# **Northern Lights Experience**



Start your winter adventure in Alta before joining Tromsø, combining the peaceful and exotic scenery of Norwegian Lapland with the exciting winter activities of lively Tromsø, the Gateway to the Arctic. Highlights of this tour include a visit to the amazing northernmost ice hotel in the world, as well as a Northern Lights excursion and a Husky dog sleigh ride..



# DAY 1 | ALTA | Arrival

Arrival at Alta Airport according to own itinerary (flight reserved by your agency). Transfer by private coach to your hotel in Alta.

Alta lies at the inner reaches of the Altafjord in an area with a relatively mild climate in the otherwise cold north. Although located far north, Alta is fairly easy to reach by plane or by road. The first scientific observations of the northern lights were made in Alta, and with its dry climate, Alta is one of the best places to see them. Here you can also experience the Sami culture up close, drive a snow mobile and go on a Husky dog sleigh ride.

Half board accommodation at Scandic Alta, or similar.

# DAY 2 | ALTA

After breakfast and a very short walk, visit the Northern Lights Cathedral (Alta Church), a modern cathedral with lines as elegant as the northern lights themselves.

Excursion by private coach for a guided visit to the world's northernmost ice hotel. The Igloo Hotel was the first one built in Norway and the second in the world, and it is built fresh and new every year. The guide will tell you about the ice hotel, how to build and construct, the theme of this year, and take you on a tour inside the Igloo Hotel. Enjoy a blue ice drink at Sorrisniva Igloo, served in a glass made by ice. (The hotel normally is open from the end of December to the beginning of April). Afterwards, you'll go on a Northern Lights Excursion. Your dreams of experiencing the spectacular Northern Lights dancing over your head might come true tonight. You'll be transported by coach in the region of Alta, where the stable climate creates the perfect conditions to see the Northern Lights. During the visit you will be served hot drinks and light snacks, while the guide shares her/his knowledge of the magical phenomenon. Total duration: 2 hours.

Half board accommodation at Scandic Alta

# DAY 3 | ALTA - TROMSØ

After breakfast, meet your driver and coach to travel south across mountain plateaus and coastal scenery to Tromsø, a lively, colorful town rich in Arctic history, surrounded by the drama of the Lyngen Alps, blue fjords and hundreds of islands. Tromsø, also called the "Gateway to the Arctic", is the largest city in Northern Norway, offering a lively city center with cozy cafés and charming boutiques. Here you'll also find the world's most northern brewery and a visit to the iconic Ølhallen pub is recommended for a taste of the local beer.

**Half board** accommodation at **Clarion Hotel The Edge**, or similar, located in the city center





# DAY 4 | TROMSØ

Enjoy a 4 hours city sightseeing tour of Tromsø with a private coach and a local city guide. During the panoramic tour of Tromsø you will visit the Polaria, a museum and aquariums dedicated to Arctic phenomena and visit the Arctic Cathedral, before taking the cable car to the top of Mount Storsteinen to admire the panoramic view of Tromsø and the surrounding mountains.

In the evening, excursion by coach to a husky camp. Participate in a husky dog trip with Alaskan huskies and experienced guides. Here you have the opportunity to drive a team of huskies yourself, or you can choose to enjoy the ride on the sledge covered with warm reindeer skins, while an expert guide drives the sledge. You might get the chance to see the Northern Lights dancing above your head whilst you are enjoying the silence of the nature and feeling the dogs pull you into the wilderness. Later a traditional Sami meal will be served. Transfer back to the city center.

**Bed and breakfast** accommodation at **Clarion Hotel The Edge**, or similar, located in the city center.

## DAY 5 | TROMSØ | Departure

After breakfast at your hotel, transfer to Tromsø Airport for your return flight according to your own itinerary (flight reserved by your agency).



## **SERVICES INCLUDED**



#### **Accommodation and meals:**

- 3x nights accommodation in double rooms with shower/WC incl. half-board
- 1x night accommodation in double rooms with shower/WC incl. bed & breakfast
- Dinner during the Husky sledding excursion, day 4

#### **Guided tours:**

- Tromsø (4 hours) incl Polaria Museum, Arctic Cathedral & cable car Fjellheisen (return trip)

#### **Entrances:**

- Northern Lights Cathedral
- Ice Hotel (included guiding and ice drink)

### Other activities:

- Northern Lights Excursion, day 2, including guiding, hot drink & snack

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- Husky sledding excursion, day 4, including Sit-In-Coach transfers.

#### **Private coach:**

- Coach transfers and transport as per program (except for Husky sledding excursion)

