

Lofoten and North Cape 2014
10 days Fly & Drive



Day 1: ARRIVAL TROMSØ

Arrival to the airport of Tromsø. Pick-up the rental car, and drive to the centre of the town. Get to know Tromsø, the principal city of Northern Norway and known as the Gateway to the Arctic because of the significance in Norwegian commercial history. There are plenty of museums focusing on regional art, Sami culture and history, and polar science. We recommend a short trip by cable car to Storsteinen Mountain, where you can enjoy the view of Tromsø and surroundings. Also worth a visit is the magnificent Arctic Cathedral, a masterpiece of modern architecture.

Accommodation at the Thon Hotel Tromsø or similar

Day 2: TROMSØ – THE VESTERÅLEN ISLANDS – HARSTAD (191 miles)

After breakfast at the hotel, route along the shores of the Bals fjord and road E6 to the Vesterålen Islands. Possibility to take a smaller road and drive on the shores of the Asta Fjord. Arrival to Harstad, which is the capital of Vesterålen Islands, and a good base for exploring the archipelago. The city offers, apart from the surrounding nature, a wide range of cultural events like the North Norwegian Festival of Culture in June.

Accommodation at the Thon Hotel Harstad or similar

Day 3: HARSTAD – THE LOFOTEN ISLANDS – SVOLVÆR (129 miles)

Enjoy your breakfast at the hotel before you continue to explore the Vesterålen and Lofoten Islands. At the Vesterålen Islands you can discover nature or participate in one of the several local festivals. Drive to Sortland and continue by ferry from Melbu to Fiskebøl before you arrive to the Lofoten Islands. The Lofoten Islands offer some of the most breath-taking scenery in the country. Here the towering, pointed mountain peaks rise majestically from the sea to a height of almost 1 000 meters; many of the island interiors are swathed in emerald green, and the shorelines are fringed with white sandy beaches. We recommend a visit to some of the charming villages, for instance Stamsund and Reine.

Accommodation at Rica Hotel Svolvær or similar

Day 4: SVOLVÆR –S KUTVIK - NARVIK (88 miles)

Breakfast at the hotel and the possibility to explore more of the Lofoten Islands, before departure towards the mainland. Take a ferry from Svolvær to Skutvik, crossing the West Fjord (Vestfjorden), and continue by car to Bognes for another ferry cross Lysfjorden to Skarberget. Lysfjorden is the home of a big colony of killer whales while sea eagles rule Skarberget, a mountain diving directly into the sea, so with a little bit of luck this short cruise will show you a unique part of Norwegian nature. Drive to Narvik. Narvik lies on a peninsula between the Beisfjord and the Rombaksfjord, at the foot of the 1200 meter high Fagernes Mountain. We recommend the cable car up the mountain or a visit to the Ofoten Museum. Furthermore the region has a varied collection of 2nd World War memorials and museums.

Accommodation at Quality Hotel Grand Royal or similar

Day 5: NARVIK - STORSLETT (213 miles)

After breakfast at the hotel, start your route to the Arctic Norway. The road follows the shores of the impressive Lyngen fjord, before arriving to Storslett.

Accommodation at the Raisi Hotel or similar

Day 6: STORSLETT – HAMMERFEST (197 miles)

After breakfast at the hotel continue to Hammerfest. We recommend a visit to the Museum of Reconstruction, which exhibits the culture in the Finnmark region and Troms before and after the Second World War. Visitors can walk in an authentic refugee cave, a barrack kitchen, and a post-war permanent house. Hammerfest, because of its geographical position, has had a strong relationship with arctic hunting and fishing for hundreds of years. The Royal and Ancient Polar Bear Society have as its main aim the preservation of this tradition. It actively collects and preserves artifacts of historical and scientific interest before all trace of them disappears. The society offers an exclusive membership to those who visit Hammerfest, the northernmost town in the world.

Accommodation at the Thon Hotel Hammerfest or similar

Day 7: HAMMERFEST – THE NORTH CAPE (138 miles)

Breakfast at the hotel. Departure from Hammerfest, and drive to the North Cape along the shores of the Porsangen fjord. North Cape is the world's most northerly mainland point, and here on a clear summer night, one can enjoy the mid-night sun on the shores of the Arctic Ocean. We recommend a visit to the Nordkapphallen, where there is an exhibition and presentation concerning the North Cape.

Accommodation at the Rica Hotel Nordkapp or similar (please note Rica Hotels in Honningsvåg never confirms specific hotel until apr. 2 weeks prior to arrival)

Day 8: THE NORTH CAPE – ALTA (132 miles)

After breakfast at the hotel the tour continues back towards the South. Possibility to make an extension of the route to Lakselv or to the Stabbursdalen National Park¹. Arrival to Alta, where we recommend a visit to the Alta Museum. The rock art of Alta is on the UNESCO World Heritage List.

Accommodation at the Thon Hotel Alta or similar

Day 9: ALTA –TROMSØ (185 miles)

Breakfast at the hotel and route to Olderdalen. Take a ferry across the Lyngen fjord to Lyngseidet and after a short drive another ferry from Svensby to Breivikeidet. Arrival to Tromsø.

Accommodation at the Thon Hotel Tromsø or similar

Day 10: TROMSØ DEPARTURE

Breakfast at the hotel. Departure from Tromsø, drive to the airport and return the rental car.

End of services.

¹ *The protected area is 749 km² in size and is located at the head of the Porsangerfjord. The world's northernmost pine forest is also to be found here, and some of the trees are up to 500 years old. The Stabburselva River runs through the entire national park. Marked hiking trails. Contact the national park centre, "Stabbursnes Naturhus og Museum", for additional information.

Tour includes:

- * 9 nights' accommodation including breakfast in centrally located hotels
- * The domestic ferries for car and passengers according to the program:
 - o Melbu – Fiskebøl
 - o Svolvær – Skutvik
 - o Bognes – Skarberget
 - o Olderdalen – Lyngseidet
 - o Svensby – Breivikeidet
- * Car rental class 'B' (type Ford Focus or similar), 10 days (240 hours) airport/airport Tromsø **

** The minimum age to rent a vehicle is 25 years and drivers must have held a driving licence for at least 12 months prior to hiring the car. The price includes unlimited mileage, Collision Damage Waiver, Theft protection and tax. Petrol is not included.

Payment by voucher, but the client must guarantee with own credit card when picking up car.

Rate per person in double, base 2 pax: \$2395.00
Single supplement \$745.00

Please note all rates and services remain subject to availability – no pre booking has been made.