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AURORA CHASING IN NORWAY

Experience a magical night in your quest to witness the natural phenomenon of the Northern Lights - a sight to behold that will leave you breathless in wonder.

TOUR CODE: **ENTOSW**



LOFOTEN ISLANDS

PACE

RELAXED ACTIVE

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HIGHLIGHTS

NORWAY

TROMSØ

- Aurora Borealis
- Mt. Storsteinen
- Aurora Chasing Tour

NARVIK

- Polar Park
- Reindeer Farm

LOFOTEN ISLAND

- Sea-Eagle Safari
- Henningsvær & Stamsund fishing villages

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Meal Plan

- 7 Breakfasts, 3 Lunches, 4 Dinners

4★HOTELS

TROMSØ Clarion the Edge

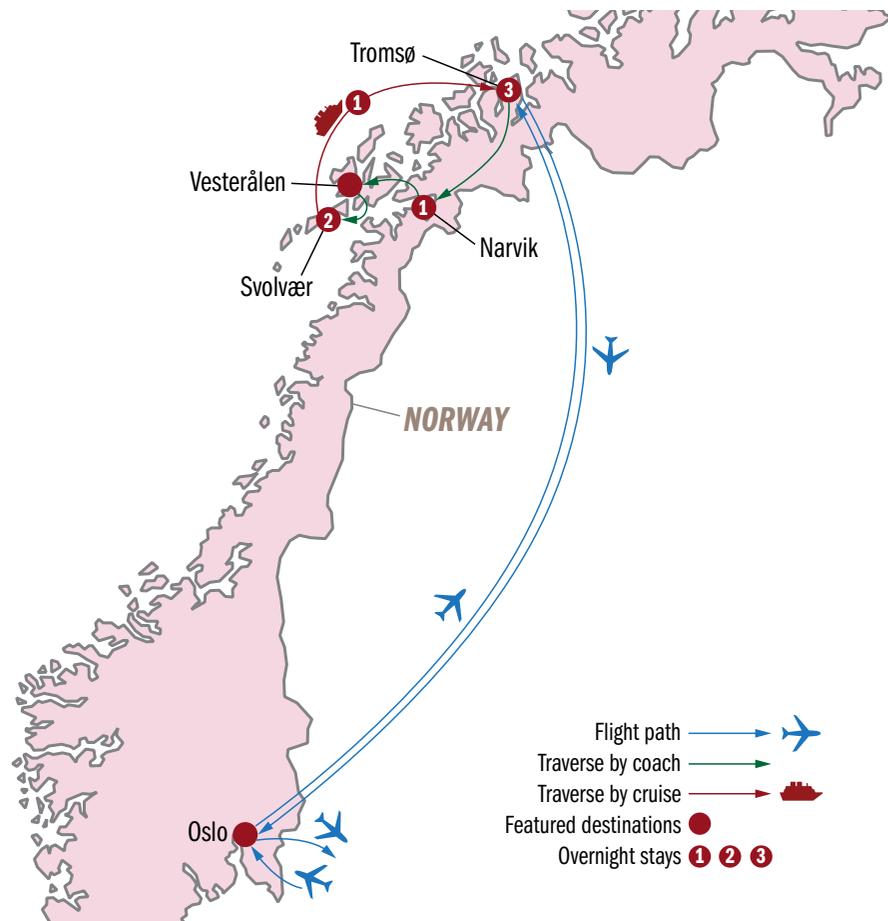
NARVIK Scandic Narvik

SVOLVÆR Scandic Svolvær

**Note: Hotels subject to final confirmation. Should there be changes, customers will be offered similar accommodations as stated in this list.*

EXCLUSIVE

- Sea Eagle Safari
- Hurtigruten cruise



DAY 1 SINGAPORE > OSLO

Meals on Board

Assemble at Singapore Changi Airport and depart for Oslo, the capital of Norway.

DAY 2 OSLO > TROMSØ

Meals on Board, Dinner

Board a domestic flight that will take you to Tromsø, the largest urban area in northern Norway. From there, get your hearts ready for the main highlight of this tour – a thrilling Northern Lights chase that is guaranteed to be a once-in-a-lifetime adventure you will never forget. Witness Earth's most magnificent and colourful lights show with the expertise of a local guide, who will drive for up to 7 hours to unearth the best location for you to watch the northern lights. Should the northern lights appear, a professional photographer will also be present to assist you in capturing perfect pictures of the captivating phenomenon.

**Note: We are unable to guarantee that you will observe the Northern Lights as it is a natural phenomenon and is subject to weather conditions, but if we miss the northern lights on the first day, we are willing to arrange for another aurora chase on the next day without additional charge should you wish to give another attempt.*

DAY 3 TROMSØ

Breakfast – Scandinavian Fare, Lunch

Begin the day with a Tromsø sightseeing tour that will bring you to some of the best attractions in the city. The centre of Tromsø has a rich neo-classical architectural heritage, dotted with both beautiful as well as dilapidated buildings from later periods. Board the Fjellheisen cable car to ascend to the top of Mt. Storsteinen on Fløya – 421 metres above the sea – where you may enjoy a magnificent panoramic view over Tromsø and the surrounding islands.

DAY 4 TROMSØ > NARVIK

Breakfast, Lunch, Dinner

Go for a leisure drive around the Tromsø region for a view of dramatic snowy landscapes, with the occasional heart-stopping moments as we drive between walls of snow. Then, take a walk on the wild side as we head to Polar Park – the world's northernmost wildlife park where you can meet bears, wolves, lynx, wolverines, polar foxes, moose, red deer, reindeer and muskoxen; get up-close and personal with the wolves in their enclosure and cuddle with the adorable polar foxes. Continue on to Narvik, a harbour town surrounded by stretches of beautiful fjords, mountains and islands.



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SEA EAGLE SAFARI

DAY 5
NARVIK > VESTERÅLEN - SVOLVÆR

Breakfast, Lunch – Sami cuisine, Dinner
Depart for Vesterålen, comprising of hundreds of large and small islands to form a stunning natural landscape in the archipelago. The terrain here varies from alpine mountains to gentle hillsides, deep valleys, chalk-white sandy beaches and narrow fjords. Pay a visit to the Reindeer Farm to see Santa’s iconic reindeers, learn more about this uncommon animal as well as the lifestyle and practices of the Sami people that remains deeply entwined with the reindeer. Thereafter, proceed to Svolvær, capital of the Lofoten Islands.

DAY 6
SVOLVÆR

Breakfast, Dinner
Traverse through the islands of Lofoten and delight in the idyllic coastal scenery of Vestfjord along the way. Arrive in the fishing villages of Henningsvær and Stamsund for sightseeing tours – enjoy the rich cultural scene in Stamsund and marvel at the vista

of impressive mountains surrounded by the clear, blue sea in Henningsvær.

DAY 7
VOLVÆR > HURTIGRUTEN

Breakfast
Embark on a great nature expedition today as you head out on a Sea Eagle Safari. Speed across the Trollfjord on a rigid inflatable boat (RIB) helmed by an experienced captain, which will take you to the middle of the fjord where the sea eagles dwell. Discover more about these majestic birds of prey and watch them in action at thrillingly close quarters as you throw fish into the sea for them to dive and collect. After the adrenaline rush, enjoy the rest of the day free at leisure till it is time to board the legendary Hurtigruten cruise ship.

Note: Sea Eagle Safari by RIB boat minimum age is 12.

DAY 8
HURTIGRUTEN > TROMSØ

Breakfast on Board
Take pleasure in the warm morning sunlight as it filters through your window, and enjoy

the beautiful panorama as it enlivens the gorgeous landscapes and surrounding fjords. Spend the rest of your time aboard the cruise at leisure until it arrives at Tromsø in the afternoon. After which, the rest of the day is free for you to do some shopping, or simply wander around and enjoy the charming city.

DAY 9
TROMSØ > OSLO > SINGAPORE

Enjoy the rest of the day at leisure till it is time to transfer to the airport for your flight home.

DAY 10
ARRIVAL IN SINGAPORE

We hope you enjoyed your trip with EU holidays and we look forward to seeing you again for your next trip.

NOTE:

- The sequence of the itinerary, flight schedules and hotels are subject to change without prior notice in the event of unforeseen circumstances.
- Activities are subject to weather conditions.
- During major events and festivals, accommodation may be re-located to outside of the city or in another city without prior notice.

Northern Lights

All you need to know about the most magical natural phenomenon on Earth



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NORTHERN LIGHTS OVER KIRKJUFELL, ICELAND

The bright dancing lights that you see are collisions between electrically charged particles released from the sun's atmosphere with the gaseous particles present in the Earth's atmosphere. The blazing hot temperatures above the surface of the sun causes frequent and volatile collisions between gas molecules, which are thrown from the sun's atmosphere and released via holes in the magnetic field as the sun rotates. The solar wind then blows them towards the Earth, where most of them are deflected by the strong magnetic field. However, some particles are able to stream into the Earth's atmosphere at the North and South poles where the magnetic field is significantly weaker, giving rise to the auroras that we see.

Auroral displays appear in a variety of colours – shades of red, yellow, green, blue and violet are most common – and they are also indicators of the type of gas particles that are present. The most common yellowish-green hued aurora is produced by oxygen molecules, whereas violet or blue auroras indicate the presence of nitrogen. The rarest of all is the all-red aurora, which is produced by high-altitude oxygen molecules colliding at heights up to 322 kilometres.

The Northern Lights can be seen in the northern or southern hemisphere, in an irregularly shaped oval belt, an approximate radius of 2,500 km from the centre of each magnetic pole. The northern auroral zone extends over northern Scandinavia and

the southern tip of Greenland to northern Canada, Alaska and the northern coast of Siberia. The best places to watch the lights are in the north-western parts of Canada and the Norwegian counties of Troms and Finnmark in northern Norway, where occurrence is the highest.

However, auroras in the south – also known as 'Aurora australis' – are often not visible as they are most concentrated in a ring around Antarctica and the southern Indian Ocean, thus they may only be glimpsed from Tasmania and southern New Zealand out of all populated regions in the southern hemisphere. However, scientists have found out that northern and southern auroras are often mirror-like images that occur at the same time, with corresponding shapes and colours.

In reality, the auroras are present all year round, though we are unable to see them when the night sky is fairly light or when the sky is cloudy. Thus, the winter season is the best time for aurora viewing due to the long periods of darkness (longer nights) and frequency of clear skies. If the auroras are strong enough, you may be able to see them against a twilight sky – a common occurrence in Tromsø, or witness the even rarer 'day aurora' in Spitzbergen where darkness falls as early as midday during winter. In northern Norway, the northern lights are visible between the months of September to April, and the best time to watch for them is local midnight.