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NORTH CAPE AND ICE HOTEL

ALTA • HONNINGSVÅG • KIRKENES

Experience the thrill of sitting in a hot tub under clear Arctic skies watching the Northern Lights



Discover the excitement of northern Norway in wintertime on an Arctic adventure which combines a stay at the Alta Igloo Ice Hotel with a journey on the Hurtigruten and a visit to mainland Europe's most northerly point – Nordkapp.

Each January, the Alta Igloo Ice Hotel is constructed entirely out of snow and ice. It houses a bar, gallery, wedding chapel and several lounges all decorated with impressive ice sculptures that are beautifully lit to create a magical atmosphere. The temperature is approximately -4 to -7 degrees Celsius but reindeer hides covering the ice-beds and thermal sleeping bags will keep us snug and warm during our stay.

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



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Alta Igloo Ice Hotel

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Prices from £845
3 Days / 2 Nights

Alta is situated in Norwegian Lapland high above the Arctic Circle and there are several optional excursions, such as snowmobiling, dog sledging or a short trip on a horse drawn sleigh, which we can enjoy before having a drink at the Ice Bar. After a relaxing stay in the sauna and hot tub we retire for the night in one of the cosy rooms.

The following morning we will travel to Honningsvåg and journey to the wild North Cape, mainland Europe's northernmost point. Spectacular views and sheer cliffs rising from ever changing seas contrast with the peace of St John's chapel. A sheltered viewing point, partly blasted out of the rock, is joined by tunnel to the visitor centre which houses the post office, from where our letters home will bear the rare North Cape postmark.

After returning to Honningsvåg we join the northbound coastal voyage overnight to Kirkenes, travelling along the dramatic coast of the far north of Norway and hopefully catching the magical Northern Lights. We disembark in Kirkenes, close to the Russian border, for our flights home.

Excursions in the same port/resort cannot be combined, except in Alta where the horse drawn sleigh ride can be combined with either snowmobiling or dog sledging.

LONGER STAYS

Extend your stay by a day and try out an exciting range of excursions, as described below.

ITINERARY

Day 1 Fly to Alta, transfer to the Alta Igloo Ice Hotel, traditional dinner and overnight stay. Free time for optional excursions (D).

Day 2 Transfer to the North Cape, visit mainland Europe's most northerly point, join ship at Honningsvåg. Sail east overnight (B, D).

Day 3 Arrive at Kirkenes, disembark ship for return flights (B).

EXTENDED ITINERARY

Day 3 Arrive at Kirkenes, disembark ship. Transfer to hotel, free time for optional excursions (B).

Day 4 Transfer to airport for international flights (B).

B – Breakfast, D – Dinner.

EXCURSIONS

Snowmobile Tour – Alta

Discover the thrills of this exhilarating Arctic transport and the ever-changing winter landscape as you cross snow-covered plains on a snowmobile.

£85 per person, pre-bookable.
Single supplement £20.
Driving licence required.

Dog Sledging – Alta

Wrapped up in warm clothes, we meet the husky dogs who then transport us by sledge over the frozen landscape. A warm drink in a traditional Lavvo (Sami tent) is included at the end of this fantastic and exceptional journey.

£125 per person, pre-bookable.

Horse Drawn Sleigh – Alta

A sleigh ride through the clear Arctic night is a magical experience. Travel across the frozen landscape in search of the elusive Northern Lights.

£25 per person, pre-bookable.

Barents Safari – Kirkenes (Extended itinerary only)

Take the opportunity to drive a snowmobile across the frozen sea (full instruction given). On our return we can relax by the warmth of an open fire and enjoy an introduction to the everyday life of the Sami. Warm clothing is provided.

£95 per person, pre-bookable.
Driving licence required.

King Crab Safari – Kirkenes (Extended itinerary only)

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 (Extended itinerary only)

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.



King Crab Safari



Horse drawn sleigh ride



Inside the Alta Igloo Ice Hotel