

winter
**ARCTIC
NORWAY**



OSLO – HARSTAD – LOFOTEN – TROMSO - ALTA

9 DAYS / 8 NIGHTS



**WINTER GUARANTEED DEPARTURES
2018/2019**

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OCTOBER	05, 19
NOVEMBER	16
DECEMBER	28*
JANUARY	25
FEBRUARY	08, 22
MARCH	01, 08

EXPERIENCE THIS UNIQUE JOURNEY TO NORTHERN NORWAY AND BE AMAZED BY A BLEND OF FIRST CLASS TRAVEL, WITH THE MOST BEAUTIFUL AND MAGNIFICENT NATURE. YOU WILL STAY IN HARSTAD AS WELL AS SVOLVAER, TROMSO AND ALTA. WEATHER PERMITTING, YOU WILL HAVE THE OPTION TO SEE THE BREATH TAKING NORTHERN LIGHTS DURING AN AURORA BOREALIS TOUR IN HARSTAD. EXPERIENCE THE HURTIGRUTEN TOUR FROM HARSTAD TO SVOLVAER AND GET A CLOSE LOOK AT THE SEA EAGLES WHILE SAILING IN A RIB BOAT IN SVOLVAER. THE HIGHLIGHTS OF THIS ADVENTURE ARE THE AURORA HUSKY VISIT IN TROMSO, YOUR VISIT TO THE POLAR PARK AND THE AWARD-WINNING ALTA MUSEUM.

HIGHLIGHTS:

- Activities everyday
- Evening walking tour in Oslo
- Hurtigruten from Harstad – Svolvær
- Trollfjord & Sea eagle RIB boat safari
- Fishing Village Walk & Dinner at Borsen Spiseri in Svolvær
- Aurora Husky Visit
- Polar Park
- Visit to the award-winning Alta Museum & the Northern Lights Cathedral in Alta



RATES

Per person in double/twin room:

- **EUR 2.980,00**

Supplement for single room:

- **EUR 765,00**

3rd adult in extra bed sharing double/twin room:

- **EUR 2.780,00**

*Child (7-12 years), per child when sharing room with parents:

- **EUR 2.575,00**

** Please note! The dinner included in the program will apply a supplement of EUR 150 for group 4 due to the special New Year's Eve Dinner.*


The Northern Lights are weather dependent and cannot be guaranteed as they are a natural phenomenon.

TOUR INCLUSIONS:

- ✓ 8 nights in First Class hotels in standard double/twin rooms with private facilities
- ✓ 8 breakfasts, buffet style
- ✓ 2 dinners, as mentioned in the program
- ✓ Bi-lingual Tour Escort (English & Spanish or Portuguese) from Day 1 to Day 8 inclusive
- ✓ Regular transfers from Harstad Airport and to Alta Airport
- ✓ Flight from Oslo to Harstad included
- ✓ 3-hours guided city tour of Tromsø
- ✓ All tours and transportation, as mentioned in the program
- ✓ The long-distance bus from day 2 – 8 offers WIFI
- ✓ Visits, excursions and entrances as mentioned in the program
- ✓ Outdoor clothing for winter activities/safaris mentioned in the program. For further information please consult the general conditions

Please note! Regular Transfer Services included in the program are only available for transfers from Harstad Airport & to Alta Airport and only on the published official date of end of the tour. Arrival transfer from Gardermoen Airport Oslo is not included. The transfers are escorted by an English-speaking representative from Borealis Destination Management and is shared with other fellow passengers; therefore, minor waiting time at the airport may occur. This transfer service is not valid for passengers with pre/post nights or passengers who require private transfers – for a supplement, private transfers can be reserved.

ITINERARY:

DAY	FRIDAY
1	ARRIVAL – OSLO
	Thon Opera Hotel ****

Arrival to Gardermoen Airport in Oslo and transfer (not included) to the hotel on your own for check-in. Please consult the *Via Hansa & Borealis* welcome letter, which you will receive upon check-in to your hotel, and kindly note where and when to meet your Tour Director.



*Group 4 will be accommodated at Thon Hotel Bristol Oslo

Evening walking tour of Oslo

19.30 – 20.30 hours

Get ready for a walking tour of the Norwegian capital. You begin your visit outside with a walk around the new Opera House, which opened in April 2008. From the spectacular outdoor terrace, you will be able to enjoy stunning views across the Oslo fjord. During the tour you will walk through the cosy Karl Johan walking Street where you can see the Royal Palace and the end. The tour will pass by Aker Brygge where you can admire the modern architecture of Oslo and perhaps enjoy dinner in one of the many cosy restaurants of this popular area of the capital. Return to the hotel by your own.

**OPTIONAL: THE OSLO GOURMET TOUR**


17:00 – 19:00

PRICE/PERSON: EUR 88

Min 4 persons

This exclusive and delicious gourmet tour will show you a totally different side of the city to what you have seen during your city sightseeing tour. If you would love to experience the new style of the Norwegian cuisine, this tour is something for you. You will have around 4 to 5 different tastings on your tour, which makes up for a whole meal. The tour will be directed by an English-speaking guide taking you through Oslo city by foot. The tour will be a two-kilometer walk. **REQUIRES PRE-BOOKING**



DAY	SATURDAY	Breakfast
2	OSLO – HARSTAD	
	Scandic Harstad ****	

Early breakfast at the hotel. Private transfer to the Oslo airport, from where you will take a direct flight to Harstad (included). Your private bus is waiting for you at Harstad/Narvik Evenes Airport and will drive you to Harstad. The trip to Harstad city is approximately an hour ride during which you will enjoy many beautiful impressions on the way. Check in at the hotel.




***Group 4 will be accommodated at Thon Hotel Harstad**

OPTIONAL AURORA BOREALIS TOUR	PRICE/PERSON: EUR 240,00 SNACKS & TYPICAL NORWEGIAN STEW
DURATION: 19:00 – 23:00	Min 4 persons

On this Aurora Borealis tour, you will go to Solli mountain, where you will visit the Aurora Summit Lodge on the top of the mountain, which is 535 meters above sea level. You are transported to the summit by snowmobiles and sleds, dressed in a warm snowsuit, shoes, gloves and helmets. On the top of the mountain you have the chance to experience the dancing Aurora Borealis and inside the summit lounge you can keep warm by the big bonfire. You are served Aurora Cocktails in glasses made of ice and you can have a taste of the very typical Norwegian dried reindeer meat chips. An Aurora film on the snow will be shown while you are sitting around the fire. Transfer back to the hotel. **REQUIRES PRE-BOOKING**



DAY	SUNDAY	Breakfast
3	HARSTAD – SVOLVAER	
	Thon Svolvær ****	


Early breakfast at the hotel. Your luggage will be transferred on land by your private bus for you to enjoy your time on the Hurtigruten even more. The pier from where the Hurtigruten departs is within walking distance from your hotel.

HURTIGRUTEN FROM HARSTAD – SVOLVAER

DURATION: 08:30 – 18:30

Since 1893 the Hurtigruten ships have been very well-known in the northern coast of Norway. Experience Norway's most beautiful fjords, nice harbor and amazing sceneries on your way! From the panoramic lounge you will be able to see the magnificent nature of Norway. During your time on deck you will have time to enjoy lunch at your own. Upon arrival in Svolvær you will check in to your hotel located right next to the Hurtigruten Terminal in Svolvær. Evening at leisure.



DAY	MONDAY	Breakfast & Dinner
4	SVOLVAER	
	Thon Svolvær ****	

Breakfast at the hotel. Morning at leisure. Make yourself ready to meet in Svolvær centrum at 11.00 where your RIB safari will start.

TROLLFJORD & SEA EAGLE RIB SAFARI

INCLUDED

DURATION: 11:30 – 13:30

Experience the magnificent Lofoten Islands by sea! With a bit of luck, you can see both eagles and seals, and a great variation of bird life on a trip to the Trollfjord. You will drive up the strait of Oyhellsundet and to the spectacular Trollfjord. Here you find historic sites, sandy white beaches (when there is no snow) and one of the most dramatic fjords of Norway. You also visit the whaling island Skrova with its charming harbour. All passengers will be outfitted with flotation suits. We recommend warm clothes as a base layer underneath as well as practical footwear.


**FISHING VILLAGE WALK & DINNER AT BORSEN SPISERI**

DINNER INCLUDED


DURATION: 17:00-20:00

Svinoya is the oldest part of Svolvær, and has been a thriving, vibrant fishing village since 1828. You will experience a living fishing village and learn about the culture. Your guide will talk about how the fishermen lived 100 years ago and what happened in the Trollfjord in 1890. Hear all the stories, ask all the questions and smell and taste the stockfish. Remember warm clothes, sensible footwear and your camera to be able to capture the memories. You finish your evening with a 3-course dinner at Borsen Spiseri – the most distinctive restaurant in the Lofoten Islands. The restaurant is housed in a venerable quayside warehouse dating back to 1828. The dishes you will be served are all made with unique, fresh and local ingredients from Lofoten.



DAY 5	TUESDAY SVOLVAER – TROMSO	Breakfast
	Radisson Blu Tromso ****	

Breakfast at the hotel. Your journey continues by bus to your next destination Tromso. Your bus trip from Svolvaer to Tromso will take around 10 hours (400 km). On your way you will take a stop at the famous **Polar Park** which is the world's northernmost animal park. There you will have the unique opportunity to meet the wolves, bears, deer, elk and reindeer. A local guide will show you the park and tell you everything you want to know about the animals. If you feel hungry after the guided tour you can enjoy a delicious traditional Norwegian meal indoors in the cosy restaurant (not included). After the visit at the Polar Park you will continue your journey to Tromso. Check in at your hotel. Evening at leisure.

DAY 6	WEDNESDAY TROMSO	Breakfast & Dinner
	Radisson Blu Tromso****	

Breakfast at the hotel. This morning we depart by private coach for a 3-hour city sightseeing tour. This tour will be the perfect introduction to Tromso where you will visit the world's most northern Botanical gardens. Here you can enjoy the views of the mountains to the east and south. Tromso enjoys a subarctic climate, its location corresponding to the northern coast of Alaska. Visit the Tromso University Museum where you will learn fascinating facts on nature and culture in northern Norway. Learn about the indigenous Sami people, their traditional culture and recent history. Following this, you will continue on a tour around the island, passing Lake Prestvatn where the Meteorological Institute is situated. Travel across the bridge to the Arctic Cathedral for a visit to this masterpiece by Jan Inge Hovig. Built in 1965, the cathedral reflects north Norwegian nature, culture, and faith with a monumental stained-glass window.



AURORA HUSKY VISIT

DINNER INCLUDED


DURATION: 18:30-23:00

Be ready for a pick-up right outside your hotel at 18:30 where you will be met by a representative from Tromsø Villmarkssenter and taken on a 25-minute bus ride to the Aurora Camp. At the camp you will be equipped with thermal overalls and boots to keep you nice and warm all evening. 300 friendly Alaskan huskies are waiting to greet you and enjoy some cuddles, followed by an affectionate and playful visit to the puppy enclosure. Once you have filled up on puppy love, it is time to enjoy a traditional Norwegian dinner in our cosy Gamme-hut (turf home). You will be served Norwegian Bacalao, prepared with locally sourced cod and tomato sauce, and for dessert their savoury signature chocolate cake.



As it is impossible to predict when the Aurora will appear during the evening, your guide will keep a close eye on the sky for you and the program will be adjusted accordingly. For those of you who wish to sit outside and wait for it to appear, a bonfire will set the mood and keep you toasty.



DAY	THURSDAY	Breakfast
7	TROMSO - ALTA	
	Thon Alta ***+	

Breakfast at the hotel. The ride from Alta to Tromso is breathtaking regardless of the time of year. Stunning scenery and magnificent nature. This trip will be something that stay with you just a little longer. The distance between Tromso and Alta is about 300 km, the journey takes approximately 8 hours and include two ferry crossings. The tour will make a stop to enjoy lunch (not included) at the Bios Café in Storslett. Arrival in Alta and check in at your hotel. Evening at leisure.



OPTIONAL: NORTHERN LIGHTS TOUR - Storytelling

PRICE: 155 EUR/PERSON


19:30– 23:30

Min 2 persons/
max 15 persons

Includes: transfers between Alta and Sorrisniva, guide, sweets and hot drink during the trip

This adventure begins with a pick up from the Scandic Alta Hotel and a 20-minute bus ride into the countryside. The family owned Sorrisniva adventure facility is perfectly located to maximize your chances of seeing the magnificent Aurora Borealis in the time between September and March. In the company of a knowledgeable local guide you will take on the Northern Lights chase. Along the way you will have an excellent opportunity to learn more about the natural phenomenon as well as the local history of Alta. Your guide will also be very happy to help you catch some beautiful images with your own camera. During the trip you will be served sweets and a warm drink. You will return to Scandic Hotel around midnight. **REQUIRES PRE-BOOKING**



DAY	FRIDAY	Breakfast
8	ALTA	
	Thon Alta ***+	

Breakfast at the hotel before departing for the prestigious EMYA award-winning Alta museum. The museum is situated at the site of early settlement of Finnmark dating from around 11,000 years ago

and presents exhibitions on local culture and historic industries. A must-see for anyone visiting the area. Afterwards we will pay a visit to the modern Northern Lights Cathedral located in the central part of town.

ALTA MUSEUM

INCLUDED

Experience the Northern Europe's largest and richest rock carving site, inscribed on the UNESCO's World Heritage List. Here you can walk on pathways arranged around the rock carving area while having a fantastic view over the Alta Fjord. The 2000 to 6200 years old rock carvings show the life of hunters and fishermen. You will have a guided tour at the museum with some free time afterwards to walk around in your own pace.

**NORTHERN LIGHTS CATHEDRAL**

INCLUDED

The impressive Nordlyskatedralen is a result of an architectural competition launched in 2001. Designed by Schmidt Hammer Lassen Architects in collaboration with architect Kolbjorn Jenssen of Link Arkitektur, the elegant and modern construction features concrete and wood with external cladding of titanium sheets. The central feature being the towering spiral with belfry. Inside the church you will find art work by Danish artist Peter Brandes.

**OPTIONAL: SLEIGH RIDE UNDER THE NORTHERN LIGHTS**

PRICE/PERSON: 215 EUR
Min 2 persons/Max 8 persons
Dinner included

20:00 – 24:00

Includes: Transfer, traditional dinner including dried meat chips w/dip, reindeer meat, lingonberry sauce, homemade cinnamon rolls, bonfire-coffee and glogg

This tour offers you an evening of cozy adventure. You will be picked up in Alta and driven to a farm in the nearby countryside where you will climb aboard a sleigh and get bundled up in warm blankets. Your sleigh is then pulled by a Norwegian Fjord Horse through the forest and along the Alta River, all you need to do is sit back and enjoy the peace and beauty all around you. Near the end of the ride, you will stop at a wilderness shelter where a light dinner will be served around a warm fire. Under the right conditions you might also be able to capture some beautiful images of the Northern Lights. **REQUIRES PRE-BOOKING**



DAY	SATURDAY
9	ALTA - Departure

Breakfast

Breakfast and the rest of your day at leisure until your departure transfer to Alta airport in good time for your departure flight.


END OF SERVICES**THANK YOU FOR TRAVELLING WITH VIA HANSA & BOREALIS**

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BOOKING CODES:	DATES:
- 08-1001:	05 – 13 OCTOBER
- 08-1003:	19 – 27 OCTOBER
- 09-1103:	16 – 24 NOVEMBER
- 09-1204:	28 DECEMBER – 05 JANUARY
- 09-0106:	25 JANUARY – 02 FEBRUARY
- 09-0206:	08 – 16 FEBRUARY
- 09-0208:	22 FEBRUARY – 02 MARCH
- 09-0301:	01 MARCH – 09 MARCH
- 09-0303:	08 MARCH – 16 MARCH

THE RATES DO NOT INCLUDE:
- Beverages or any extras
- Porter Service
- Any services not mentioned in the program

HOTEL DESCRIPTIONS:
 Thon Opera Hotel ****

The hotel is right next door to the Airport Train terminal at Oslo Central Train Station, so every possible public transport option is truly at your doorstep. Karl Johan high street is a two-minute walk from the hotel.

Every room is fitted with a flat-screen TV with satellite channels. Certain accommodations have a sitting area for your convenience. All rooms are equipped with a private bathroom. For your comfort, you will find free toiletries and a hairdryer.

 Scandic Harstad ****
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The hotel in Harstad is in the centre of town, close to the waterfront and public transportations. This is a great starting point for cycling excursions, a day trip to Lofoten, the Grottebadet water park or the nearby Golf course. Just around the corner you will also find cultural activities and exciting restaurants which serves food with local ingredients. The restaurant at the hotel serves a hearty breakfast every day. Lunch and dinner is served on request. In our bar we serve lighter food and drinks, on occasion accompanied by live music. As a guest you'll have access to free WIFI.

 Thon Hotel Svolvær ****

Thon Hotel Svolvær is situated in the scenic harbor of the idyllic arctic village of Svolvær, in the heart of Lofoten. The quay of the Hurtigruten cruise line is mere steps from the hotel, which is within walking distance of all the attractions of Svolvær. The hotel is adjacent to Lofoten Kulturhus, a local arts & culture centre.

 Radisson Blu Hotel Tromsø ****
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Right by Tromso Harbor, this hotel offers air-conditioned rooms with a flat-screen TV and tea/coffee facilities. The 10th-floor fitness room and sauna are free and offer great city and mountain views. Most rooms of Radisson Blu Hotel Tromso offer views of the city, the Arctic Cathedral or Tromsø Sound. All are decorated in warm, soothing tones. Wi-Fi is free throughout the hotel. The Radisson Blu Tromso Restaurant “Aurora” serves regional dishes made from fresh, locally produced ingredients. Yonas Pizzeria has been making quality pizzas for almost 40 years. The Rorbua Pub offers beer from the world’s northernmost brewery and live music Wednesday to Saturday. During winter, guests might be lucky enough to see the Northern Lights from the hotel’s glass bridge.



Thon Hotel Alta

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Featuring free WIFI throughout the property, Thon Hotel Alta offers accommodations in Alta. Guests can enjoy the on-site restaurant. Some accommodations feature a sitting area to relax in after a busy day. For your comfort, you will find free toiletries and a hairdryer. You will find a 24-hour front desk at the property. Bike rental is available at this hotel and the area is popular for biking. The nearest airport is Alta Airport, 4 km from the property.

Conditions – Winter Guaranteed Departures 2019

1) RATES

All rates are retail sales rates and given per person in Euro. The rates include all service taxes and reservation charges as well as the VAT percentage known on day of issuing the program of each country included in the respective programs. We reserve the right to amend the rates in case of governmental interference beyond our control.

2) RESERVATIONS

We kindly ask you to send your reservations by e-mail to Guaranteed.Departures@bdm-info.com stating the tour code.

The following information is needed to confirm the reservations: *Booking code, type of room, full name, sex, date of birth, nationality, passport number and expiry date.*

Confirmation is subject to availability and therefore to confirmation. Our confirmation will be returned within 48 hours during weekdays (Mon-Fri).

We should be glad to sign you up for a free sales agreement, information and requirement thereto to be forwarded separately.

3) PAYMENTS

The rates are based on full pre-payment prior to departure. Invoices will be forwarded in due time prior to the traveler's arrival to destination.

4) GRACE PERIOD FOR RESERVATIONS

* Reservations made more than 45 days prior to the beginning of the tour, may be cancelled within 10 working days (weekdays) from date of booking without cancellation charges.

* Reservations made between 45 days and 36 days prior to the beginning of the tour, may be cancelled within 5 working days (weekdays) without penalties.

* Reservations made between 35 and 21 days prior to the beginning of the tour, may be cancelled within 3 working days (weekdays) without cancellation charges.

* Penalty will be imposed for cancellation of reservations made less than 20 days prior to the beginning of the tour, no matter the time of cancellation as follows.

5) CANCELLATION CONDITIONS FOR TOURS IN LAPLAND

After confirmation the reservation cannot be cancelled or changed without penalty. All cancellations will be charged with a minimum cancellation fee of EUR 75.00 per person.

The following cancellation charges apply:

* Cancellations until 91 days prior to the arrival of the passenger are subject to a fee of EUR 75.00 per person for tours excluding overnight in Glass Igloos, and EUR 275,00 for tours including overnight in Glass Igloos.

* Cancellations between 90 – 45 days prior to the arrival of the passenger are subject to a charge, per person, of 50 % of the total cost of the reservation.

* Cancellations between 44 – 15 days prior to the arrival of the passenger are subject to a charge, per person, of 75% of the total cost of the reservation.

* Cancellations made within less than 14 days of arrival of the passenger are subject to a charge, per person, of 100% of the total cost of the reservation.

Name changes are considered as cancellation and rebooking and can only be done up to 21 days prior to arrival. Name changes will be charged with a fee of EUR 75.00 per name change.

6) VISA & PASSPORT

It is the travelers own responsibility to hold and present valid documents (passport & visa) to the immigration authority of each

country. Borealis Destination Management is pleased to provide a visa support letter as basis for the travelers' application to the Embassy of his or her home country should a visa be required for the travelers in question. In order for us to supply such a support letter we must receive the following information: *full name, sex, date of birth, nationality, passport number and expiry date.*

7) FORCE MAJEURE

Borealis Destination Management Aps shall not be liable for any delay or failure in its performance of any of the services when such delay or failure arises beyond its reasonable control, including without limitation, acts of terrorism, civil insurrection, revolution, blockade, labor disputes and strikes, material shortages, supplier failure, embargoes, rationing, acts of local, state or national governments or public agencies, utility or communication failures or delays, fire, acts of war, floods, epidemics, and riots.

8) ITINERARY AMENDMENTS

We reserve the right to amend the itinerary and/or included entrances without notice due to weather conditions or interference of local authorities, which is out of the control of Borealis Destination Management Aps and its suppliers. The weather in Norway, especially on fjords area, can be unpredictable during the season and road closures are sometimes enforced by local authorities, therefore some of the activities on this tour are subject to change or cancelation without notice. Should the itinerary be amended due to unforeseen circumstances then we will endeavour to find suitable alternative activities.

09) HOTELS

Hotels confirmed for the respective dates are as per the program, there however might be a variation on some of the tours due to a difficult booking situation or similar. Should the actual hotel vary from the program, the tour operator will always be notified in advance and prior to the arrival of the passenger.

The Hospitality in Scandinavia is not officially classified by the international star system. The classification of the hotels described in our programs are as for the official classification, when existing, or with the number of stars based on the professional evaluation of Borealis Destination Management Aps.

The classification/evaluation used in our programs are based on the date of print of the program and could vary from the date of print to the date of the start of the actual tour.

10) CHILD POLICY – WINTER PROGRAMS

Borealis Destination Management ApS cannot be held responsible if the equipment or facilities provided by its suppliers does not ideally suit or fit to the needs of young children. Due to the nature of the tours and the destination, we are unfortunately not able to accept children younger than 7 years old on these programs. Children between 07-12 years, when sharing room with adults, receive a reduction.

11) IMPORTANT NOTE:

It is important to note that in all our winter programs can be physically demanding and the passenger may be exposed to different kinds of physical strain. Uneven grounds during walking tours, snow and ice are common surface in our destinations. All activities involving sailing, snowmobiling, reindeer sleighs, husky sleighs, igloo dinners & ice breaker will include appropriate thermal equipment.