

# Arctic Adventures (Finland & Norway)

Finland has been described as the most underrated tourist destinations in Europe. Dine on reindeer steaks, visit Santa Claus in his northern Arctic home, ski a dog sled across miles of virgin snow or tap your toes at one of the numerous music and folk festivals held throughout the year.

Norway, the land of the 'Midnight Sun', offers a special experience. Norway is a wildly beautiful country, of snow-capped mountains and deep glacier-carved Fjords. While the country has tidy cities, historic buildings and distinctive artists, nature is clearly its prime attraction. It also offers a rich cultural heritage from the Vikings, the traditional nomadic Sami people of the remote northern regions, and world renowned artists such as Edward Munch.

5 Nights/6 Days

Helsinki – Rovaniemi – Saariselka – Inari – Alta – Honningsvag – North Cape – Oslo

## Day 1: HELSINKI

Arrival at Helsinki airport and transfer to hotel

The rest of the day is at leisure.

## Day 2: HELSINKI – ROVANIEMI – SAARISELKÄ

Take a flight to Rovaniemi, the Capital of Finnish Lapland and the home of Santa Claus.

Drive directly to the Santa Claus Village to meet Santa Claus himself, send post cards from his post office, shop Lappish handicrafts and souvenirs and just enjoy the snow and the village.

The Arctic Circle cuts through the Village and visitors officially enter the Arctic area when they cross the line. Receive a certificate as a proof of having crossed this magic circle.

Depart for Saariselkä on a coach and arrive in the evening. Check in at Igloo Village Kakaslauttanen (in summer they have glass igloos). During winter they also offer snow igloos (from December until March).



*Guests travelling during November-December might get to see Northern Lights whereas those travelling between June-July may get to see the Midnight Sun. Both are weather dependent.*

### **Day 3: SAARISÄLKÄ- INARI- ALTA**

Visit the husky farm – meet the puppies (1 hr visit) before continuing towards Alta. In Inari you will visit Siida museum.

Arrive at Alta late in the afternoon.

### **Day 4: ALTA – HONNINGSVÅG /NORTH CAPE**

Visit Alta museum in the morning to see the rock carvings.



Upon arrival at Honningsvåg you will have a king crab safari. Watch divers lower themselves into the depths to catch these huge crabs. In a nearby local cabin enjoy a fresh king crab lunch and a presentation on the largest crab in the world.

Visit North Cape thereafter *(during midnight sun period June-July it will be visited late in the evening)*.

### **Day 5: HONNINGSVÅG - ALTA – OSLO**

Morning: Transfer from Honningsvaag to Alta by local bus for a domestic flight to Oslo.

Arrive at Gardermoen Airport. After check-in at the hotel, enjoy a Norwegian Evening cruise on the Fjord at 1900 hrs (OPTIONAL).

It's a 3 hour cruise on board a traditional wooden sailing ship passing through a maze of green islands. Sit back on board the boat and enjoy the scenery and beautiful islands, whilst savoring the fresh flavour of local shrimp.



### **Day 6: OSLO**

Transfer to airport after breakfast, for the flight back home.