

## Tromsø - Huskies, Wilderness and Midnight Sun



**HOLIDAY TYPE:** Small Group

**VISITING:** Norway

**DURATION:** 3 nights

**BROCHURE CODE: 5227** 

## In Brief

Attention dog and nature lovers! This unique getaway in Tromsø focuses on all things husky and nature, whilst also delivering authentic experiences and celebrating local cuisine. You will be sure to leave feeling loved, fulfilled, and grounded after exploring the wilderness with a canine best friend at your side and being out on the the calm Fjord waters under the midnight sun.

## Our Opinion

As a dog lover myself, this trip away seems like the perfect getaway. Not only do you become companions with resident huskies but also get to be completely immersed in raw nature, which is not often the case in urban getaways. To enjoy a calming sail trip under red skies and share a cabin with huskies with local cuisine being a running theme through this short getaway seems like a

dream escape.











## What's included?

- Transfers: Return airport and activity transfers
- Accommodation: 2 Nights in a standard room at Clarion The Edge hotel, 1 night in a Cabin at Vilmarkssenter
- Meals: 3 Breakfasts, 1 Lunch, 1 Dinner
- Activities: Husky hike, Midnight sun cruise
- Fully qualified guides and instructors during activities
- Support from our UK-based operations (including 24/7 whilst away) and customer service team to give you total peace of mind

# Trip Overview

Upon arrival check in to the modern and sophisticated Clarion The Edge Hotel. Your first evening lets you wander as you please. There is plenty to explore and see as the sun sets in 'the Paris of the North.' If venturing into the city isn't for you, perhaps stay within the Clarion and wander up to the chic rooftop bar overlooking the bustling city below; enjoy impressive views of the local cathedral. Settle in your cosy room for a good night's sleep before the adventure begins tomorrow.

Day two takes you on a canine adventure, leaving the city behind and stepping into the wilderness. With a husky at your side, you will enjoy a hike through the serene landscape adjoining the fjords. After the hike, you can take a break in the cosy Gamme, a traditional Sami shelter where you will be served some bacalao – this famous mediterranean fish stew would not exist without Norwegian cod! Rested and re-fuelled you and your husky guides will then head to your cabin for the evening, where you will enjoy a night's stay in unique accommodation letting you bond further with your huskies as they settle down with you in a dog house adjacent to the cabin, parted by a glass window. This evening you will enjoy Bidos, a traditional Sami reindeer stew.

You will return to Tromso refreshed and relaxed, and after some free time you have another unforgettable evening ahead. Making the most of the glorious golden sunlight that bathes the waters surrounding Tromso at this time of year, you will explore the fjords on a leisurely cruise. If you're travelling between mid-May and September (c.22nd May-22nd July), you'll be bathed in the full glorious glow of the Midnight Sun and for later dates you will witness the sun as it starts to set.





# Agenda

Please note the order of activities is subject to change

DAY 1

#### ARRIVAL IN TROMSØ

After landing in Tromsø, you will be transferred from the airport to Clarion Hotel the Edge for check in. Situated in the centre of 'the Paris of the North' with breathtaking views of the Arctic Cathedral, it offers a modern and comfortable stay in a city bursting with places to explore such as the Polaria Aquarium and the Tromsø Cathedral, enjoy a delicious evening meal in one of the cities many respected restaurants. The hotel's distinctive character adds to the charm of the city, providing visitors with an unforgettable experience. After exploring quench your thirst in the hotel's rooftop bar overlooking the cities night life as you settle in for the evening.

Included Meals: None

DAY 2

#### HUSKY HIKE AND GLAMPING

The dream activity for dog lovers commences this morning, where the transfer becomes the activity! In the morning arrive outside the Radisson Blu Hotel and head with guides to the centre where you will meet your canine companions. Be prepared for some exercise as you are guided by a pack of friendly and very athletic huskies into the Arctic wilderness. Fear not, you will be allocated 1 husky for every 3 adults, so if the eager husky becomes too tiresome, hand over to your walking buddy to take the leash!

After the hike you and your new companions can settle down for lunch around an open fire in a Gamme Hut\* Enjoy a traditional and delicious Norwegian lunch of bacalao, a salted cod dish, afterwards you will then be shown to your cabin where you will be greeted by a very friendly husky. Each cabin has a doghouse that allows you to play with the dogs when outside and lets you watch them rest after a day's hiking through a glass window whilst inside.

Now you have become an expert in the local terrain and have bonded with your husky, you will have the opportunity to borrow dog walking equipment and head out into the wilderness once more and in fact keep the dogs overnight as a guest in your cabin! A warming dinner will then be served later in the evening, a delicious and well-earned indulgence after a day husky hiking.

Taste traditional cuisine once more at dinner with the chance to try Bidos, a traditional Sami reindeer dish. Afterwards relax in your cosy cabin and enjoy a deep sleep in your 'samina' equipped bed, known as the world's best sleeping system due to its pure sheep wool filling.

\*A Gamme hut is a traditional Sámi dwelling, typically shaped like a tepee or cone, or sometimes made of logs. Used by the indigenous Sámi people of northern Scandinavia as a temporary shelter during reindeer herding or hunting expeditions (or husky hiking!)





Included Meals: Breakfast, Lunch, Dinner

DAY 3

#### CRUISING UNDER THE MIDNIGHT SUN

After quite possibly your best sleep, enjoy breakfast back in the Gamme hut and then say goodbye to your husky friends before heading back into Tromsø.

It's time for the dreamiest of activities as you head out for a cruise under the Midnight sun. Time loses meaning as you glide across calm waters under golden skies. If you are visiting May-July you'll still have an abundance of sunlight thanks to the Midnight Sun (c.22nd May-22nd July). If you're travelling outside these months, you'll get to experience the golden hour and watch the late sunset (weather permitting). This peaceful time of the evening makes perfect viewing for nature and wildlife in the fjords that surround Tromsø. Hot drinks and snacks are available for purchase during the cruise.

Included Meals: Breakfast

DAY 4

#### **DEPARTURE**

After making friends with local huskies, enjoying delicious, traditional cuisine in Sami cultural environments, and even cruising along Nordic Fjords under the fiery, yet tranquil Nordic skies, it's time for your holiday to come to an end. Hop on an airport shuttle bus, leaving from the city centre every thirty minutes, and head safely back home taking lifelong memories with you.

Included Meals: Breakfast

## Included Accommodation

Clarion Hotel - The Edge (Nights: 1,3)











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.

### Villmarkssenter - Glamping Pods (Nights: 2)







#### Glamping pod

Your glamping pod offers cozy and totally unique accommodation. The wooden camping huts offer a snug stay for both you and your Husky friends. This is not about offering a spacious luxury cabin anointed with fur and flat screen TV but about stripping it back to truly enjoy nature and it just be you, and the open white skies. With the warmth and quality not afforded by a conventional tent. The unique design as can be seen in pictures lets you sleep side by side with your huskies whilst separated by glass for a degree of privacy! Bathrooms are on site close by.



# 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.

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### 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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