngen Alps, meaning that the views from the villa are spectacular. It provides an ideal base for Northern Lights activities due to its rural setting and mountainous surroundings. The owner, Francisco, takes pride in giving his guests the best possible service and also acts as your guide while you are staying in his accommodation. Staying here offers a very intimate experience, as the villa provides for small groups. If you decide to sleep in a Crystal Lavvo, you are still free to use the villa and all of its facilities.

Facilities

- The villa has fibre internet connection
- Bathroom facilities are shared. There are two bathrooms inside the villa which are shared between four bedrooms and three insulated, outdoor bathrooms for guests staying in the Lavvos
- Breakfasts typically consist of eggs and smoked salmon, while dinner is usually fish or lamb with vegetables. Francisco will try his best to accommodate any other preferences
- The villa's kitchen has hot drinks facilities and a coffee machine for you to use at your disposal

Room Type

OPTION 1: CRYSTAL LAVVO

Sleeping in a Crystal Lavvo is a fantastic and adventurous way to spend the night. This 'glamping' experience provides you with the excitement of camping, but with added comfort. The lavvos are located in the forest behind Green Gold Villa and insulated bathrooms with hot water are only a few metres away. The lavvos are wooden constructions but have a glass roof, so that each night you can lie back and admire the Arctic sky and, hopefully, the Aurora. Each lavvo has a double bed or two single beds and a wooden stove, which you will be taught how to use, to ensure that you are warm and comfortable during your stay.

OPTION 2: DOUBLE ROOM IN THE VILLA

Each room in the villa offers a king-sized bed and a wardrobe for clothing storage. Hot drinks and kitchen facilities are all provided in the shared kitchen of the villa. Hairdryers are provided in each bedroom. Two bathrooms are shared between four rooms.

Credit: Green Gold of Norway and Francisco Damm

The Specifics

Holiday group size (approximate)

Minimum 1 person; maximum 25 (approximately)

Group Size

We always try to provide an approximation of the group size you can expect to be with for the duration of each of our holidays. It may be that you are joined by others for parts of your holiday (such as transfers and particular activities) but the above number reflects those you can normally expect to be with from beginning to end. If group size is something which is particularly important to you, please speak to our Travel Experts and they can suggest the best holidays for you.

Tailor-made holiday group sizes will vary for all activities as will the group size for any additional

activities you book.

Minimum numbers required for a holiday to operate

Some of our holidays require a minimum number of participants to operate (as listed in the 'Group Size' section). If your holiday departure has not yet reached the minimum number, you will be told at the time of booking. In the unlikely event that your chosen date is not guaranteed by nine weeks before your scheduled departure date, we will contact you to discuss the available options as per our [booking conditions](#).

Minimum and maximum age

If a specific minimum age applies to this holiday, it can be found in the Key Facts box on the holiday Overview page.

Unless otherwise stated in the Key Facts box on the holiday Overview page, the minimum age for participation in an Aurora Zone holiday is typically 12 years old (there may be younger children in some destinations who have booked with other companies). If an adult-only environment is important to you, then please contact our Travel Experts and they will advise on the best dates and destinations for you. If you are looking for a holiday designed specifically for families then please see our sister company www.activitiesabroad.com.

Itinerary amendments

The order of activities listed in this agenda is provided for guidance only, your final and detailed itinerary will be provided either with your final travel documents (which are uploaded into your online account around a week prior to departure) or upon arrival.

Terms and Conditions

Our full booking terms and conditions can be found on our website: <https://www.theaurorazone.com/booking-conditions>