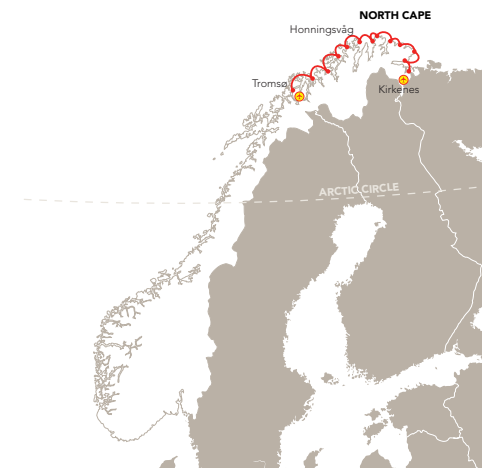


ARCTIC SNOW HOTEL ADVENTURE

TROMSØ • KIRKENES

Enjoy a thrilling dog sledge ride from Tromsø before sailing north to Norway's new Snow Hotel



Located in the furthest corner of Northern Europe, just 1200 metres from the Arctic Sea, the Kirkenes Snow Hotel offers the ultimate Arctic experience.

Built entirely out of snow each year, spacious and illuminated Snow suites are decorated with snow sculptures and have comfortable beds to ensure a good night's sleep.

The Snow Hotel is well insulated, so however low the outside temperature, the air within tends to maintain a steady minus five degrees Celsius. High quality sleeping bags and sheets are provided to ensure that you remain snug inside these cool conditions, there is also an Arctic Snow Bar where we can enjoy a nightcap before bed.

We can visit the small reindeer farm in the grounds, where we learn more about these hardy mammals and also see the hotel's friendly team of husky dogs.

The atmospheric Lavvo-style restaurant provides our shared living space. Sitting around a blazing open fire, this is a time to talk, read, relax and enjoy a hearty meal with warming drinks ahead of our magical night in the Snow Hotel.

See more of these fantastic trips and excursions on our DVD. Call us for your free copy.



Kirkenes Snow Hotel

DOG SLEDGING AND SNOW HOTEL

Prices from £895

5 Days / 4 Nights

This new itinerary takes you to the far reaches of northern Norway to enjoy the best the region has to offer – from a thrilling optional dog sledge journey in the area of Tromsø, to a voyage beyond the North Cape, ending in the new Snow Hotel in Kirkenes.

We begin in Tromsø, the capital of Arctic Norway, situated deep within the Arctic Circle. Here we can experience the magic of an optional dog sledge ride over the open plains of Tromsø. At the end of the trip, a warm meal will be served in a Lavvo before joining the coastal voyage.

Sailing north along the wild and unspoilt coast to Kirkenes, this truly is the top of Europe and our call at Honningsvåg allows the possibility of joining an excursion to Nordkapp – the most northerly mainland point of the continent.

We disembark at Kirkenes and transfer to a local hotel, where we leave our non-essential luggage. There will be time for a selection of optional activities (we recommend you book these prior to departure) before heading to the Snow Hotel, located on the outskirts of Kirkenes. Here we will visit the reindeer and huskies that live in the grounds and, around the blazing log fire of the cosy lavvo style restaurant, enjoy a fine meal, before wrapping up warm for our night in the Snow Hotel.

After breakfast there is time for a sauna or hot shower, before collecting our luggage and catching our flights home.

ITINERARY

Day 1 Fly to Tromsø and stay overnight at a centrally located hotel. Optional traditional gourmet meal in Emma's Dream Kitchen.

Day 2 Departure for optional dog sledging trip. Warm meal in Lavvo tent before transfer to the coastal quay and embarkation (B, L, D).

Day 3 Voyage north, optional excursion to the North Cape (B, D).

Day 4 Arrive Kirkenes, disembark and transfer to local hotel to deposit bags. Free time for excursions, transfer to Snow Hotel (B, D).

Day 5 Transfer to the airport and return flight to the UK (B).

B – Breakfast, L – Lunch, D – Dinner.

EXCURSIONS

Dog Sledging – Tromsø

Start your holiday with a thrilling ride by husky-dog sledge across the open plains of Tromsø. Eager huskies are harnessed to the sledge, waiting to transport you over the frozen landscape. At the end of the trip, a warming meal will be served in a Lavvo. Participants will be met at the hotel and taken to the quay afterwards to begin the voyage.

£125 per person, pre-bookable.

Arctic Gourmet Dinner – Tromsø

Emma's Dream Kitchen is a renowned and romantic restaurant. Enjoy a five-course Arctic gourmet dinner including an aperitif in a cosy and very relaxed atmosphere.

£75 per person, pre-bookable. (not available on 29 Dec departure)

North Cape – Europe's Northernmost Point

From Honningsvåg a 35km coach journey will take us to the North Cape Plateau where we share unsurpassed views, a potentially incredible backdrop for experiencing the Northern Lights.

£58 per person, pre-bookable. (not available on 29 Dec departure)

King Crab Safari – Kirkenes

This excursion offers a unique experience of seeing our guides ice fishing to catch the largest and freshest King Crabs in the world. These incredible crustaceans can span 2 metres and weigh up to 15 kilos. They will be prepared and cooked for us when we return – a rewarding meal at the end of a fabulous excursion.

£85 per person, pre-bookable.

Bathing in the Barents Sea – Kirkenes

This is an invigorating and memorable experience. With special survival suits to keep us warm, we can enjoy the unique experience of floating in the icy waters.

£45 per person, combined with the King Crab Safari, pre-bookable. (not available on 29 Dec departure)

Snow Shoeing – Kirkenes

After an introduction how to use snow shoes, we follow the tracks of rabbits, foxes and local people across the snow covered landscapes. Our rewarding and active trip ends with hot juice and waffles.

£60 per person, pre-bookable.

Snowmobiling In Search of the Northern Lights – Kirkenes

This evening snow mobile excursion from the Snow Hotel takes place near the mountains between Finland and Russia. Weather permitting, we hope to see the lights of the Russian city of Nikel in the distance as well as the enchanting Aurora Borealis.

£115 per person (2 people sharing a snowmobile), pre-bookable. £40 supplement for single use. Driving licence required.

SPECIAL OCCASIONS

New Year

Travel on our 29 December trip on a special reversed itinerary. You will spend one night in Oslo before flying to Kirkenes to enjoy a night in the Snow Hotel with the possibility of optional excursions.

Embark MS Finnmarken on the 31 December and join the New Years celebrations onboard. The optional dog sledging excursion in Tromsø can be added in the morning before your return flight home.



Dog Sledging



King Crab Safari