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Iceland driving distances

Keflavík Airport – Reykjavík 55km Reykjavík - Isafjörður 388km Isafjörður - Akureyri 513km Akureyri - Husavík 90km Husavík – Seyðisfjörður 245km Seyðisfjörður - Höfn 212km Höfn - Vík 272km Vík - Selfoss 129km Selfoss - Blue Lagoon 90km Blue Lagoon – Keflavík Airport 18km



Greenland flight times



Illulissat

Nuuk

Paamiut Narsarsuaq
Narsaq Qaqortoq

Kulusuk

500km

Faroe Islands driving distances

Vágar Airport – Tórshavn	47km
Tórshavn – Kirkjubøur	11km
Tórshavn – Klaksvík	75km
Tórshavn – Gjógv	64km
Tórshavn – Vestmanna	39km
Klaksvík – Kunoy	12km
Klaksvík – Viðareiði	19km

Ferries and sub-Sea tunnels

Sørvágur to Mykines
Gamlarætt to Skopun
Tórshavn to Nólsoy
Tórshavn to Tvøroyri
Sandur to Skúvoy
Gamlarætt to Hestur Mykines
Hattarvík via Kirkja and
Svinoy to Hvannasund
Klaksvík to Sydradular



Skálavík

Tvøroyri

Note: All times and distances shown above are approximate



Uummannag

Sisimiut •

Ferries

Helsinki to Tallinn Helsinki to Stockholm Copenhagen to Oslo Bergen to Kirkenes (Hurtigruten coastal ferry route)









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MAGIC OF THE FJORDS ESCORTED - SUMMER

7 DAYS ESCORTED - SUMMER

Experience the best of Norway: fjords, waterfalls, coastal and city culture, unique Viking History, glaciers, mountains and majestic forests, and idyllic islands. Option to add an Independent tour extension to Stockholm, capital of Sweden.

Day 1 Bergen Arrival

On arrival, transfer to the hotel. Time at leisure.

Day 2 Bergen City Sightseeing

Discover Bergen, gateway to the fjords of Norway. Morning walking tour of the city. Pass through the Hanseatic Bryggen, with St Mary's Church, Haakon Fortress and the famous Fish and Flower Markets. *Optional* afternoon Bergen Food tour.

Day 3 Bergen - Sognefjord - Balestrand

Morning walk to Bergen port and embark on a ferry to Balestrand. Enjoy the views of Sognefjord – King of Fjords. Short walk from pier to Kvikne's Hotel.

Day 4 Sognefjord – Fjaerland Glacier Day

Cruise from Balestrand to Fjaerland, visit to the Glacier Museum in Jostedalsbreen National Park, then Supphellebreen and Boyabreen glaciers, before returning to Balestrand.

Day 5 Balestrand - Norway in a Nutshell - Oslo

Cruise from Balestrand to the lovely village of Flåm on the Sognefjord. Take the world famous Flåm Railway travelling past steep mountains and waterfalls to Myrdal and on to Oslo along northern Europe's highest-altitude railway line.

Day 6 Oslo City Sightseeing

City sightseeing tour by bus, including Frogner Park with Vigeland sculptures, the Royal Palace, City Hall and Akershus Fortress.

Day 7 Oslo Departure

Transfer to the airport. End of arrangements.

2024 departures: 31 May; 14, 28 June; 12, 26 July; 09, 23 August; 06, 20 September

Includes: 6 hotel nights, breakfast daily, 2 dinners, excursions and transfers as shown.

Optional Independent tour extension to Stockholm: For a 9 day tour add: train Oslo to Stockholm, 2 hotel nights, breakfast daily, Stockholm city tour, airport transfer.



FABULOUS SCANDINAVIA AND HELSINKI

14 DAYS ESCORTED - SUMMER

Enjoy the cultural and historic heritage of the Scandinavian Capitals and wild nature of the Norwegian Fjords, plus vibrant Helsinki and medieval Tallinn.

Day 1 Copenhagen Arrival

On arrival, shared transfer to the hotel. Time at leisure.

Day 2 Copenhagen City Sightseeing

On the morning sightseeing tour see City Hall Square, Nyhavn, the Little Mermaid and more. *Optional* Rosenborg Castle excursion. *Optional* evening Tivoli Gardens excursion.

Day 3 Copenhagen – Oslo by Overnight Ferry

Optional Kronborg Castle and Helsingor excursion. Afternoon embarkation on the overnight ferry bound for Oslo.

Day 4 Oslo - Eidfjord

Morning arrival in Oslo, then head towards the lovely Hallingdal Valley. Travel through the towns of Gol and Geilo. Continue to Hardangervidda, visit Voringfossen Waterfall, before arriving in Eidfjord.

Day 5 Eidfjord - Bergen

Cross the Hardanger Fjord en route to Bergen. Afternoon sightseeing includes the Bryggen area of old wooden houses, the Fish Market, St Mary's Church, Haakon's Hall and Fantoft Church.

Day 6 Bergen - Flåm Railway - Hemsedal

Coach down the Naeroy valley to Gudvangen. Ferry along Naeroyfjord to the village of Flåm. Travel with the famous panoramic Flåm Railway to Myrdal station. Continue to Hemsedal. Overnight at Fyri Resort.

Day 7 Hemsedal – Oslo

Scenic journey from Hemsedal to Oslo. Evening leisurely city walk, ending in Aker Brygge.

Day 8 Oslo City Sightseeing

On the morning sightseeing tour see City Hall, the main street, Karl Johan, the Royal Palace and visit Vigeland Park. *Optional* Kon-Tiki and Fram Museum excursion.

Day 9 Oslo – Stockholm: City Walk

Pass through Norwegian forests and across the border, to the Swedish farm county of Varmland. Lunch in Karlstad. Afternoon arrival in Stockholm and City Walk.

Day 10 Stockholm City Sightseeing

Morning sightseeing in the Old Town Gamla Stan and Fjallgatan. *Optional* Vasa Museum visit.

Day 11 Stockholm - Helsinki by Overnight Ferry

Afternoon transfer to the wharf to board the ferry for your overnight trip to Helsinki.

Day 12 Helsinki City Sightseeing

The morning sightseeing tour in Helsinki takes you to Senate Square, Market Square, Uspenski Cathedral, past the Sibelius Monument and more. Visit to the famous Rock Church. *Optional* Porvoo tour.

Day 13 Helsinki – Tallinn – Helsinki

Day trip to Tallinn by ferry. Sightseeing tour includes the medieval Old Town, Toompea Castle, Alexander Nevsky Cathedral, Town Hall, Dome Church and more.

Day 14 Helsinki Departure

Transfer to the airport and end of arrangements.

2024 departures: 06 June; 18 July; 08, 22 August; 05 September

Includes: 11 hotel nights, 2 overnight ferries, breakfast daily, 3 lunches, 4 dinners, transport and excursions as shown. For a shorter version of this tour which finishes in Stockholm, see our 11 day **Fabulous Scandinavia** tour.

DISCOVER SCANDINAVIA

11+ DAYS INDEPENDENT - ALL YEAR

From Sweden to Denmark, then on to Norway – with transport, accommodation and city sightseeing all booked, just enjoy yourself! Add extra nights or do the tour in reverse.

Day 1 Stockholm Arrival

Explore Gamla Stan's narrow cobbled streets and quaint shops, see the Royal Palace, Parliament Buildings and the famous Blue Hall and Golden Rooms of City Hall.

Day 2 Stockholm Sightseeing Tour

Sightseeing tour by Hop On-Hop Off bus and explore the Swedish capital's beautiful and most popular attractions at your own pace. Alternatively, Sightseeing tour by Boat (according to season).

Day 3 Stockholm - Copenhagen By Train

Take the train across the heart of Sweden, over the Øresund Bridge and on to Copenhagen.

Day 4 Copenhagen Canal and Harbour Cruise

After your morning cruise, perhaps visit the Viking Ship Museum, Amalienborg and Christiansborg Palaces or in mid April – late September, Tivoli Gardens.

Day 5 Copenhagen - Oslo by Overnight Ferry

Morning free, before afternoon departure on the overnight ferry to Oslo, cruising Kattegat Strait.

Day 6 Oslo Day at Leisure

Morning arrival in Oslo and day at leisure. Perhaps visit the Munch Museum, Maritime Museum, the open-air museum on Bygdøy Peninsula with its world-famous stave church or take a stroll along Karl Johan shopping boulevard.

Day 7 Oslo Sightseeing Tour

Enjoy a panoramic city tour including a guided walk through Vigeland Sculpture Park.

Day 8 Oslo – Flåm: Flåm Railway

Depart Oslo bound for Myrdal Mountain Station and connect with the famous, scenic Flåmsbana train. Your amazing ride ends in the fjord village of Flåm. Dinner at hotel. *Optional* porter service Oslo hotel to Bergen hotel.

Day 9 Flåm – Bergen

Time at leisure, then cruise the lovely fjord to Gudvangen. From there by bus up the scenic, twisting road via Stalheim Canyon to Voss. Then it's "all aboard" for the train to Bergen.

Day 10 Bergen Fjord Cruise

Today enjoy a Fjord Cruise from Bergen. Afternoon at leisure. Perhaps visit the Flower and Fish Markets or Bryggen harbour and Hanseatic Quarter.

Day 11 Bergen Departure

End of arrangements.

2024 departures: Daily all year

Includes: 9 hotel nights, 1 overnight ferry, breakfast daily, 2 dinners, other transport and excursions as shown.

Add extra nights, do the tour in reverse or add Helsinki to the beginning of the tour.



CAPITALS OF SCANDINAVIA

10+ DAYS INDEPENDENT - ALL YEAR

Explore the great cities of Copenhagen, Oslo, Stockholm & Helsinki.

Day 1 Copenhagen Arrival

After arrival perhaps visit Hans Christian Andersen's statue, Gefion Fountain, the old harbour of Nyhavn, the Little Mermaid, Rosenborg, Amalienborg and Christiansborg Palaces or Tivoli Gardens.

Day 2 Copenhagen Canal and Harbour Cruise

Today take a boat tour along the city's waterways, cruising the harbour and canals past the main sights. Then browse Strøget pedestrian plaza for Danish designs or try some famous new Nordic cuisine.

Day 3 Copenhagen – Oslo by Overnight Ferry

Morning at leisure then afternoon departure on overnight ferry to Oslo, cruising Kattegat Strait.

Day 4 Oslo Day at Leisure

Morning arrival in Oslo and day at leisure. Perhaps visit the Munch Museum, Maritime Museum, the open-air museum on Bygdøy Peninsula with its world-famous stave church or take a stroll along Karl Johan shopping boulevard.

Day 5 Oslo Sightseeing Tour

Enjoy a panoramic city tour including a guided walk through Vigeland Sculpture Park.

Day 6 Oslo - Stockholm by Train

Day 7 Stockholm Sightseeing Tour

Sightseeing tour by Hop On-Hop Off bus and explore the Swedish capital's beautiful and most popular attractions at your own pace. Alternatively, Sightseeing tour by Boat (according to season).

Day 8 Stockholm – Helsinki by Overnight Ferry

Morning free then afternoon departure on the overnight ferry to Helsinki, sailing the Stockholm archipelago past numerous small islands.

Day 9 Helsinki Sightseeing Tour

Morning arrival in Helsinki. Sightseeing tour by Hop On-Hop Off bus (May-Sep) or a panoramic city tour (Oct-Apr). Perhaps visit Senate Square, Uspenski Cathedral, Parliament House, Finlandia Hall, New Opera House, Sibelius Park and Monument or Church in the Rock.

Day 10 Helsinki Departure

End of arrangements.

2024 departures: Daily all year

Includes: 7 hotel nights, 2 overnight ferries, breakfast daily, 2 dinners, other transport and excursions as shown.

Add extra nights or do the tour in reverse.



COMPLETE SCANDINAVIA AND BALTICS ...

17 DAYS ESCORTED - SUMMER

Tour the Nordic and Baltic capitals, starting in Copenhagen and ending in Vilnius. Experience the beauty of the Norwegian fjords and explore iconic landmarks in each city along the way.

Day 1 Copenhagen Arrival

On arrival, transfer to the hotel. Time at leisure.

Day 2 Copenhagen City Sightseeing, Odden - Aarhus

City sightseeing tour by bus. Departure for Odden, then ferry to Aarhus.

Day 3 Aarhus City Sightseeing, Hirtshals - Stavanger by Overnight Ferry

City sightseeing tour by bus. Continue to Hirtshals for overnight ferry to Stavanger.

Day 4 Stavanger: Optional Pulpit Rock Cruise or Hike

Morning arrival in Stavanger. Guided town walk. *Optional* Lysefjord Cruise 3hrs or Lysefjord Cruise and Preikestolen (Pulpit Rock) Climb 8hrs.

Day 5 Stavanger – Bergen: City Sightseeing

Transport Stavanger to Mortavika. Ferry Mortavika to Årsvågen. Ferry Sandvikvåg to Halhjem. Arrival in Bergen. Afternoon walking tour.

Day 6 Bergen – Flåm Railway - Flåm – Balestrand

Continue to Voss for a spectacular train trip to Myrdal station. Board the famous Flåmsbana train. Arrival in Flåm. Ferry on Sognefjord to Balestrand. Overnight and dinner at Kviknes Hotel.

Day 7 Balestrand - Borgund Church - Oslo

Ferries from Dragsvik to Hella and Manheller to Fodnes. Stop at Borgund Church. On to Oslo.

Day 8 Oslo City Sightseeing – Karlstad

City sightseeing tour by bus. Departure to Karlstad.

Day 9 Karlstad – Stockholm City Sightseeing

Transport Karlstad to Stockholm. City sightseeing tour by bus.

Day 10 Stockholm – Helsinki by Overnight Ferry

Afternoon departure by overnight ferry to Helsinki.

Day 11 Helsinki City Sightseeing – Tallinn by Ferry

Morning arrival in Helsinki. City sightseeing tour by bus. Afternoon 2 hour cruise to Tallinn..

Day 12 Tallinn City Sightseeing

City sightseeing tour.

Day 13 Tallinn - Riga

Coach towards Latvia. Short stop in Pärnu. Continue to Riga.

Day 14 Riga City Sightseeing

City sightseeing tour.

Day 15 Riga – Vilnius City Sightseeing

Coach towards Lithuania. Short stop at the Hill of Crosses. Continue to Vilnius. City sightseeing tour.

Day 16 Vilnius

Day at leisure.

Day 17 Vilnius Departure

Transfer to Vilnius Airport and end of arrangements.

2024 departures: 05, 19 July; 09, 23 August
Includes: 14 hotel nights, 2 overnight ferries, breakfast daily, 2

dinners, transport and excursions as shown.

ULTIMATE ARCTIC ADVENTURE ...

10 DAYS ESCORTED - WINTER

A truly unique guided experience in Northern Norway and Finland! Highlights include a city tour in Tromsø, a visit to Alta Museum, two Aurora Cabin nights at Northern Lights Village Levi, stay in Rovaniemi and a cruise on the Sampo Icebreaker.

Day 1 Tromsø Arrival

Arrive Tromsø Airport, bus transfer with drop-off near your hotel. Time at leisure. Evening *optional* cable car ride up to Mount Storsteinen.

Day 2 Tromsø City Sightseeing

On the morning sightseeing tour, travel around the island, passing Lake Prestvatn and visit the Arctic Cathedral. *Optional* Polaria Museum and Tromsø University Museum visit. *Optional* Evening Aurora Camp Husky Visit and Northern Lights Hunt.

Day 3 Tromsø – Alta

Travel from Tromsø to Alta, a trip with stunning scenery that includes 2 ferry crossings. *Optional* Northern Lights Hunt by horse sleigh.

Day 4 Alta Museum

Morning *optional* King Crab Safari with lunch on the Alta Fjord. Afternoon Alta Museum guided tour. *Optional* Sorrisniva Ice Hotel visit and Northern Lights Hunt.

Day 5 Alta – Northern Lights Village Levi

From Alta head to Levi by coach through beautiful northern Lapland. Stop at Juhls Silver Museum. Arrival at Northern Lights Village Levi, two nights in a private Aurora Cabin. *Optional* Aurora Hunt by heated sleigh.

Day 6 Levi Reindeer Safari

Visit a Sámi reindeer farm and take a reindeer sleigh ride. Traditional lunch. *Optionals*: Finnish Sauna and Jacuzzi, Aurora Photography Workshop or Aurora Snowshoeing.

Day 7 Levi - Haparanda

Arctic Cathedral, Tromsø © Shutterstock

Scenic coach to Haparanda in Sweden. Overnight at Haparanda Stadshotell. *Optional* Burbut Fishnets and Ice Fishing.

Day 8 Haparanda – Kemi – Rovaniemi

Travel to Kemi and visit the Snow Castle. Board the Sampo Icebreaker for a cruise on this remarkable vessel, breaking though ice in the northern Gulf of Bothnia. Continue to Rovaniemi for two hotel nights.

Day 9 Rovaniemi: Husky Farm and Santa Claus Village

Husky Farm visit and dog sled ride along the forest trails. Visit Santa Claus Village, the official home of Santa Claus on the Arctic Circle. Meet Santa himself. *Optional* Aurora Hunt by Snowmobile.

Day 10 Rovaniemi Departure

Transfer to Rovaniemi Airport and end of arrangements.

2024 departures: 11, 25 January; 22, 29 February; 07, 21 March

Includes: 7 hotel nights, 2 Aurora Cabin nights, breakfast daily, 3 lunches, 3 dinners, transfers, transport and excursions as shown.

<u>Fabulous Lapland</u> 6 Day Escorted version of this tour starts in Levi

2024 departures: 15, 29 January; 26 February; 04, 11, 25 March

Includes: 3 hotel nights, 2 Aurora Cabin nights, breakfast daily, 2 lunches, 3 dinners, transfers, transport and excursions as shown.

NORTHERN LIGHTS WILDERNESS

9 DAYS INDEPENDENT - WINTER

From Helsinki to Rovaniemi in Finnish Lapland, for winter activities and Aurora hunting. Then further north to the small village of Inari and continue to Kirkenes in Northern Norway for overnight at the wonderful Snowhotel.

Day 1 Helsinki Arrival

Arrival in Helsinki and time at leisure.

Day 2 Helsinki – overnight train to Rovaniemi

Day at leisure in Helsinki to further explore on your own. This evening board the train bound for Rovaniemi, private sleeping compartment with ensuite.

Day 3 Rovaniemi

Early morning arrival into Rovaniemi. Remainder of day leisure or take an *optional* afternoon Snowmobile Safari to the Wilderness or Evening Aurora Borealis Excursion by Snowmobile.

Day 4 Rovaniemi – Northern Lights Hunt by Bus

Day at leisure for *optional* Husky Safari or Ranua Wildlife Park excursion. Tonight, an excursion by bus to chase the Northern Lights, away from the city lights.

Day 5 Rovaniemi – Safari to Santa Claus Village

Morning at leisure. Excursion to Santa Claus Village by Snowmobile or Reindeer Safari. Time to meet Santa in his office and explore the village.

Day 6 Rovaniemi – Inari, Aurora Snowshoeing

Morning departure by bus from Rovaniemi to Inari, an ideal location for Northern Lights hunting. *Optional* upgrade available to a warm Aurora Cabin on the lake shore, with a glass roof for Aurora viewing – please enquire. Evening guided Aurora Snowshoe excursion.

Day 7 Inari - Husky Safari

Today enjoy a Husky Safari today through the beautiful winter scenery. Then perhaps join an *optional* excursion – Cross Country Skiing, Reindeer Farm Visit or Ice Fishing by Snowmobile Sleigh or an evening Aurora Snowmobiling excursion.

Day 8 Inari – Kirkenes, King Crab Safari and Snowhotel

Travel over the Norwegian border to Kirkenes Snowhotel. Afternoon King Crab Safari. Tonight, you can choose between staying in a Snow Igloo or in a cosy private Gamme Cabin.

Day 9 Kirkenes Departure

Morning transfer to Kirkenes airport or the pier, and end of arrangements.

2024 departures: Daily January to March and December **Includes:** 6 hotel nights, 1 overnight on train, 1 night in a snowroom or cabin; 7 breakfasts, 3 dinners, transport and excursions as shown.

For an Autumn version of this tour Sep-Nov see our <u>9 day</u> Northern Lights Wilderness Autumn tour.



POLAR ADVENTURE ...

8 DAYS ESCORTED - WINTER

A round trip from Helsinki to Lapland, experience an Icebreaker Cruise in Kemi and explore Rovaniemi with a visit to Ranua Arctic Wildlife Park, Husky and Reindeer Safaris. Then further north to Inari and up to Kirkenes in Norway, for a King Crab Safari. Immerse yourself in the pure nature and Arctic activities of Lapland, and keep a lookout for the Aurora Borealis.

Day 1 Helsinki Arrival

Transfer from Helsinki Airport to your hotel. Time at leisure.

Day 2 City Sightseeing, overnight train to Kemi

The morning sightseeing tour in Helsinki takes you to Senate Square, Kauppatori market square, past the Uspenski Cathedral and more. Afternoon at leisure. In the early evening, board the overnight train to Kemi, private sleeping compartment.

Day 3 Kemi: Sampo Icebreaker – Rovaniemi

Morning arrival in Kemi by train, breakfast at a hotel restaurant. adventure on the icy waters of the Gulf of Bothnia, on the Sampo Icebreaker. Try guided ice swimming, wearing a floatation dry suit. Visit SnowExperience365. Continue to Rovaniemi, the official home of Santa Claus, for two hotel overnights.

Day 4 Rovaniemi: Husky Safari, Ranua Wildlife Park

Morning departure for Ranua for a Husky Safari. Then discover Ranua Arctic Wildlife Park. Walk in the open air at your own pace to admire the Arctic fauna: moose, reindeer, wolverines, arctic fox and the polar bear. Optional evening Northern Lights Hunt by Bus.

Day 5 Rovaniemi – Inari: Reindeer Safari

Depart Rovaniemi and stop in Napapiiri for a traditional Reindeer Farm visit and lunch. Try your hand at driving a reindeer team during a mini safari. Continue north to Inari for two hotel overnights. Time at leisure to explore the village of Inari, the centre for Finnish Sámi culture. Dinner at the hotel.

Day 6 Inari – Kirkenes: King Crab Safari – Inari

Morning departure to Kirkenes, located in the far northeast of Norway. King Crab Safari and lunch. Optional visit to Snowhotel Kirkenes. Return to Inari for dinner at the hotel.

Day 7 Inari – Ivalo – Helsinki

Morning at leisure to explore Inari village. Flight from Ivalo airport to Helsinki. Overnight at a Helsinki Airport hotel.

Day 8 Helsinki Departure

Arrangements end after breakfast.

2024 departures: 07, 21 January; 10, 17 March Includes: 6 hotel nights, 1 overnight on train, breakfast daily, 2 lunches, 2 dinners, flight Ivalo-Helsinki, transfers, excursions and transport as shown.



DENMARK CASTLES AND JUTLAND ...

8 DAYS SELF-DRIVE SUMMER

See the northernmost point of Jutland through cities like Århus and Kolding and combine nature, culture as well as cities and sea.

Day 1 Copenhagen Arrival

On arrival, collect your car from Copenhagen Airport.

Day 2 Copenhagen - Helsingør - Roskilde

Stop at Kronborg Castle, known as Hamlet's castle. Continue to Hillerod and Frederiksborg Castle and the Danish Museum of National History. Visit the Viking Museum in Roskilde.

Day 3 Roskilde - Odense

Cross the longest bridge in Europe, Storebæltbroen, connecting the island of Sealand to Funen. In Odense, discover the hometown of Hans Christian Andersen.

Day 4 Odense - Aarhus

Head west to the city of Billund, home of Legoland: a miniature world built entirely of Lego.

Day 5 Aarhus - Skagen

Start your journey north to discover Skagen where the land narrows to become a sandbank battered by the waves of two seas.

Day 6 Skagen - Kolding

Continue south to the town of Kolding and visit the Koldinghus Castle.

Day 7 Kolding – Copenhagen

From Kolding return to Copenhagen to enjoy time at leisure in the capital city.

Day 8 Copenhagen Departure

Return your car to Copenhagen Airport and end of arrangements.

2024 departures: Daily May – September **Includes:** 7 hotel nights, breakfast daily, hire car.

FINNISH LAKES AND FORESTS ...

8 DAYS SELF-DRIVE SUMMER

Enjoy the seemingly endless lakes in Finland's lake district, from Imatra and Lappeenranta in the south to the town of Savonlinna with its medieval island castle. The Karelia region gives you a taste of the distinctive culture.

Day 1 Helsinki Arrival

On arrival, collect your car from Helsinki Airport.

Day 2 Helsinki – Lappeenranta

Drive to Lappeenranta. We recommend a stop in Porvoo, a small, idyllic town which is the second oldest in Finland.

Day 3 Lappeenranta: Lake Saimaa

Day at leisure. Perhaps take a cruise on Lake Saimaa and a visit to the huge sandcastle (June to August only).

Day 4 Lappeenranta – Savonlinna – Joensuu

Today drive along Lake Saimaa towards Imatra, then continue to Savonlinna and head north past Kerimäki.

Day 5 Joensuu - Jyväskylä

From Joensuu, pass Varkaus on your way to Jyväskylä

Day 6 Jyväskylä – Tampere – Turku

From Jyväskylä drive towards Tampere, which is located between two lakes. Continue to Turku, Finland's oldest city and previous capital.

Day 7 Turku – Helsinki

Drive past Salo, often considered the original hometown of Nokia telephones, then pass along the King's Route and head towards Helsinki.

Day 8 Helsinki Departure

Return your car to Helsinki Airport and end of arrangements.

2024 departures: Daily May – September **Includes:** 7 hotel nights, breakfast daily, hire car.



HISTORICAL FJORDS 10 DAYS SELF-DRIVE SUMMER

Experience scenic cruises, spectacular mountain crossings and travel on board the Hurtigruten. This self-drive tour starts and ends in Bergen, the gateway to the fjords.

Day 1 Bergen Arrival

On arrival, collect your car from Bergen Airport.

Day 2 Bergen - Balestrand

Drive from Bergen via Voss and across the Vika Mountain to Vik. A short ferry crossing (not included) will take you across the Sognefjord to Balestrand, a charming village by the fjord.

Day 3 Balestrand

Day at leisure in one of the cutest villages in the fjord – calm and serene, Balestrand will charm you. Go for a walk, visit a glacier (*excursion not included*) or just relax at the hotel.

Day 4 Balestrand - Geiranger

Continue north via Stryn to Hellesylt, then take the 1 hour ferry crossing along the spectacular Geirangerfjord.

Day 5 Geiranger

Day at leisure. Perhaps visit the Norwegian Fjord Centre, where you can learn how people lived along the steep edges of the fjords.

Day 6 Geiranger - Troll Road - Håholmen

Depart Geiranger and head up the Eagle Road which offers a panoramic view of the Geirangerfjord. Short ferry crossing (not included) brings you to Linge, continue to the Troll Road, one of Norway's best-known tourist attractions. From Åndalsnes drive across the Langfjord in the direction of Molde before arriving in Håholmen.

Day 7 Håholmen – Trondheim

Drive further on the Atlantic Road. This road zigzags across low bridges that jut out over the sea. Follow the sharp turns and wild nature all the way to Kristiansund. Continue to Trondheim, Norway's 3rd largest city.

Day 8 Trondheim – Overnight on board Coastal Ferry

Morning departure on board the Coastal Ferry. The overnight cruise from Trondheim to Bergen starts through the Trondheimsfjord, along Trondheimsleia channel, before continuing southwards to Kristiansund and Molde.

Day 9 Bergen Arrival

Morning at sea. Enjoy your breakfast and the beautiful coastal scenery during the last part of the cruise to Bergen.

Day 10 Bergen Departure

Return your car to Bergen Airport and end of arrangements.

2024 departures: Regular departures May – September* **Includes:** 8 hotel nights with breakfast daily, 1 night on board Coastal Ferry with dinner and breakfast, hire car.

* Subject to the Coastal Ferry schedule.

NORWEGIAN PANORAMA

9 DAYS SELF-DRIVE SUMMER

On this tour enjoy Norwegian diversity – from the Norwegian inland with its forests to the dramatic coastal scenery, high mountains to deep fjords, the capital to small villages.

Day 1 Oslo - Lillehammer

On arrival, collect your car from Oslo Airport and drive via Hamar to Lillehammer, the host town of the 1994 Winter Olympics.

Day 2 Lillehammer - Røros

Drive through the Gudbrandsdalen Valley to Ringebu before continuing along the Ronde Road with a view of the beautiful Rondane National Park. Travel via Østerdalen Valley to the mining town of Røros.

Day 3 Røros - Trondheim

Depart Røros and head towards Trondheim, which was Norway's first capital and continues to be the coronation city for the Norwegian kings.

Day 4 Trondheim

Day at leisure to explore Norway's third largest city and a well-known university town.

Day 5 Atlantic Ocean Road - Molde

Drive to Nordmøre before taking a short ferry crossing (not included) from Halsa to Kanestraum, which brings you towards the clipfish town of Kristiansund. Travel by tunnel to Bremsnes and the Atlantic Ocean Road. Continue along the scenic road via Hustad and Bud to Molde.

Day 6 Molde - Geirangerfjord

Morning departure by ferry (not included) across the Molde fjord to Vestnes. Continue to Åndalsnes where you will ascend the famous Troll Road. Short ferry crossing (not included) from Linge to Eidsdal brings you to the Eagle Road, with a panoramic view of the Geirangerfjord.

Day 7 Geiranger – Beitostølen

Continue to the mountain village of Beitostølen, in view of the impressive Jotunheimen Mountain range with Galdhøpiggen as Norway's highest mountain at 2469m.

Day 8 Beitostølen - Oslo

Head south via Fagernes and Hønefoss to Oslo. The Norwegian capital is beautifully situated at the head of the Oslo Fjord and surrounded by forest.

Day 9 Oslo Departure

Return your car to Oslo Airport and end of arrangements.

2024 departures: Daily May - September **Includes:** 8 hotel nights, breakfast daily, hire car.

OTHER SUMMER SELF-DRIVE TOURS:

9 Day Explore Lofoten and Vesterålen Islands

FJORD LUXURY 8 DAYS INDEPENDENT – SUMMER

Stay at charming and renowned hotels of character and distinction whilst exploring the best of the Norwegian fjords.

Day 1 Oslo Arrival

Arrive in Oslo. Time at leisure to explore the city area's cafés, restaurants and museums.

Day 2 Oslo - Dombås – Åndalsnes – Geiranger

Train from Oslo to Dombås, then enjoy a scenic journey on the Rauma Railway to the village of Åndalsnes, known for its high peaks and mountaineering history. Private car transfer from Åndalsnes to Union Hotel Geiranger.

Day 3 Geiranger – Hellesylt - Stryn – Loen

Ferry on the lovely Geirangerfjord to Hellesylt. Private car transfer to the lakeside Alexandra Hotel Loen for 2 nights. *Optional* Loen Skylift ride.

Day 4 Briksdal Glacier Excursion

Bus to Briksdalen, then board the quaint 'Trollcar' for a tour of the glacier, a powerful sight stretching 1,200m down to the lush, narrow valley. *Optional* Safari Boat excursion on the lake in front of the glacier.

Day 5 Loen - Flåm

Private car transfer to the delightful small fjord village of Flåm for overnight stay. Optional fjord sauna at the quay in Flåm.

Day 6 Flåm - Myrdal - Voss - Lofthus

Take the world famous Flåm Railway travelling past steep mountains and waterfalls to Myrdal along northern Europe's highest-altitude railway line. Change train and continue to Voss. Private transfer from Voss to Lofthus in Hardanger. Overnight at Ullensvang Hotel, on the shores of the fjord.

Day 7 Lofthus - Norheimsund - Bergen

Morning at leisure in the beautiful Hardanger area. Afternoon boat from Ullensvang/Loftus along Hardangerfjord to Norheimsund. Then bus to Bergen for overnight stay.

Day 8 Bergen Departure

Arrangements end after breakfast.

and transport as shown.

2024 departures: Daily June to August **Includes:** 7 hotel nights, breakfast daily, 5 dinners, excursions



GLACIERS AND FJORD VILLAGES ...

6 DAYS INDEPENDENT - SUMMER

Visit the charming towns of Balestrand, Flåm and Fjærland, the amazing Jostedalsbreen Glacier and the fjords.

Day 1 Bergen Arrival

Arrive Bergen, a lively city beautifully situated on the fjord, surrounded by mountains, with a long history as a Hanseatic trading port.

Day 2 Bergen - Balestrand

Ferry from Bergen to Balestrand, an idyllic village on the Sognefjord. Afternoon free or perhaps take an *optional* kayaking tour or RIB tour. 2 nights at the delightful Kvikne's Hotel.

Day 3 Balestrand - Fjærland - Balestrand

Cruise from Balestrand to Fjærland, visit to the Glacier Museum in Jostedalsbreen National Park, then the glacier itself, the largest in Europe, before returning to Balestrand.

Day 4 Balestrand - Flåm

Cruise from Balestrand to the lovely village of Flåm on the Sognefjord; afternoon free – visit the local brewery for a tasting or explore the railway museum. Or take an *optional* bus trip to Stegastein viewpoint or RIB tour on the Nærøyfjord.

Day 5 Flåm – Myrdal – Oslo

Take the world famous Flåm Railway travelling past steep mountains and waterfalls to Myrdal and on to Oslo along northern Europe's highest-altitude railway line. Arrive Oslo – visit the Viking Ship Museum, Kon-Tiki Museum, Munch Gallery, or stroll the old wharf area.

Day 6 Oslo Departure

Arrangements end after breakfast.

2024 departures: Daily 01 June to 12 September **Includes:** 5 hotel nights, breakfast daily, 3 dinners, excursions

and transport as shown.

Note: this tour can also be offered mid-April to May and mid-September to October without the Glacier day excursion.

Day 3 would be a day at leisure in Balestrand.



LAND OF THE FJORDS

6 DAYS ESCORTED - SUMMER

On this tour you will experience the highlights of Norway's jewels her magnificent fjords and a journey on the spectacular Flåm Railway. Also spend time in Bergen, Balestrand and Oslo.

Day 1 Bergen Arrival - City Sightseeing

Arrival in Bergen. Afternoon city sightseeing including visit to the Fish and Flower Market, Bryggen Harbour, the old Hanseatic Quarter and a ride on the Funicular to the top of Mount Fløien.

Day 2 Bergen - Flåm Railway - Balestrand

Depart from Bergen and drive via Voss to Flåm. Board the Flåmsbana train for an excursion on the spectacular Flam Railway, one of the most beautiful and steepest standard-gauge railway lines in the world. In Flåm, take a 2 hour cruise along the narrow Aurlands and Nærøy Fjords. Disembark in Gudvangen and continue by coach through the amazing Stalheim Canyon and Nærøy Valley, cross the Vika Mountains to Vangsnes. Short ferry ride across to Balestrand, 2 nights at the delightful Kvikne's Hotel.

Day 3 Balestrand: Day in the Fjords

Day at leisure in Balestrand. Perhaps visit the local aquarium and art gallery, rent a bike or rowing boat from the hotel, or even go

Day 4 Balestrand – Briksdal Glacier – Geiranger

Travel by ferry from Dragsvik to Hella, then by road to Fjærland, passing under the Jostedal Glacier. Stop at Olden to visit the world-famous Briksdal Glacier. Journey up to the glacier in open troll cars. Lunch at a local restaurant. Continue by coach to the picturesque village of Hellesylt. Board the ferry for the 1 hour cruise along spectacular Geirangerfjord to Geiranger for overnight stay at the Union Hotel.

Day 5 Geiranger - Oslo

Morning stop at Geiranger Skywalk – Mt Dalsnibba, where you will experience amazing panoramic views of the fjord area. Continue across the rugged Grotli Mountains to Lom, and Lake Vågå, before descending the magnificent Gudbrands Valley to the town of Lillehammer. Drive alongside Lake Mjøsa, Norway's largest lake, then on to Oslo.

Day 6 Oslo Departure

Breakfast at the hotel and end of arrangements.



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ADVENTUROUS NORWAY ...

8 DAYS INDEPENDENT - SUMMER

Experience some of the most beautiful places in Norway. Visit Bergen, the smaller fjord towns of Voss, Sogndal, Balestrand and Flåm. Enjoy some exciting excursions – a guided glacier walk, downhill biking beside the route of the Flåm Railway and white water rafting.

Day 1 Bergen Arrival

On arrival in Bergen, time on your own to enjoy the city sights. Stroll the streets of Bryggen, an area included on UNESCO's World Heritage List.

Day 2 Bergen – Sogndal: Sognefjord Cruise

Morning at leisure, then afternoon departure by express boat from Bergen. Head north along the western coastline of Norway. Continue along the Sognefjord, the world's longest and deepest fjord, to the charming village of Sogndal.

Day 3 Sogndal – Jostedal Glacier Walk

Today travel by bus from Sogndal to Jostedalen, to the Nigards Glacier, a glacial outlet of the massive Jostedal Glacier, the largest glacier in Northern Europe. Visit the Glacier Museum, take a boat trip to the edge of the glacier itself. Then enjoy an exciting two hour guided glacier walk. Return to Sogndal.

Day 4 Sogndal – Balestrand – Flåm

Depart Sogndal and travel by ferry to Balestrand along the Sognefjord and continue on to Flåm. In Flåm, perhaps visit the Railway Museum, stroll the fjordshore or walk up the valley to the old wooden church.

Day 5 Flåm Railway and Downhill Biking

This morning take the famous Flåmsbanen Railway from Flåm. At Kjosfossen Station, the train stops for you to see the Kjosfossen Waterfall, located right next to the platform. At Berekvam Station, leave the train to collect your mountain bike. Then continue down the 11km to Flåm by bike, following a track along the river.

Day 6 Flåm – Gudvangen – Voss: Nærøyfjord Cruise

This morning leave Flåm and take the ferry to Gudvangen. Then board a bus and travel to Voss, travelling down the steep hairpin bends of Stalheimskleiva.

Day 7 Voss – Bergen and White Water Rafting

This morning try the thrill of easy white water rafting, just outside Voss. In the afternoon board the train in Voss for the short trip back to Bergen.

Day 8 Bergen Departure

After breakfast check out and end of arrangements.

2024 departures: Daily 20 June – 20 August **Includes:** 7 hotel nights, breakfast daily, transport and excursions as shown.

STAVANGER, FJORDS AND PULPIT ROCK

8 DAYS INDEPENDENT - SUMMER

This tour takes you from Oslo on the famous Flåm Railway to Balestrand, Bergen, and finally to the town of Stavanger, where you can cruise past the famous Pulpit Rock.

Day 1 Oslo Arrival

Arrive in Oslo and time at leisure.

Day 2 Oslo

Day at leisure to explore this wonderful city.

Day 3 Oslo - Myrdal - Flåm - Balestrand

Train from Oslo to Myrdal, then board the Flåmsbana. Ferry cruise along Aurlandsfjord and Sognefjord before arriving into Balestrand. *Optional* porter service Oslo hotel to Bergen hotel.

Day 4 Balestrand - Bergen

Return to Flåm, then continue by ferry to Gudvangen. Travel by bus from Gudvangen via the Stalheim Canyon to Voss, where you will board the train for the journey to Bergen.

Day 5 Bergen

Day at leisure. Walk along Bryggen, take the funicular ride to Mt Fløyen, explore the fish and flowers markets or visit the many cafés and restaurants of this lovely, historic town.

Day 6 Bergen – Stavanger

Travel along the scenic coastline by bus or take the ferry to Stavanger. Afternoon at leisure.

Day 7 Stavanger – Pulpit Rock Cruise

Cruise the Lysefjord to Prekestolen (Pulpit Rock), past impressive waterfalls, idyllic islands and the mighty rock itself.

Day 8 Stavanger Departure

Arrangements end after breakfast.

2024 departures: Daily from mid April – mid September **Includes:** 7 hotel nights, breakfast daily, Lysefjord and Pulpit Rock Cruise and transport as shown.

See also our 5 Day Stavanger and Pulpit Rock tour

Stavanger, Pulpit Rock © Per Eide/Visit Norway

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Day 1 Oslo Arrival

Arrival in Oslo and time at leisure.

Day 2 Oslo - City Sightseeing - Ulvik

Morning panorama tour of Oslo with Fram Museum entry. Travel via Hønefoss along the Halling Valley to Gol tourist resort town. Lunch at a local restaurant, then continue to Fossli and stop at Vøringsfoss Waterfall. Descend the Mabodal Canyon to idyllic Hardanger Fjord, crossing the Hardanger bridge and on to the village of Ulvik.

Day 3 Ulvik – Bergen

Scenic drive along the beautiful Hardangerfjord. Travel via the towns of Øystese and Norheimsund before arriving in Bergen. Afternoon 2 hour city sightseeing tour of Bergen, including a visit to the popular Fish and Flower Market, the famous Bryggen Harbour with its gabled packhouses, and also the old Hanseatic Quarter. Return ride on the Bergen Funicular.

Day 4 Bergen - Flåm Railway - Balestrand

Drive via Voss to Flåm. Board the Flåmsbana train for an excursion on the spectacular Flåm Railway, one of the most beautiful and steepest standard-gauge railway lines in the world. Enjoy a 2 hour cruise along narrow Aurlands and Nærøy Fjords. Disembark in Gudvangen and continue by coach through Stalheim Canyon and Nærøy Valley, and across the Vika Mountains to Vangsnes. Short ferry ride across to Balestrand, 2 nights at the delightful Kvikne's Hotel.

or even go on foot up the nearby mountains.

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Day 8 Oslo Departure

Breakfast at the hotel and end of arrangements.

2024 departures: 09, 23 July

Includes: 7 hotel nights, breakfast daily, 2 lunches, 5 dinners, transport and excursions as shown.

VALLEYS AND FJORDS ...

9 DAYS INDEPENDENT - APRIL-NOVEMBER

From Oslo to Eggedal, located in a valley to the west of the Norefjell mountain range. Continue to Nesbyen, followed by Norway in a Nutshell: The Flåm Railway. Enjoy time in Flåm and Bergen. Travel comfortably by private transfer, train, bus and ferry, with some wonderful excursions along the way.

Day 1 Oslo Arrival

Arrive in Oslo and time at leisure.

Day 2 Oslo City Sightseeing

Morning panoramic city tour with a guided walk through Vigeland Sculpture Park. On Bygdoy Peninsula visit the Fram and Kon-Tiki Museums.

Day 3 Oslo – Eggedal: SUP excursion

Private car transfer from Oslo hotel to Eggedal in Buskerud county, 2hrs drive from Oslo. Stay 2 nights at Eggedal Borgestue, a small, cosy hotel. Afternoon guided Stand Up Paddleboard excursion down the river Eggedola to Solevatn nature reserve.

Hike to the Statue of the Madonna

Morning guided hike to the Statue of the Madonna on Eggedal's western mountain at an elevation of 1020m. Afternoon at leisure.

Eggedal – Myrdal – Flåm: Flåm Railway

Private car transfer from Eggedal to Nesbyen. Then by train past majestic mountains, vibrant valleys, running rivers and fertile farms. village for 2 nights stay. Optional fjord sauna at the quay in Flåm.

Day 6 RIB Fjord Safari and Viking Plank Dinner

Experience the spectacular nature and fjord landscape on a Fjord Safari by RIB boat. Head out through Aurlandsfjord and further into the stunning Naeroyfjord. Viking Plank Dinner at Ægir BrewPub, located at the Flåmsbrygga Hotel.

Day 7 Flåm – Gudvangen – Voss – Bergen

Scenic 2hr cruise to Gudvangen, bus up Stalheim Canyon's hairpin bends for views of Sivlefossen and Stalheimsfossen. At Voss, train to Bergen for the Fish and Flower markets, Mt Fløyen and Bryggen.

Day 8 Bergen Food and Culture Walk

Learn about Bergen, local food traditions and history during a guided Food and Culture Walk today.

Day 9 Bergen Departure

Arrangements end after breakfast.

2024 departures: Daily April to November

Includes: 8 hotel nights, breakfast daily, 4 dinners, excursions and transport as shown.



NORWAY EXPLORER 12 DAYS INDEPENDENT - ALL YEAR

On this tour visit the cities of Bergen, Oslo, Trondheim and Bodø, the beautiful fjord village of Flåm and town of Svolvær in the picturesque Lofoten Islands. Experience scenic train journeys on the Flåm Railway, Rauma Railway and Nordland Railway, then travel along by coastal ferry to the Lofoten Islands.

Day 1 Bergen Arrival

Arrive in Bergen and time at leisure.

Day 2 Bergen: Day at Leisure

Day at leisure. Perhaps walk along Bryygen or take a funicular ride up to Mt Fløyen for a panoramic view of the city. Or join an *optional* walking tour.

Day 3 Bergen – Voss – Gudvangen – Flåm

Travel by train to Voss, a village located in the heart of the fjords. Continue by bus through the Stalheim Canyon's hairpin bends to Gudvangen. Enjoy a scenic cruise along the Nærøyfjord and Aurlandsfjord before arrival into Flåm.

Day 4 Flåm: Flåm Railway – Myrdal – Oslo

Board the Flåmsbana for the spectacular 20km journey along the Flåm Railway. At Myrdal, change trains and continue to Oslo.

Day 5 Oslo: Day at Leisure

Day at leisure to explore the capital city on your own. Or perhaps join an *optional* city sightseeing including the Fram Museum, Holmenkollen Ski Jump and a guided walk in Vigeland Sculpture Park.

Day 6 Oslo – Dombås – Åndalsnes

Train from Oslo to Dombås, then enjoy a scenic journey on the Rauma Railway to the village of Andalsnes, known for its high peaks and mountaineering history.

Day 7 Åndalsnes – Dombås – Trondheim

Return to Dombås and continue by train to Trondheim, Norway's 3rd largest city.

Day 8 Trondheim – Overnight train to Bodø

Day at leisure in Trondheim. Perhaps visit the Nidaros Cathedral, Archbishop's Palace, Erkebispegården, the old city bridge Gamle Bybro, and much more. Late evening departure by train to Bodø.

Day 9 Bodø Arrival

Morning arrival into Bodø by train. Day at leisure or add an *optional* seasonal excursion: City Sightseeing and Saltstraumen 2.5hrs (all year), Northern Lights Hunt 4hrs (mid-Sep - Mar).

Day 10 Bodø – Svolvær by Coastal Ferry

Afternoon departure by coastal ferry to the Lofoten Islands. Arrival into Svolvær. Spend two nights in a charming Rorbu Cabin at Svinøya Rorbuer.

Day 11 Svolvær: Day at Leisure

Enjoy the many scenic sights, take an *optional* seasonal fishing trip, kayaking, surfing, horse-back riding or RIB boat safari.

Day 12 Svolvær Departure

Arrangements end after breakfast.

2024 departures: Regular departures all year*

Includes: 8 hotel nights and 2 nights in a Rorbu Cabin with breakfast daily; 1 night on overnight train and transport as shown.

* Subject to the coastal ferry schedule

ARCTIC DELIGHTS AURORA MAGIC TROMSØ 🖪

6 DAYS INDEPENDENT – WINTER

From your base in Tromsø, above the Arctic Circle, enjoy wonderful winter activities and search for the fabled Aurora!

Day 1 Tromsø Arrival

Arrive in Tromsø and transfer to your hotel. Time at leisure.

Day 2 Husky Safari and Northern Lights Hunt

Transfer to the husky farm, meet the friendly dogs then head out into the amazing Arctic coastal landscape for a real adventure! Enjoy a hot drink and snack in a traditional Sámi tent. Tonight, travel outside the town to hunt for the Northern Lights.

Day 3 Reindeer Sleigh and Sámi Culture

Reindeer sledding is the oldest form of transport in the north. Travel by sleigh to a Sámi village to learn about Lapland's culture and history and the vital role of reindeer and try your hand with a lasso.

Day 4 Day at leisure

Day at leisure. Or perhaps take an optional snowmobiling safari or a Northern Lights hunt.

Day 5 Snowshoe Walk and Northern Lights Cruise

Morning snowshoe walk to explore spectacular winter forests and take a closer look at local wildlife. In the evening, search for the Northern Lights on a dinner cruise.

Day 6 Tromsø Departure

Transfer from hotel to Tromsø airport, end of arrangements.

2024 departures: Daily January to March and December **Includes:** 5 hotel nights, breakfast daily, excursions and transfers as shown.

IN ALTA 🖪

4 DAYS INDEPENDENT - WINTER

An Arctic Adventure in the heartland of the ancient Sámi people. Search for the fabled Northern Lights, and experience snow based activities. Accommodation at Sorrisniva Arctic Wilderness Lodge and Igloo Hotel.

Day 1 Alta – Sorrisniva Arrival, Aurora Hunt

Transfer from Alta airport to Sorrisniva. Tonight, stay in a River Room at the premium Arctic Wilderness Lodge, on the banks of the Alta River. Dinner at LAVUU Restaurant. Evening Northern Lights Hunt.

Day 2 Reindeer Safari, Aurora Snowmobiling, Igloo Room Overnight

Reindeer Sled ride through the snowy wilderness and Sámi culture tales in a lavvu. Lunch. Northern Lights Hunt by Snowmobile though the Arctic evening. Dinner at LAVUU Restaurant. Igloo Room overnight stay in a room crafted by ice sculptors with natural snow and ice. The ice bed is covered with an insulated mattress, reindeer hides and a cosy sleeping bag. Feel the silence and serenity. Facilities are in the warm building nearby.

Day 3 Husky Safari

Enjoy a morning sauna then a Husky Safari along the Alta River with lunch. Dinner at MAKU Restaurant. Overnight stay in a River Room at Arctic Wilderness Lodge.

Day 4 Sorrisniva – Alta Departure

Transfer to Alta airport and end of arrangements.

2024 departures: Daily January to early April and late December

Includes: 2 nights Sorrisniva Arctic Wilderness Lodge river room, 1 night Sorrisniva Igloo room, breakfast daily, 3 dinners, 2 lunches, excursions and transfers as shown.

NORTHERN LIGHTS HUNT IN LOFOTEN ...

4 DAYS INDEPENDENT - AUTUMN AND WINTER

At Svinøya Rorbuer in Lofoten, stay in a cosy and comfortable Rorbu Cabin, idyllically located in a charming fishing village. Enjoy views overlooking open ocean on one side, and the spectacular Lofoten mountains on the other.

Day 1 Svolvær Arrival – Svinøya

Transfer from Svolvær airport or harbour to Svinøya Rorbuer. The waterfront Rorbu Cabins are well insulated and equipped with private facilities.

Day 2 Northern Lights Hunt

Day at leisure for *optional* activities, according to season of travel: Photography tours for Aurora Borealis, Wildlife and Scenery, Aurora Jäger, Lofoten Sightseeing and Husky Visit, Fishing Trip, Sea Kayaking, Horse Riding, Village Walk, Dog Sledding, Snowshoeing.

Evening Northern Lights Hunt by minibus. Lofoten consists of several islands that stretch from Norway's mainland into the Norwegian Sea. The archipelago is located in the centre of the Northern Lights Oval. Lofoten is lucky to have several local, skilled Northern Lights guides. They know the archipelago well and seek out the best locations to hunt for the Northern Lights.

Day 3 Floating Sauna, Børsen Spiseri dinner, Northern Lights Hunt

Day at leisure for *optional* activities. Relax in the floating sauna for 1 hour today, located just outside reception with fantastic views towards the harbour of Svolvær and Svolværgeita. Enjoy a 3 course dinner at Børsen Spiseri, housed in quayside warehouse dating back to 1828. The meals are sourced from Lofoten's unique and fresh, local ingredients, with stockfish being the specialty. Evening Northern Lights Hunt by minibus.

Day 4 Svinøya – Svolvær Departure

Transfer from Svinøya Rorbuer to Svolvær airport or harbour. End of arrangements.

2024 departures: Daily January to March and September to December

Includes: 3 nights in a private Rorbu cabin at Svinøya, breakfast daily, 1 dinner, excursions and transfers as shown.



Rorbu Cabins, Norway © Svinøya Rorbuer

THE ARCTIC EXPERIENCE

7 DAYS ESCORTED - WINTER

Discover the beauty of winter in Northern Norway. From Tromsø to Narvik and the Lofoten Islands, returning to Tromsø. Visit Polar Park Arctic Wildlife Centre, Hunt for the Northern Lights, visit a Reindeer Farm for a Sami Cultural Experience and enjoy an Aurora Fjord Cruise.

Day 1 Tromsø Arrival

Arrive in Tromsø and transfer to your hotel. Time at leisure. *Optional* Aurora Dinner Cruise from Tromsø Harbour.

Day 2 Tromsø – Narvik: Polar Park

Morning departure by coach. Visit Polar Park, the world's northernmost animal park, home to Norway's large predators such as bears, wolves, and lynx and wolverine as well as elk, reindeer, musk ox and the arctic fox. Continue to Narvik, surrounded by high mountains and deep fjords in the heart of the Ofotfjord.

Day 3 Narvik - Svolvær: Sami Reindeer Experience

Departure by coach towards Sortland for a Sami Experience at a Reindeer Farm. After lunch, continue towards Svolvær through dramatic landscapes.

Day 4 Svolvær: Northern Lights Hunt

Morning coach exploration of the Lofoten area. See white sandy beaches, mountains, lakes, and iconic fishing villages. Evening Northern Lights Hunt. With the right weather conditions and some luck, you might witness the magical Aurora.

Day 5 Svolvær - Harstad - Tromsø

Afternoon departure by coach towards Harstad to catch the fast boat to Tromsø, approximately 3hrs journey. *Optional* evening Northern Lights Hunt by Bus.

Day 6 Tromsø: Aurora Fjord Cruise

Daytime at leisure for *optional* activities: Snowmobile Safari, Husky Safari, Sami and Reindeer, Discover Tromsø, Ice Fishing. Evening Aurora Fjord Cruise from Tromsø Harbour.

Day 7 Tromsø Departure

Transfer to Tromsø Airport and end of arrangements.

2024 departures: 13, 20 January; 17, 24 February; 09, 16, 23 March

Includes: 6 hotel nights, breakfast daily, 1 lunch, excursions and transport as shown.





NORWAY IN A NUTSHELL ...

4 DAYS INDEPENDENT - ALL YEAR

The Flåm Railway has been named one of Europe's Top 10 Train Journeys. Enjoy a spectacular railway ride, plus the cultural charms of Oslo and Bergen.

Day 1 Oslo Arrival

Arrive in Oslo and time at leisure.

Day 2 Oslo - Myrdal - Flåm: Flåm Railway

By train past majestic mountains, vibrant valleys, running rivers and fertile farms. At Myrdal, board Flåmsbana and travel 20km to Flåm village. Visit the Ægir BrewPub and Rail Museum. Dinner at hotel.

Day 3 Flåm – Gudvangen – Voss – Bergen

Scenic 2hr cruise to Gudvangen, bus up Stalheim Canyon's hairpin bends for views of Sivlefossen and Stalheimsfossen. At Voss, train to Bergen for the Fish and Flower markets, Mt Fløyen and Bryggen.

Day 4 Bergen Departure

Arrangements end after breakfast.

2024 departures: Daily all year

Includes: 3 hotel nights, breakfast daily, 1 dinner, train, ferry and bus transport as shown; porter service.

ALL NORWAY IN A NUTSHELL OPTIONS CAN BE DONE IN REVERSE DIRECTION:

OPTION 2:

Day 1 Oslo arrival

Day 2 Oslo – Myrdal – Flåm – Gudvangen

Day 3 Gudvangen – Voss – Bergen

Day 4 Bergen departure

OPTION 3:

Day 1 Oslo arrival

Day 2 Oslo – Myrdal – Flåm – Gudvangen – Voss

Day 3 Voss – Bergen

Day 4 Bergen departure

OPTION 4:

Day 1 Oslo arrival

Day 2 Oslo – Myrdal – Flåm

Day 3 Flåm – Gudvangen – Voss

Day 4 Voss – Bergen

Day 5 Bergen departure

WINTER WEEK 7 DAYS INDEPENDENT – WINTER

This tour sees the real Norway in winter – enjoy the Flåm railway and tours in a winter wonderland.

Day 1 Oslo Arrival

Arrive in Oslo and time at leisure.

Day 2 Oslo

City sightseeing including the Holmenkollen Ski Jump and a guided walk in Vigeland Sculpture Park.

Day 3 Oslo - Myrdal - Flåm: Flåm Railway

Leave Norway's capital behind for tiny Myrdal, then board Flåmsbana for Flåm village. Maybe visit Ægir Brewery and Rail Museum. Dinner at hotel. *Optional* porter service Oslo hotel to Bergen hotel.

Day 4 Flåm – Fjord Safari and Snowshoe Hike

Cruise along Nærøyfjord and stop at Undredal. Afternoon, guided snowshoe hike*. Dinner at Ægir Brewery, with its craft beers and great Viking food.

Day 5 Flåm – Gudvangen – Voss – Bergen

Cruise to Gudvangen, bus up Stalheim Canyon to Voss, then train to Bergen – Gateway to the Fjords.

Day 6 Bergen

You can walk around Bryggen's timber, Merchant houses or, ride up Mt Fløyen for views of Bergen.

Day 7 Bergen Departure

Arrangements end after breakfast.

2024 departures: Daily January to March and December* **Includes:** 6 hotel nights, breakfast daily, 2 dinners, transport and excursions as shown.

* Note: In December, cultural walk replaces snowshoe hike.

Flåm, Flåmsbana in winter © Sverre Hjørnevik



HURTIGRUTEN CLASSIC VOYAGE NORTH 7 DAYS CRUISE – ALL YEAR

Journey northwards from beautiful, historic Bergen to Kirkenes in the far Arctic wilderness. Sail aboard Hurtigruten through beautiful fjords and past many islands, as you explore the rugged coastline and a collection of the country's natural wonders.

Day 1 Bergen Departure

Your voyage commences as you enjoy a tasty dinner buffet, based on the best ingredients from the coast.

Day 2 Florø to Molde

Sail past the West Cape and then out into open sea, before the ship navigates through skerries and islands, towards Ålesund and Molde.

Day 3 Kristiansund – Trondheim – Rørvik

Wake up in beautiful Trondheim, then explore the city on foot or enjoy an *optional excursion*. In the afternoon, sail Northwest, past beautiful Kjeungskjær lighthouse, then on through narrow Stoksund, to arrive in Rørvik.

Day 4 Brønnøysund to Svolvær

Today you will cross the Arctic Circle and continue sailing along the beautiful coast of Helgeland up to Bodø. Later this afternoon, the 1000m high Lofoten Wall will appear on the horizon. After Raftsund, we continue to Svolvær then for a stop at the entrance to Trollfjord.

Day 5 Stokmarknes to Skjervøy, via Tromsø

With short stops at Risøyhamn, Harstad and Finnsnes, the ship continues to Tromsø, also known as the Arctic Capital.

Day 6 Øksfjord to Berlevåg

Early stops in Hammerfest and Havøysund, lead us to Honningsvåg, gateway to the spectacular North Cape. Continue to our next stop, the fishing village of Kjøllefjord.

Day 7 Kirkenes Arrival

Those up early enough will see Vadsø. Just after breakfast we arrive in Kirkenes which, at 30° East, sits further east than Istanbul and St Petersburg. On arrival, your Northbound voyage ends.

Departures: Regular departures all year – please enquire. **Includes:** 6 nights in chosen cabin category; full board.

KIRKENES CLASSIC BREAK 2 DAYS INDEPENDENT MAY - NOVEMBER

This is a great way to extend your Norwegian visit after travelling on the Hurtigruten ferry.

Day 1 Kirkenes Arrival and Russian Border Sightseeing

Transfer from Kirkenes Airport or Hurtigruten wharf to your hotel. Later today, join a guided coach tour to the Russian border and the mining town Bjørnevatn.

Day 2 King Crab Safari and Departure

Today enjoy a King Crab Safari by boat. Afterwards, transfer to the airport or wharf. End of arrangements.

2024 departures: Daily May – November

Includes: 1 hotel night with breakfast; tours and transfers as shown.

SNOWHOTEL DELIGHTS AND KIRKENES

3 DAYS INDEPENDENT DECEMBER – APRIL

Kirkenes is the ideal place for winter fun. Enjoy this as a 3 day tour or add it to Classic Voyage North or South.

Day 1 Kirkenes Arrival and Aurora King Crab Safari

Transfer to your hotel and get ready for your evening King Crab and Snowmobile Safari.

Day 2 Husky Safari and Snow Hotel visit

Morning at leisure. This afternoon, enjoy a dog sledding safari. Tonight, dinner is served at the wonderful Kirkenes Snow Hotel. *Optional*, add overnight at this unique hotel.

Day 3 Kirkenes Departure

Airport or Hurtigruten pier transfer. End of arrangements.

2024 departures: Daily December - April

Includes: 2 hotel nights with breakfast, 2 dinners; tours and

transfers as shown



HURTIGRUTEN CLASSIC VOYAGE SOUTH 6 DAYS CRUISE – ALL YEAR

This voyage takes you from Kirkenes in the far Arctic wilderness, past islands and skerries into numerous fjords, before arriving in beautiful, historic Bergen.

Day 1 Kirkenes Departure

Start from Kirkenes and continue sailing around the tip of Norway, reaching Berlevåg in the evening.

Day 2 Mehamn to Tromsø

Travel overnight from Mehamn through Øksfjord and on to Lyngenfjord where we are surrounded by the Lyngen Alps. Arrival in Tromsø, sees a lovely city in a beautiful location.

Day 3 Tromsø to Stamsund

Morning arrival in Harstad, then sail via Sortland to Stokmarknes, through narrow Raftsund, before reaching spectacular Trollfjord. At just 2km long and 100m wide, steep mountains dropping into the water offer a magnificent sight. After Svolvær and Stamsund we head toward the mainland.

Day 4 Bodø to Rørvik

Today you will cross the Arctic Circle. Another highlight is sailing past the Seven Sisters mountains – ranging from 900m–1100m in height. After a short stop in Nesna, we sail on to Sandnessjøen and Brønnøysund.

Day 5 Trondheim to Ålesund

Trondheim has over 1000 year of history and is here for you to explore, before you head out of Trondheimsfjord. Sailing along the coast, you will notice that fishing is a very important part of the local communities.

Day 6 Bergen Arrival

During the night, we call at Ålesund, Torvik and Måløy before picturesque Nordfjord, sitting under vast Jostedal glacier. Arrival in Bergen signals the voyage's end.

Departures: Regular departures all year – please enquire. **Includes:** 5 nights in chosen cabin category; full board.

HURTIGRUTEN CLASSIC ROUNDTRIP VOYAGE 12 DAYS CRUISE – ALL YEAR

Journey north from the historic city of Bergen, to Kirkenes in the far Arctic wilderness, sailing through beautiful fjords and past many islands. Then sail south back to Bergen, stopping at some different ports along the way.

- Day 1 Bergen Departure
- Day 2 Florø to Molde
- Day 3 Kristiansund Trondheim Rørvik
- Day 4 Brønnøysund to Svolvær
- Day 5 Stokmarknes to Skjervøy
- Day 6 Øksfjord to Berlevåg
- Day 7 Kirkenes to Berlevåg
- Day 8 Mehamn to Tromsø
- Day 9 Tromsø to Stamsund
- Day 10 Bodø to Rørvik
- Day 11 Trondheim to Ålesund
- Day 12 Bergen Arrival

Departures: Regular departures all year – please enquire. **Includes:** 11 nights in chosen cabin category; full board.

Extend your visit by adding a **Norway in a** Nutshell Independent tour from Bergen.

Enjoy the spectacular Flåm Railway, plus the cultural charms of Norway's capital, Oslo and Hanseatic Bergen.



CLASSIC CANAL CRUISE ...

4 DAY CRUISE - SUMMER

Travel from Stockholm to Gothenburg (or vice versa) along the historic Göta Canal. Measuring 190km in length, with 58 locks, the canal stretches from Sjötorp on Lake Vänern to Mem on the Baltic Sea.

Day 1 Stockholm - Trosa

Depart Stockholm and sail through Hammerby Lock and Lake Mälaren, past Drottningholm Castle to Södertälje Lock. Enter the archipelago of St Anna and Södermanland in the Baltic Sea, then sail to the town of Trosa, where we dock for the night.

Day 2 Trosa - Motala

See the ruins of the early Middle Ages fort Stegeborg Castle and the imposing series of the Carl-Johan staircase locks at Berg. Enjoy a guided walk to the ruins of the nearby Vreta Convent, before crossing the first of two aqueducts and a hand operated lock at Borensberg. Dock overnight in Motala.

Day 3 Motala – Lake Vänern

Cruise into Lake Vättern, the second largest lake in Sweden. Take a guided tour of Karlsborg Fortress, built in 1819, before travelling on to Forsvik, a town with a very interesting industrial history with a lock dating from 1813 and an impressive iron bridge. Continue to beautiful Lake Viken and the highest point of the canal. At Sjötorp visit the old warehouse and maritime museum.

Day 4 Trollhättan – Gothenburg

Early visit to the Trollhättan Canal Museum before entering the impressive lock staircase with a total drop of 32m, past three parallel lock systems, to the lock at Lilla Edet, the first Swedish lock which opened in 160. Late afternoon arrival in Gothenburg. End of arrangements.

2024 departures Stockholm – Gothenburg: 18, 26 May; 03, 12, 20, 29 June; 08, 16, 25 July; 02, 10, 19, 27 August 2024 departures Gothenburg – Stockholm: 14, 22, 30 May; 08, 16, 25 June; 04, 12, 21, 29 July; 06, 15, 23 August Includes: 3 night cruise in your chosen cabin category including full board and guided excursions as shown.

For a longer cruise, see our 6 Day Grand Swedish Cruise



EXPERIENCE THE ICEHOTEL ...

4 DAYS INDEPENDENT - WINTER

Experience the world-famous Icehotel located in the small village of Jukkasjärvi. Spend 2 nights in warm accommodation and 1 night in an Ice Room. Search for the Northern Lights by snowmobile, enjoy a reindeer-sleigh ride with a glimpse of Sámi culture and a dog sledding safari.

Day 1 Kiruna Arrival – Icehotel: Aurora Hunt by Snowmobile

Arrive Kiruna airport and transfer to the hotel. Time at leisure. Tonight, search for the Northern Lights by snowmobile. Afterwards enjoy dinner by the campfire. The next two nights will be spent in a warm hotel room.

Day 2 Husky Safari

Experience a fantastic dog sledding safari. There is nothing like the sensation of a team of friendly dogs whisking you almost silently along forest tracks. A traditional lunch is served at a wilderness camp along the way. Remainder of the day at leisure.

Day 3 Reindeer Safari and Overnight in Ice Room

Meet the reindeer, take a short sleigh ride, then learn about the importance of reindeer in traditional Lapland life and Sámi Culture. This evening, you will experience the Ice Room! Surrounded by silence and wrapped in a thermal sleeping bag, you will sleep on a comfy thick mattress, covered with reindeer skins, on a bed built from a block of ice.

Day 4 Kiruna Departure

Transfer to Kiruna airport and end of arrangements.

2024 departures: Daily January to mid April and December **Includes:** 2 nights warm hotel room and 1 night cold Ice Room, breakfast daily, 1 lunch; excursions and transfers as shown



UNIQUE SWEDEN 8 DAYS INDEPENDENT – ALL YEAR

Discover the wonderful natural environment of Swedish Lapland all year round. Stay at truly unique hotels – the fairytale Treehotel, the stunning Arctic Bath Hotel and the famous Icehotel plus two nights in Stockholm.

Day 1 Stockholm Arrival

Arrive in Stockholm make your own way to the hotel. Remainder of the day at leisure.

Day 2 Stockholm: Day at Leisure

Day at leisure to continue your exploration of the city today. Perhaps walk to Kungsträdgården, visit Djurgården Island, the Vasa Museum and much more.

Day 3 Stockholm: Day at Leisure and Overnight Train to Boden

Day at leisure, then this evening, make your own way to the railway station to take the overnight train from Stockholm to Boden.

Day 4 Boden Arrival and Overnight Treehotel

Morning arrival in Boden and transfer to the Treehotel. With six unique treerooms, built and designed by some of Scandinavia's leading architects, each room is unique. Remainder of day at leisure or perhaps add an *optional* excursion. Overnight in a treeroom at the Treehotel.

Day 5 Treehotel - Overnight Arctic Bath Hotel

Morning transfer to the Arctic Bath Hotel. This hotel sits in a stunning location on the shore of the Lule River and has a spectacular floating spa with a giant ice bath, treatment rooms and a hot spa. Overnight at the Arctic Bath Hotel.

Day 6 Arctic Bath Hotel – Icehotel and Overnight in an Ice Room

Transfer to Boden train station, and travel by train to Kiruna. From Kiruna Train Station transfer to the original Icehotel, 200km north of the Arctic Circle. The Icehotel creates wondrous Ice Rooms and Suites, using vast blocks of ice harvested from the nearby River Torne. The Icehotel has Ice Rooms all year round, so even if you are travelling outside of winter, you can experience a night in a -5° C rooms! Overnight in an Ice Room at the Icehotel.

Day 7 Icehotel and Overnight in Warm Room

Day at leisure or perhaps add on an *optional* excursion.

Overnight in warm hotel room accommodation at the Icehotel.

Day 8 Icehotel Departure

Transfer to Kiruna Airport and end of arrangements.

2024 departures: Daily January to mid April; late May to early October; November to December

Includes: 2 hotel nights in Stockholm including breakfast, 1 night on board train, 1 night in a Treeroom at the Treehotel including breakfast, 1 night at the Arctic Bath Hotel including dinner and breakfast, 1 night in an Ice Room and 1 night in a hotel room at the Icehotel including breakfast, transfers and transport as shown.



DANISH DISCOVERY ...

5 DAYS INDEPENDENT - ALL YEAR

Travel by train from Copenhagen to the Viking town of Aarhus, then on to Odense, birthplace of Denmark's most famous son, Hans Christian Anderson.

Day 1 Copenhagen Arrival

Arrive Copenhagen and time at leisure. Perhaps visit the Tivoli Gardens, the Little Mermaid or Christiansborg Palace – there are also many art, culture, history and design museums.

Day 2 Copenhagen – Aarhus

Travel by train from Copenhagen to Aarhus through farming country and past small villages. In Aarhus, explore the canal area as well as the city's sights, sounds and architectural attractions.

Day 3 Aarhus: Day at Leisure

A visit to Den Gamle by (the Old City) is a must. This open-air museum houses a collection of 75 historic and original homes from across Denmark, brought here and recreated into a typical 1800's market town.

Day 4 Aarhus – Odense

Continue by train to Odense, birthplace of storyteller Hans Christian Anderson. See his humble home, now a dedicated museum, visit Odin's Tower, St Canute's Cathedral (1081) and the 16th Odense Palace.

Day 5 Odense – Copenhagen Departure

Morning at leisure to wander around Odense before taking the afternoon train back to Copenhagen. Upon arrival into Copenhagen your arrangements end.

2024 departures: Daily all year

Includes: 4 hotel nights, breakfast daily, trains Copenhagen – Aarhus – Odense – Copenhagen with seat reservations.



AUTUMN LIGHTS A DAYS INDEPENDENT

Be enchanted by the peaceful, autumnal landscapes of Saariselkä. All three nights spent in an Aurora Cabin with expansive north-facing views of the Arctic sky.

Day 1 Ivalo Arrival – Saariselkä

Transfer from Ivalo airport to Northern Lights Village, Saariselkä. Stay three nights in a cosy Aurora Cabin with private facilities. The glass roof looks up to the sky, a perfect way to search for the Northern Lights whilst laying warm and snug in your bed.

Day 2 Day Excursion and Aurora Hunt on the Border

Choice of day excursion: Husky Farm and Ride or Day Trip to Siida Museum with lunch. Evening Northern Lights Hunt by bus to the Paatsjoki River bridge.

Day 3 Day Excursion and Aurora Hunt by the Lake

Choice of day excursion: National Park Hike with picnic or Tankavaara Gold Panning with lunch or Day Trip to Nellim with lunch. Evening Northern Lights Hunt by bus to Lake Inari Aurora Camp.

Day 4 Saariselkä – Ivalo Departure

Transfer to Ivalo airport. End of arrangements.

2024 departures: Daily September – mid November **Includes:** 3 nights Aurora Cabin at Northern Lights Village Saariselkä, breakfast daily, 3 dinners, excursions and transfers as shown.

AUTUMN AURORAS IN LAPLAND

4 DAYS INDEPENDENT

Experience tranquillity at a small, unique resort next to Lake Jerisjärvi on the edge of the Pallas-Ylläs National Park, Finnish Lapland.

Day 1 Kittilä Arrival

Transfer from Kittilä Airport to your accommodation in Muonio.

Day 2 Reindeer and Husky Farms, Aurora Hunt by Campfire

Visit a Lappish farmhouse and feed the reindeer at the Torasieppi Reindeer Farm. Then meet the huskies at the Husky Farm. Evening Aurora Hunt by Campfire.

Day 3 National Park Hike and Arctic Sauna World

Morning hike in the National Park and picnic lunch. Evening Finnish sauna experience at Arctic Sauna World by the lake. Keep an eye out for the fabled Northern Lights!

Day 4 Kittilä Departure

Transfer to Kittilä Airport. End of arrangements.

2024 departures: Selected dates August – September – please enquire

Includes: 3 hotel nights, daily breakfast and dinner, 1 picnic lunch, excursions and transfers as shown.



AUTUMN AT APUKKA, ROVANIEMI 4 DAYS INDEPENDENT

Apukka Resort is located in a wilderness areas between two lakes in Finnish Lapland, Rovaniemi. The perfect spot for hunting autumn Auroras.

Day 1 Rovaniemi Arrival – Apukka

Transfer from Rovaniemi airport or station to Apukka, 15min drive from city centre. Stay three nights in a cosy Glass Aurora Cabin with private facilities. Look up through the panorama glass roof from the comfort of your bed and perhaps catch a glimpse of the Northern Lights.

Days 2 and 3 Aurora Hunting and Sauna Experience

Two days at leisure with two excursions included: Evening Aurora Hunt by Car and Finnish Sauna Experience with Jacuzzi. Remaining time to explore your surroundings, with Mother Nature at her Arctic best. Ask Reception about purchasing tickets on the shuttle bus, which runs to Rovaniemi town centre and Santa Claus Village.

Day 4 Apukka – Rovaniemi Departure

Transfer to Rovaniemi airport or station. End of arrangements.

2024 departures: Daily September – November **Includes:** 3 nights Aurora Cabin at Apukka Resort, breakfast daily, excursions and transfers as shown.

ALL ABOUT AURORA: AUTUMN 4 DAYS INDEPENDENT

Stay in the small town of Inari, Finnish Lapland and enjoy evening Northern Lights Hunting and day excursions. Option to upgrade your first or last night to an Aurora Cabin at Holiday Village Inari.

Day 1 Ivalo Arrival – Inari

Transfer from Ivalo airport to Hotel Inari, located in the heart of the village. Evening Aurora Information Session.

Day 2 Sámi Culture, Husky Farm and Aurora Hunt

Today visit the Sámi Museum and Nature Centre Siida, celebrating local Indigenous culture and traditional life in Lapland. Husky Farm visit. Evening guided Aurora Hunt through the quiet darkness of the forest. Campfire snack.

Day 3 Autumn Outdoors and Aurora Hunt

Guided walk on the hiking paths near Inari village. Evening Aurora Hunt by boat on Lake Inari, surrounded by the peaceful wilderness.

Day 4 Inari – Ivalo Departure

Transfer to Ivalo airport. End of arrangements.

2024 departures: Daily September – November **Includes:** 3 nights Hotel Inari, breakfast daily, 3 dinners, excursions and transfers as shown.





ADVENTURES IN ROVANIEMI

5 DAYS INDEPENDENT - WINTER

Rovaniemi has more to offer in winter than just Santa Claus! Enjoy a husky safari, snowmobile safari, Northern Lights search by snowmobile or reindeer drawn sleigh and much more.

Day 1 Rovaniemi Arrival

Transfer from Rovaniemi airport to your hotel. Time at leisure.

Day 2 Husky Safari and Northern Lights Picnic

Start with a visit to a husky farm and dog sled safari. Afternoon at leisure. In the evening, guided tour out of the city to search for the beautiful Northern Lights.

Day 3 Aurora Hunt by Reindeer Sleigh

Day at leisure or you might like to add an *optional* excursion – these include a visit to Ranua Wildlife Park, Ice Fishing, Ice Floating, Snowshoeing, Snowmobile Safari to Santa Claus Village. Tonight, hunt for the Aurora whilst sitting snugly in a reindeer drawn sleigh.

Day 4 Snowmobile Safari

Today take a short snowmobile safari along snowy tracks, past frozen rivers, lakes and forests, into the beautiful wilderness surrounding Rovaniemi.

Day 5 Rovaniemi Departure

Transfer to Rovaniemi airport and end of arrangements.

2024 departures: Daily January to early April and December (except 19 December to 02 January)

Includes: 4 hotel nights, breakfast daily, transfers and excursions as shown.

Accommodation options: Sokos Hotel Vaakuna Rovaniemi, Hotel Scandic Rovaniemi City, Santa's Hotel Santa Claus, Arctic City Hotel, Arctic Light Hotel, Arctic Treehouse Hotel, Santa's Igloos Arctic Circle, Nova Skyland Hotel, Ounasvaaran Lakituvat Chalets. Please enquire.

WINTER AT APUKKA, ROVANIEMI

4 DAYS INDEPENDENT - WINTER

Three wonderful nights in a cosy Aurora Cabin at Apukka Resort, 15 minutes from Rovaniemi centre.

Day 1 Rovaniemi Arrival – Apukka

Transfer from Rovaniemi airport or station to Apukka Resort, located in a peaceful area between two lakes. Each private Aurora Cabin has a bed underneath the heated panorama glass roof. Ask Reception about purchasing tickets on the shuttle bus, which runs regularly from the resort into Rovaniemi centre and to Santa Claus Village.

Days 2 – 3 Aurora Hunt by Snow Train and Aurora Husky Safari

Two days at leisure for *optional* excursions: Snowmobile Safari to Santa Claus Village, Reindeer Safari, Horse Sleigh Ride, Snowshoe Walk, Ranua Arctic Wildlife Park and more. Two evening Northern Lights Hunting excursions to the snowy wilderness are included: Aurora Hunt by Snow Train – sit in a heated carriage pulled by the guide's snowmobile, and Aurora Husky Safari – sit in the cosy sled as guides mush the husky teams.

Day 4 Apukka – Rovaniemi Departure

Transfer to Royaniemi airport or station. End of arrangements.

2024 departures: Daily January to early April and December (except 19 December to 02 January)

Includes: 3 standard Aurora Cabin nights, breakfast daily, excursions and transfers as shown. Add extra nights and excursions. Upgrade cabin to: Superior Queen, Superior King, Komsio Suite, Kammi Suite, Lakeview Family Suite.

AURORA EXPERIENCE

4 DAYS INDEPENDENT - WINTER

Experience searching for the Northern Lights and the wilderness of Lapland, staying in an Aurora Glass Cabin and enjoying some great winter activities.

Day 1 Ivalo Arrival

Transfer from Ivalo airport to Aurora Village. Spend the next 3 nights in a warm Aurora Glass Cabin, relax and marvel at the night sky through your panoramic glass roof.

Days 2 - 3 Winter Activities

The next two days are filled with some amazing winter fun!

Depending on your flight arrival time, you may have an excursion scheduled during the afternoon/evening of Day 1. Meals are served each day at the Aurora Village restaurant. Included activities:

Aurora Chase: choose to search for the Northern Lights by car, sleigh, snowmobile or on snowshoes.

Reindeer Activities: feed the reindeer and a short sleigh ride.

Guided Snowmobiling: through the Arctic Winter forests and across the frozen river.

Husky Safari: transfer to the nearby husky farm for a husky sled ride.

Ice Karting: winter go-karts are fun to drive on an icy track laid out in the forest.

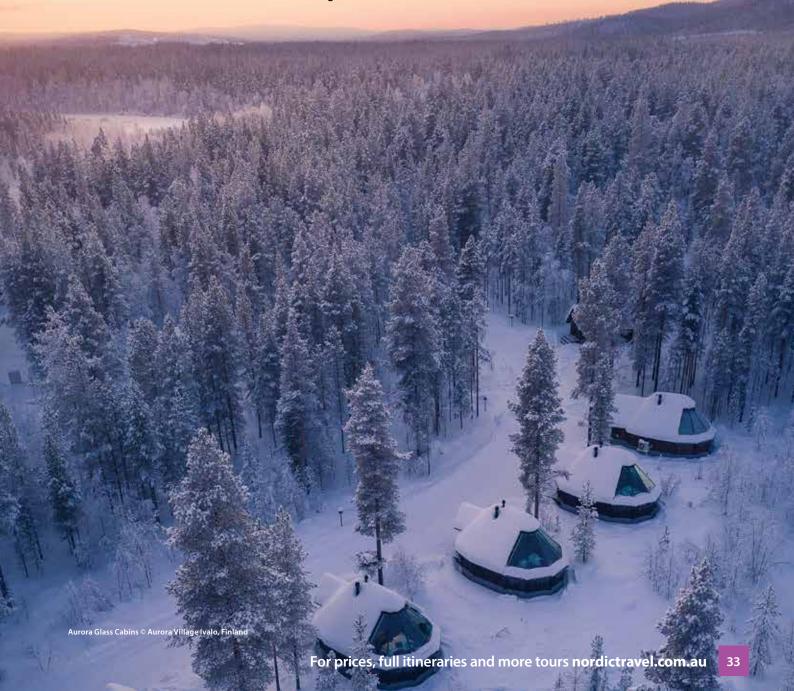
Day 4 Ivalo Departure

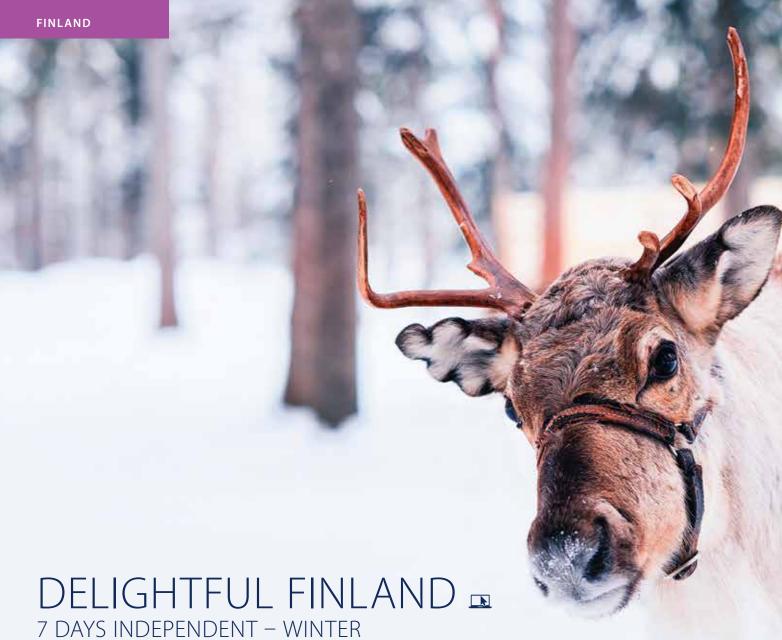
Transfer to Ivalo airport and end of arrangements.

2024 departures: Daily January to March and December **Includes:** 3 nights Aurora Glass Cabin, breakfast daily, 2 lunches, 3 dinners, excursions and transfers as shown.

This tour is not suitable for children under 10 years of age.

An Autumn version of this tour can also be offered from September to November with different excursions – please enquire.





This wonderful tour with unique accommodation starts in Helsinki then continues north to Rovaniemi. Enjoy winter activities and 4 nights in an Aurora Cabin at Apukka Resort.

Day 1 Helsinki Arrival

Arrive in Helsinki. Time at leisure to explore the many famous sights of the city including Senate Square, Uspenski Cathedral, Parliament House, Finlandia Hall, Sibelius Park and Monument, Underground Temple and much more.

Day 2 Overnight Train Helsinki – Rovaniemi

Day at leisure. Evening departure by train to Rovaniemi. Overnight on board in a private 2 berth sleeping compartment with ensuite.

Day 3 Rovaniemi - Apukka

Early arrival into Rovaniemi, transfer from the railway station to Apukka Resort. *Optional* sauna. Enjoy evening views of the starry sky from the comfort of your glass roof Aurora Cabin.

Day 4 Aurora Hunt by Snow Train

Day at leisure for *optional* activities such as Husky Safari, visit Ranua Arctic Wildlife Park, Polar Explorer Icebreaker Cruise with Ice Swimming. In the evening, board the snow train into the wilderness, where your guide will light a campfire and tell you many interesting stories about the Northern Lights.

Day 5 Snowmobile Safari to Santa Claus Village

Snowmobile ride through the wintery landscape from Apukka to Santa Claus Village. Time to explore the shops and the village, send postcards and letters with unique Arctic Circle stamps from the Santa Claus main post office and cross the Arctic Circle line. Lunch at a cosy restaurant and meet Santa Claus himself. *Optional* evening Northern Lights Hunt by Reindeer Sleigh, Husky Sled, Snowmobile or Horse Sleigh.

Day 6 Reindeer Safari

Travel through the snowy forests on a reindeer sleigh and experience the peace and purity of Lappish nature. *Optional* upgrade to overnight in an Ice cabin (from early January onwards).

Day 7 Rovaniemi Departure

Transfer to Rovaniemi airport and end of arrangements.

2024 departures: Daily January to March and December (except 20 December to 03 January)

Includes: 1 hotel night in Helsinki, 1 night on board train, 4 standard Aurora Cabin nights, breakfast daily, 1 lunch, 4 dinners, excursions and transfers as shown.

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ROVANIEMI AND LEVI EXPERIENCE ESCAPE 5 DAYS INDEPENDENT- WINTER

Embrace Finnish Lapland, and enjoy time in two destinations. Includes two nights in an Aurora Cabin at Northern Lights Village Levi.

Day 1 Rovaniemi Arrival

Transfer to your hotel and time at leisure in Rovaniemi, the Official Home of Santa Claus.

Day 2 Husky Safari and Aurora Hunt

Start with a visit to a husky farm and dog sled safari. Afternoon at leisure. Evening guided tour by bus out of the city to search for the fabled Northern Lights.

Day 3 Rovaniemi – Levi

Private car transfer from Rovaniemi to Northern Lights Village Levi. approx. 2hrs. Levi, the biggest ski resort in Finland, is located 170km above the Arctic Circle in the heart of large wilderness areas. Two nights accommodation in your own private Aurora Cabin at Northern Lights Village Levi. Time for an optional afternoon or evening excursion at the village.

Day 4 Reindeer Safari and Aurora Hunt

A traditional Lappish Reindeer experience today. Reindeer feeding, sleigh ride through the forest and soup lunch. Evening guided tour by bus to search for the Northern Lights.

Day 5 Levi – Kittilä Departure

Transfer to Kittilä Airport and end of arrangements.

2024 departures: Daily January to March and December (except 19 December to 02 January)

Includes: 2 hotel nights, 2 Aurora Cabin nights, breakfast daily, excursions and transfers as shown

LEVI GLASS IGLOO

4 DAYS INDEPENDENT - WINTER

A magical stay in your own private Glass Igloo at Levin Iglut Golden Crown, located on the slope of a fell, 10km from the centre of Levi.

Day 1 Kittilä Arrival - Levi

Transfer from Kittilä Airport to Levin Iglut. In your Glass Igloo, fall asleep under the starry sky, gaze over the snowy landscape and keep a lookout for the Northern Lights. Dinner each night at Restaurant Utsu, in a glass roofed tower at Levin Iglut.

Day 2 Snowmobile Safari

Explore a winter wonderland by snowmobile. Head out into the unforgettable Lappish nature, through snowy forests and over frozen lakes. Optional evening activity - Northern Lights excursion by Snowmobile or Snowshoes, or Snow Village visit.

Day 3 Husky or Reindeer Safari

Transfer to a husky farm or reindeer farm - day/date dependent. Enjoy a traditional ride in nature by dog sled or reindeer sleigh.

Day 4 Levi – Kittilä Departure

Transfer to Kittilä airport and end of arrangements.

2024 departures: Daily January to early April and December (except 19 December to 02 January)

Includes: 3 Glass Igloo nights, breakfast daily, 3 dinners, excursions and transfers as shown.

Arrangements then conclude on Day 5 with transfer to Kittilä

Optional extension: overnight in a Snow Igloo at Snow Village. Arrangements conclude on Day 5 with transfer to Kittilä airport.



SANTA CLAUS HOLIDAY VILLAGE STAY

5 DAYS INDEPENDENT - WINTER

Spend 4 nights in a cosy Classic Cottage at the Santa Claus Holiday Village with some great winter activities included.

Day 1 Rovaniemi Arrival

Arrival into Rovaniemi and transfer to Santa Claus Holiday Village. The resort is located 8kms from Rovaniemi city centre and a two minute walk from the Santa Claus Village. Your accommodation for the next four nights at the village will be in a Classic Cottage. Breakfast and dinner at the village is included each night.

Day 2 Rovaniemi: Husky Safari

Transfer to the local husky farm for an exciting and fun Husky Safari across the snow. On your return, sit around an open fire and listen to the head musher tell stories about these amazing dogs. Transfer back to the village.

Day 3 Rovaniemi: Hunt for the Northern Lights

Day at leisure or perhaps visit Santa at his nearby village just a few minutes walk away, explore the town, browse the shops or visit the fabulous Arktikum Museum. Or join an *optional* daytime excursion: visit Ranua Wildlife Park, Snowmobile Safari to Santa Claus Village, Snowshoeing, Ice Fishing, e-Snowmobiling or Ice Floating. Transfer back to the village. After dinner, head out into the wilderness by car or minibus, away from the light pollution and look up into the night sky for the elusive Aurora which may appear!

Day 4 Rovaniemi: Reindeer Safari

Today an authentic Reindeer Safari. Sit comfortably in the sleigh and listen to the nature around you. Hot drinks around the campfire with the herder. Afternoon at leisure.

Day 5 Rovaniemi Departure

Transfer to Rovaniemi Airport and end of arrangements.

2024 departures: Daily January to March and December (except 22 December – 04 January)
Includes: 4 nights in a Classic Cottage, breakfast and dinner daily, transfers and excursions as shown.

CHASING THE NORTHERN LIGHTS ...

8 DAYS INDEPENDENT – WINTER

On this tour, search for the Northern Lights by snowmobile, on snowshoes, in a reindeer drawn sleigh and by Aurora snow shuttle to an evening campfire. Daytime activities are a husky safari and sauna experience.

Day 1 Kittilä Arrival

Arrival Kittilä airport and transfer to your hotel. Time at leisure.

Days 2 - 7 Winter Activities

The next six days are filled with winter fun! Activity schedule will be provided to you at check-in. Meals are served each day at the hotel restaurant. Included activities:

Reindeer Aurora Experience: a magical evening tour by reindeer sled to the forest in search of the Northern Lights.

Aurora Adventure by Snowmobile: chances of seeing the famous Aurora are great on this evening safari. Driving distance approx. 20km, 2 persons share snowmobile.

Secrets of the Northern Lights: an informative workshop about the fascinating phenomenon, and the science behind it.

Husky Safari daytime: meet the happy huskies and enjoy an approx. 15km ride, two persons per sled.

Aurora Snow Shuttle: to an evening campfire in the quiet, snowy forest, far away from light pollution.

Arctic Sauna World visit: relax in the Finnish saunas by Lake Jerisjärvi, and try winter swimming.

Northern Lights Snowshoe Walk: guided evening trip to the silent, snowy forest.

Day 8 Kittilä Departure

Transfer to Kittilä airport and end of arrangements.

2024 departures: Saturdays and Sundays 06 January - 24 March

Includes: 7 hotel nights, full board, transfers and excursions as shown.



CHRISTMAS AT APUKKA, ROVANIEMI 🖪 **5 DAYS INDEPENDENT**

A Christmas experience with unique accommodation in a glass roofed Aurora Cabin at Apukka.

22 or 23 December Rovaniemi Arrival – Apukka

Arrive in Rovaniemi, transfer to Apukka Resort, located 15 minutes away in a peaceful area between two lakes. Each private Aurora Cabin has a bed underneath the heated panorama glass roof. Ask Reception about purchasing tickets on the shuttle bus, which runs regularly from the resort into Rovaniemi centre and to Santa Claus Village.

23–25 or 24–26 December Festive Fun Activities

The next three days are filled with winter activites: Dog Sledding, Aurora Hunt By Snowtrain, Reindeer Sled ride to Santa through the Magic Forest. Festive dinners are served on 24th and 25th December.

26 or 27 December Apukka – Rovaniemi Departure

Transfer to the airport and end of arrangements.

2024 departures: 22 or 23 December

Includes: 4 standard Aurora Cabin nights, breakfast daily, 4 dinners, transfers and excursions as shown.

Upgrade cabin to: Superior Queen, Superior King, Komsio Suite, Kammi Suite, Lakeview Family Suite.

AURORA VILLAGE CHRISTMAS ...

5 DAYS INDEPENDENT

Experience a magical Christmas at Aurora Village Ivalo. Search for the Northern Lights, stay in an Aurora Glass Cabin and enjoying some great winter activities and festive fun.

23 December Ivalo Arrival

Transfer from Ivalo airport to Aurora Village. Spend the next 4 nights in a warm Aurora Glass Cabin, relax and marvel at the night sky through your panoramic glass roof.

24 - 26 December Winter and Festive Activities

The next three days are filled with amazing winter fun and festive activities! Depending on your flight arrival time, you may have an excursion scheduled during the afternoon or evening of Day 1. Meals are served each day at the Aurora Village restaurant, including festive dinners on Christmas Eve and Christmas Day. Christmas Eve celebrations include Meet Santa, decorate the tree and taste traditional Finnish rice porridge. Christmas Day includes a Snow Fun Day with Finnish outdoor games, ice skates, crosscountry skis and tobogganing. Included activities:

Aurora Chase: choose to search for the Northern Lights by car, sleigh, snowmobile or on snowshoes.

Reindeer Activities: feed the reindeer and a short sleigh ride.

Guided Snowmobiling: through the Arctic Winter forests and across the frozen river.

Husky Safari: transfer to the nearby husky farm for a husky sled

Snowshoeing: follow the guide on the wintry forest paths.

Introduction to Cross Country Skiing: learn basic techniques with your guide.

Meet Santa and his festive helpers, and enjoy Christmas above the Arctic Circle, with some great winter fun.

23 December Rovaniemi Arrival

Arrive in Rovaniemi, transfer to the hotel and time at leisure.

24 December Reindeer Farm and Christmas Eve

Travel to a local reindeer farm. After learning about the role of reindeer in local culture, enjoy a sleigh ride. Help decorate a real Christmas tree, celebrate with a traditional Finnish Christmas dinner and meet Santa Claus!

25 December City Tour, Santa Claus Village and Northern Lights Hunt

A guided tour of Rovaniemi ends at Santa Claus' Village. Here, cross the Arctic Circle and receive a certificate, then meet Santa in his office. Tonight, join a hunt for the legendary Northern Lights, with a fire inside a tepee nearby to keep you warm.

26 December Fun In The Snow

Transfer to a local husky farm to meet the happy huskies and their owners then enjoy an easy sled ride. Later get ready for a snowmobile ride through the snowy wilderness forests.

27 December Rovaniemi Departure

Transfer to the airport and end of arrangements.

2024 departures: 23 December

Includes: 4 hotel nights, breakfast and dinner daily, transfers and excursions as shown.

FOR MORE CHRISTMAS AND NEW YEARS TOURS - click here

SEVEN NIGHTS OF CHRISTMAS ...

8 DAYS INDEPENDENT

Spend a week at the Arctic Circle enjoying the best of Christmas and Lapland.

20 December Rovaniemi Arrival

Arrive in Kemi, transfer to the hotel and time at leisure.

21 December Ranua Arctic Wildlife Park Visit

Enjoy a visit to the most northern wildlife park in the world, Ranua Zoo. See many of the wild animals living in Lapland – wolf, wolverine, lynx, bear, fox and polar bear.

22 December Snowmobile Safari And Ice Fishing

Learn to drive a Snowmobile and try Ice Fishing.

23 December Husky Safari And Snowshoe Walk

This morning we take a fun dog sled safari, driving into the wilderness. In the afternoon, enjoy a traditional snowshoe trip in the snowy forests.

24 December Reindeer Farm and Christmas Eve

Travel to a local reindeer farm. Learn about the role of reindeer in local culture and enjoy a sleigh ride. Decorate a real Christmas tree. Tonight, enjoy a Christmas Eve dinner at the hotel and a visit from Santa Claus.

25 December Christmas Day at the Arctic Circle and Santa Claus Village

Morning visit to Santa Claus Village, where we cross the Arctic Circle and get a certificate to mark this exciting event and meet Santa Claus. Time to wander around the village on your own. Afternoon guided tour of charming Rovaniemi, the capital of Finnish Lapland.

26 December Ice Restaurant and Arktikum Museum

Today we visit a real "cool" ice restaurant. Then continue to the Arktikum Museum, the provincial museum of Lapland, for an introduction to Sámi culture and life in the Arctic. This evening, enjoy a search for the Northern Lights.

27 December Rovaniemi Departure

Transfer to Rovaniemi airport and end of arrangements.

2024 departures: 20 December

Includes: 7 hotel nights, breakfast and dinner daily, transfers and excursions as shown.

Santa Claus Village Rovaniemi © Shutterstock

COOL CHRISTMAS ...

6 DAYS INDEPENDENT

Celebrate Christmas at the original Icehotel, located in the small village of Jukkasjärvi. Spend a night in Stockholm, then take the overnight train to Kiruna. Stay 2 nights in warm accommodation and 1 night in an Ice Room at Icehotel. Enjoy winter activities, a visit from Santa Claus and festive dinners.

21 December Stockholm Arrival

Arrive in Stockholm make your own way to the hotel. Remainder of the day at leisure.

22 December Stockholm - Kiruna Overnight Train

Day at leisure, then this evening, make your own way to the railway station to take the overnight train from Stockholm to Kiruna.

23 December Kiruna Arrival – Icehotel

Morning arrival in Kiruna and transfer to the original Icehotel, 200km north of the Arctic Circle. The Icehotel creates wondrous Ice Rooms and Suites, using vast blocks of ice harvested from the nearby River Torne. The hotel also has warm, stylish hotel room accommodation and a restaurant with locally inspired menu selections. Overnight in an Ice Room at the Icehotel, snuggled cosily in thermal sleeping bags on a special bed built of snow and ice.

Your stay at Icehotel is filled with some amazing winter fun, with two included excursions:

Experience Dog Sledding: ride as a passenger in the sled through the beautiful landscape. As you sit back and enjoy the ride, the silence is broken only by the runners whooshing through the snow. Stop for Fika

Meet the Reindeer: meet and feed the curious reindeer and learn more about the Sámi lifestyle. Experience driving a reindeer sled. Gather around the fire in a traditional Sámi tent for hot drinks and traditional food tasting.

24 December Icehotel Santa Visit, Festive Dinner

Enjoy a cup of hot lingonberry juice and a morning sauna. Afternoon visit from Santa Claus, who will arrive in front of the Icehotel. Children of all ages are welcome to share their Christmas wishes and to take a picture with Santa. Tonight enjoy a Festive Dinner. Spend the next two nights in warm accommodation in a stylish Kaamos room.

25 December Icehotel Festive Dinner

Optional Torch Procession to the local church, where a carol concert with soloists and an organist is held each year. Tonight enjoy a Festive Dinner.

26 December Icehotel - Kiruna Departure

Transfer to Kiruna Airport and end of arrangements.

2024 departures: 21 December

Includes: 1 hotel night, 1 night on board train, 1 night Ice Room and 2 nights Kaamos warm room at Icehotel, 4 breakfasts, 2 festive dinners, transfers and excursions as shown.



HIDDEN POWERS AND NORTHERN LIGHTS CHRISTMAS A DAYS ESCORTED

Celebrate the magic of an Icelandic Christmas while experiencing some of Iceland's most beloved natural wonders.

23 December Reykjavík Arrival

Arrive Keflavík Airport, transfer to your hotel. Evening guided walking tour in downtown Reykjavík. Enjoy the twinkling lights and festive decorations.

24 December Reykjavík - Golden Circle - Hella

Visit the Northern Lights Centre in Reykjavík. Continue to Þingvellir National Park, the geothermal fields of Geysir with its high spouting Strokkur hot spring and the dramatic two tiered Gullfoss waterfall. Visit the town of Laugarvatn. Christmas Eve dinner at your hotel in the Hella area.

25 December South Shore – Kirkjubæjarklaustur

Stop at the Lava Centre to enjoy the exhibits and view an interesting film about volcanoes. Head along the south coast to Seljalandsfoss waterfall and see the impressive 60m high Skógafoss waterfall. Pass by Mýrdalsjökull Glacier, then visit Reynisfjara black sand beach. Festive Christmas dinner at your hotel. Two nights in the Kirkjubaejarklaustur area.

26 December Vatnajökull NP and Glacial Lagoon

Today enter the area of Vatnajökull National Park. Visit the Jökulsárlón Glacial Lagoon and enjoy the breathtaking sight of floating icebergs on the vibrant blue waters.

27 December Blue Lagoon - Reykjavík

Head towards the village of Hveragerði, which is located directly on top of a geothermal area. Stop at an Icelandic horse farm. Visit the Blue Lagoon before returning to Reykjavík.

28 December Reykjavík Departure

Transfer to Keflavík Airport and end of arrangements.

2024 departures: 23 December

Includes: 5 hotel nights, breakfast daily, 3 dinners, transfers, excursions and transport as shown.

LAND OF THE NORTHERN LIGHTS CHRISTMAS 5 DAYS ESCORTED

Venture to the Icelandic countryside to celebrate Christmas. Winter is a magical time of the year to visit Iceland - the air is crisp, the ground is snowy and magic is in the air.

23 December Reykjavík Arrival

Arrive Keflavík Airport, transfer to your hotel. Time at leisure.

24 December City Tour, Blue Lagoon – South Iceland

Short city tour with Christmas spirit, then head to Reykjanes Peninsula with its hot springs. Enjoy a soak in the warm blue waters of the famous Blue Lagoon, then to South Iceland for two nights stay. See the Christmas lights in Hvolsvöllur and Hella. Festive dinner at Árhús Restaurant on the riverbank.

25 December South Iceland and Optional Glacier Hike

Today head along the south coast, stop at Seljalandsfoss waterfall, Skógar folk museum and see the impressive 60m high Skógafoss waterfall. *Optional* afternoon hike to Mýrdalsjökull Glacier or stroll on the black lava beaches. Evening search for the Northern Lights.

26 December Icelandic Horses and Golden Circle

Learn about the special qualities of the Icelandic horse and visit a geothermal greenhouse. Travel the Golden Circle route, stop at the erupting Geysir hot springs, Gullfoss waterfall and the magnificent Þingvellir NP. Return to Reykjavík. Enjoy a culinary treat at a traditional restaurant downtown.

27 December Reykjavík Departure

Transfer to Keflavík Airport and end of arrangements.

2024 departures: 23 December

Includes: 4 hotel nights, breakfast daily, 1 dinner, transfers, excursions and transport as shown.



HIGHLIGHTS OF THE BALTICS ...

8 DAYS ESCORTED MARCH – OCTOBER

Compact yet comprehensive tour of Lithuania, Latvia and Estonia.

Day 1 Vilnius Arrival

Arrive Vilnius and transfer to the hotel. Evening meeting with tour escort and fellow travellers.

Day 2 Vilnius: Medieval Town Tour and Trakai Castle Morning panoramic city tour and walk through Old Town. Afternoon excursion to Trakai, the medieval capital of Lithuania.

Day 3 Vilnius - Riga

En route to Riga, stop at the Hill of Crosses and the magnificent Rundale Palace.

Day 4 Riga: City Sightseeing, Jürmala and Organ Concert Morning walking tour includes Riga Castle, St Peter's Church, Swedish Gate, the Three Brothers, Large and Small Guilds, and Freedom Monument. Afternoon visit to Jürmala. Evening organ concert.

Day 5 Riga: Gauja NP, Sigulda and Ethnographical

Today travel to the Gauja National Park and the town of Sigulda. Visit to the Ethnographical Open Air Museum, a spacious exposition of 18th century country life.

Day 6 Riga – Tallinn

Continue along the coastal highway to the Estonian summer resort of Pärnu, then continue through the North Estonian forests to Tallinn.

Day 7 Tallinn: Old Town, Kadriorg Park and KUMU

Morning sightseeing tour around the old medieval city walls and into Old Town. Afternoon excursion to Kadriorg Park and the Estonian Art Museum KUMU.

Day 8 Tallinn Departure

Transfer to the airport and end of arrangements.

2024 departures: 24 March; 21 April; 05, 12, 19, 26 May; 02, 09, 16, 23, 30 June; 07, 14, 21, 28 July; 04, 11, 18, 25 August 01, 08, 15, 22, 29 September; 06, 13 October

Includes: 7 hotel nights, breakfast daily, transfers and excursions as shown.

JOURNEY THROUGH THE BALTICS ...

7 DAYS INDEPENDENT - ALL YEAR

Explore all three Baltic capitals on privately guided walking tours, and enjoy the scenery between cities, travelling in a private car with driver.

Day 1 Tallinn Arrival

Arrive Tallinn and transfer to the hotel. Time at leisure.

Day 2 Tallinn: City Sightseeing

Privately guided Old Town walking tour includes Toompea Castle, the Dome Church, Alexander Nevsky Cathedral, the Old Town Hall and the Great Guild Hall. Afternoon at leisure or take an *optional excursion* to Kadriorg Park's Baroque palace and KUMU Art Museum.

Day 3 Tallinn – Riga

Transfer by private car along Estonia's coast, past fishing villages and summer houses to Riga. Time at leisure to explore the 'Capital of Art Nouveau'.

Day 4 Riga: City Sightseeing

Privately guided Old Town walking tour includes Riga Castle, Dome Cathedral, St Peter's Church, Swedish Gates, Large and Small Guild Houses, Three Brothers and Freedom Monument. Afternoon at leisure or *optional excursion* to the vibrant sea resort of Jūrmala.

Day 5 Riga – Vilnius

Transfer by private car to Vilnius. *Optional*: journey via the Hill of Crosses in Šiauliai or Rundale Palace. Time at leisure in Vilnius.

Day 6 Vilnius: City Sightseeing

Privately guided Old Town walking tour includes Vilnius Cathedral, Old University, Gates of Dawn, Gediminas' Tower, Peter and Paul and St Anne's Churches. Afternoon at leisure or take an *optional excursion* to Trakai Castle.

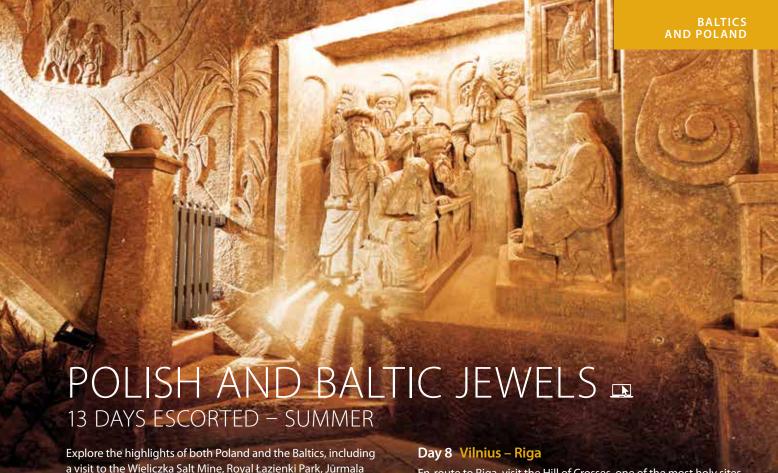
Day 7 Vilnius Departure

Transfer to the airport and end of arrangements.

2024 departures: Daily all year

Includes: 6 hotel nights, breakfast daily, transfers and excursions as shown.





a visit to the Wieliczka Salt Mine, Royal Łazienki Park, Jūrmala Seaside Resort, Trakai Castle and much more.

Day 1 Kraków Arrival

Arrive in Kraków and transfer to the hotel. Time at leisure.

Day 2 Kraków: City Sightseeing and Wieliczka Salt Mine

Morning sightseeing tour includes Old Town with St Mary's Church, the Jagiellonian University, Cloth Halls and Wawel with Wawel Castle and Cathedral. Afternoon visit to the fabulous Wieliczka Salt Mine.

Day 3 Optional Auschwitz-Birkenau visit, Kraków –

Morning optional visit to Auschwitz-Birkenau Memorial Museum. Afternoon train from Krakow to Warsaw.

Day 4 Warsaw: City Sightseeing and Palace on the

Morning sightseeing tour includes the Royal Route and Old Town with Royal Castle, St John's Cathedral, Market Square and Barbican. Afternoon visit to Royal Łazienki Park with its Palace on the Water.

Day 5 Warsaw – Białystok

Travel through Eastern Poland to Podlasie region, the Białowieża National Park and see its famous European Bison Show Reserve. Visit Branicki Palace in Białystok.

Day 6 Białystok – Vilnius

En route to Vilnius, stop in Kaunas, the former capital of Lithuania. Admire the beautiful Old Town and the elegant white Baroque Town Hall.

Day 7 Vilnius: Old Town and Trakai Castle

Today's city sightseeing includes Old Town walk, Peter and Paul Church, Vilnius Cathedral, Gediminas' Tower, St Anne's Church, Old University and Gates of Dawn. Afternoon visit to Trakai Castle, located on an island in Lake Galve.

En-route to Riga, visit the Hill of Crosses, one of the most holy sites of Catholic Lithuania and magnificent Rundale Palace.

Day 9 Riga: Old Town and Jūrmala Seaside Resort

City walking tour includes Old Town, Riga Castle, Dome Cathedral, St Peter's Church, Swedish Gates, Three Brothers, Guild Houses and Freedom Monument. Continue to seaside Jūrmala, renowned for its wooden architecture.

Day 10 Riga: Gauja National Park, Sigulda and Ethnographical Museum

Morning sightseeing includes a visit to the stunning Gauja National Park and town of Sigulda. Later visit Ethnographical Open Air

Day 11 Riga - Tallinn

Continue along the Latvian coast to the Estonian summer resort of Pärnu before arrival into Tallinn.

Day 12 Tallinn: Old Town, Kadriorg and KUMU

Morning sightseeing includes the Medieval Old Town and Hall, Toompea Castle, Alexander Nevsky Cathedral and Dome Church. Afternoon visit to Kadriorg Park and KUMU, headquarters of the Art Museum of Estonia.

Day 13 Tallinn Departure

Transfer to the airport and end of arrangements.

2024 departures: 28 May; 18 June; 02, 16, 30 July; 06, 13, 27

Includes: 12 hotel nights, breakfast daily, transfers, transport and excursions as shown.

ICELAND EXPLORATION

8 DAYS ESCORTED - ALL YEAR

Explore the island of fire and ice, enjoying the best loved natural wonders plus some lesser-known sights.

Day 1 Reykjavík Arrival

Arrive Keflavík Airport and transfer to your hotel. Time at leisure.

Day 2 Reykjavík – Akureyri

Leave Reykjavík and head west to Borgarnes, then climb the Grábrók volcano crater. Visit Glaumbær, one of Iceland's most beautiful turf house farms and folk museums. Continue past fjords and mountain passes to Akureyri.

Day 3 Akureyri, Lake Mývatn and Geothermal Baths

Explore charming Akureyri, and enjoy the panoramic view over Eyjafjörður fjord. Afternoon visits to Goðafoss, the waterfall of the Gods, the geological wonders and bird life of the Lake Mývatn area, the bizarre lava formations at Kálfaströnd and the Mývatn Nature Baths.

Day 4 Lava Labyrinth, Hot Springs and the East

Morning hike in a lava labyrinth at Dimmuborgir, then visit the hot springs of Námaskarð, with bubbling mud pools and steaming solfataras. On through the uninhabited highlands to the east.

From June to August visit Dettifoss, Europe's most powerful waterfall.

Day 5 East Fjords, Jökulsárlón Glacial Lagoon and Diamond Beach

Today enjoy dramatic fjord landscapes and the many fishing villages of the East Fjords. Visit Petra's stone collection and see Vatnajökull, Europe's biggest glacier. Visit Jökulsárlón glacial lagoon, filled with floating icebergs, a boat tour is included from May - September only. Walk on the black sandy Diamond Beach, where large icebergs get stranded.

Day 6 Vatnajökull National Park and South Coast

Travel along the southern part of the glacier Vatnajökull and cross the Eldhraun lava field. Attend the lava show in Vík and stroll along the black lava beach of Reynisfjara. Stop at Skógafoss and Seljalandsfoss waterfalls.

Day 7 Icelandic Horses, Golden Circle and Reykjavík

Start with an introduction to the unique Icelandic horse and a visit to a geothermal greenhouse. On to the Geysir geothermal fields then Gullfoss, "the golden falls", before going to Þingvellir National Park. Arrival in Reykjavík and a short city tour en route to your hotel.

Day 8 Reykjavík Departure

Transfer to Keflavík Airport and end of arrangements.

2024 departures: 05, 19 January; 02, 16 February; 01, 15, 29 March; 12, 26 April; 10, 24 May; 07, 21 June; 05, 19 July; 02, 16, 30 August; 13, 27 September; 11, 25 October; 08, 22 November; 06 December

Includes: 7 hotel nights, breakfast daily, transfers and excursions as shown



ICELAND COMPLETE — SUMMER 10 DAYS ESCORTED — REGULAR OR SMALL GROUP

With so much to discover, this circle tour highlights Iceland's natural wonders, majestic landscapes and unique character.

Day 1 Reykjavík Arrival

Arrive Keflavík Airport, transfer to your hotel and time at leisure.

Day 2 Reykjavík – Þingvellir National Park – Geysir – Gullfoss

Brief introduction to Reykjavík. Continue to Þingvellir NP, Gullfoss, the 'Golden Waterfall,' and the nearby Geysir hot springs area. Visit a geothermal greenhouse en-route to Hveragerði.

Day 3 Þjórsárdalur Valley – Skógar – Dyrhólaey – Vík

Explore enchanting Þjórsárdalur valley. Visit a replica Viking-age longhouse at Stöng. Continue to the waterfalls of Seljalandsfoss and Skógafoss, then to Dyrhólaey nature reserve and the village of Vík.

Day 4 Vatnajökull National Park – Jökulsárlón Glacial Lagoon – Höfn

Continue to Skaftafell, a glacial area within Vatnajökull NP and Jökulsárlón Glacial Lagoon to see the birthplace of icebergs. Throughout the day enjoy magnificent views of the mighty Vatnajökull Glacier. *Optional* Amphibian boat tour on Jökulsárlón Glacial Lagoon.

Day 5 Höfn – East Fjords – Egilsstaðir

From Höfn through Almannaskarð Pass, with towering mountains plunging vertically into the sea of the magnificent East Fjords. Visit Beljandi Microbrewery. *Optional* Vök baths entry.

Day 6 Lake Mývatn Area

Through the empty vastness of the highland desert plateau Möðrudalsöræfi to Lake Mývatn. Panoramic stop at Stuðlagil. Stop at Dettifoss, Europe's most powerful waterfall then on to Námaskarð pass with its boiling mud pools and vibrant colours. Explore the natural beauty of the lake area, including the pseudo craters at Skútustaðir and

Day 7 Lake Mývatn Area - Akureyri

Visit magnificent Goðafoss waterfall and Akureyri, the colourful northern "capital" of Iceland. *Optional* Whale Watching from Akureyri. *Optional* Forest Lagoon thermal bath entry.

Day 8 Akureyri - Borgarnes

Introduction to the unique Icelandic horse. Cross the Holtavörðuheiði plateau into West Iceland. Pass through Borgarfjörður and walk up Grábrók crater for an amazing view. See Deildartunguhver, Europe's mightiest hot spring area. Stop to admire Hraunfossar and Barnafoss waterfalls.

Day 9 Borgarfjörður – Snæfellsjökull National Park – Reykjavík

Today explore the amazing variety of natural landscapes in Snæfellsjökull NP. Visit Bjarnarhöfn Shark Museum. See Kirkjufell mountain and walk along the unique seascape of Djúpalónssandur beach. Pass through the picturesque harbour village of Arnarstapi en-route to Reykjavík.

Day 10 Reykjavík Departure

Transfer to Keflavík Airport and end of arrangements.

2024 regular group departures: 07 May; 11 June; 02, 16, 30 July; 20 August; 17 September

2024 small group departures: 30 April; 21 May; 04, 18, 25 June; 09, 23 July; 06, 13, 27 August; 10, 24 September

Includes: 9 hotel nights, breakfast daily, 5 dinners, excursions and transfers as shown.

A winter version of this tour is available from February to April and October to November, with a 9 day itinerary: **Iceland Complete – Winter**

ACROSS THE WILDERNESS ...

12 DAYS ESCORTED - SUMMER

Experience the amazing volcanic landscapes of Iceland and the uninhabited interior, travelling in a special 4WD coach. Go off the beaten track and out of the ordinary, into the extraordinary!

Day 1 Reykjavík Arrival

Arrive in Reykjavík, transfer to your hotel & time at leisure.

Day 2 Golden Circle

Visit Pingvellir National Park, site of the world's first parliament, then the Geysir geothermal area to see boiling pools, hot springs and geysers. Continue to Gullfoss, the beautiful and enormous "Golden Waterfall".

Day 3 Vík – Dyrhólaey – Kirkubæjarklaustur

Today admire the 2 classic waterfalls of Skógafoss and Seljalandsfoss before enjoying great views from Dyrhólaey headland, where puffins nest in summer. Stop at the quaint village of Vík and travel through the vast Eldhraun lava field.

Day 4 Jökulsárlón Glacial Lagoon – Skaftafell

See Vatnajökull, the largest glacier in Europe and Iceland's highest peak, Hvannadalshnjúkur. Today's highlight is Jökulsárlón Glacial Lagoon, where huge icebergs float out to sea. Join a zodiac boat tour on Fjallsarlon Lagoon, and see Diamond Beach. En-route, enjoy magnificent views of Skaftafell, a glacial wonderland within Vatnajökull National Park.

Day 5 Landmannalaugar – Þjórsárdalur

Over the interior to Landmannalaugar, an astonishing area surrounded by colourful rhyolite mountains, deep valleys and carved, mossy mountains. Then stop to relax outside in a naturally heated, geothermal spring.

Day 6 Þjórsárdalur – Sprengisandur – Mývatn

Discover the uninhabited interior along the Sprengisandur route, a vast and barren black desert connecting north and south, and pass over glacial rivers to navigate a rugged passage between glaciers.

Day 7 Lake Mývatn – Dettifoss – Ásbyrgi – Tjörnes

Visit the northern part of Vatnajökull National Park, Lake Mývatn, the boiling mud pits of Hverarönd and the lava fields of Krafla volcano. Continue to Dettifoss waterfall, Ásbyrgi canyon and the town of Húsavík.

Day 8 Askja Caldera

Visit Askja caldera located in Vatnajökull National Park's Ódáðahraun desert area. Walk to see Lake Askja and Viti crater. Visit Drekagil, the Dragon Valley and return to Lake Mývatn area.

Day 9 Arctic Coast Way – Akureyri – Laugarbakki

Visit the impressive waterfall of Goðafoss then on to Akureyri, the vibrant capital of the north. Time at leisure before continuing to Skagafjörður, the heart of Icelandic horse breeding and the home of the Viking Sagas. *Optional* Forest Lagoon thermal bath entry.

Day 10 Vatnsnes Peninsula – Hvammstangi – Eiríksstaðir

Travel around the Vatnsnes Peninsula and see Hvitserkur, a 15m cliff jutting straight out from the sea. Continue across Laxárdalsheiði heath and stop at a Viking Age house at Eiríksstaðir, the original home of Erik the Red, one of the world's most famous Vikings.

Day 11 Snæfellsjökull National Park

Explore the amazing natural landscapes of Snæfellsnes National Park and glacier, the pebbled beach at Djúpalónssandur and stop at the picturesque harbour village of Arnarstapi to see magnificent columnar basalt rock formations. See Kirkjufell, and walk between Arnarstapi and Hellnar villages. Return to Reykjavík.

Day 12 Reykjavík Departure

Transfer to the airport and end of arrangements.

2024 departures: 27 June; 04, 11 July; 01, 22 August **Includes:** 11 hotel nights; breakfast daily, 2 packed lunches, 9 dinners, transfers, excursions and transport in 4WD coach as shown.





An unforgettable journey right around Iceland, including Snæfellsnes Peninsula and the magical West Fjords.

Day 1 Reykjavík Arrival

Arrive Keflavík Airport, transfer to your hotel and time at leisure.

Day 2 Golden Circle

Visit Gullfoss waterfall, the geothermal area of Geysir and UNESCO World Heritage listed Þingvellir National Park, before travelling along the scenic shores of Hvalfjörður fjord.

Day 3 Snæfellsnes Peninsula and Lava Cave

Highlights today include lava fields, a lava cave tour and Snæfellsjökull glacier. Afternoon ferry from Stykkishólmur to Brjanslækur.

Day 4 Iceland's Westernmost Point

Visit the Folk and Transport Museum, Hnjótur, before continuing through a remote region to Látrabjarg. Walk to the top of Iceland's highest bird cliff to see a variety and vast number of Nordic birds.

Day 5 West Fjords

Travel over mountains, past scenic fjords to Arnarfjörður, surrounded by high mountains. See Dynjandi waterfall and continue along the southern West Fjords. Visit Erpsstaðir, a family run dairy farm.

Day 6 Vatnsnes Peninsula

Head north and travel along the Vatnsnes peninsula. See Hvítserkur a 15m high basalt rock stack and Kolugljúfur canyon. Stop at Víðimýri to visit one of the few preserved turf churches in Iceland. Day ends in Akureyri.

Day 7 Akureyri

Whale watching and sea angling boat tour in Eyjafjörður. Afternoon visit to the Herring Era Museum in Siglufjörður.

Day 8 Goðafoss and Lake Mývatn

Visit Goðafoss Falls then walk in Dimmuborgir lava field. After Hverfjall ash crater, explore Námaskarð geothermal area. Travel to Dettifoss, Europe's most powerful waterfall.

Day 9 Secrets of the East

Admire the dramatic fjord landscapes of the East fjords. Stop at Vök Baths in Lake Urriðavatn for a soak in its geothermal floating pools.

Day 10 Vatnajökull National Park, Glaciers and Icebergs

Travel through Vatnajökull National Park. Enjoy walk along the black sands of Diamond Beach, a boat ride among floating icebergs on Jökulsárlón glacial lagoon, then continue to the village of Vík.

Day 11 South Coast

Walk on black lava beaches and bird cliffs near Vík, before heading to Skógafoss and Seljalandsfoss waterfalls. Visit Skógar Folk Museum. Stop at the Lava and Volcano and Exhibition Centre.

'Day 12 Reykjavík Departure

Transfer to Keflavík Airport and end of arrangements.

2024 departures: 20 May; 03, 17 June; 01, 15, 29 July; 12, 26 August

Includes: 11 nights accommodation, breakfast daily, transfers and excursions as shown.

ICELAND SELF-DRIVE TOURS

SFLF-DRIVF - SUMMER

AROUND ICELAND

10 DAYS

Explore Iceland's rich natural treasures, including national parks, beautiful waterfalls, striking glaciers, magnificent volcanoes and hot springs. Add extra nights to any overnight stops.

Day 1 Keflavík Airport – Hveragerði

On arrival, collect your car and drive along the south coast of Reykjanes peninsula to charming Hveragerði village.

* Note: April and October departures will stay overnight in Reykjavík instead of Hveragerði.

Day 2 Geysir – Þingvellir – Borgarfjörður

Explore the Golden Circle area. Drive to the waterfall Gullfoss, the hot springs at Geysir and visit Þingvellir National Park.

Day 3 Borgarfjordur - Skagafjordur

Visit the beautiful Hraunfossar and Barnafoss waterfalls and Deildartunguhver, the most powerful hot springs in Europe. Perhaps stop at the Krauma Natural Geothermal spa. Head north to Húnaflói Bay and Skagafjörður.

Day 4 Akureyri – Lake Mývatn

Explore Akureyri. Continue your journey to the unique Lake Mývatn area. Stop en route to view the beautiful Goðafoss waterfall.

Day 5 Lake Mývatn

Explore the natural wonders of Lake Mývatn and surrounding area, including the mystical lava formations at Dimmuborgir. Visit the volcanic area of Krafla and the colourful sulfurous slopes of Námaskarð Pass.

Day 6 Húsavík – Tjörnes – Dettifoss – Egilsstaðir

Drive to the fishing port of Húsavík, visit Ásbyrgi Canyon, and Jökulsárgljúfur National Park. Stop at the mighty Dettifoss waterfall en route to Egilsstaðir.

Day 7 Reyðarfjörður - Stöðvarfjörður -Djúpivogur – Höfn

Drive south through the spectacular East Fjords and continue to the town of Höfn.

Day 8 Skaftafell - Kirkjubæjarklaustur

Today you will be in the vicinity of Vatnajökull National Park. Visit Jökulsárlón Glacial Lagoon and nearby Diamond Beach.

Day 9 Vík – Skogar – Reykjavík

Drive along the spectacular south coast, stop to admire the black sand beaches and cliffs at Dyrhólaey. Visit the beautiful waterfalls Skógafoss and Selialandsfoss before driving to Revkjavík.

Day 10 Reykjavík – Keflavík Airport

Return your car to Keflavík Airport; end of arrangements.

2024 departures: Daily April - October

Includes: 9 nights accommodation, breakfast daily, hire car.

OTHER SUMMER SELF-DRIVE TOURS:

South/West: Geysers, Glaciers and Waterfalls – 7 days

Day 1 Keflavík Airport – Hveragerði

Day 2 Seljalandsfoss and Skógafoss - Vík area

Day 3 Skaftafell – Jökulsárlón Glacial Lagoon

Day 4 Pingvellir NP – Hraunfossar and Barnafoss

Day 5 Snæfellsnes Peninsula – Stykkishólmur

Day 6 Reykjanes Peninsula – Blue Lagoon – Reykjavík

Day 7 Reykjavík – Keflavík Airport

Circle Tour: Majestic Fjords – 14 days

Day 1 Keflavík Airport – Hveragerði

Day 2 Pingvellir NP – Gullfoss

Day 3 Skógafoss and Seljalandsfoss

Day 4 Skaftafell – Jökulsárlón Glacial Lagoon

Day 5 East Fjords – Egilsstaðir

Day 6 Dettifoss – Ásbyrgi Canyon – Húsavík

Day 7 Lake Mývatn – Krafla volcano – Goðafoss

Day 8 Skagafjörður fjord – Laugarbakki

Day 9 West Fjords – Ísafjörður

Day 10 Ísafjörður

Day 11 Dynjandi waterfall – Látrabjarg cliffs

Day 12 Breiðafjordur Bay – Stykkisholmur

Day 13 Snæfellsnes – Hraunfossar – Reykjavík

Day 14 Reykjavík – Keflavík Airport

OTHER SUMMER SELF-DRIVE TOURS:

Express Iceland 8 days

Highlands and Lowlands 9 days

Complete Iceland 10 days

Iceland Odyssey 12 days

Grand Discovery 19 days



SFI F-DRIVF - WINTER

GLACIAL ADVENTURE

6 DAYS

Enjoy Iceland's must-see natural sights and dramatic coastline of the south and south-west areas. Fingers crossed, you may also see the Northern Lights! Add extra nights to any overnight stops.

Day 1 Keflavík Airport – Reykjavík

On arrival, collect your hire car and drive to Reykjavík.

Day 2 Pingvellir National Park – Geysir – Gullfoss

Head to Pingvellir National Park, then to the geothermal pools and steamy Strokkur at Geysir. Onwards to Gullfoss waterfall, a wondrous winter sight when frozen mid-cascade.

Day 3 South Shore - Eyjafjallajökull Volcano

Explore the region close to the towering Eyjafjallajökull, then along the south shore to Seljalandsfoss, Skógafoss waterfall and the black sands of Reynisfjara beach.

Day 4 Jökulsárlón Glacial Lagoon - Vatnajökull National Park

Today you will be in the southern area of Vatnajökull National Park. Visit to the photogenic Jökulsárlón Glacial Lagoon, and nearby Diamond Beach.

Day 5 Hveragerði - Reykjavík

Today explore Hveragerði 'flower village' full of greenhouses. Stay on the coast road to Reykjanes peninsula. Perhaps stop at the Blue Lagoon before returning to Reykjavík.

Day 6 Reykjavík – Keflavík Airport

Return your car to Keflavík Airport; end of arrangements.

2024 departures: January to April and October to December **Includes:** 5 nights accommodation, breakfast daily, hire car.

SELF-DRIVE - ALL YEAR

GOLDEN CIRCLE AND SOUTH SHORE

5 DAYS

See the South Coast and Golden Circle's premier sights. Striking waterfalls and geysers, black sand beaches and more. Add extra nights to any overnight stops.

Day 1 Keflavík Airport – Hveragerði*

At Keflavík Airport, collect your car and head along Reykjanes peninsula's south coast, to Hveragerði village.

*Note: For departures from October to April you will stay overnight in Reykjavík, instead of Hveragerði.

Day 2 Hveragerði - Vík

Today's highlights include Seljalandsfoss and Skógafoss waterfalls, Eyjafjallajökull glacier and surrounding areas.

Day 3 Vík – Golden Circle area

Thjórsárdalur valley has wildly contrasting landscapes of birch woods, sandy lava fields, rivers and waterfalls, all sitting in the shadow of Hekla volcano. Continue to Gullfoss waterfall and Geysir hot spring area.

Day 4 Golden Circle - Reykjavík

Visit a natural jewel, Þingvellir N.P.; site of the very first parliament. Then via Hvalfjörður to Borgarfjörður region and Reykholt, home of the 13th Century scholar and saga author, Snorri Sturluson. On to Reykjavík for overnight.

Day 5 Reykjavík – Keflavík Airport

Return your car to Keflavík Airport; end of arrangements.

2024 departures: Daily all year

For prices, full itineraries and more tours nordictravel.com.au

Includes: 4 nights accommodation, breakfast daily, hire car.

OTHER WINTER SELF-DRIVE TOURS:

Glacial Exploration and Auroras 8 days

LAND OF THE NORTHERN LIGHTS 5 DAYS ESCORTED - WINTER

Explore Southwest Iceland, known for its natural wonders and cultural sights. It is also an ideal location to search for the Northern Lights.

Day 1 Reykjavík Arrival

Arrive Keflavík Airport, transfer to your hotel. Time at leisure.

Day 2 City Tour, Blue Lagoon and **Reykjanes Peninsula**

Short city tour then head to Reykjanes Peninsula with its hot springs. Enjoy a soak in the warm blue waters of the famous Blue Lagoon. Tonight, search for the Northern Lights from your

Day 3 South Iceland and Optional Glacier Hike

Today head along the south coast, stop at Seljalandsfoss waterfall, Skógar folk museum and see the impressive 60m high Skógafoss waterfall. Optional afternoon hike to Mýrdalsjökull Glacier or stroll on the black lava beaches. After dark, search once more for the Northern Lights from your hotel in south Iceland.

Day 4 Icelandic Horses and Golden Circle

Learn about the special qualities of the Icelandic horse and visit a geothermal greenhouse. Travel the Golden Circle route, stop at the erupting Geysir hot springs, Gullfoss waterfall and the magnificent Þingvellir NP. Return to Reykjavík.

Day 5 Reykjavík Departure

Transfer to Keflavík Airport and end of arrangements.

2024 departures: 02, 04, 09, 11, 16, 18, 23, 25 January; 01, 06, 15, 20, 27, 29 February; 05, 14, 19, 28 March; 02, 09, 11 April; 03, 05, 10, 12, 17, 19, 24, 26 September; 01, 03, 08, 10, 15, 17, 22, 24, 29, 31 October; 05, 07, 12, 14, 19, 21, 26, 28 November; 03, 05, 10, 12, 17, 19, 23*, 29* December

Includes: 4 nights accommodation, breakfast daily, transfers, transport and excursions as shown.

*Christmas and New Year departures – varied itineraries and inclusions

*23 December version of this tour **Land of the Northern Lights Christmas**

*29 December version of this tour Land of the Northern **Lights New Year**

Hallgrimskirkja church in Reykjavík © Shutterstock

HIDDEN POWERS AND NORTHERN LIGHTS ...

6 DAYS ESCORTED – WINTER REGULAR OR SMALL GROUP

Explore Southwest Iceland, known for its natural wonders and cultural sights. It is also an ideal location to search for the Northern Lights.

Day 1 Reykjavík Arrival

Arrive Keflavík Airport, transfer to your hotel. Time at leisure.

Day 2 Reykjavík – South Shore

Visit the Northern Lights Centre in Reykjavík. Continue to bingvellir National Park, the geothermal fields of Geysir with its high-spouting Strokkur hot spring and the dramatic two-tiered Gullfoss waterfall. Visit Laugarvatn, a town built around three hot springs. Try Icelandic rye bread at a unique outdoor geothermal bakery.

Day 3 South Shore – Kirkjubæjarklaustur

Stop at the Lava Centre to enjoy the exhibits and view an interesting film about volcanoes. Head along the south coast to Seljalandsfoss waterfall and see the impressive 60m high Skógafoss waterfall. Pass by Mýrdalsjökull Glacier, then visit Reynisfjara black sand beach.

Day 4 Vatnajökull NP and Glacial Lagoon

Today enter the area of Vatnajökull National Park. Visit Jökulsárlón Glacial Lagoon and enjoy the breathtaking sight of floating icebergs on the vibrant blue waters.

Day 5 Kirkjubæjarklaustur – Reykjavík

Head towards the village of Hveragerði, which is located directly on top of a geothermal area. Visit an Icelandic horse farm. On to the Reykjanes peninsula for a soak in the calming waters of the Blue Lagoon before returning to Reykjavík.

Day 6 Reykjavík Departure

Transfer to Keflavík Airport and end of arrangements.

2024 comfort accommodation departures: 01 February; 26 March; 17 October; 12, 28 November

2024 quality accommodation departures: 11, 18, 23* January; 08, 13, 22*, 29 February; 07, 14, 19 March; 04 April; 03, 10*, 15, 17, 24, 31 October; 07, 12, 14, 21*, 28 November; 05, 23** December

Includes: 5 hotel nights, breakfast daily, transfers, excursions and transport as shown.

*These departures will be a smaller group size.

**Christmas departure – varied itinerary and inclusions

23 December version of this tour **Hidden Powers and**

Northern Lights Christmas



NORTHERN LIGHTS EXPLORATION ...

8 DAYS ESCORTED – WINTER REGULAR OR SMALL GROUP

Explore Iceland's West and Southeast to maximise your chances of seeing the Northern Lights. Travel from countryside, Snæfellsnes Peninsula to the waterfalls and black sand beach.

Day 1 Reykjavík Arrival

Arrive Keflavík Airport, transfer to your hotel. Time at leisure.

Day 2 Reykjavík, Borgarfjörður and Waterfalls

Short city tour, then head west to Borgarfjörður. Climb Grábrók volcano crater, visit Europe's most powerful hot spring and Hraunfossar waterfalls, pouring from beneath a wide lava field. Evening search for the Northern Lights.

Day 3 Snæfellsnes Peninsula and Vatnshellir Cave

Visit Grundarfjordur fishing village and see Mt Kirkjufell one of the most photographed mountains in Iceland. Enjoy a tour of the Vatnshellir Cave, which is an 8,000 year old lava tube 35 metres under the surface! Tonight, learn how to photograph the Aurora and then relax in the hotel's outdoor hot tubs as you gaze upwards at the Arctic sky.

Day 4 Golden Circle

After Hvalfjörður, take the Golden Circle route – see the magnificent Þingvellir NP, erupting Geysir hot springs and Gullfoss waterfall. Taste freshly baked hot spring bread. Later learn about the Icelandic horse and visit a geothermal greenhouse. Tonight, search again for the Northern Lights from the garden of the hotel.

Day 5 Volcano Centre and Reynisfjara

Visit the Lava and Volcano Exhibition Centre to learn about geology and active volcanoes. Visit Skógar Folk Museum's turfroofed houses, then lovely Skógafoss waterfall. Stroll along a black sand beach at Reynisfjara. If the Aurora appears tonight, it will be a madical sight

Day 6 Jökulsárlón Glacial Lagoon and Skaftafell National Park

Explore Jökulsárlón Glacial Lagoon and look for seals in the Arctic waters. Walk on the black sandy Diamond Beach, where icebergs often get stranded. Continue to the tiny turf church at Hof and spend time at Vatnajökull. More opportunities to seek the Northern Lights tonight.

Day 7 South Shore and Blue Lagoon

Head towards Vík across Eldhraun lava fields, then on to Seljalandsfoss waterfall. Soak in the famous Blue Lagoon, before going out one last time to seek the Aurora.

Day 8 Reykjavík Departure

Transfer to Keflavík Airport and end of arrangements.

2024 regular group departures: 05, 12, 19, 26 January; 02, 09, 16, 23 February; 01, 08, 15, 22, 29 March; 05 April; 06, 13, 20, 27 September; 04, 11, 18, 25 October; 01, 08, 15, 22, 29 November; 06, 13 December

2024 small group departures: 02, 09, 16, 23, 30 January; 06, 13, 20, 27 February; 05, 12, 19, 26 March; 02 April; 03, 10, 17, 24 September; 01, 08, 15, 22, 29 October; 05, 12, 19, 26 November; 03, 10 December

Includes: 7 hotel nights, breakfast daily, transfers and excursions as shown.

FAROESE DISCOVERY ...

8 DAYS INDEPENDENT - SUMMER

On this Tórshavn based tour with daily guided excursions you will get to meet the Faroese people and experience the many wonders of most isolated and beautiful island communities on this earth.

Day 1 Copenhagen – Tórshavn, Faroe Islands

Flight from Copenhagen; on arrival transfer to your accommodation. Time at leisure.

Day 2 Highlights of the North

Today head north to the village of Klaksvik on the island of Borðoy. Visit the remote village of Kunoy and picturesque Viðareiði. Lunch included. *Optional* change today's excursion to Hike to Kallinn Lighthouse or Hike to Kallurin Lighthouse and Borgarin Mountain.

Day 3 Tórshavn: Day at Leisure

Day at leisure to Tórshavn on your own. *Optional* city walk in Tórshavn with a local guide. *Optional* island of Vágar excursion.

Day 4 Tórshavn: Vestmanna Cliffs and Kvívík

Morning free to explore the town, then enjoy a boat trip past the stunning Vestmanna bird cliffs, and into and through several sea caves and grottoes. Then stop at an old viking farmstead in the beautiful village of Kvívík, on the way back to Tórshavn.

Day 5 Tórshavn: Sandoy and Kirkjubour

Take the ferry across to beautiful, green Sandoy Island, with great views of Hestur and Koltur en route. Learn the story of the sagas, visit the church, the small villages and the bird cliffs.

Day 6 Tórshavn: Eysturoy and Gjogv

From Tórshavn, head towards the picturesque village of Saksun. Continue to Tjørnuvík, en route we stop at the waterfall Fossá. From Tjørnuvík, see the impressive rock formations – 'the Giant and the Witch'. Before reaching Gjógv, view the highest mountain in the islands, Slættaratindur at 882m.

Day 7 Tórshavn: Day at Leisure

Day at leisure to Tórshavn on your own. *Optional* city walk in Tórshavn with a local guide. *Optional* guided excursion to the island of Mykines.

Day 8 Depart Tórshavn – Copenhagen

Transfer to the airport and return flight to Copenhagen.

2024 departures: Every Thursday in May, June, July and August

Includes: Return flights from/to Copenhagen; 7 nights accommodation in Tórshavn, breakfast daily, airport transfers in the Faroe Islands and excursions as shown.



HIKING IN THE FAROES

8 DAYS SELF-DRIVE - SUMMER

The Faroese untamed nature is a paradise for nature lovers and is well suited for a hike in the mountains. Hike with local guides and enjoy parts of the trip on your own by car.

Day 1 Copenhagen – Vágar, Faroe Islands

Flight from Copenhagen to Vágar. Pick up your car and start exploring the island on your own, starting with a visit to the small village of Gásadalur. Continue to the Northern Islands for 2 nights stay.

Day 2 Svínoy: Hike from the Village

Ferry from Viðoy to Svínoy for a beautiful, guided hike from the village to the headland Dragin. Hike approx. 2-5km, 4hrs.

Day 3 Suðuroy

Drive to Tórshavn to catch the car ferry to Suðuroy. Walk on your own to the village of Froðba or drive to the village of Vágur. Overnight on Suðuroy.

Day 4 Suðuroy: Hike to Hvannhagi

Guided hike to the northern side of Suðuroy and the inland lake at Hvannhagi. Hike approx. 6km, 4hrs. Return to Tórshavn by car ferry for 4 nights stay.

Day 5 Streymoy: Hike to the centre of the Faroe Islands

Today's guided hike starts in Kaldbaksfjørður where the river Tíggjará meets the ocean. Hike 346m up the mountain, to reach the exact centre of the Faroes. Enjoy the beautiful view and continue to the lakes Stóravatn and Brúnavatn. The walk to the old Viking village Kaldbak. Hike approx. 2-5km, 4-5hrs.

Day 6 Visit the bird island Mykines

Guided tour by bus to Mykines, where a local guide will accompany you to the lookouts. Also time on your own. Time on the island approx. 5hrs.

Day 7 Tórshavn: Day at Leisure

Day at leisure to Tórshavn on your own. Or perhaps take an optional excursion to Vestmanna Sea Cliffs or *optional* hike to Kirkjubøur.

Day 8 Tórshavn - Copenhagen

Return the car at the airport and take the flight back to Copenhagen.

2024 departures: every Friday from 03 May – 30 August **Includes:** Return flights from/to Copenhagen, 7 nights accommodation, breakfast daily, rental car, guided hikes and excursions as shown.



CLASSIC CIRCLE 8 DAYS SELF-DRIVE - ALL YEAR

The Faroe Islands offer unique nature, exciting history and rich culture. Take your senses with you on this self-guided road trip.

Day 1 Copenhagen – Vágar, Faroe Islands

Flight from Copenhagen to Vágar. Pick up your car and start exploring the island on your own.

Day 2 Vágar – Streymoy – Eysturoy

Taka an *optional* boat to the Vestmanna bird cliffs (May – Sep only) or visit the unique Saga Museum. Continue to Tjørnuvík to see impressive rock formations, then continue on to Streymoy and the village of Eiði.

Day 3 Eysturoy: Gjógv and Ambadalur Valley

Gjógv village has a unique natural harbour – there are great walks from here including one for views of the birdcliffs and the beautiful valley Ambadalur.

Day 4 Eysturoy – Northern Islands

From Eysturoy take the tunnel to Klaksvík to explore the Northern Islands, each offering dramatic landscapes.

Day 5 Northern Islands – Tórshavn

Visit Kunoy Island and the tiny village of Kunoy with a panoramic view of Kalsoy island. Then back to Eysturoy before continuing to Tórshavn.

Day 6 Sandoy Island – the Saga Island

Day trip to visit the beautiful green island of Sandoy, also called the Saga-island, with a wealth of history and nature. Continue to Skopun to see the villages of Dalur and Húsavík.

Day 7 Tórshavn Exploration

Enjoy Tórshavn – visit Kirkjubøur, the Faroe Islands' historical and cultural centre, or explore the charming older parts of the town.

Day 8 Vágar – Copenhagen

Return the car at the airport and take the flight back to Copenhagen.

2024 departures: Daily all year

Includes: Return flights from/to Copenhagen, 7 nights accommodation, breakfast daily, rental car.

SELF-DRIVE TOURS - SUMMER ONLY:

From South to North 6 days

- Day 1 Copenhagen Vágar
- Day 2 Vágar Tórshavn
- Day 3 Tórshavn Suðuroy
- Day 4 Suðuroy Tórshavn
- Day 5 Tórshavn Northern Islands
- Day 6 Vágar Copenhagen

SELF-DRIVE TOURS – WINTER ONLY:

Classic Winter Explorer 5 days

- Day 1 Copenhagen Vágar Eysturoy
- Day 2 Eysturoy Klaksvík Eysturoy
- Day 3 Eysturoy Tórshavn
- Day 4 Tórshavn: Day at Leisure
- Day 5 Tórshavn Vágar Copenhagen



DISCOVER GREENLAND, ICELAND AND THE FAROE ISLANDS ...

13 DAYS INDEPENDENT - SUMMER

From Ilulissat in Greenland, famous for amazing icebergs, to Reykjavík in Iceland, for its unique natural surroundings, including hot springs and volcanic landscapes. Then lastly the Faroe Islands for dramatic scenery, culture and tradition.

Day 1 Copenhagen - Ilulissat, Greenland

Flight from Copenhagen to Iulissat. On arrival transfer to your hotel and time at leisure. 4 nights in Ilulissat.

Day 2 Ilulissat: Icefjord

Take an easy guided walk to the mouth of the Ilulissat Icefjord to Sermermiut, for beautiful views over the ice and traces of old Inuit culture

Day 3 Icebergs Boat Tour

Today enjoy a fantastic boat trip amongst the huge icebergs of the lcefjord, a truly majestic sight.

Day 4 Ilulissat: Day at Leisure

Day to relax or enjoy an *optional excursion* to Eqi Sermia Glacier, called the "calving glacier" because ice breaks off from it so frequently. Also *Optional* Meet the Sled Dogs and *optional* Kayaking.

Day 5 Ilulissat – Reykjavík, Iceland

Flight to Reykjavík. On arrival, time at leisure. 4 nights in Reykjavík.

Day 6 Reykjavík: Day at Leisure

Day at leisure in Reykjavík to explore the city on your own. *Optional* Blue Lagoon visit.

Day 7 Golden Circle Tour

3 of Iceland's best sights form the Golden Circle; the Geysir geothermal area, stunning Gullfoss Waterfall and historic bingyellir National Park

Day 8 Reykjavík: Day at Leisure

Today perhaps enjoy one of the many *optional guided excursions* offered. These include a whale watching safari or visit the South Coast and Jökulsárlón Glacier Lagoon.

Day 9 Reykjavík – Tórshavn, Faroe Islands

Flight to the Faroe Islands, then time at leisure. 4 nights in Tórshavn.

Day 10 Vágar Sightseeing

Visit Gásadalur and walk to Múlafossur waterfall. On route pass Sørvágsvatn, the lake above the ocean.

Day 11 Vestmanna Bird Cliffs

Travel via steep mountain roads to Vestmanna; here a boat takes you through narrow sounds, into deep grottoes and sea caves.

Day 12 Tórshavn: Day at Leisure

Explore the lovely harbour area of Vágsbotn or the old parts of town, Reyn and Tinganes, a charming tangle of lanes with tiny black-tarred houses with green turfed roofs. *Optional* Sandoy and Kirkjubøur excursion.

Day 13 Tórshavn - Copenhagen

Transfer to airport and return flight to Copenhagen.

2024 departures: Every Thursday from 13 June - 22 August **Includes:** Return flights from/to Copenhagen, 12 nights accommodation, breakfast daily, excursions, airport transfers in Greenland and Faroe Islands, and other flights as shown.



SOUTH GREENLAND EXPLORER ...

8 DAYS ESCORTED - SUMMER

Enjoy daily walks and hikes among South Greenland's beautiful nature. All nights are spent in comfortable hotel rooms with private facilities.

Day 1 Narsarsuaq Arrival – Glacier View Point

Flight from Reykjavík or Copenhagen to Narsarsuaq. Enjoy your first hike nearby, for magnificent vistas of the fjord, plains and glacier.

Day 2 Hike to Flower Valley

Morning hike to the outstanding Flower Valley, for magnificent views over Kiattut River and glacier.

Day 3 Narsarsuag – Narsag

Zodiac boat transfer from Narsarsuaq to Narsaq. Guided town walk and leisurely hike with a wonderful view of the valley, fjords and mountains. 3 nights stay in Narsaq.

Day 4 Qaleraliq Camp and Ice Hiking

Morning zodiac ride to base camp, then continue alongside vertical glacier fronts. Hike with an expert mountain guide on one of Earth's oldest ice masses. Return by zodiac to Narsaq, through Sermilik fjord. Pass Eqaloruutsit glacier front, to look for giant icebergs calving then floating along the fjord.

Day 5 Qagortog and Hvalsoy Church

Zodiac from Narsaq to Hvalsoy between icebergs and gorges. Continue to Qaqortoq for a guided town walk. Return to Narsaq by zodiac.

Day 6 Igaliku Landscape, Qooroq Ice Fjord

Relax in the green hills of Igaliku with spectacular views of Einarsfjord, before hiking to Itilleq. Zodiac ride through Qooroq Ice Fjord, an area of very densely packed ice, to reach Narsarsuaq.

Day 7 Viking Ruins, Icebergs and Fjords

By 4WD to lovely Tasiusaq farm, situated next to iceberg filled Sermilik fjord. Boat transfer to Qassiarsuk (Brattahlid), the capital of Viking Greenland, for a guided tour of the ruins dating from 985AD. *Optional* kayaking in the iceberg bay. Return to Narsarsuaq.

Day 8 Narsarsuaq Departure

Transfer to the airport for return flight to Reykjavík or Copenhagen.

2024 departures: 25 June; 02, 09, 16, 23, 30 July; 06, 13, 20, 27 August; 03 September

Includes: Reykjavík or Copenhagen – Narsarsuaq return flights, 7 hotel nights, breakfast daily, 3 picnic lunches, transport and excursions as shown.



ILULISSAT, IMAGES OF ICE

4 OR 5 DAYS INDEPENDENT - SUMMER

Visit a real iceberg town! Ilulissat is famed for its easy access to the UNESCO World Heritage Listed Ilulissat Ice Fjord, where you can see the amazing huge icebergs shed by the Sermeq Kujalleq glacier. Here you can have a taste of traditional Inuit culture, and other Arctic adventures.

Day 1 Copenhagen or Reykjavík – Ilulissat

Flight from Copenhagen or Reykjavík to Ilulissat. On arrival, transfer to your hotel then enjoy a guided walk of the town. Welcome dinner at your hotel.

Day 2 Walk to Sermermiut and Iceberg Cruise

Guided walk along the Ice Fjord to Sermermiut, where traces of 3 old Inuit cultures can still be seen, to enjoy flowers and fantastic icebergs. Time at leisure. Evening cruise amongst the icebergs – enjoy a drink on the real rocks as you watch the midnight sun glint off the icebergs!

Day 3 Day at Leisure

A day to relax or to explore on your own. Or pre-book an *optional excursion*: Greenlandic home visit, Cruise to Eqi Glacier and Rodebay, Husky visit, Ilimanaq and Whale safari, Cecily Trail hike.

Day 4 Ilulissat - Copenhagen or Reykjavík

Transfer to the airport for your flight to Copenhagen or Reykjavík.

2024 departures:

4 days from Reykjavík:

Saturdays 01 June - 14 September

5 days from Reykjavík:

Tuesdays 04 June - 10 September

4 days from Copenhagen:

Tuesdays 04 June - 10 September

5 days from Copenhagen:

Fridays 07 June - 13 September

Includes: Return flights from Copenhagen or Reykjavík – Ilulissat, 3 or 4 hotel nights, breakfast daily, transfers in Greenland, hotel dinners and excursions as shown.



WEST GREENLAND TRIANGLE ...

8 DAYS INDEPENDENT - SUMMER

A classic tour to three locations in West Greenland: Kangerlussuaq, Sisimiut, and Ilulissat. Cross the Arctic Circle, visit the Ice Sheet near Kangerlussuaq and see Sisimiut's beautiful, coloured houses in the rocky landscape. Let the spectacular UNESCO World Heritage Site of Ilulissat Ice Fjord take your breath away. Stay in a unique waterfront cabin with a view of Disko Bay at the remote Ilimanaq Lodge, 15km south of Ilulissat. Along the way, knowledgeable and friendly local guides show you the highlights.

Day 1 Copenhagen – Kangerlussuag: Point 660

Flight from Copenhagen to Kangerlussuaq. Locally guided excursion to the Ice Sheet, Point 660. Pass the spectacular Russell Glacier.

Day 2 Kangerlussuaq - Sisimiut: Sightseeing and Historical Hike

Flight from Kangerlussuaq to Sisimiut. Guided town sightseeing by bus and Historical Hike to Tele Island, Sallinnguit.

Day 3 Sisimiut: Assaqutaq Settlement

A boat trip to the abandoned settlement of Assaqutaq. The sea surrounding the settlement is a playground for whales.

Day 4 Sisimiut - - Ilulissat: Town Walk and Hike to Sermermiut

Flight from Sisimiut to Ilulissat, via Kangerlussuaq. Information meeting and guided town walk. Learn the history and visit the old part of town, where buildings remain from the start of the Danish trading era. See the busy fishing harbour, old church and Ilulissat Museum. Guided walk to Sermermiut, see wildflowers and a magnificent view of icebergs. Dinner at the hotel.

Day 5 Ilulissat – Ilimanaq

By boat to Ilimanaq, past the mouth of the Icefjord. Arrive at waterfront Ilimanaq Lodge, with amazing views of Disko Bay, for 1 night stay in a standard Cabin with private facilities.

Day 6 Ilimanag – Ilulissat

Choose from a guided walk around the settlement, go hiking in the area or participate in a cultural workshop. Return to Ilulissat by boat this afternoon. *Optional* Ilimanaq Glacier Adventure, 8hrs.

Day 7 Ilulissat: Whale Safari

Enjoy a Whale Safari by boat today. *Optional* Kayak Experience in Ilulissat, 3.5-4hrs.

Day 8 Ilulissat - Kangerlussuaq - Copenhagen

Transfer to the airport for your return flight to Copenhagen, via Kangerlussuaq. End of arrangements.

2024 departures: Fridays 14 June – 23 August **Includes:** Return flights from/to Copenhagen, flights Kangerlussuaq-Sisimiut-Ilulissat, 6 hotel nights, breakfast daily, 1 hotel dinner, 1 night at Ilimanaq Lodge with full board, transfers in Greenland, excursions and transport as shown.



SPECTACULAR GREENLAND

12 DAYS INDEPENDENT - SUMMER

Discover the diverse nature, wildlife and culture of Greenland. From Kangerlussuaq to Aasiaat, then Qeqertarsuaq on Disko Island, a hikers paradise. Continue to Ilulissat, the town of icebergs, and the UNESCO World Heritage Site of Ilulissat Ice Fjord. Up to Glacier Lodge Eqi. Along the way, knowledgeable and friendly local guides show you the highlights.

Day 1 Copenhagen – Kangerlussuaq: Point 660

Flight from Copenhagen to Kangerlussuaq. Locally guided excursion to the Ice Sheet, Point 660. Pass the spectacular Russell Glacier.

Day 2 Kangerlussuaq - Aasiaat: Town Walk and Whale Safari

Flight from Kangerlussuaq to Aasiaat. Guided town walk and Whale Safari among the Icebergs.

Day 3 Aasiaat - Qeqertarsuaq, Disko Island: Town Walk

By boat to the small town of Qeqertarsuaq, Disko Island, where the majestic mountains rise a thousand meters from the surface of the ocean. Guided town walk.

Day 4 Qegertarsuaq: Hike to Kuannit

Guided hike along the coast with a view of icebergs and lava sculptures in the shape of basalt columns.

Day 5 Qegertarsuag – Ilulissat: Town Walk

By boat to Ilulissat. Information meeting and guided town walk. Learn the history and visit the old part of town, where buildings remain from the start of the Danish trading era. See the busy fishing harbour, old church and Ilulissat Museum. Dinner at the hotel.

Day 6 Sermermiut and Ilulissat Ice Fjord

Guided walk to Sermermiut, see wildflowers and a magnificent view of icebergs. Evening boat excursion on Ilulissat Icefjord. The sun and warm red colours reflecting on the gigantic icebergs is a fantastic sight.

Day 7 Ilulissat: Day at Leisure

Simply admire the scenery, shop for unique souvenirs or walk around and explore this small town. *Optional* Adventure tour to Oqaatsut by boat for hiking and kayaking, 7hrs.

Day 8 Ilulissat - Eqi Glacier

By boat to Eqi Glacier along the impressive glacier front where you may witness small calvings. Then on to Glacier Lodge Eqi, located in the wilderness with direct views of the glacier, for 2 nights in a Comfort Cabin with private facilities.

Day 9 Glacier Lodge Eqi

Day at leisure or optional Hike to the moraine at Eqi Glacier.

Day 10 Eqi Glacier – Ilulissat

Return to Ilulissat by boat. Enjoy the passing scenery while looking out for whales.

Day 11 Ilulissat: Day at Leisure

Day at leisure or optional Ilimanag Glacier Adventure by boat, 10hrs.

Day 12 Ilulissat - Kangerlussuaq – Copenhagen

Transfer to the airport for your return flight to Copenhagen, via Kangerlussuaq. End of arrangements.

2024 departures: Mondays and Thursdays 17 June – 29 August **Includes:** Return flights from/to Copenhagen, flight Kangerlussuaq-Aasiaat, 9 hotel nights, breakfast daily, 1 hotel dinner, 2 nights at Glacier Lodge Eqi with full board, transfers in Greenland, excursions and transport as shown.





Experience magnificent Arctic scenery, wildlife, history and geology. In summer the midnight sun makes it possible to explore Spitsbergen over long days and even into the night. This tour takes you to Longyearbyen then to the remote Isfjord Radio Hotel, far away from civilisation.

Day 1 Longyearbyen Arrival

Arrive in Longyearbyen, transfer to your hotel and time at leisure. Perhaps visit Svalbard Museum, North Pole Expedition Museum and Svalbard Kirke.

Day 2 Longyearbyen – Cape Linné, Isfjord Radio

Today board the boat for the trip to Isfjord Radio, once a radio operator's outpost and now a small, modern hotel. During your afternoon guided walk enjoy fantastic fjord scenery and wildlife, as you explore the Cape Linné area. Lunch, dinner and overnight at Isfjord Radio.

Look out for the "Big 5 of Svalbard" – Polar Bear, Walrus, Arctic Fox, Reindeer and Ivory Gull. Guided excursion today. Lunch, dinner and 2nd overnight at Isfjord Radio.

Day 4 Isfjord Radio – Longyearbyen

Morning at leisure. Perhaps take a dip in the Arctic waters then warm up in the hotel's sauna. After lunch enjoy the afternoon boat trip back to Longyearbyen.

Day 5 Longyearbyen Departure

Transfer to the airport and end of arrangements.

2024 departures: Daily late May to September **Includes:** 4 hotel nights including breakfast, airport transfers, transport, other meals and excursions as shown.

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6 Days Cruise - Summer

Short Hurtigruten expedition Voyage on the West Coast of Spitsbergen. Choose from two itineraries: Option 1 has two nights hotel accommodation in Longyearbyen and three nights on board. Option 2 has one night hotel accommodation in Longyearbyen and four nights on board. The itinerary below is for Option 1.

Day 1 Longyearbyen Arrival

Transfer from Longyearbyen airport to your hotel and time at leisure. Light dinner at a local restaurant.

Day 2 Svalbard Museum, Camp Barentz – Isfjorden

Guided coach tour including a visit to the Svalbard Museum and Camp Barentz. The historic MS Nordstjernen awaits at the harbour. A lovingly modernised ship that retains its 1950s charm, you'll be immersed in nautical nostalgia while on board. Look out for Arctic wildlife as we cruise into Isfjorden's lush fjord system, surrounded by immense, glacier-carved valleys and rugged rock formations. Pass the former Isfjord Radio Station.

Day 3 Magdalenefjord, North West Corner, Moffen and 80°North

Enter the wilderness of Spitsbergen's North West Corner, a summer breeding ground for thousands of birds. Magdalenefjorden offers spectacular jagged mountain peaks and glaciers. Sail north under the Midnight Sun and reach the walrus colony of Moffen Island.

Day 4 Kongsfjord and Ny-Ålesund

Kongsfjord is the largest fjord on the northwest coast of Spitsbergen. Two imposing glaciers, Kongsvegen and the colossal Kongsbreen, watch over the entrance of the fjord. Dock at Ny-Ålesund. Discover explorer history at the museum, and maybe send a postcard from the world's northernmost post box.

Day 5 Isfjord and Longyearbyen

Sail back into Isfjorden. Disembark in Longyearbyen. Farewell dinner and overnight at hotel in Longyearbyen.

Day 6 Longyearbyen Departure

Transfer to Longyearbyen airport and end of arrangements.

2024 departures option 1: 19, 26 May; 02, 09, 16, 23, 30 June; 07, 14, 21, 28 July; 04, 11, 18, 25 August

2024 departures option 2: 15, 22, 29 May; 05, 12, 19, 26 June; 03, 10, 17, 24, 31 July; 07, 14, 21, 28 August

Includes option 1: 2 hotel nights with breakfast and dinner; 3 night cruise in your chosen cabin category including full board, transfers and guided excursions as shown.

Includes option 2: 1 hotel night with breakfast and dinner; 4 night cruise in your chosen cabin category including full board, transfers and guided excursions as shown.





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Please read these Booking Conditions carefully as they set out our respective rights and obligations.

Our Booking Procedure is:

- After receiving your enquiry, we issue a quote which includes the travel arrangements, price and deposit requirements. The travel arrangements are subject to availability and may change. Prices quoted are based on foreign exchange rates at the time.
- You complete the Client Booking Form (one form per person) and pay the deposit. You accept these Booking Conditions by submitting the Client Booking Form.
- 3. We request the travel arrangements with our supplier/s.
- We confirm the booking of your travel arrangements and issue our invoice showing the deposit received by us, the final payment owed to us and the final payment due date.

On completion of the booking procedure, a legally binding contract exists between us and you for the travel arrangements.

Prices: Nordic Travel reserves the right to adjust prices due to factors including but not limited to fuel costs, foreign exchange rate fluctuations, taxes, airline surcharges and other price rises beyond our control. Price adjustments may be made at any time prior to receipt by Nordic Travel of the final payment. All prices are in Australian Dollars.

Deposits: The deposit amounts will vary according to the travel arrangements. For general arrangements, a minimum deposit of 30% of the total price of the booking is required. However, for travel arrangements incorporating Christmas, New Year, Faroe Islands, Greenland and Cruising, a higher deposit is required. At the time of quotation, you will be advised of the deposit requirements for the booking. Once a booking is confirmed, all deposit payments become non-refundable and non-transferable, subject to cancellation and amendment rights.

Final Payment: Final payments for most travel arrangements are due a minimum of 90 days prior to the starting date. Certain travel arrangements and destinations require a different timetable for final payment of which you will be advised at the time of quotation. For bookings made less than 90 days prior to the starting date, full payment is required at time of booking. Non-payment by due dates may result in the cancellation of the travel arrangements.

Amendments by the Traveller: Should a change be requested by you after the booking has been confirmed, or if the re-issue of documents is required, a minimum charge of \$100 per change, per person, will apply. Any fees/charges imposed upon Nordic Travel by its suppliers and third parties as a result of such a requested change, will be also added to the price.

Cancellation by the Traveller: All cancellations to travel arrangements must be notified in writing. Notification is not effective until received by Nordic Travel. Notification must be sent during office hours only (Mon – Fri, 09:00hrs – 17:00hrs, Sydney time, not being weekends or public holidays). If some or all portions of the booking are cancelled, after the booking has been confirmed, the following charges will apply.

Cancellation fees for General arrangements: 90 days or more prior to the start date: whole deposit 89–45 days prior to the start date: 50% of the price Less than 45 days prior to the start date: 100% of the price Cancellation fees for Cruising Arrangements: 90 days or more prior to the start date: whole deposit 89 days or less prior to the start date: 100% of the price

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If the travel arrangements have already commenced, the cancellation fee is 100% of the price. There is no refund or credit for unused services, or for portions of travel arrangements missed by the traveller.

Please note that any fees/charges imposed upon Nordic Travel by its suppliers and third parties, as a result of such a requested cancellation, may be added.

Unused services: Once the traveller has left Australia, a refund will not be given for any service or accommodation not used by the traveller due to late arrival, early departure, or by choice. This includes the failure of any transportation to operate as scheduled, or weather conditions being such that activities cannot take place.

Cancellation or delay or changes for reasons beyond our control (force majeure events): Nordic Travel is not responsible to refund the price or compensate the traveller if a travel arrangement is cancelled, delayed, changed, or its conduct is affected in any way by an event of force majeure. A force majeure event means: unforeseen circumstances outside of a party's control, and may include adverse weather or road conditions, natural disasters, the closure of a place or a route, civil and government disturbances, acts of God, acts of terrorism, an epidemic, a pandemic, war, strikes or other industrial relations matters, accidents, defects in machinery, breakdown of equipment, inclement weather, quarantine, medical or customs regulations, loss of baggage, traffic, airport conditions, lack of performance by third party suppliers and other events that necessitate changes to or abandonment of the itinerary or operating difficulties imposed by the owners and/ or operators of accommodation, facilities or transport, or events in places or countries which result in Level 3 or Level 4 Travel Safety Advice being issued by the Australian Department of Foreign Affairs and Trade or acts of Governments such as a travel ban (closure of borders) being ordered by the Australian Government or the Government

Changes by us to your travel arrangements: Nordic Travel has the right to change, modify or cancel the travel arrangements, either in whole or in part for reasons beyond our control, or if we determine it is in the interest of safety and security or for operational reasons. Reasons include force majeure events and events such as if an airline changes its schedule, a natural disaster or political crisis occurs, a hotelier overbooks hotel accommodation, or an operator cancels a tour. If so, you will be notified as soon as possible, and we will endeavour to provide alternative arrangements of the same standard as that originally booked.

If the change/s result in the booking price being increased by more than 10% or the new travel arrangements are materially different from that contemplated prior to the change/s being effected, and in respect of which we have already accepted a deposit or balance of payment, you have the right to accept the new travel arrangements or, to ask for the monies already paid to be refunded, less any supplier and third party cancellation charges.

Entrance fees for attractions in Iceland: Some entrance fees payable throughout Iceland for attractions including but not limited to natural and historic sites are only payable locally in Icelandic Kroner. These entrance fees are not included in the price and must be paid by the traveller in cash at the time of entrance to the attraction.

Travel documentation: Travel documents are sent out approximately 2–4 weeks prior to the starting date of the travel arrangements, dependent upon when they are made available to Nordic Travel by our supplier. Documentation will not be sent until final payment has been received.

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Commencement of Arrangements: Prior to making any other bookings (e.g. transport), it is your responsibility to take note of the date, time and place that your arrangements commence, so as to ensure that you arrive in time.

Traveller Assistance: Should a problem occur with your own travel arrangements before you start the tour (such as delayed arrival due to missed flights, illness, etc.) or, once our travel arrangements have started, it is essential that you try to resolve the problem immediately with the local supplier, particularly having regard to the difference in time zones between Australia and your destination. Your documentation shows their contact details and many problems can be rectified on the spot when you communicate your concerns. If you fail to take such steps locally, any claim for compensation may be reduced or denied. If you have any unresolved complaint, this must be sent to Nordic Travel in writing together with any supporting documentation, within 30 days of the date the complaint arises. No claim made after this period will be considered.

Passports, Visas and Other Documentation: Each traveller must carry a valid passport with at least six months validity remaining from the date of return date to the country of origin. Passport validity and visa requirements are the traveller's responsibility. Travellers are also responsible for travel information, namely all exit, entry, re-entry, health and other documents required by law, regulations, orders, demands or requirements of the countries visited, transited or returned to.

Hotels: If a hotel nominated is unavailable at the time of booking, the booking will be made in an alternative hotel of equivalent standard. Prices are based on standard, lead in accommodation. The mention of hotel facilities such as gyms, pool, parking etc does not imply that use of such facilities is available or is without cost to the traveller and such costs must be paid locally by the traveller.

Bedding Configuration: The term Double/Twin Room usually refers to a room with 2 single beds either pushed together for a Double Room or kept apart for a Twin Room. A Triple Room is a Double/Twin Room with an extra bed, usually being a sofa bed or rollaway bed, and accordingly may be cramped. Some hotels offer Triple Rooms only when the 3rd person is a child. Triple Rooms where offered are always subject to request.

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You must comply with the local law while on the tour. We will not accept responsibility if you contravene any law or regulation while on tour.

We reserve the right to accept or retain any person as a member of any tour, or to change or withdraw the tour as circumstances demand.

We are not responsible for loss for additional expenses, due to scheduling, delay or changes, or your failure to follow instructions, including but not limited to, check-in and check-out times and baggage handling.

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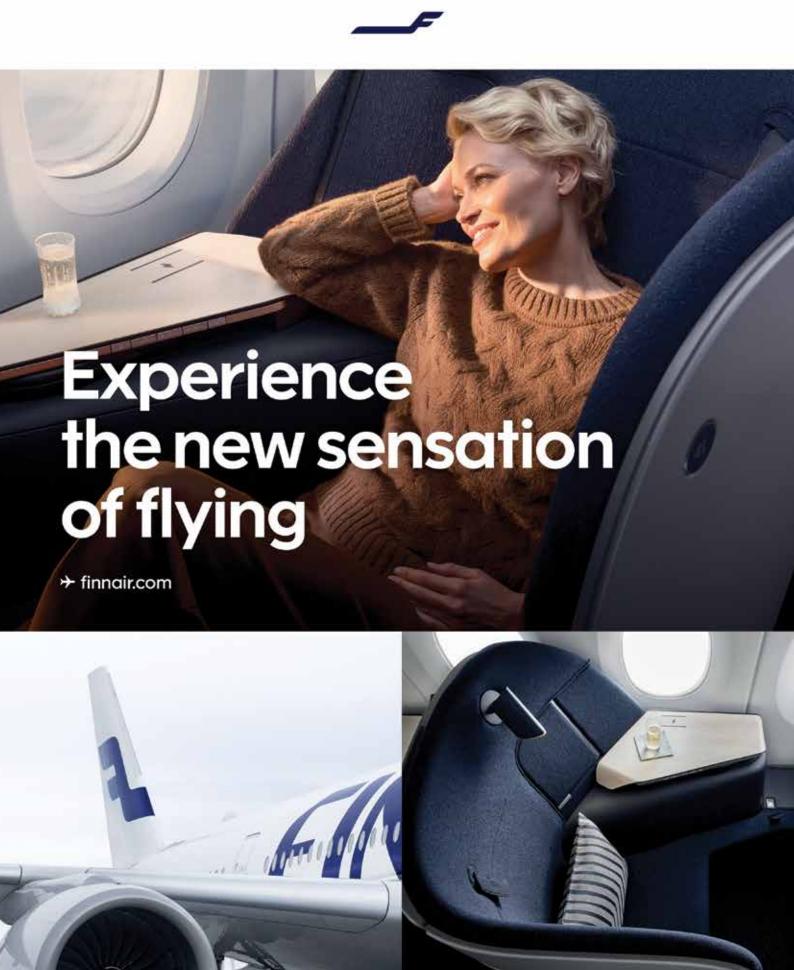
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