

# 71° NORTH - NORTH CAPE AND THE SNOW HOTEL

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### DAY 1: WELCOME TO TROMSØ & NORTHERN LIGHTS HUNT

Upon arrival at **Tromsø** Airport, collect your luggage and make your way to your hotel. We recommend taking the airport bus (Flybussen) or a taxi to your hotel. After settling in at your hotel, you can spend the rest of the day exploring the charming city of the "capital of Norway". There are many restaurants in city centre for an early dinner to start the holiday with a taste of a true arctic meal.

In the evening it's time to leave the city lights behind on a guided small group bus tour for a chance to enjoy some of the brightest **northern lights** in the world.\*

Spend the night in Tromsø.

*\* Please note that the northern lights are a natural phenomenon and sightings cannot be guaranteed.*

**HIGHLIGHTS:** Arctic Cathedral - Fjellheisen - Northern lights - The Polar Museum - Tromsø

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### DAY 2: DOG SLEDDING & AURORA BOREALIS

Spend the first half of the day at leisure in **Tromsø** exploring the many attractions, including the **Polar Museum, Arctic Cathedral** and the **Fjellheisen** cable car. If you are looking for more adventure, you can add optional activities in the morning.

In the late afternoon you will be taken to the wilderness centre, **Camp Tamok**. There you will join a thrilling dog sledding tour into the white landscapes, through an uninhabited forest landscape surrounded by majestic mountains. After the tour you will have another opportunity to look for northern lights while enjoying dinner in a lavvu, a traditional Sami tent, at Camp Tamok, before being transferred back to your hotel in Tromsø.

Spend the night in Tromsø.

**HIGHLIGHTS:** Arctic Cathedral - Camp Tamok - Dog sledding in Tromsø - Fjellheisen - Northern lights - The Polar Museum - Tromsø

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### DAY 3: LEISURE DAY & HURTIGRUTEN COASTAL VOYAGE

Explore **Tromsø** this morning. We recommend a stroll down Storgata which is the main walking/shopping street of the city. There are numerous shops and cafes to suit all tastes. If you would like to book an optional activity for this morning, your travel consultant can arrange for excursions including reindeer-sledding and snowmobiling.

For the next leg of your journey, board the **Hurtigruten** ship at 18:30 for a cruise to Kirkenes. Sailing along the fjord-studded coastline, this voyage offers incredible views of Norway's most famous landscapes along with on-board entertainment, gourmet dining and other convenient amenities. There's a good chance of seeing the northern lights this evening, so keep your eyes peeled.

Spend the night on board Hurtigruten.

**HIGHLIGHTS:** Fjellheisen - Hurtigruten Cruise - Polaria - Tromsø

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## DAY 4: NORTH CAPE AT 71°NORTH

Today your Hurtigruten cruise makes a stop at the famous **North Cape** (Nordkapp). Situated at 71° north, this area is known for its beautiful landscapes and wildlife sighting opportunities. You will join a guided shore excursion to the North Cape, encountering magnificent landscapes as we cross the 71st parallel on a journey towards the northernmost point on the European continent. Here you will also have a bit of free time to explore the charming seaside town of **Honningsvåg**.

Spend another night on board Hurtigruten.

**HIGHLIGHTS:** Honningsvåg - North Cape

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## DAY 5: THE SNOW HOTEL EXPERIENCE

In the morning, the ship arrives at **Kirkenes**, located about 400 km (240 miles) above the Arctic Circle in northern Norway. With just over 3,000 inhabitants, including the native Sami people, this is remote, scenic slice of Norway. We recommend booking optional activities before checking in at the **Snow Hotel**. You can choose to go on a dog-sledding tour, snowmobiling adventure, or even a King Crab safari.

In the afternoon, it's time to check in to the one-and-only Snow Hotel. There you will enjoy a drink at the Snow Bar and feast on a 3-course meal by the fireplace at the Høyloftet Restaurant before preparing for an amazing night in your special suite made of snow and ice\*!

Spend the night at the Snow Hotel.

*\*Please note that we offer the option of choosing to stay in a private cabin instead of in an ice room at the Snow Hotel. Click the optional activities for further information.*

**HIGHLIGHTS:** Kirkenes - Kirkenes SnowHotel

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## DAY 6: THE ARCTIC NORTH & KIRKENES

Spend the morning warming up in the Snow Hotel's sauna and enjoy a hearty breakfast. Visit the hotel's on-site friendly reindeers and meet some happy Huskies before travelling back to **Kirkenes**. However, if you are up for some optional activities, you can join tours including dog-sledding, snowmobiling and a king crab safari.

Spend the rest of the day at leisure exploring Kirkenes including the Border Country Museum (Grenslandsmuseet), which tells the story of war and peace along the border, or the Andersgrotta Cave, a vast underground bunker that sheltered the town's residents during WWII.

Spend the night in Kirkenes

**HIGHLIGHTS:** Kirkenes - Kirkenes SnowHotel

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## DAY 7: DEPARTURE FROM THE NORTH

After an incredible time in Norway, it's time to bid farewell to Norway. Your tour will conclude in Kirkenes, where you will make your way back home.

*Note: If you need assistance with flights to Tromsø and from Kirkenes, or booking pre or post-nights in Oslo before and after your holiday in the North then please contact us for details.*

*Whatever your needs, we are here to help. If you have any questions about our packages or services, please do not hesitate to contact us.*

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