ARTISAN TRAVEL

Tromsø - Midnight Sun City Break



HOLIDAY TYPE: Small Group
VISITING: Norway

BROCHURE CODE: 5224
DURATION: 3 nights

In Brief

Immerse yourself in the Midnight Sun as you spend three nights in the buzzing city of Tromsø. You'll stay right in the heart of this enchanting city where you'll uncover its history on a guided walking tour and soak up the surrounding nature on a stunning Midnight Sun cruise.

Our Opinion

"What's the only thing greater than a bit of Scandinavian sun? Twenty-four hours of it, of course! Bring a good quality sleep mask and enjoy a relaxing weekend in Tromsø, one of Norway's cultural capitals. Explore its sights on a guided tour, take in its fascinating museums or enjoy dinner on a Midnight Sun cruise of Malangen fjord. See you there!"

Alex Charlton





What's included?

- **Travel worry-free -** fully organised and run by a trusted, fully regulated UK operator. Read more about our bonding and the types of financial protection that we offer
- **Transfers:** return airport transfers
- **Accommodation:** 3 nights at Clarion Hotel The Edge in a standard double/twin room
- **Meals:** 3 breakfasts, 1 lunch
- **The following activities are included in the holiday:** Husky hike, Midnight Sun/Sunset cruise* and guided city walk **(the order of activities is subject to change)**
- Fully qualified guides and instructors during activities
- 24/7 assistance from our UK-based operations team and in-destination support from our local partners

Please note: the Midnight Sun is visible in Tromsø between 22nd May – 22nd July (approximately), outside of these dates you will enjoy a sunset sailing experience

Trip Overview

Dubbed 'the Paris of the North', Tromsø's fashion, food, and culture earn the admiration of travellers year after year. With 24-hour sun between May and July and just a few hours of darkness in the remaining summer months, you'll have more than enough daylight hours to explore this bustling city during your three-night stay.

You'll be staying right in the heart of the city so you're in a prime location to experience all the city has to offer, but we will also take you out to explore the wilderness and breathe in some of the cleanest air in Europe with a husky hike. We've also included a cruise among the fjords to take you out to Tromsø's spectacular surrounding nature. If you're travelling between mid-May and July (c.19th May-25th July), you'll be bathed in the glorious glow of the Midnight Sun, and for the remaining summer months, you'll explore the fjords just as the sun starts to set, late at night.

To ensure you make the most of your stay in Tromsø, you'll go on a guided city tour to uncover why the city has a second nickname; 'The Gateway to the Arctic'. You'll go on a journey through time, from the ice age to contemporary life in Tromsø, all while visiting the iconic destinations of the city.

This three-night break is your chance to see why Tromso ticks the top of many travel bucket lists, and with a perfect mix of bustling city life with untouched nature, you'll leave wondering how soon you can return.

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Itinerary

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 will be emailed to you around a week prior to departure), or upon arrival.

Please note: This holiday is a city break and as such operates quite differently to some of our other holidays in more remote locations. Because of your central base in the city, your activities will start at various meeting points (full details and directions will be provided in your final travel documents) which you will need to walk to (or arrange your own taxi unless otherwise stated) in good time for the activity to begin. You will then normally be met by a bus which will either take you directly out on your activity or to a central meeting point from where you will then head out on your adventure.

For environmental reasons and to pass on the cost saving benefit to our clients on some of our holidays based within a city, we may also make use of scheduled shared airport shuttle buses. These will stop near your hotel but there may be a short walk (with your luggage) due to traffic restrictions. To check what is standard within your itinerary please check the 'what's included' section. We can arrange private taxi transfers if you prefer (upgrade costs will apply). Our travel experts will be happy to provide more information.

Due to the city location, the group sizes for activities and transfers will be larger than some of our other holidays. We have lots of itineraries to suit everyone. So, if you enjoy the buzz of a city and like to explore its sights and sounds in your free time, then this holiday is a great option for you. If you prefer a more remote destination with activities on site, then please ask one of our travel experts who would be very happy to make some suggestions.

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Agenda

Please note the order of activities is subject to change

DAY 1	ARRIVAL AND WELCOME

Following your arrival at Tromsø Airport, you will be transferred to your hotel in the city, just 15 minutes away.

You'll be staying right in the heart of Tromsø, so why not walk to one of the many nearby restaurants and sample some of the local dishes.

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Included Meals: None

DAY 2 HUSKY HIKE DAY AND MIDNIGHT SUN/SUNSET CRUISE

Following breakfast, we have the perfect activity for those who love the outdoors. You will be transferred out fo the cirty to a local husky farm, approximately 30 minutes' drive away, where you will be be taken on a guided walk through the birch forests accompanied by a four-legged hiking buddy. Huskies' enthusiasm for the trail is infectious and you will soon leave the stresses of the modern world behind as you enjoy the peace and quiet of the sunlit woodlands. The hike is 1.5-2 hours and is followed by a campfire lunch, usually a Norwegian fish stew and cake (because you have earnt it!).

After lunch, you will tour the dog yard and meet the puppies, and learn about the life of the dogs, their mushers and the competitive sport of sled dog racing. You will then return to Tromso where you can relax in preparation for the evening excursion or spend some time in this interesting town or perhaps visit the Fjellheisen Cable Car.

Tonight, the tour will start at a nearby location where it's time to make the most of the glorious golden sunlight that bathes the surrounding nature during a stunning sailing experience. You'll set off at 8pm so if you're visiting May-July you'll still have an abundance of sunlight thanks to the Midnight Sun (c.19th May-25th July). If you're travelling outside these months, you'll get to experience the golden hour and watch the 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. You will return to Tromso around midnight.

Included Meals: Breakfast, Lunch

DAY 3 GUIDED CITY WALK

Today, following breakfast, you'll get to see all the city has to offer on an insightful guided 2-3 hour walk. You'll travel through time, starting at the end of the ice age through to the 1800s and ending with contemporary life in Tromsø.

This is your chance to see why the city is named 'The Gateway to the Arctic' as you hear stories about famous Arctic explorers, see statues, memorials, architecture, historical buildings and Tromsø's most iconic places.

You'll have the rest of the day to yourself. You could revisit some of the spots in the city that caught

your eye or simply relax at the hotel on your final night.

Included Meals: Breakfast

DAY 4 DEPARTURE

Unfortunately, today marks your last day in Tromsø. Enjoy breakfast in the hotel before we transfer you to the airport for your flight home. If you have an early flight time, we will box up breakfast for you to take with you.

Included Meals: Breakfast

Personalise this tour

Our pick



Polar Fjord Cruise

Tour the stunning fjords that surround Tromsø and look out for the Arctic wildlife as you set sail through the Arctic waters.

This five-hour sightseeing tour begins in Tromsø, as you cruise through the beautiful fjords and travel further out to sea. Your guide will point out any Arctic wildlife such as sea eagles as you admire the views.

Onboard, you can enjoy Arctic fish, snacks and hot drinks. You will also be provided with an insulated jacket, should you need it, and you can also keep warm in the cabins downstairs.

This activity requires a minimum of 6 people to operate.

Duration: 5 hours

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.

The Specifics

Holiday group size (approximate)

Minimum 1 person; maximum 120 people (maximum number applies to Tromso cruise activities)

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 Numbers Required For A Holiday To Operate

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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

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