

# Tromsø - Midnight Sun Glamping



**HOLIDAY TYPE:** Flexible Dates

**VISITING:** Norway

**BROCHURE CODE:** 5219 **DURATION:** 3 nights

### In Brief

Experience the vibrant city of Tromsø and the breathtaking surrounding nature, all under the glowing Midnight Sun during this three-night trip. Spend two nights in the city centre, exploring the 'gateway to the Arctic' and another night at a remote wilderness camp for a luxury glamping experience.

## Our Opinion

I'm not really a 'city' person, but Tromsø's infectious atmosphere and breathtaking natural scenery converted me in an instant! As well as this, seeing the city bathed in the Midnight Sun was a

spectacular sight I'll never forget.

Alex Charlton











## What's included?

- Transfers: return airport transfers, return transfer from Tromsø to the camp
- Accommodation: 2 nights at Clarion Hotel The Edge in a standard double/twin room, 1 night at the Wilderness Camp North in a glamping tent
- Meals: 3 breakfasts, 1 dinner
- The following activities are included in the holiday: Midnight Sun RIB safari (the order of activities is subject to change)
- Fully qualified guides and instructors during activities

# Trip Overview

Tromsø is a famed winter destination, hailed for its Northern Lights potential but during the summer, the skies above the city are just as mesmerising, thanks to the Midnight Sun. The endless daylight during your three-night stay means you will have plenty of time to discover the stunning surrounding nature, the vibrant culture and the wonderful food on offer.

As the third-largest city in the Arctic Circle, Tromso's cultural scene has a real buzz and during the long summer days, you can expect festivals, delicious fresh and local food, and lively cafes and pubs all amongst a backdrop of breathtaking natural scenery.

Two of your nights will be spent in the heart of the city, in a prime location so that you can sample the local restaurants, explore the fascinating museums and admire the stunning nature that envelopes this vibrant city. We've included a fantastic Midnight Sun RIB safari that takes you speeding across Tromsø's surrounding waters to nearby islands and on the lookout for different wildlife species found in the area. You can also add on some brilliant Arctic activities such as trekking with huskies or sea kayaking - more details can be found in our 'Personalise' tab.

To really make the most of the stunning untouched nature found just outside of the city, you'll also spend a night on the island of Kvaløya for an unforgettable glamping experience. The luxurious tents here come equipped with cosy double/twin beds and a panoramic window to completely immerse you in the remote wilderness surroundings and the gentle light of the Midnight Sun.





For a short break that mixes exciting city life with untouched nature and a peaceful retreat, this threenight break is an all-encompassing trip to show you the best of Northern Norway.

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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.

As you'll be staying right in the heart of Tromsø, we recommend walking to one of the many nearby restaurants to try some of the local delicacies and take in the buzz of downtown.

Included Meals: None

DAY 2

#### DAY IN TROMSØ AND GLAMPING ON KVALØYA ISLAND

Following breakfast, you will have some free time to explore the city before transferring to the remote wilderness camp to experience the exceptional nature outside of Tromsø. You can leave your bags at the hotel as you will be picked up later in the afternoon.

You could spend the morning discovering the many attractions of the city or take a look at our optional activities found in the 'personalise' section such as hiking with huskies or sea kayaking.

This afternoon, you will walk to the pick-up point - just a short distance from your hotel - for your transfer to the beautiful island of Kvaløya, approximately 40 minutes away. Here, you will get settled into your glamping tent accommodation that is far from a typical camping experience. These luxurious structures come with a large, cosy double bed and feature panoramic windows in the roof so you can be completely immersed in the breathtaking nature. Don't worry, when you're ready to get some sleep the tents also come equipped with blinds to block out the Midnight Sun!

The camp's wilderness location is a brilliant base for hiking or you can simply enjoy being in the splendid untouched natural beauty. The camp also offers a wheeled dog sledding experience, which





can be booked locally.

Tonight, make your way to the wooden cabin located in the centre of the camp to enjoy a home-cooked dinner using fresh and local ingredients.

Please note, there are no showers at the camp but there is a freshwater pump.

Included Meals: Breakfast, Dinner

DAY 3

#### BACK TO TROMSØ AND MIDNIGHT SUN RIB SAFARI

This morning, enjoy breakfast around the camp and have a last look at the pristine wilderness area of Kvaløya before we transfer you back to Tromsø, where you will have the day to spend as you please before your Midnight Sun Safari. You could spend some time in the city or add on an optional Arctic activity such as a visit to a husky centre to meet the hardworking sled dogs. See our 'personalise' tab for more details. Your bags can be left at The Edge hotel, until you are able to check-in later this afternoon.

Though it is well into the evening, the sun will still be shining as you take the short walk to meet with your local guide who will give you all the equipment needed for your Midnight Sun boat safari.

Speeding along the water on a RIB (Rigid Inflatable Boat), you will visit the islands of Gåsvær, Musvær, and Risøya and look for the different wildlife found in the area including eagles, cormorants, seals and puffins! This thrilling three-hour trip is a brilliant way to make the most of the long daylight hours.

Please note, the start time of the RIB safari may change depending on weather conditions.

Included Meals: Breakfast

DAY 4

#### **DEPARTURE**

Today it is unfortunately time for your Midnight Sun adventure to come to an end. Breakfast will be served in the hotel restaurant 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







## Husky Visit

Meet the much-loved animals of the Arctic when you visit a sled dog centre just outside of Tromsø.

You will have a guided tour of the centre with an expert musher who will tell you all about their dogs. You will learn about the history of dog sledding and how important it is to the culture here as well as enjoy a short film from Finnmarksløpet, the famous sled race.

Of course, you will also spend some time with the dogs and will meet any puppies if they are here! You will have

plenty of time during this insightful 3-hour tour to ask any questions you may have and meet many of these professional dogs.

Please meet at 14:15 at Booking Point, Roald Amundsens Plass 1A, just a short walk from your hotel.

Available: 1 May - 31 October

Minimum numbers: 2 people

**Duration:** 3.5 hours including transfers

Please ask our Travel Experts for a quotation.

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#### Other options

**ACTIVITIES** 







### Sea Kayaking

Get a unique vantage point of the stunning Arctic scenery as you take to the water on a sea kayak.

You will meet with your local guide who will show you all the techniques needed for kayaking. This will be a steady paddle and you will usually travel in a double kayak so you don't need any previous kayaking experience, although single kayaks may be arranged upon request.

Following your guide, you will make your way to Grindøya island where the water is so clear you will be

able to spot crabs moving along the sea bed. You will also be able to see flocks of sea birds as you silently move towards their nesting area. Kayaking is a relaxing way to get out onto the water and experience the wonderful nature here.

The guide will also provide a homemade sandwich and chocolate cake - vegetarian options available upon prior request.

Please meet at 09:15 at the Radisson Blu Hotel, just a short walk from your hotel.

Available: 1 June - 31 August on Mondays, Tuesdays, Thursdays and Sundays

Minimum numbers: 2 people

**Duration:** 4.5 hours including transfers

Please bring: Warm clothes, sunglasses, sneakers and a dry change of clothes

Please ask our Travel Experts for a quotation.



### Husky Trekking

Spend some time with the Arctic's favourite animals while exploring the wonderful surrounding nature during this husky hike activity. There is nothing quite like experiencing the breathtaking nature just outside Tromsø than with a four-legged companion leading the way.

You will transfer to the husky centre where you will receive rubber boots (and rain clothes if necessary). Then, it's time to head into the surrounding nature with your guide and energetic huskies. You will rotate handling the dogs as they are strong and trained to pull.

Along the way, (if the weather conditions are favourable) you will stop for a campfire lunch of Bacalao



- a traditional Norwegian fish dish made from locally sourced ingredients. A vegetarian option is available upon preliminary request. The meal will finish with a piece of delicious chocolate cake.

You will then make your way back to the centre after this reinvigorating back-to-nature experience. Upon your return, you will have a guided tour of the sled dog centre and learn all about the lives of the dogs and the traditional racing. You will even have the opportunity to cuddle some puppies if they are here!

Please note, you must have a moderate fitness level and be able to trek over uneven terrain while handling a dog.

Please meet at 09:15 at the Radisson Blu Hotel, just a short walk from your hotel.

Available: 1 June - 9 September on Tuesdays, Thursdays and Saturdays

Minimum numbers: 2 people

Duration: 4.5 hours in total including transfers. The hike and lunch will last approximately 1.5-2 hours.

Please ask our Travel Experts for a quotation.

## 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.

### Wilderness Camp North Tour (Nights: 2)







Wilderness Camp North Tour is a luxurious camping experience in breathtaking natural surroundings. Located on the island of Kvaløya, only forty minutes from Tromsø, this remote setting is an ideal location to admire the Midnight Sun and the untouched wilderness area outside of the city.

The tents are spacious and luxurious, with cosy double or twin beds. The highlight though is the panoramic windows to completely immerse you in the beautiful scenery outside.

There are no showers at the camp, but there is a water pump which provides fresh water whenever you need it.

#### **Facilities**



• Enjoy the space and luxury of the tent which has heating, a seating area and fantastic views from the overhead windows

- Sample fresh local produce and delicacies such as reindeer soup or fish soup which is are particular favourites in Northern Norway
- The central cabin is an ideal location to relax with a hot drink whilst enjoying the silence of the wilderness. It is equipped with a fireplace to ensure a cosy atmosphere.

#### **ROOMS**

**Exclusive Tent:** the luxurious tents are equipped with large, cosy double or twin beds and are both bright and spacious. There are windows overhead which provide fantastic views of the surrounding landscape but they are also equipped with blinds, so you can block out the light. Each tent has a seating area, coffee and tea making facilities and a minibar with fresh fruit provided. There are toilets in a separate building and a water pump which gives access to fresh water whenever you need it.

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# The Specifics

#### Holiday group size (approximate)

A minimum of 2 and a maximum of 30 people

### **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 <a href="https://www.activitiesabroad.com">www.activitiesabroad.com</a>

## 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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Minimum travellers 10, Maximum travellers 20



