

AIP 019: Tromsø and Alta Together

<i>Location:</i>	<i>Tromsø, and then Alta, in arctic Norway</i>
<i>Airport:</i>	<i>Arrive Tromsø (TOS) and depart Alta (ALF)</i>
<i>Duration:</i>	<i>5 nights, 6 days</i>
<i>Minimum/Maximum</i>	<i>2 – 6 people</i>
<i>Clothing and gear:</i>	<i>Warm leisure clothing. Wool underwear and socks, warm sweater or fleece, warm shoes or boots (preferably waterproof), hat and gloves, scarf or buff, warm outer jacket</i>

Your Tour

Tromsø, “Paris of the North” and Alta, “The City of the Northern Lights” – two delightful places to visit, for very different reasons! On this tour, you’ll arrive in Tromsø and explore the city and its rugged, coastal surroundings. Tromsø has a lively tourist industry with many tours and attractions, all supported by the small city’s choices of hotels and restaurants.

Then it’s off to the innermost corner of Alta Fjord, where you will spend time in Alta, a modern but rugged town on the edge of a wild, arctic frontier. Just a fraction of the size of Tromsø, Alta provides the chance to experience a slower-paced, close-to-nature lifestyle with small, personal tours and experiences.

It’s a great combination tour that provides a unique perspective on arctic life in Norway!

Your Itinerary

Day 1: Welcome to Tromsø!

- Arrive in Tromsø. Take a taxi from the airport to your hotel, check in and settle in.

- **Evening: Northern Lights Hunt**

Many people come to the arctic for a chance to see the northern lights, so let’s get started with that! Dress warmly and head out with your group and guide. You will travel away from Tromsø’s city lights to locations that have the best chance for clear sky. Your guide can help you with camera settings if the aurora is visible, and maybe even get a picture of you in the frame as well!



Day 2: Fishing Boats and Snowmobiles

- **10:00-13:00: Winter Fishing Tour**

Even in the winter, there's a good chance to catch some fish in the waters near Tromsø. You will take a tour out on a small catamaran to try your luck, all the while surrounded by breathtaking scenery. If you take the trip in January or early February, you'll experience the blue-tinted light of deep arctic winter. The tour includes a hot meal, even if you don't catch anything – but if you do, your lunch will be the freshest possible fish! ***[Optional: Not interested in fishing? No problem! We can book this simply as a sightseeing tour on the water instead.]***

- **17:00 – midnight: Nighttime Snowmobile Ride**

Your guide will pick you up in the arctic evening twilight (or darkness, in early winter) and take you outside of town to the tour's starting point. Snowmobiling is great fun, and there's something extra-special about a snowmobile ride at night. All the necessary gear will be provided to you, along with meals and refreshments. If you're lucky, you might even see the northern lights overhead along the way! When the tour is over, you will be returned to your hotel in Tromsø for a good night's sleep.

Day 3: Tromsø and Alta

- **Morning and Daytime: Explore Tromsø**

After breakfast, set out and explore the city of Tromsø on your own. There's lots to see! Stop by the famous Arctic Cathedral; take some time and visit Polaria, an aquarium and museum in a unique and striking building at the water's edge. Or, just explore the shops and downtown area and find a special place for lunch!



- **16:00 – 22:30 Take the Bus to Alta**

Winter doesn't slow us down here in the arctic! Except for in the middle of a storm, the roads are open and the buses run on their regular schedule. Wave goodbye to Tromsø and take a relaxing ride through the winter night to the east along the coast. You'll be in the company of local travelers and tourists alike as you pass through and occasionally stop at the tiny towns that dot the coast all the way along the fjords.

- **22:30 Check in to Your Alta Hotel**

Welcome to downtown Alta! You'll discover right away that a town of 20,000 residents has a small city center, and in the late evening that's a good thing: Your hotel will be just a quick hop across the street from the central bus station.

Day 4: Ice Fishing, Ice Sculpture and Real Reindeer

- **10:00 – 14:30 Snowshoe Hike and Ice Fishing with Arctic Lunch**

It's the classic Norwegian outdoor experience! Strap on snowshoes and head out into the forest, along with an Alaskan husky pulling a pulka with extra gear. Look for animal tracks and enjoy the crisp forest air. Drill into the ice of a frozen river or lake, and see what you can catch. Take time out for lunch at a lavvo (herdsman's tent) around an open fire, and then hike back. Remember your camera - there are plenty of photo opportunities!



- **16:00 Transfer to Sorrisniva, Tour the Igloo Hotel**

The Igloo Hotel is constructed entirely from local snow and ice each winter. It is a little different every year, and typically features around 30 rooms, an assortment of larger suites, a chapel (yes, people do get married there!), an art gallery and an ice bar. The hotel is decorated with a theme each year, and local artists carve ice sculptures and wall murals to delight your eyes.



- **18:00-20:00 3-course dinner at Sorrisniva**

Dinner is served in the Laksestua restaurant (it's a large wooden building with a big fire in the center, not in the ice hotel!). Relax and treat yourself to delightful Norwegian flavors in a warm and friendly atmosphere.

- **20:00-23:30 Evening Reindeer Ride and Sami Experiences**

Meet the Sami guide and his reindeer. Sitting in a reindeer sled, they will take you out looking for the Northern Lights. Along the way, they will tell you stories from the Sami culture and legends about the Northern Lights. You will also visit a lavvo (Sami tent) and enjoy coffee and cake around the fire, and even hear a demonstration of joking, the chanting songs of the Sami people.



- **Overnight at your Alta Hotel ... or the Igloo Hotel**

Once your evening is complete at Sorrisniva, you will return to Alta and spend the night at your hotel. Or... upgrade your tour to include an overnight in one of those rooms you toured earlier! Feel the contrast between staying in the cold, while the cozy sleeping bag keeps you nice and warm during the whole night.

Day 5: Dogsleds and Fatbikes

- **10:00 – 12:30 A Taste of Dogsledding**
Play an active role on the trip and learn all about huskies and dogsledding. Assemble your dog team and prepare your sled for the journey (with our help, of course), and then you're off along the forest trail for a fun sledding adventure. When you return, hot drinks and home-baked cake awaits you, along with conversation about life as a professional dog musher.
- **18:00 – 21:00 Fatbike Evening Trip**
Fatbikes -- mountain bikes with oversized wheels for driving in the snow -- are cool, fat and playful! Join us for an evening fatbike trip along the many scenic dog sledding and snowmobile trails in the Alta Valley. This is an unforgettable nature-based experience with a large portion of exercise included for good measure. On this trip we use powerful head torches that light up the forest and trails. If we switch off the torches, there's a good chance we will spot the majestic Northern Lights dancing in the sky above us!
- **Overnight at your hotel in Alta**



Day 6: Farewell!

- **Transfer to airport by taxi, and depart**



Activities in Alta WINTER TOURS

Booking Terms and Conditions

All services provided by North Adventure are provided to the customer on the following terms and conditions.

All prices quoted by North Adventure are indicative only and are subject to dates of travel and availability. The offers are based on the group travelling together and one total invoice, unless otherwise agreed upon beforehand. Any other possibilities can be arranged upon request.

No allotment for any part of this tour has been held or pre-booked.

A name list must be provided to hotels used for this tour at least one month before arrival.

Price:

The price on all tours and offers includes only what is stated in the accompanying itinerary. North Adventure reserves the right to alter prices in the event of circumstances beyond North Adventure's control.

Payment:

Upon confirmation of a tour, a deposit will be required for 30% of the total amount, unless otherwise agreed. The remaining balance must be paid one month before arrival. Normal banking fees for processing the payments will be added to the invoice.

Changes after confirmation:

Individual changes/adjustments made after a tour has been confirmed will be charged, unless otherwise agreed, an additional 100,- NOK plus VAT per person per change.

After a tour has been confirmed, program changes/adjustments made that require additional work will be charged, unless otherwise agreed, 650,- NOK plus VAT per hour during office hours and 1050,- NOK plus VAT per hour on weekends and holidays, and after 17:00 on weekdays.

All changes to the cost of the trip will be identified and presented for approval before the changes are made.

Activity provider cancellations:

Providers of activities and transport may cancel excursions due to weather conditions and safety concerns for the clients. If an alternative activity is offered and the client accepts this alternative, there will be no refund for the activities. Additional costs may be imposed for back-up solutions with a higher cost than the original program.

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0-3 days prior to scheduled arrival date of itinerary: Full amount payable

4-7 days prior to scheduled arrival date of itinerary: 50% of total amount payable

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