



Islands and Fjords of Northern Norway



HOLIDAY TYPE: Flexible Dates

VISITING: Norway

BROCHURE CODE: 5214

DURATION: 4 nights

In Brief

Northern Norway offers it all; dramatic mountain views, scenic forest trails, fjords, ocean activities and even a visit to a husky farm. All of this can be experienced on this four-night self-drive adventure. Your accommodation along the way also offers views of some of Norway's best scenery.

Our Opinion

“ This trip provided some amazing views of the contrasting mountains and fjords. We set our own pace and thoroughly enjoyed making our way along the well-planned and beautiful routes. Taking the cable car in Tromsø was an enjoyable experience and the views once at the top of the mountain were amazing. ”

Alex Charlton



What's included?

- **Rental Car:** based on 2 people sharing a VW Polo/Toyota Auris or similar, including unlimited miles (upgrade available)
- **Accommodation:** all in standard rooms as follows: 1-night stay at Clarion Hotel The Edge, 1-night wilderness glamping in Kvaløya, 1-night stay at Hamn I Senja, 1-night stay at Sommaroy Arctic Hotel
- **Meals:** 4 breakfasts and 1 dinner (half board upgrade available)
- An online roadmap with route description will be provided

What's not included

- Flights are not included in your holiday, but our Travel Experts will happily make arrangements on your behalf, please just ask for a quote
- Ferry tickets, road tolls and car parking charges are not included and need to be paid for locally

Trip Overview

The areas of Northern Norway covered in this wonderful four-night, self-drive holiday, are far above the Arctic Circle. This means that from the end of May until the end of July, they are bathed in 24-hour light under the Midnight Sun. So, if you really want to make the most of your days here – this is the ideal time to come!

The summer months really showcase some of Norway's finest scenery, and during this holiday you will discover the beauty of some of the white sandy beaches, crystal clear fjords, remote islands, and mountain peaks on offer. You will also see some of the quaint fishing villages which sit perfectly in their waterside settings. Drives in the area can take longer than expected as you always want to pull over to take a photo or two.

We start things off in Tromsø, often referred to as 'The capital of the Arctic'. It is an ideal gateway to the Arctic and offers a great mix of modern comforts and Nordic culture. There is a fantastic range of

restaurants and we would highly recommend arriving early and sampling some local cuisine. If you wish, you can also visit the world's most northerly aquarium, Polaria, which has some fantastic exhibitions and wildlife to enjoy. We also offer visits to a local husky farm and Midnight Sun RIB tours, please see our '[Personalise](#)' section for more details.

From Tromsø, you then visit a wilderness camp on the island of Kvaløya for a night of glamping. This remote site offers an incredible experience amidst some truly breath-taking scenery. The heated tents are charming and offer rustic luxury, with comfortable double beds and windows overhead so you can enjoy the views. It is a fantastic location for enjoying the light of the Midnight Sun.

Your next stop will be on the island of Senja, a hidden gem in Northern Norway which is known locally as the 'fairy-tale' island. It is difficult to find the words to describe the scenery, but you will certainly understand why it has been given this nickname. Senja is a particularly good spot for enjoying the Midnight Sun and if you wish, a guided kayaking tour can be added to your holiday and you can take to the water and enjoy this incredible light. See our '[Personalise](#)' section for further details.

Sommarøy, which is known locally as 'Summer Island' will be your final stop. The white sandy beaches and crystal-clear waters are stunning, and the small fishing community still adheres to age-old traditions. It is a fascinating place in which to simply enjoy wandering around, but there is a range of activities which you can book locally, such as kayaking and electric bike rental.

In short, this self-drive holiday is a fantastic introduction to Northern Norway and you will experience some of the world's most jaw-dropping scenery. The long daylight hours and range of additional activities allow you to tailor your holiday and get the most out of each day. You can also extend your stay should you wish to explore further. Either way, the dramatic scenery alone, is enough to ensure an unforgettable summer holiday.

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Agenda

Please note the order of activities is subject to change

DAY
1

ARRIVE IN TROMSØ

Tromsø, which is often referred to as the 'capital of the Arctic', is your first destination on your five-day self-drive holiday. This lively city which is located on the island of Tromsøya offers a beautiful natural setting, modern architecture and a range of museums.

On arrival, you will collect your car from the airport and make your way to Clarion Hotel The Edge which is your accommodation for your first night. Here in Tromsø you can view the 19th Century colourful wooden houses and learn about the city's heritage in one of its many museums. As your hotel is only 10 minutes away from the Arctic Cathedral you could venture to one of the famous Midnight Sun concerts (tickets available at the venue). Or, you could experience a cable car ride which

takes you up to Mount Storsteinen.

The hotel has a fantastic restaurant, however, there are plenty of other options within easy walking distance.

If you'd like to explore the coast around Tromsø and experience the Midnight Sun in all its glory, we offer a RIB safari which will take you out to the islands surrounding Tromsø. The Midnight Sun is visible from 16th May to 26th July in Tromsø, however, the tour can operate outside of these dates as well. Please see the '[Personalise](#)' section of the holiday page for details.

Included Meals: None

DAY
2

TROMSØ TO KVALØYA (APPROX. 55 MINUTES' DRIVE)

Following breakfast, you will make your way to Kvaløya, which is a picturesque island on the outskirts of Tromsø. It's only a short drive and so you may want to further explore Tromsø before setting off.

Alternatively, we can arrange for you to enjoy one of two husky encounters at a sled dog centre en-route. There is a choice of either a guided tour of the farm or the opportunity to spend time hiking with the huskies. Details of both options can be found on the '[Personalise](#)' section of the holiday page.

Your journey to Kvaløya will end at a wilderness camp surrounded by jaw-dropping mountain scenery. You will spend the evening in a luxury tent with comfortable beds and windows over-head which provide fabulous views of the wilderness outside. You can really embrace the silence of the surrounding nature and will hopefully enjoy good weather so you can make the most of the Midnight Sun.

A home-cooked dinner will be served in the evening before you relax in your tent for an unforgettable night

Included Meals: Breakfast, Dinner

DAY
3

KVALØYA TO HAMN I SENJA (APPROX. 2 HOURS AND 40 MINUTES' DRIVE)

Following breakfast, you will head towards the ferry terminal in Brensholmen before crossing to Botnhamn ferry stop and making for the Island of Senja, undoubtedly one of Northern Norway's hidden gems.

Known as the 'fairy-tale island' Senja is wild and beautiful and offers an array of stunning hiking trails with extraordinary vistas over mountainous peaks and pristine bays.

An optional kayaking tour is a fantastic way in which to explore the crystal-clear waters and admire the dramatic landscape. This is all the more amazing if you are travelling during the time of the Midnight Sun. Please see the '[Personalise](#)' section of the holiday page for details.

During your hour-long drive from the Island ferry terminal, you will be guided along some spectacular coastal roads and enjoy some of the best panorama views the island has to offer. Alternatively, you may choose to take the longer, overland option which offers some equally stunning vistas along the way!

Your accommodation at Hamn I Senja which is located in a former fishing hamlet. Breakfast is included and if you wish, you can upgrade to half board and enjoy dinner in the hotel restaurant.

Included Meals: Breakfast

DAY
4

HAMN I SENJA TO SOMMARØY (APPROX. 2 HOURS AND 20 MINUTES' DRIVE)

Sommarøy which is also known as 'Summer Island' will be your next destination and as the name suggests it is something of a Norwegian paradise.

White sandy coral beaches are surrounded by emerald green, clear water and bordered by a striking landscape. You can either drive to Sommarøy by retracing your steps from Hamn I Senja, taking the ferry or if you like, you can take the longer, overland route; the choice is yours.

There are several optional activities, such as kayaking and electric bike hire available here, all of which can be added locally. Alternatively, you may wish to simply enjoy your surroundings and relax.

Your accommodation for your stay will be at Sommarøy Arctic Hotel which includes breakfast.

Included Meals: Breakfast

DAY
5

SOMMARØY TO TROMSØ FOR DEPARTURES (APPROX. 1 HOUR DRIVE)

Your final day will see you depart from Sommarøy and drive back to Tromsø in time for your flights back home.

For those who have a late flight, you may wish to visit the Villmarksentret Husky Centre on your way to the airport, where the same husky activities as noted on Day two, are once more an option.

If you simply don't feel like you want to leave today then we can, of course, arrange for you to extend your stay at the time of booking. Tromsø has so much to offer and we can add on a variety of activities; details can be found in the '[Personalise](#)' section and our travel experts will happily provide you with a quote.

If you are heading home today, then you will drop your car at the airport and catch your return flight home.

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



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.



Sea Kayaking (Tromsø)

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 home-made 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

Included Accommodation

Clarion Hotel - The Edge (Nights: 1)



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 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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Hamn i Senja (Nights: 3)



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.

Sommarøy Arctic Hotel (Nights: 4)



Overlooking the Atlantic Ocean and located within the picturesque Sommarøy coastal town your stay here will guarantee sea views. Located in a traditional fishing community you will be provided with fresh local dishes and an insight into how they hunt and fish.

Hotel facilities

- Relax in the hotel's wood-fired sauna or take a dip in the outdoor hot tub and enjoy the views of the sea
- The hotel offers free private parking to all guests
- Breakfast which is included in your stay is served within the on-site lobby restaurant which uses

fresh local ingredients where possible.

Guest bedrooms

STANDARD DOUBLE/TWIN: Your stay will be in a standard double/twin shower en-suite bedroom. They all come equipped with Internet, TV, desk, hairdryer and seating area.

The Specifics

Holiday group size (approximate)

Minimum 2 people, maximum 4 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 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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