



Lofoten Northern Lights Experience

TOUR 147

5 Nights, 6 Days

Harstad - Narvik

The Lofoten Islands have been voted by National Geographic as one of the most appealing destinations in the world. Located in Northern Norway and above the Arctic Circle, this region is a great destination for viewing the amazing Northern Lights, which normally can appear from September to April.

Visiting this part of Norway also allows for great winter adventures and unforgettable experiences, such as meeting the local Sami people and their reindeer herds, tasting local fresh fish or a Viking Feast dinner, cruising on the spectacular Trollfjord, enjoying dog sledding through the snow, visiting the northernmost wildlife park and travelling on the Arctic Train.

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DAY 1 Welcome to HARSTAD - SORTLAND

Arrival at Harstad/Narvik Airport in Evenes according to your own itinerary (flight reserved by your agency). Transfer by private coach to your hotel in Sortland, situated in the Vesterålen islands, a great starting point for your exciting winter adventure north of the Arctic circle.

Half board accommodation at **Scandic Sortland Hotel**

DAY 2 SORTLAND - SVOLVÆR

After breakfast, short drive by private coach to a reindeer farm where you'll get a unique experience of pure and authentic local Sami culture. You'll learn more about the Sami culture, myths and magic, herding reindeers, and the daily life of the arctic reindeers and their exciting properties. You will experience Joik (The traditional song of the Sami people) while seated around the warm, cosy fireplace inside their lavvu, enjoying the special atmosphere.

Continue by private coach to Stokmarkens for a guided visit of the Coastal Express (Hurtigruta) Museum. The "Hurtigruta" has had an immense impact on the Norwegian coast and for Norway's infrastructure. The history is told through modern exhibitions, artifacts, models and the ships themselves.

Your journey continues to Melbu for a short ferry crossing to Fiskebøl, before driving to Svolvær, situated in the Lofoten islands.

Half board accommodation at **Thon Hotel Svolvær**

DAY 3 SVOLVÆR / LOFOTEN

Enjoy breakfast at your hotel, followed by a 3 hours cruise on board an eco-friendly boat to the spectacular Trollfjord and discover the majestic scenery and wildlife of the region. Back in the charming fishing town of Svolvær you will find an interesting selection of restaurants, galleries and activities.

Lofoten has a strong connection to the Viking Age, and in the evening your private coach will take you for an excursion to Lofotr Viking Museum, where you can experience the Viking Age as it really was. Entrance, film, guiding and a **Viking Feast dinner** is included.

On your drive back to Svolvær, watch out for the possible appearance of the Northern Lights. Even though we cannot guarantee that you'll see the Northern Lights, the Lofoten Islands are located within what is known as the 'aurora oval.' Even with low solar activity, there is a greater chance of seeing the northern lights on Lofoten than many other destinations.

Bed and breakfast accommodation at **Thon Hotel Svolvær**

DAY 4 SVOLVÆR - NARVIK

Breakfast at your hotel. Drive to Narvik, surrounded by majestic mountains and perfect for both mountaineering and skiing. Upon arrival in Narvik, take the cable car up the Narvik Mountain which offers a panoramic view of the Ofotfjord surrounded by high mountains.

You might also be interested in visiting some of the museums in Narvik to learn more about the towns interesting culture and history. The skies in Narvik are especially clear and great for observing the northern lights in the late autumn, winter and early spring.

Half board accommodation at **Quality Grand Royal Hotel**



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DAY 5 NARVIK

After breakfast at your hotel, we recommend an optional excursion for an exciting winter activity; Husky dog sledding. Deeply rooted in the history and culture of the Arctic, dog sledding offers visitors a unique experience. More than just a ride, this adventure is a connection to breathtaking landscapes and the loyal, energetic sled dogs.

Another optional excursion is a visit to the Polar Park in Bardu, the world's northernmost animal park, and home to Norway's large predators such as bears, wolves, and lynx as well as deer, moose, reindeer and muskox. The park is based on exhibiting animals in their natural surroundings.

In the evening, excursion on board The Northern Lights Train, along the historic Ofoten Trainline. At Katterat station, you'll step off the train, gathering around a cozy campfire under the open sky. Your guide will serve hot drinks and a fresh pastry as you wait for the northern lights to (hopefully) appear, before returning to Narvik.

Half board accommodation at **Quality Grand Royal Hotel**

DAY 6 NARVIK - DEPARTURE

Enjoy breakfast before your transfer to Harstad/Narvik Airport, Evenes, for your return flight according to your own itinerary. (Flights reserved by your agency).

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SERVICES INCLUDED

Accommodation and meals:

- 4 nights accommodation incl. half board
- 1 night accommodation incl. breakfast

Entrances and activities:

- Visit to a Reindeerfarm as per program
- Entrance and guiding at the Coastal Express Museum
- Visit to Lofotr Viking Museum, incl. entrance, film, guiding and the Viking Feast dinner
- Excursion by cable car up the Narvik Mountain

Fjord cruise:

- 3 hours Silent Trollfjord Cruise

Train ride:

- The Northern Lights Train excursion as per program

Optional activities:

- Husky dog sledding
- Excursion to the wildlife Polar Park

Private coach:

Coach transfers and hire as per program, incl. ferry crossing Melbu - Fiskebøl for coach and passengers.

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