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The North Cape & Northern Lights

Escorted coach & rail tour - 11 days/10 nights

Small
Group
Tour

This winter adventure takes you to the outermost regions of Finland and Norway - from Saariselkä to Tromsø and an expedition to the North Cape Plateau. You will have a range of winter activities to enjoy, including a cruise on the Sampo Arctic icebreaker and husky safari. And if you are lucky, you will see the amazing Northern Lights.

Inclusions

- 1 night accommodation with breakfast in Glass Villa
- 2 nights accommodation with breakfast in Glass Igloos
- 7 nights accommodation with breakfast in 3 & 4-star hotels
- Meals - 1 lunch, 6 dinners
- Transportation by A/C coach
- 2nd class rail Helsinki-Kemi
- **English speaking** tour escort throughout
- Sightseeing as specified with local **English speaking** guides

Your hotels

- **Helsinki** - Sokos Vaakuna
- **Kemi** - Seaside Glass Villa
- **Saariselkä** - Northern Lights Village, Glass Igloos
- **Karasjok** - Scandic Karasjok
- **Honningsvåg** - Scandic Nordkapp
- **Alta** - Scandic Alta
- **Tromsø** - Clarion Hotel the Edge

Hotels of a similar standard may be substituted

The North Cape cliff itself will be visited today (subject to weather conditions). Arrive Honningsvåg and enjoy dinner, before your overnight in the northernmost city in Norway. **BD**

Day 8 Fri. Honningsvåg to Alta

Travel south today, along the Porsanger fjord to Alta, known as 'the Northern Lights city of Norway'. This afternoon, visit the Alta Museum to learn about the local history of Northern Lights. The remainder of the afternoon and evening is free. You may join an optional local Northern Lights safari, in and around Alta. You may wish to upgrade to the Sorrisniva Igloo Hotel (supplement applies). Overnight Alta. **B**

Day 9 Sat. Alta to Tromsø

Today, drive along the arctic fjords bound for Tromsø, a starting point of many North Pole expeditions. You have some free time before your Northern Lights safari, this evening, where a light dinner will be included. **BD**

Day 10 Sun. Tromsø

Today is at leisure to relax or you may take an optional snowmobile safari, husky safari or choose from many more exciting excursions. Overnight Tromsø. **B**

Day 11 Mon. Tromsø

Tour services end today after breakfast. **B**

Day 1 Fri. Helsinki

Upon arrival, make your own way to your hotel. This evening, meet your tour leader and fellow travellers at the hotel for a welcome drink. Overnight Helsinki.

Day 2 Sat. Helsinki

Discover Helsinki, Finland's capital, on a 3-hour city tour. Your local guide will show you the most famous sights such as the

Senate Square with the Helsinki Cathedral, the market square, the Orthodox Uspenski Cathedral, the Olympic Stadium and the Parliament. See the Sibelius monument, one of Helsinki's most famous statues and dedicated to the Finnish composer Jean Sibelius. Lastly visit the unique Tempeliakio Church, also known as the 'Church in the Rock'. Afternoon and evening at leisure. Overnight Helsinki. **B**

Day 3 Sun. Helsinki to Kemi

This morning, cross the street to Helsinki Central Station and board your northbound train to Kemi. Journey through magical landscapes with endless snow-covered forests and lakes covered with ice. Arrive Kemi late afternoon and transfer to your hotel. Dinner tonight is at your hotel. Overnight Kemi in a glass villa with a view of the starry northern sky. **BD**

Day 4 Mon. Kemi to Rovaniemi & Saariselkä

Morning at leisure in Kemi, with the opportunity to take an optional snowmobile safari, husky safari or one of the many other exciting excursions offered. This afternoon, transfer to the port of Kemi and board the majestic Sampo Arctic Icebreaker for a unique cruise, crushing through the thick ice on the Gulf of Bothnia. Travelling further north through Finnish Lapland and towards the Arctic Circle, enjoy dinner at a

local restaurant in Rovaniemi before continuing to Saariselkä and the Northern Lights Village for overnight. **BD**

Day 5 Tue. Saariselkä

Today you take a husky safari through the snowy forests and fells. Driving a team of huskies over the white, shimmering fells is an unforgettable experience. This evening, you visit an Aurora Camp by one of the local lakes. In a cozy hut by the fire, enjoy a warm drink and prepare a traditional Lapland midnight snack and if the sky is clear, you may be lucky enough to experience the enigmatic Northern Lights. Overnight Saariselkä. **BLD**

Day 6 Wed. Saariselkä to Inari & Karasjok

Morning departure by coach, stopping at Inari to visit the Siida Sami Museum. Continue north-west, crossing the border into Norway. Soon after, you arrive at Karasjok, the Sami capital and home of the Sami Parliament, 'Samediggi'. Overnight and dinner in Karasjok. **BD**

Day 7 Thu. Karasjok to Honningsvåg & North Cape

After an early morning departure, your journey continues north, bound for the North Cape. Travelling through the North Cape tunnel you reach the Magerøya Island on which the North Cape is situated.



Tour price & departures

Prices shown per person in AUD.
Friday departures Jan-Mar 2021.

Departures	Twn	Sgl
15 Jan, 22 Jan, 29 Jan, 5 Feb, 12 Feb, 19 Feb, 26 Feb, 12 Mar	7036	8981

■ **Maximum capacity of tour - 20 guests.**