

**10D7N**  
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# AUTUMN NORTHERN LIGHTS IN FINLAND & NORWAY + NORTH CAPE

## FOLLOW US....

Enjoy the amazing autumn colours and be mesmerized by the double Northern Lights that could appear by the lakes.

TROMSØ, NORWAY



Premier  
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Relaxed **PACE** Active

Travel Validity Period:  
Autumn Sep - Oct 2020

## HIGHLIGHTS

### FINLAND

#### ROVANIEMI

- Santa Claus Village
- Santa's Main Post Office
- Arctic Circle Stamp
- Arctic Circle Crossing Certificate

#### SAARISELKA

- Igloo Tower
- Kelo Glass Igloo
- Inari Sami Village & Siida Museum

### NORWAY

#### HONNINGSVAG

- King Crab Safari

#### ALTA

- Northern Lights Cathedral
- Alta Museum

#### NORDKAPP

- North Cape
- North Cape Hall

#### TROMSO

- Fjellheisen Cable Car

## DELICACIES

#### Meal Plan

7 Breakfasts, 3 Lunches, 4 Dinners

## 4★HOTELS

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**SAARISELKA** Kakslauttanen

**HONNINGSVAG** Scandic

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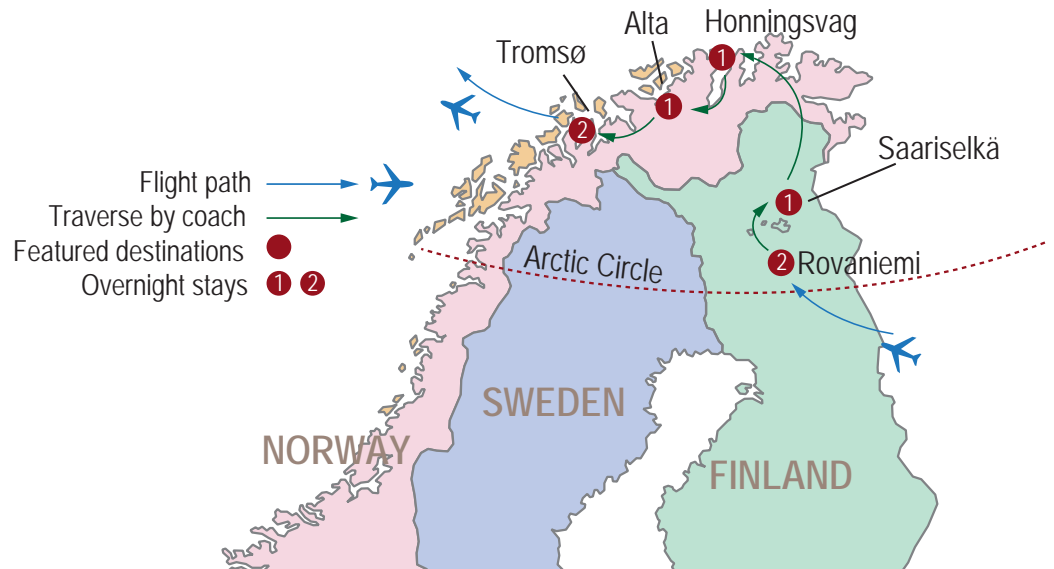
**TROMSO** Clarion

*\*Note: Hotels subject to final confirmation. Should there be changes, customers will be offered accommodation similar to this list.*



### EU TRAVEL TIPS

- You can witness The Northern Lights from August until April each year.



#### DAY 1

### HOME ▶ ROVANIEMI

#### Meals on Board

Assemble at the airport and take-off to **Rovaniemi**, the Official Hometown of Santa Claus on the Arctic Circle in Lapland, Finland.

#### DAY 2

### ROVANIEMI

#### Meals on Board, Dinner

Upon arrival, pay a visit to **Santa Claus Village** where you can peruse through the numerous souvenir shops and send a postcard from the **Santa's Main Post Office** to receive a special Arctic Circle stamp. You will also be awarded with an **Arctic Circle Crossing Certificate** as proof of your journey across the Arctic Circle. On top of that, meet Santa Claus in the **Christmas House of the Santa Claus** and get a chance to buy a lasting memory of the meeting in the form of a high-quality photo. Tonight, join us for a Northern Light Chase by bus with a **Professional Photographer** and seek out together for the mysterious green light everyone wants to see. And if luck is with you, get ready for an amazing light show to remember!

*Note: The appearance of the Northern Lights cannot be guaranteed as it is a naturally occurring phenomenon and is subject to weather conditions.*

#### DAY 3

### ROVANIEMI

#### Breakfast, Lunch

This morning, we will experience a **taste of lapland**. Imagine a private, small lake in the middle of tranquil, silent forest. This is in the middle of nowhere with no other people, only us. The water in the lake is so clear and pure that you can even drink it. We drive outside the city of Rovaniemi and after a short walk on ancient rocks we reach Kalliolampi, the Rock Bond, which is a small sweet water lake surrounded by swamps and forest and the bond has a "kota", a reindeer herder nomad's tepee, build next to it. Breathe the cleanest air and pick the nature's seasonal delicacies such as blueberries

directly from forest when they are on their sweetest. Our guide sets up a camp fire and fishing gear for exploring the rich fish waters of the lake. The holistic experience is complete with rich tastes of local tapas style snack table, all with local, organic ingredients. In the outdoors, it tastes even better!

*Note: Berry and Mushroom Picking Period - Aug to September.*

#### DAY 4

### ROVANIEMI ▶ SAARISELKA

#### Breakfast, Dinner

Today we will make our way to **Saariselkä**, a resort village in northern Finland that houses the worldwide famous **Kakslauttanen Arctic Resort**. This afternoon, we will try a special activity called **Gold Panning** in Kakslauttanen. We will also have a chance to visit the **Igloo Tower** that could oversee the Kakslauttanen forested landscape and get set for a night of wonder as we make arrangements for you to stay in a comfortable and unique **Kelo Glass Igloo** for tonight's accommodation. Enjoy a **Finnish Sauna** at your own private area and be mesmerized by the clear starry skies as you cuddle up in the warm, toasty bed, and admire the unmarred beauty of the surrounding landscapes. If conditions permit and sighting is good, **Take a walk in search of the Northern Lights** with your Tour Manager.

#### DAY 5

### SAARISELKA ▶ HONNINGSVAG

#### Breakfast, Dinner

Enroute to **Honningsvåg**, the northernmost city in Norway, pay a visit to the **Inari Sami Village and Siida Museum**. During this day you learn more about Sami culture, visit and interesting museum, see beautiful view over Inari lake and have a chance to buy souvenirs and authentic handicrafts. Afterwards, embark on a phenomenal **King Crab Safari** experience, where you will get to catch the Arctic King Crab (metaphorically, not literally) before learning how to cook and eat these huge creatures that can weigh up to 15 kilograms. Indulge in a hearty seafood meal and savour the sweet freshness of the king crab.

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AUTUMN LEAF COLOUR RIVER



KAKSLAUTTANEN KELO GLASS IGLOO



ALTA MUSEUM

## DAY 6

### HONNINGSVAG ▶ NORTH CAPE ▶ ALTA

*Breakfast, Lunch, Dinner*

Drive north and enter the northernmost point of Europe, imagine a place in the far north, where the Atlantic Ocean meets the Arctic Ocean and their frigid waters mix. This place is situated at **Nordkapp – the North Cape** – in Western Finnmark, Northern Norway. Here, the only dry land between you and the North Pole is the Svalbard archipelago. Visit the **North Cape Plateau** with its cliff face jutting into the sea, the plateau rises 307 metres above sea level. The **North Cape Hall**, holds various exhibitions throughout the year, and the chapel **St Johannes Kapell** is the world's northernmost ecumenical chapel. After which, Drive to **Alta**, a town on Norway's northern coast, at the head of Alta Fjord. Due to its location on the inner part of the Altafjorden (Fjord) and the fact that Norway's coast gets a taste of the Gulf Stream, Alta doesn't get bitterly cold. The low level of annual precipitation, provides optimal aurora conditions from September to April each year.

## DAY 7

### ALTA ▶ TROMSØ

*Breakfast, Lunch*

In the morning, take view of the **Northern Lights Cathedral** – a huge modern church in the center of town and visit the **Alta's Museum**. Experience Northern Europe's largest and richest rock carving site,

inscribed on the UNESCO's World Heritage List. Then, depart for **Tromsø**, a city in northern Norway. It is a major cultural hub above the Arctic Circle and it is renowned for its viewing point, which offers unhindered sights of the stunning Northern Lights. Begin with a 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. We will take a **Cable Car** that runs from Solliveien in Tromsdalen up to the mountain ledge Storsteinen (421m above sea level) in the gondolas. From the **Viewing Platform** at the upper station, you can enjoy spectacular panoramic views of Tromsø and the surrounding islands, mountains and fjords.

## DAY 8

### TROMSØ

*Breakfast*

Free at leisure on your own to explore Tromsø, where an array of activities are waiting for you to join. If you do not have enough of Northern Lights, you can join an optional thrilling Northern Lights chase and get a chance to 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 locations 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.

## DAY 9

### TROMSØ ▶ HOME

*Breakfast*

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

## DAY 10

### HOME SWEET HOME

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

*Suggested Excursion:*

- **(Tromsø) Northern Lights Chase: from 990 NOK** These additional activities enrich your experiences; however it is entirely optional and will be at your own discretion. Minimum group size may apply and subject to schedule.

*Tipping Guideline: (based on 10D7N)*

- €80 per person

*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.
- A minimum group size of 15 passengers is required for a confirmed departure.
- The sequence of the itinerary, flight schedules and hotels are subject to change without prior notice in the event of unforeseen circumstances.
- All 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.

## 4 reasons why

# Autumn

is a good season to see the **Northern Lights**



### 1 Avoid sub-zero temperatures

- Although the weather is still cold in Northern Scandinavia in autumn, it maintains comfortable and mild temperatures!
- This means that you can spend longer periods outdoors watching the Northern Lights without freezing.

### 2 Little to no cloud cover

- The months of September and October are believed to be the least cloudiest as well the warmest months.
- The lack of snow keeps skies clear and offers unhindered views of the Aurora Borealis.

### 3 Two for the price of one

- With lakes and rivers unfrozen in autumn, it's common to see two auroral displays at the same time - one in the sky and another reflected perfectly on the placid lakes and rivers below.

### 4 Increase in geomagnetic activity = higher Northern Lights activity

- With geomagnetic activity at an all-time high in autumn, you will have a better chance of seeing the Northern Lights as it makes frequent appearances throughout the season.
- Auroral activity reaches its peak after the equinox on 21 September, when the sky gets dark from 7pm onwards.