



Tromsø - Crystal Lavvo Glamping and Arctic Wildlife



HOLIDAY TYPE: Flexible Dates

VISITING: Norway

BROCHURE CODE: 26031

DURATION: 3 nights

In Brief

From exploring Tromsø's bustling centre to travelling into its surrounding wilderness for a night of Aurora searching in a Crystal Lavvo, this 3-night trip ticks all the boxes. Add in the adventurous RIB wildlife safari and a visit to a husky Aurora camp and you have everything you need to really experience the 'gateway to the Arctic'.



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 in a standard twin/double room and 1 night in a Crystal Lavvo
- **Meals:** 3 breakfasts, 1 lunch (December & January 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)
- Cold weather clothing during activities
- Fully qualified guides and instructors during activities

Trip Overview

There are few places that give you such a brilliant mix of cultural city life with untouched nature and unforgettable activities but Tromsø is definitely one of them.

This itinerary makes the most of your ideal location with plenty of free time to explore the vibrant city. Visit the museums and attractions before trying some of the fresh Arctic produce on offer at the local restaurants. Then discover why Tromsø is known for its lively nightlife.

We've also included a RIB boat safari that allows you to get closer to the stunning fjords and potentially spot some of the incredible Arctic wildlife found here.

Though the city is known for its Northern Lights potential, here at the Aurora Zone we know the best displays are seen away from the bright city lights. That's why we've included an unbelievable night stay in a glass-roofed Crystal Lavvo, situated in the pristine wilderness of the Lyngen Peninsula region. Here, you can spend the night Aurora hunting from the comfort of your bed!

Another one of your evenings will be spent outside of the city at a husky farm where the wildlife experiences continue. You will meet the loveable sled dogs and find out all about their lives before making use of the onsite Aurora camp, away from artificial light pollution.

Located 350kms north of the Arctic Circle and surrounded by steep mountains and dramatic fjords, Tromsø may be a bustling city but it holds a strong connection with nature. The people here are committed to sustainable tourism and preserving the natural surroundings and vibrant cultures here.

This short break to Tromsø has been carefully crafted to give you a brilliant mix of lively city, Arctic wildlife and incredible Aurora opportunities.

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Agenda

Please note the order of activities is subject to change

DAY
1

ARRIVAL AND WELCOME

Located in Northern Norway, Tromsø is a vibrant city offering local restaurants and attractions surrounded by stunning landscapes. Upon arrival at the airport, you will be met and transferred to your hotel, which is ideally located so that you can easily explore the cosmopolitan city. We recommend booking an early flight to maximise your time here.

For dinner tonight, you could head into town to try some of the local cuisine as well as the bustling bars and restaurants.

If you would like to add on a Northern Lights activity this evening, please see our '[Personalise](#)' section for full details.

Included Meals: None

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GUIDED RIB ADVENTURE AND OVERNIGHT IN A CRYSTAL LAWO

For those travelling from December until 30th January (approximately), after breakfast, you will meet

with your local guide for a RIB (rigid inflatable boat) safari. You will depart at 6am for your wildlife adventure – this activity will last approximately 6-8 hours, including transfers. The departure point for the tour is a short walk away from your hotel.

The December and January RIB safari will take you in search of wildlife and whales, hopefully you will be lucky enough to spot these majestic animals on their migration route, although this can never be guaranteed. After the tour, you will enjoy a light lunch before heading straight to the Crystal Lavvo for your overnight accommodation, 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.

For those travelling from February onwards, you will depart at approximately 11am. You will be taken out to sea and 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 activity will last for approximately 3 hours, including transfers. You will then return to Tromsø at approximately 2 pm and you will have some free time to explore the city until your transfer to the Crystal Lavvo this afternoon at 5:30 pm (timings may change). 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.

Tonight you will spend the night in a Crystal Lavvo, located in the midst of the breathtaking Lyngen Peninsula, with its steep mountains and dramatic fjords. The impeccable design makes the most of the nature here, as the glass roof means you can spend your evening gazing out at the landscape and if conditions are favourable, at the Northern Lights. There is also a fire to keep you warm and cosy all night.

Before you retire to bed, enjoy a home-cooked dinner and an informative workshop which will give you tips on how to capture the Aurora on camera. Hopefully, you will get the chance to use these new skills tonight.

Included Meals: Breakfast, Dinner

DAY
3

EXPLORE TROMSØ AND VISIT TO HUSKY CENTRE AND AURORA CAMP

After waking up to the captivating natural surroundings, enjoy breakfast and a final look at the Lyngen Peninsula before returning to Tromsø at approximately 11am. Your luggage can be left securely at the hotel, prior to check-in this afternoon.

You will have the day to explore the bustling city and its fascinating attractions. There's the Arctic Cathedral with an impressive architectural design, array of exquisite local cuisine and the aerial tram ride up to the breathtaking vantage point at Storsteinen.

This evening, you will be transferred to the Tromsø Wilderness Centre to meet with expert guides and their playful huskies. After spending some time with the dogs and touring the facility, you will enjoy a traditional dinner by a roaring fire.

Then you will move to the centre's Aurora camp - ideally situated away from the city lights, making it a

perfect location to gaze up at the night sky in hopes of seeing the Northern Lights.

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 minibus hunt, a Northern Lights catamaran cruise, dog sledding or a reindeer camp experience - please see our '[Personalise](#)' section for full details.

Included Meals: Breakfast, Dinner

DAY
4

DEPARTURE

Today it is unfortunately time for your Norwegian adventure to come to an end. Enjoy breakfast in the hotel before we transfer you back to Tromsø airport for your flight home. If you have an early flight time, we'll box up breakfast for you to take with you.

Included Meals: Breakfast

Personalise this tour

Our pick



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

Other options

ACTIVITIES



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

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

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Reindeer Camp Dinner with Northern Lights Watch

Go in search of the Northern Lights whilst gaining an authentic insight into the Sámi people - the only indigenous people of Europe.

Your evening starts with a transfer to a local reindeer camp where you will meet with traditional herders who will tell you all about their lives here. The Sámi reindeer herders will introduce you to their animals and you will have the chance to feed them.

You will then be invited inside the Gamme (a Sámi hut) to warm up by the fire and enjoy a traditional three-course Sámi meal.

Following your dining experience, you will be invited to a Lavu (Sámi tent) to gather around the fire and listen to stories about the culture and life as a herder. Your guide will also perform a traditional song, called a joik, as you wait in hopes for a Northern Lights display. You will be out for approximately 4 hours tonight, including transfers.

A minimum of 2 people is required for this activity to run.

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



Northern Lights Dog Sledding Safari

Search for the Northern Lights as you glide across the snow, with your team of huskies leading the way; this is a true Arctic highlight.

You'll be collected a short distance from your hotel in Tromsø and transferred to the camp where you'll meet the friendly huskies and be shown how to control your sled and team of dogs, before heading off on an exciting safari lasting approximately 2 hours.

Returning to the camp, a campfire awaits, along with a warm drink and snacks. You'll then head back to Tromsø, arriving at approximately 11pm.

Please note that a good level of fitness is required to take part in this activity.

Duration: 6 hours in total (Approximately, including transfers and depending on weather conditions. 2 hours of dog sledding).

Available: 4:45pm

Minimum 2 participants

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

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 2 persons; 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

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