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NORTHERN LIGHTS TOUR IN SCANDINAVIA WITH CRUISE

8 Nights / 9 Days

Tromso, Harstad, Narvik, Gällivare, Rovaniemi, Kemi, Helsinki



TOUR HIGHLIGHTS

1. Visit the most popular sights in Helsinki on a sightseeing tour of the city
2. Visit Rovaniemi and embark on a sightseeing tour

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DAY 01: ARRIVAL AT TROMSO

On arrival at the International Airport, you will be greeted by our local representative in Tromso for a brief meet and greet. Later, proceed to your city centre hotel in Tromso for check-in.

Tromso, which seems like a small suburb with mountains and fjords, is the largest urban area in Northern Norway and the cultural hub of the region. It is home of the world's northernmost university, brewery, cathedral and botanical garden. The sun does not shine at all between November to January and there is midnight sun in summers. This quaint town has so much to offer – from midnight or northern light concerts to cable car ride to Mount Storsteinen, from hiking on numerous trails to experiencing whale watching, from bustling nightlife to art exhibitions, Tromso has it all! Upon reaching Tromso, proceed for the hotel check-in.



Overnight stay at the hotel in Tromso.

HIGHLIGHTS

- Travel to Tromso
- Evening at leisure in the city

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DAY 02: TROMSO CITY TOUR

After breakfast, explore the city of Tromso. Our first stop is **Polaria**, an Arctic aquarium that features informative exhibits, a panoramic cinema, and the opportunity to witness seal feeding.

Next, we will visit **Tromso University Museum**, which holds the distinction of being the oldest scientific institution in Northern Norway. Finally, we will explore the Polar Museum, also known as the Gateway to the Arctic, where we will discover captivating stories of daring Arctic trapping, sea mammal hunting, and the courageous exploits of Polar explorers.

In the evening, we will have the incredible opportunity to witness the awe-inspiring **Northern Lights** in the sky, which appear in various shades such as luminous green with a hint of pink and occasionally a deep violet center. To fully experience this magical phenomenon, we will head to **Risvika**. Upon arrival, we will enjoy a memorable reindeer sledding ride and continue to the northern part of Kvaloya, known for its excellent chances of viewing the Northern Lights.



Overnight stay at the hotel in Tromso.

HIGHLIGHTS

- Enjoy a city tour at Tromso

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DAY 03: TRANSFER TO HARSTAD

After enjoying a delightful breakfast, we embark on an exciting cruise journey from Tromso to Harstad. **Harstad**, known as the cultural capital of the north, offers an abundance of unforgettable nature experiences, a vibrant culinary scene curated by talented chefs, authentic local shops, lively music festivals, and an untouched archipelago that will leave you in awe. This remarkable region has so much more to offer beyond its breathtaking landscapes.

Upon arriving in Harstad, we are welcomed by a thriving cultural hub that captivates visitors with its artistic flair and warm hospitality. The city boasts an impressive selection of renowned chefs who have mastered the art of creating exquisite local dishes. With an emphasis on fresh, locally sourced ingredients, we indulge in a gastronomic adventure, savoring the flavors of the region's culinary treasures. Exploring the streets of Harstad, we discover a treasure trove of genuine shops, where local artisans showcase their craftsmanship. From handmade traditional crafts to contemporary designs, there is something for every taste.

Overnight stay at the hotel in Harstad.

HIGHLIGHTS

- Arrive at Harstad.
- Explore the city at your own leisure

DAY 04: TRANSFER TO NARVIK

Today, we embark on an exciting journey to **Narvik**, a captivating winter wonderland and the ultimate destination for a memorable holiday. This enchanting location not only offers a gateway to Arctic adventures but also provides the perfect opportunity to witness the mesmerizing phenomenon known as the northern lights. The northern lights, also called the aurora borealis, paint the sky with vibrant hues, and Narvik's exceptionally clear sky creates ideal conditions for observing this awe-inspiring spectacle.

As evening descends upon us, we make our way to the **Narvik Cable Car station**, a picturesque spot that promises a magical experience. The cable car ride itself is a delightful adventure, transporting us to the station amidst stunning panoramic views of the surrounding snow-covered landscapes. With each passing moment, anticipation builds as we ascend higher, leaving behind the hustle and bustle of the world below.

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Dinner and overnight stay at hotel in Narvik.

DAY 05: GÄLLIVARE CITY TOUR

After Breakfast, proceed to **Gällivare**, a small mining town located in Swedish Lapland.



On our way, we will make a stop at **Kiruna**, another mining town in the same region. Once we arrive in Kiruna, we will have the opportunity to explore the town and visit various attractions. One of the highlights will be Jukkasjärvi church, which is the oldest preserved church in Swedish Lapland. It is famous for its altar painting that draws inspiration from the **Sami culture**.

Additionally, we will also have the chance to visit the **world's first Ice Hotel**, which gets a new design every year, showcasing unique ice art. A must-visit spot within the hotel is the renowned Absolut Ice Bar.

Overnight stay at the hotel in Gällivare.

HIGHLIGHTS

- Catch a flight to Gällivare and check in at the hotel
- Have the chance to visit the **world's first Ice Hotel**,

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DAY 06: ROVANIEMI CITY TOUR AND TRANSFER TO KEMI

After breakfast, we embark on a journey to **Rovaniemi**, a captivating urban refuge nestled in the midst of the Arctic wilderness. It is a place where a blend of culture, exhilarating outdoor activities, and enchanting fairy tales converge. Upon our arrival, we will begin by exploring the city of Rovaniemi, where we will encounter notable architectural gems designed by the renowned Finnish architect, Alvar Aalto. These include the **Lappia House, the City Library, and the Town Hall**, which are considered Aalto's most celebrated works in Lapland. Together, these buildings create a harmonious composition, encompassing a spacious plaza that accentuates the unique character and purpose of each structure. Our journey continues as we visit the **Arctic Center**, Finland's esteemed national institute for Arctic expertise. Crossing the Arctic Circle at 66°31'N, we will enter the unparalleled, untarnished beauty of Lapland. Our next destination is the **Santa Claus Village**, where we will have the extraordinary opportunity to meet Father Christmas himself.



Continuing our journey through **Lapland**, we proceed to **Kemi**, a charming town situated on the picturesque shores of the **Bothnian Bay**. This coastal gem invites us to immerse ourselves in its serene beauty, where the harmony of land and sea creates an

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atmosphere of tranquility. With its breathtaking landscapes and unique ambiance, Kemi promises to be a captivating destination that will leave a lasting impression on our hearts and minds.

Have dinner and enjoy an overnight stay at hotel in Kemi.

HIGHLIGHTS

- Visit Rovaniemi and embark on a sightseeing tour.
- Transfer to Kemi for overnight stay.

DAY 07: VISIT TO RANUA ZOO

Following our morning meal, we embark on a delightful expedition to **Ranua Zoo**, a renowned wildlife sanctuary that focuses on showcasing arctic and northern animal species. With an impressive track record spanning nearly four decades, this esteemed establishment has captivated visitors from far and wide with its diverse collection of remarkable creatures.



Have dinner and enjoy an overnight stay at hotel in Kemi.

HIGHLIGHTS

- Enjoy a visit to Ranua Zoo

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DAY 08: ARRIVE IN HELSINKI AND SIGHTSEEING TOUR

After breakfast proceed to a city tour at Helsinki.

The World Design Capital for 2012 and venue for 1952 Summer Olympics, **Helsinki**, capital of Finland, was named as the World's most livable city in 2011 by British Magazine Monocle. The largest city of Finland, Helsinki Archipelago consists of over 300 enthralling islands. Helsinki has been known to attract tourists from all over the World due to its sea facing landscape, Nordic cuisine, diverse architecture and rich history.



Upon arrival, we will proceed for a sightseeing tour of Helsinki City.

We will begin the tour by visiting **Tempeliaukio Church**. Also known as the Rock Church, it is built directly into a solid rock and was opened in 1969. Because of the excellent acoustics inside the church, it is also a popular venue for music concerts in Helsinki. Next on the list we have **Sibelius Monument**. Dedicated to the famous Finnish composer, Jean Sibelius, it consists of over 600 steel pipes which are grouped together to resemble a soundwave made of clusters of organ pipes.

Afterwards, we shall proceed to witness the largest Orthodox Church in Northern and Western Europe that is **Uspenski Cathedral**. The church is dedicated to the Dormition of the Mother of God, also known as, Uspenie and is the most visible landmark of Russia's influence on Helsinki. After this, you will proceed to **Kamppi Chapel of Silence**. Winner of the International Architecture Award 2010 by Chicago Athenaeum, this Chapel's carved wooden façade and gently shaped interiors provide peace in the busiest region of the city.

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Overnight stay in a hotel in Helsinki.



HIGHLIGHTS

- See the most popular attractions in Helsinki

DAY 09: DEPARTURE

After breakfast in the hotel, proceed to airport for a flight back home.

Arrive home with pleasant memories of your **Northern Lights tour in Scandinavia with cruise tour** organized by State Express Global Voyages, which we are sure you will treasure for a lifetime.

HIGHLIGHTS

- Catch flight to return to India

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