



Northern Norway Natural Wonders: 7 Night Summer Self Drive



HOLIDAY TYPE: Small Group
VISITING: Norway

BROCHURE CODE: 5999
DURATION: 7 nights

In Brief

Discover the enchanting beauty of Northern Norway on a week-long self-drive tour, where you have the freedom to explore at your own pace. Under the glow of the Midnight Sun and with the majestic mountains and fjords as your backdrop, this is Norway at its absolute finest. You can also tailor your adventure by adding activities that will make your stay truly unforgettable.

Our Opinion

“ In our opinion, there is no better location to embrace the thrill of the open road than Norway. From towering mountains to mesmerising fjords, every turn of the road rewards you with another natural wonder. ”



What's included?

- Car Rental (Toyota Rav 4 or similar SUV-type vehicle)*
- Return transfer
- Accommodation: 2 nights at the Clarion The Edge Tromso (start and end of trip), 1 night at the Scandic Narvik, 2 night at the Svinøya Rorbru and 2 nights at Hamn i Senja
- Meals: 7 Breakfasts
- Does not include petrol, toll stations or ferry crossings. Toll stations and ferry crossings will be charged when you hand in the car.

NB Flights are not included but please contact us if you would like to include these in your quote. Activities are not included at each of your destination stops, however we have suggested those that you might like to consider booking in resort.

**Car hire includes tire and windshield protection, personal accident protection, interior protection, loss damage waiver (including theft protection) with minimum deductible (zero excess). You will have full directions provided in your final travel documents but if you would like a Sat Nav this can be arranged on picking up your hire car as can an additional driver – one named driver will be included.*

Trip Overview

Embark on a thrilling 8-day self-drive adventure to Northern Norway, a land of mesmerising fjords, towering mountains, and enchanting Arctic landscape.

You will start in Tromsø - the gateway to this captivating region and known as the 'Paris of the North'. Take a stroll through the city, which boasts excellent shopping, the fascinating Polar Museum, and an unforgettable cable car journey.

Day 2 is the start of your self-drive trip as you make your way to Narvik. Along the way, you will be captivated by Norway's stunning landscapes unravelling with each turn of the road. You will check into your hotel at one of Northern Norway's tallest buildings offering panoramic views of surrounding mountains and fjords from its 15th-floor sky bar, perfect for witnessing the enchanting Midnight Sun.

You will continue your self-drive adventure to Svolvær, the largest town in the beautiful Lofoten

Islands. Here, you will immerse yourself in the authentic Lofoten lifestyle by staying at the beautifully restored fisherman's cabins located right on the water. Experience the nature and wildlife through activities like a thrilling rib boat safari to spot sea eagles or a serene Icelandic horse ride.

Next, you will drive (and take two ferry rides) to Senja, where you will be greeted by an idyllic Norwegian fishing village nestled amid dramatic mountains and beautiful countryside. You will have two nights here so you have plenty of opportunity to choose from our optional activities like beer tasting, guided kayaking on crystal-clear blue lakes, or embark on a unique Arctic stream body rafting experience.

Finally, you will make your way back to Tromsø, where you will have more time to explore this lively city.

This self-drive trip has been expertly designed to ensure you see the best of Northern Norway, with plenty of opportunities to tailor to suit you and create your dream holiday.

Agenda

Please note the order of activities is subject to change

DAY
1

ARRIVAL

Today you will arrive at Tromsø Airport to start your Northern Norway adventure. You will take the airport express shuttle to your hotel, just 15 minutes away and in the heart of the city, known as the 'Paris of the North'. We recommend walking around the city and eating at one of the many restaurants on offer before coming back to the hotel and heading to the 11th floor for incredible views on the sky bar.

Included Meals: Breakfast

DAY
2

SELF DRIVE TROMSØ TO NARVIK (APPROX 3.5 HOURS)

Today following breakfast, you will check out of your hotel and take the airport express shuttle back to the airport to pick up your car for the week. You can pick up your car at any time so if you would like to explore Tromsø first there are plenty of activities on offer. We recommend visiting the Polar Park - the world's northernmost park.

Once you have your car, you will make your way to Narvik with Norway's stunning scenery unveiling itself at every turn.

Upon arrival, you will check into your hotel, which is one of Northern Norway's tallest buildings. The sky bar on the 15th floor gives you the best views of the surrounding mountains and fjords, and is the perfect spot to enjoy the Midnight Sun.

Included Meals: Breakfast**DAY
3****SELF DRIVE NARVIK TO SVOLVÆR (APPROX 3.5 HOURS)**

After breakfast, you will check out of your hotel and can either start your drive immediately or spend some time in Narvik. You could visit the insightful war museum or take the cable car for panoramic views of the deep fjords and stunning mountains.

Today you will be driving to Svolvær, the largest town in the beautiful Lofoten Islands.

Upon your arrival, you will check into your unique accommodation the fisherman's cabins at Svinøya Rorbuer. These traditional cabins are situated right on the water and have been beautifully restored and converted into comfortable and cosy lodging - perfect for experiencing the authentic Lofoten lifestyle.

You will be on picturesque island of Svinøya, just a short walk from Svolvær's charming town centre and home to a range of restaurants, cafes, and galleries. You could also book onto an activity to experience the local nature and wildlife. You could take a rib boat safari to see the sea eagles in some of the most awe-inspiring nature in the region. If you'd prefer to stay on land, you could experience an Icelandic horse ride along white sandy beaches and under the Midnight Sun. Speak to one of our travel advisors to book additional activities onto your trip.

Included Meals: Breakfast**DAY
4****DAY IN SVOLVÆR**

Svolvær is the gateway to the stunning Lofoten Islands and you can use it as a jumping off point for a myriad of activities. Whether you take a boat trip to Trollfjord, a narrow and dramatic fjord that's surrounded by towering mountains and frequented by seals and sea eagles.

Or you can venture further afield to the pretty fishing villages of Kabelvåg or Henningsvær or the excellent Viking museum at Borg.

This evening we would recommend dining at one of Svolvær's many excellent restaurants. Lofoten is known for its fresh seafood, so be sure to try some of the local dishes, such as cod tongue or stockfish.

Included Meals: Breakfast**DAY
5****SELF DRIVE SVOLVÆR TO HAMN I SENJA (APPROX 7 HOURS)**

Today following breakfast, you will embark on your longest drive of the trip. You will drive around 380 km, including two ferry rides which will take you around 6-7 hours. There is another route you can take

to avoid the ferry crossing, however we feel it misses some of the many memorable sights along the way!

Upon arrival at Senja, you will be greeted by this idyllic Norwegian fishing village as you make your way to the hotel surrounded by dramatic mountains and beautiful countryside. We recommend eating in the hotel's restaurant to try delicious local food with stunning views.

Included Meals: Breakfast

DAY
6

DAY IN SENJA

Today, after breakfast, you have the day to soak up Senja. You could stay in town and try beer tasting or you could get up close to the beautiful surroundings on a guided kayaking tour on crystal-clear blue lakes.

For a truly unique activity, you could try body rafting in an Arctic stream. You will wear a survival suit to ensure you stay warm as you float in the stream and move with the current.

To book on one of these activities or to learn about what else you can do during your stay, please talk to our travel advisors about the activities available.

Included Meals: Breakfast

DAY
7

SELF DRIVE TO SENJA TO TROMSØ (APPROX 3 HOURS)

Following breakfast, you will check out of your hotel and make your way back to Tromsø where you have more time to explore this bustling city.

Locals recommend the Fjellparkeringen car park located about 300 metres from the hotel (local fees apply).

Included Meals: Breakfast

DAY
8

DEPARTURE

Today following breakfast, it's unfortunately time for your Norwegian adventure to come to an end. You will check out of your hotel and take your car back to the airport before boarding your flight home.

Included Meals: Breakfast

Included Accommodation

Clarion Hotel - The Edge (Nights: 1,7)



Situated in the heart of the city centre, the Clarion Hotel The Edge is a perfect base to explore Tromsø's vibrant culture scene.

Hotel Facilities

- Enjoy spectacular views of the Midnight sun from the 11th-floor sky bar - the only one of its kind in the city
- The hotel puts great emphasis on being eco-friendly and is built with an environmental classification A
- Keep up with your fitness in the onsite gym with stunning sea views
- Enjoy tastes of Manhattan made using Arctic ingredients in the 'Kitchen and Table' restaurant

ROOM FACILITIES

- **Twin/Double Rooms:** the hotel offers standard double rooms as well as a standard twin room (two single beds). All rooms are ensuite and come with Wi-Fi, minibar, iron and ironing board
- **Deluxe Double/Junior Suite/Family Room:** for larger groups, we can offer an upgrade to a deluxe double (sleeps up to 3 persons) or a junior suite or family room for 4 people

Please note: the hotel is cash-free; they take payment by credit or debit card and accept all major international cards.

Scandic Narvik (Nights: 2)



This modern hotel is one of Northern Norway's tallest buildings. All 16 floors offer fantastic views over the surrounding mountain area and fjords. Located in the downtown area of Narvik you are on the doorstep to the Red Cross War Memorial Museum and close to the Ofoten Museum.

- The hotel has an on-site gym with a range of equipment for those who would like to keep their fitness levels up
- Tind restaurant can be found on the hotels 16th floor and as such takes advantage of the views on offer. It serves a range of local and international cuisine using fresh seasonal ingredients
- Take advantage of the rooftop terrace and the spectacular views whilst enjoying a drink.
- The hotel provides complimentary Wi-Fi

Guest accommodation

Your stay will be within a standard double/twin bedroom with private en-suite bathroom. All rooms feature an armchair and table with either wooden or carpeted flooring. They will also have a TV, telephone, hairdryer and a refrigerator.



Svinøya Rorbru (Nights: 3-4)

These traditional fisherman cabins have been beautifully restored to provide comfortable and cosy lodging with an authentic Lofoten touch. Situated right on the water, you can relax and watch the fishing boats come and go.

Room Types

The cabins are equipped with all the modern amenities you need for a comfortable stay, including fully-equipped kitchens, private bathrooms, and comfortable beds.

Hamn i Senja (Nights: 5-6)



Hamn i Senja can be found on the island of Senja - an idyllic Norwegian fishing village, surrounded by dramatic mountainous scenery. This perfect, peaceful location is an absolute must for those with a genuine appreciation of natural beauty. As Norway's second largest island after Svalbard, Senja can be found midway between Tromsø and Harstad and offers its guests a beautiful array of diverse island scenery with spectacular views of the surrounding fjords, islets and mountains.

The name of 'Hamn' means harbour and the location that Hamn i Senja resides within has roots dating back to the 1880s as a traditional fishing village. There is a wonderful historical feel as well as a perfect peaceful location directly on the harbour front.

Hotel facilities

The hotel was recently refurbished so offers a high standard of modern facilities for its guests.

- A stylish restaurant where you will enjoy a delicious range of home-cooked meals (including freshly caught local fish)
- The Cognac Saloon is the hotel's on-site bar which is open throughout the day and evening so guests can enjoy a coffee and chat with friends or relax and wind down with a Cognac later on in the evening
- For those moments where you wish to relax you can enjoy the sauna and sauna chamber
- Free Wi-Fi is available in all of the public areas and some of the rooms
- You can spend the evening in the hotel's Lighthouse and the very quirky hot tub made from a converted fishing boat (payable locally). The Lighthouse (a short walk from the hotel) offers a spectacular vantage point of the harbour and north-facing views of the sky, which means that you can enjoy a wonderful view of the Midnight Sun (depending on which time of year you are visiting)
- A range of activities can be added onto your trip via the hotel such as fishing, boat trips and whale watching trips

Guest bedroom types

SUITES: The suites are located in three buildings. Each suite has two bedrooms with two beds (which can be made up as either twins or doubles). Facilities in the suites include a kitchenette area, a lounge area with TV and view of the harbour, dining area, a shower room and a hairdryer.

The hotel offers complimentary Wi-Fi and towels.

The Specifics

Group Size

We always try to provide an approximation of the group size you can expect to be with for the duration of each of our holidays. It may be that you are joined by others for parts of your holiday (such as transfers and particular activities) but the above number reflects those you can normally expect to be with from beginning to end. If group size is something which is particularly important to you, please speak to our Travel Experts and they can suggest the best holidays for you.

Tailor-made holiday group sizes will vary for all activities as will the group size for any additional activities you book.

Minimum and maximum age

If a specific minimum age applies to this holiday, it can be found in the Key Facts box on the holiday Overview page.

Unless otherwise stated in the in the Key Facts box on the holiday Overview page, the minimum age for participation in an Artisan holiday is typically 8 years old (there may be younger children in some destinations who have booked with other companies). If an adult-only environment is important to you, then please contact our Travel Experts and they will advise on the best dates and destinations for you. If you are looking for a holiday designed specifically for families then please see our sister company www.activitiesabroad.com

Itinerary amendments

The order of activities listed in this agenda is provided for guidance only, your final and detailed itinerary will be provided either with your final travel documents (which are uploaded into your online account around a week prior to departure) or upon arrival.

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