



Tromsø - Huskies, Wilderness and Autumn Auroras



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 with the dramatic fjords and fells as the backdrop. You will also take advantage of a new concept in wilderness accommodation to get up close with one of the Arctic's cutest and most famous residents – huskies.

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 (taxi transfer on arrival, scheduled Flybus transfer on departure)
- **Accommodation:** 2 nights at Clarion Hotel The Edge and 1 night in a Husky Cabin at Vilmarkssenter*
- **Meals:** 3 breakfasts, 1 lunch, 1 dinner
- **The following activities are included in the holiday price:** Polar fjord cruise, guided tour of the husky centre and husky hike, access to Aurora Camp, Northern Lights minibus chase (order subject to change)
- Fully qualified guides and instructors during activities

*Please note the Vilmarkssenter provides a Glamping experience and currently there are no showers on site for this night of your trip.

Trip Overview

Travelling to Tromsø and its surrounding wilderness at this time of year, not only provides the chance to witness the stunning colours of autumn but also exceptional Aurora viewing opportunities. This short break combines two nights in cosmopolitan Tromsø with a night in an innovative Glamping hut with an adjoining husky kennel. You'll also take to the fjords searching for Arctic wildlife.

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 the stunning Norwegian countryside at the famous Vilmarkssenter, one of Europe's leading husky and wilderness centres. As well as a tour of the centre, you will be able to take a husky for a hike in the pristine wilderness. Far from light

pollution, you will enjoy stunning views with your new canine pal nearby and hopefully enjoy some duvet-based Aurora hunting!

From Tromsø, we also take you out of the city lights in search of the Aurora. With the flexibility provided by a warm and comfortable minibus, your guide will take you to the best spots in the local area to see the Aurora dancing above your head.

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 polar fjord cruise, an ideal way to see marine life as well as sea eagles and take in the amazing views.

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.

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Agenda

Please note the order of activities is subject to change

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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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HIKING AND GLAMPING WITH HUSKIES

To the Norwegians, hiking in nature is so much more than a way of getting about or just another pastime. They hold it as the ideal way to clear one's head and maintain your mental well-being in the frenetic modern world. The only way you could make such an activity more wholesome would be to take your hike with your own personal issue husky!

After breakfast in Tromsø, you will be transferred to the wilderness centre which is just 30 minutes away. You will have a tour of the facilities and be issued with waterproof clothes and boots if necessary, but more excitingly you will also be issued with your husky! Huskies live not only to run but also to pull, so dogs are issued per party rather than per person as it can be best to rotate them between you. The dogs will be secured using a waist-belt for your comfort. Then you will have a guided tour through the surrounding countryside, enjoying the silence as you make your way through the birch trees and experience some of the cleanest air the world has to offer.

Following the hike, you will be served a delicious lunch of Bacalao, a fish dish that is part of the traditional Norwegian cuisine, around an open fire. You will be shown your husky cabin where a canine friend (or two!) will be excited to meet you. Each cabin has a doghouse that allows you to interact with the dogs when you're outside and watch them resting through a glass window when you're inside. Since you already know the terrain after the hike, you will have the chance to borrow the dog walking equipment and explore the wilderness further if you wish, with your husky buddies that are going to spend the night at your cabin. Please make sure to discuss your plans with reception first, so that they can help you prepare if necessary and advise on suitable routes.

For dinner, you will have the chance to try Bidos, this is a traditional Sami reindeer dish. With the right conditions, you may be able to see the Aurora from your cabin, but you will also have access to a nearby Aurora Camp where there will be a campfire and you can sit out for as long as you wish.

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Included Meals: Breakfast, Dinner

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POLAR FJORD CRUISE AND AURORA CHASE

This morning you will return to Tromsø and follow in the footsteps of the Vikings and Sami and take to the Arctic waters around Tromsø. You will learn more about its history and see as much wildlife as possible up close – you may encounter seals, porpoise, eagles and other seabirds. Once onboard, you can enjoy Arctic fish, snacks and hot drinks. You will also be provided with an insulated jacket and you can also keep warm in the cabins downstairs.

In the afternoon you will have time to explore Tromsø or relax at your hotel. At 6pm you will depart on an adventure with one main goal, to find the best viewing spot for the Northern Lights. 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.

This tour can last from 6 to 9 hours depending on weather conditions and including transfers.

Included Meals: Breakfast, Dinner

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DEPARTURE

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

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 (open Thursday to Saturday only)

- 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 a delicious meal at your culinary home from home, The Living Room

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.

Vilmarkssenter (Nights: 2)



Tromsø Vilmarkssenter is one of Norway's largest and most established adventure companies. It is a family-run business founded by Tove Sorenson, who has a proven background in outdoor adventures and husky care, as a 19-time competitor in the Finnmarkslopet and also the Alaskan Iditarod.

The Vilmarkssenter has a well-earned reputation for its hospitality and has been welcoming guests in search of the Aurora for many years, and also providing them with tasty Norwegian and Sami dishes.

They have now embraced innovation in their new Glamping Cabins (there will soon be 4 of these available) which not only provide a cosy base for guests but also allow them to make friends with the one or two huskies who will be their bunk-mates. Each cabin has a comfortable kennel built on the side, so although the huskies are tethered they have access to the outside and also the warm inside area which shares a transparent wall with the cabin. Guests can interact with the huskies outside the cabins but also see them through the glass viewing panel inside.

Meals at the Vilmarkssenter will be served at the traditional Gamme hut which also serves as an

Aurora Camp.

Please note that the Cabins here are not ensuite, with toilets located about 40 metres away. Currently, there are no showers on site (these will be added in 2023) so we recommend using these at the Clarion Edge before setting off for your wilderness experience.

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.

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