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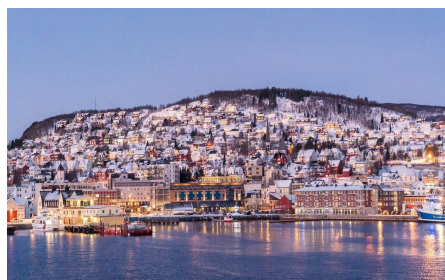
NORTHERN LIGHTS & NORDIC FJORDS



TALK TO OUR WELL
TRAVELLED TEAM OF
EXPERTS

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Monday - Thursday 9:00am -
8:00pm, Friday 9:00am - 5:30pm
(London time)



JOURNEY SNAPSHOT

ACTIVITY LEVEL:

Level 2

DESTINATION:

Northern Lights & Nordic Fjords

DURATION:

9 days / 8 nights

FLIGHT INFORMATION:

Please arrange your flights to arrive into Bergen
Airport [BGO] on Day 1 and depart from
Tromsø Airport [TOS] Day 9

PICKUP LOCATION:

Bergen Airport [BGO]

OVERVIEW

Dec 06 - 14, 2023

Enjoy Norway's spectacular fjords and mountain landscapes by train and by boat, before chasing the elusive Northern Lights!

Have you ever dreamed of seeing the Aurora Borealis or sailing down a spectacular Norwegian fjord? Join us on this trip of a lifetime to Norway and make those dream come true!

This escorted journey starts in the coastal town of Bergen - gateway to the fjords. It then heads inland by train to Voss and then on to a fjord cruise to Flåm. Your winter adventure continues onboard the scenic Flåm Railway to Oslo, Norway's capital, passing through wild and beautiful mountain scenery with frozen waterfalls and steep mountain sides. After visiting artistic Oslo, we fly north to the Arctic Circle and the city of Tromsø. Heading out on a dog sled ride and driving a snowmobile, you will get to discover the breath-taking scenery and learn of the local customs! And as darkness falls, we will head out in search of the elusive, night-time spectacular - the Northern Lights, dancing and whirling across the expansive skies of the Arctic, a truly memorable experience for those who get to see the famous lights!

ITINERARY SUMMARY

DAY 1 - Arrive in Bergen, Gateway to the Fjords

DAY 2 - Discovering Bergen

DAY 3 - Into the Fjords to Flåm

DAY 4 - The Flåm & Bergen Railways to Oslo

DAY 5 - Oslo at Leisure

DAY 6 - Tromsø, the Arctic Capital

DAY 7 - Sledding with Huskies & Chasing the Northern Lights

DAY 8 - Snowmobiling & Northern Lights

DAY 9 - Depart Norway

FULL ITINERARY

DAY 1 - ARRIVE IN BERGEN, GATEWAY TO THE FJORDS

Upon arrival at Bergen Airport, you will be met by our representatives and transferred to your hotel.

Relax into your surroundings if time allows before dinner at the hotel in the evening with the group.

Included meals: Dinner

Accommodation: Radisson Blue Royal Hotel, Bergen

DAY 2 - DISCOVERING BERGEN

Bergen is Norway's second largest city, and is known as the capital of the west and gateway to the fjords. A UNESCO World Heritage city

This morning, we enjoy a city sightseeing by foot in Bergen. We will pass by sights of interests such as the fish and flower market and Bryggen Hanseatic Wharf. Later, we will go on a ride on the Bergen Funicular to the top of mount Fløien to enjoy great views over the fjords and mountains surrounding the city of Bergen.

Travel with the funicular back down to Bergen where the rest of the day is at leisure for you to explore the city.

Included meals: Breakfast

Accommodation: Radisson BLU Royal Hotel Bergen

DAY 3 - INTO THE FJORDS TO FLÅM

We check out after breakfast and transfer inland to Dale where we board the Bergen Railway, one of the world's most scenic train rides, which will take us in towards Voss.

Our coach will drive from Voss to Gudvangen where we will board a fjord cruise on the narrow and spectacular Nærøysfjord, sailing further inland to Flåm. Surrounded by steep valley sides and snow-covered peaks, thundering waterfalls and picturesque villages, this area has been named as one of the most beautiful fjord landscapes in the world and is on the UNESCO World Heritage List.

Upon arrival in Flåm, there is a short walk to the hotel, where we will enjoy dinner in the evening.

Included meals: Breakfast & Dinner

Accommodation: Fretheim Hotel, Flåm

DAY 4 - THE FLÅM & BERGEN RAILWAYS TO OSLO

After breakfast at the hotel, we check out and walk the short distance to Flåm Station. Here we will board the famous Flåm Railway, one of the most beautiful and steepest standard-gauge railway lines in the world. Over 80% of the journey at a gradient is at 5.5% or higher.

We will travel through spectacular scenery, alongside the Rallar Road, up to the high mountains at Myrdal Station. In Myrdal, we change trains onto the Bergen Railway, one of the world's most scenic train rides, which will take us south to Oslo, the capital of Norway.

In Oslo, there is a short walk to the hotel, with the evening at leisure.

Included meals: Breakfast

Accommodation: Thon Hotel Opera, Oslo

DAY 5 - OSLO AT LEISURE

Today is free for you to explore Oslo, Norway's capital city. Situated at the head of the Oslo Fjord, Oslo is a great choice to experience architecture, museums and other attractions.

Highlights include the Norwegian National Opera & Ballet, Holmenkollen Ski Museum & Tower, Akershus Fortress, National Gallery, Viking Ship Museum, Vigeland Sculpture Park, Fram Museum and Norwegian Folk Museum.

Your tour director is on hand to help advise what to see and where to go.

Included meals: Breakfast

Accommodation: Thon Hotel Opera, Oslo

DAY 6 - TROMSØ, THE ARCTIC CAPITAL

After breakfast at the hotel, we transfer to Oslo Gardermoen Airport for your flight north to Tromsø. Tromsø is located 350 kilometres north of the Arctic Circle and is the largest city in Northern Norway.

On arrival at Tromsø Airport, we will be met by our coach and drive to the Fjellheisen cable car, on which we will ascend up the Storsteinen mountain which overlooks Tromsø. We will have lunch in the restaurant at the top of the mountain and enjoy the views over Tromsø. On our way back, we will stop at the famous Arctic Cathedral, whose stunning architecture makes it one of Norway's most recognisable landmarks.

We continue on to the hotel, our base for the next few nights where we will enjoy dinner this evening.

Included meals: Breakfast, Light Lunch & Dinner

Accommodation: Clarion Hotel The Edge, Tromsø

DAY 7 - SLEDDING WITH HUSKIES & CHASING THE NORTHERN LIGHTS

This morning, we head out to experience a husky dog trip with Alaskan huskies and experienced guides. Lean back and discover the beautiful mountain landscape of Kvaløya while an experienced musher safely drives your dog sled. Upon your return to camp, 300 Alaskan huskies are eager to meet you!

Afterwards, we will relax around an open fire in a "gamme hut" where hot drinks and a traditional Sami reindeer dish "Bidos" are served for lunch.

We then transfer back to Tromsø for a few hours rest and dinner at the hotel. In the evening, we head out to chase the elusive Northern lights. The locations we will visit depend on the current weather conditions, but our guide has a lot of experience in finding and capturing the Northern Lights on camera and they will give you helpful tips so you can get the best results with your camera!

N.B. - Northern Lights - Sightings of the Northern Lights are not guaranteed and will depend on current weather conditions. Please note, this excursion takes place at nighttime and will arrive back at the hotel in the early hours of the morning of Day 8, timing TBC - please take this into account when booking departure flights from Tromsø Airport.

Included meals: Breakfast, Light Lunch & Dinner

Accommodation: Clarion Hotel The Edge, Tromsø

DAY 8 - SNOWMOBILING & NORTHERN LIGHTS

This morning, we set off by coach and a local ferry to Svensby. Here we will explore the majestic Lyngen Alps with a local guide on a scenic, gentle and safe Snowmobile Safari where you will see nature at its very best.

The area of the Lyngen Alps offers some of the most beautiful scenery in Northern Norway. It is a large wilderness playground where we follow some approved and well-established trails. Throughout the tour, we will always have focus on safety and we will make several stops on the way. The actual snowmobile tour lasts 60- 90 minutes and focuses on sightseeing, playing in the snow, taking photos and enjoying the fascinating surroundings of mountains, forest and fjords. The guide gives a good explanation on how to drive the snowmobile. There will be two guests on each snowmobile who may change seats halfway.

After time at rest back in Tromsø and dinner, in the evening we head out again to try and spot the majestic displays of the Aurora Borealis.

N.B. Snowmobile Safari - Guests under 18 years and guests without a valid driving licence are not permitted to drive the snowmobiles. If local weather conditions change, the supplier reserves the right to amend the time spent on the snowmobile.

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Included meals: Breakfast, Light Lunch & Dinner

Accommodation: Clarion Hotel The Edge, Tromsø

DAY 9 - DEPART NORWAY

Enjoy breakfast this morning before being transferred to Tromsø Airport for your flight home.

N.B. - Departure flights - The Northern Lights excursion on Day 8 will arrive back at the hotel in the early hours of Day 9, timing TBC.

Please bear this in mind when booking your departure flights from Tromsø Airport.

Included meals: Breakfast

WHAT'S INCLUDED

- One-way flight: Oslo Airport [OSL] - Tromsø Airport [TOS]
- Meet & Greet at Bergen Airport on arrival
- Accommodation as detailed in the itinerary
- Meals as indicated in the itinerary
- All transfers/touring and excursions in air-conditioned deluxe motor vehicles
- All entrances, English-speaking guides and visits as indicated in the programme.

WHAT'S NOT INCLUDED

- Return international flights to Bergen Airport [BGO] and returning from Tromsø Airport [TOS]
- Drinks
- Gratuities
- Luggage handling
- All entrance fees to non-stipulated and optional additional attractions
- Visas, travel or medical insurance
- Any personal items and anything not mentioned under included in price above
- Any meals not mentioned in itinerary
- Any optional activities offered
- Increases in government taxes or fuel surcharges
- Any COVID tests or related entry & exit requirements

IMPORTANT INFORMATION

- Part of this escorted journey takes place within the Arctic Circle, therefore you will need winter clothing and boots.
- Snowmobile safari - Guests under 18 years and guests without a valid driving licence are **not** permitted to drive the snowmobiles. If local weather conditions change, the supplier reserves the right to amend the time spent on the snowmobile.
- Sightings of the Northern Lights are not guaranteed and will depend on current weather conditions
- Please let The Big Journey Company know prior to travelling if you have any medical needs or take any medication that we need to be made aware of to ensure that you have a safe and pleasant journey.
- Check in is after 2-3pm and check out is before 10am unless otherwise specified in the itinerary.
- Cancellation 90 - 0 days prior to departure cancellation fee is 100%. It is your responsibility to ensure the correct travel insurance in place to protect you against the need to cancel your holiday. Deposits are non-refundable.
- A non-refundable deposit is due at the time of booking. Full balance will be due 14 weeks prior to departure.
- Further terms and conditions apply and will be provided upon request or at the time of booking. The Big Journey Company reserves the right to withdraw any offer prior to accepting a reservation request. This does not affect your statutory rights. This offer is subject to availability and space is limited.

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Choose from the list of dates below

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