

## AIP 022: Discover Northernmost Norway

<i>Location:</i>	<i>Alta, Norway, with a day trip up to Hammerfest</i>
<i>Airport:</i>	<i>Arrive 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>Layers of wool – thermal underwear, light shirt, sweater, insulated trousers, wool socks, gloves, hat, buff/scarf, sturdy and snowproof boots, heavy outer jacket. Temperatures can range from -0C to -25C in winter.</i>

### Your Tour

Come play in the arctic! Whether you're under the dim sky of early winter, the brighter daylight of midwinter, or the night sky with the Northern Lights, you will find plenty to do here in Alta, Norway. Alta is delightfully removed from the well-worn tourist circuit in the Scandinavian north, so your tours will be more personal and more authentic here.

On this itinerary, you'll blend sightseeing and participating together, sometimes trekking out into the wilderness, and other times discovering the coast and interior of this rugged and beautiful land at a slower and more relaxing pace.

### Your Itinerary

#### **Day 1: Welcome to Alta!**

- You'll be met in the afternoon by a North Adventure representative at the airport to ensure that everything is in order with your arrival. Once you collect your luggage, you will head out by taxi to one of Alta's downtown hotels and check in. Relax, grab a bite to eat, and get ready for your evening adventure.
- **19:00 – 23:30: Hunting for the Northern Lights with GLØD Explorer**  
We pick you up at your hotel and bring you to our headquarters for a briefing on current weather and aurora conditions, and a light meal of soup and bread. Then we travel out by car to the best viewpoints, far from the light pollution from the city. GLØD can assist with your camera settings to help you capture the best shots of this wonderful phenomenon.



## Day 2: Snowshoes, Reindeer and a Magic Hotel Made of Ice

- 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 – 10:00 (overnight): Visit - and Stay Overnight! – at the Sorrisniva Igloo Hotel**

Feel the silence in the hotel made of snow and ice. See the sculptures and have an ice drink in the bar. Feel the contrast between staying in the cold, while the cozy sleeping bag keeps you nice and warm during the whole night! Experience the silence and serenity surrounding you. Every year the hotel has a new unique theme from the Arctic part of the world. Dinner and breakfast are included in your overnight stay.



- 20:00 – 23:30: Sami Culture in the Arctic – Reindeer Sledding and Northern Lights Hunt**

An exciting and quiet experience of the nature in winter darkness in the evening. Meet the Sami guide and his reindeers. 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 and also perform joik. Along the way you will also visit a lavvo (Sami tent), here you will be served coffee, cake and snack around the fire.



## Day 3: Quartzite Slate and Husky Dogs

- 11:00 – 13:30: Alta Quartzite Slate and City Tour**

Come and join us on a tour of Alta which also brings you out of downtown and up to the slate mountains. There you can see and learn about the world famous Alta Quartzite Slate, from the slate block taken out of the mountain to manufactured roof tiles. Then it's your turn to be a "slateworker-for-a-day" and make your own real Alta souvenir of slate! The tour starts at your hotel. We will drive past some of Alta's sights (Northern Lights Cathedral, Alta Church, Alta Museum) on the way up to Pæskatun, and in returning to the hotel, we pass some other sights (Altagård, Alta river). Along the way, the experienced guide will share his/her knowledge of Alta.



- **16:30 – 19:00: Evening Trip by Dogsled**

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. You'll experience not just the power of the dogs, but the excitement of gliding along through the twilight and night. When you return, hot drinks and home-baked cake awaits you, along with conversation about life as a professional dog musher.



- **Overnight: Downtown Alta Hotel**

### Day 4: Hammerfest and the Arctic Wilderness

- **Day Trip: Hammerfest**

Explore the north of Norway at a leisurely pace, with a trip to Hammerfest, the first town in the region to be given the status as a city. Your trip begins in the morning with a bus from Alta city center to the town of Hammerfest. You will get a good overview of the vast Finnmarksvidda mountain plain as you make your way north. In Hammerfest, you will have time to explore the town including the Royal and Ancient Polar Bear Society, the Struve Meridian Marker and the Museum of Reconstruction. In the afternoon, you will board an Alta-bound express boat that will take you along the wild and rugged coast between the two cities.



- **Overnight: Downtown Alta Hotel**

### Day 5: Fjord Cruise and Snowmobiles

- **Morning: Adventure Cruise on Alta Fjord**

Ice Cube of Aurora is a local tourist fishing boat, engaging in adventurous trips in the Alta fjord. For this tour, leave your fishing gear behind and explore the beautiful fjord near Alta. You will have a chance to birdwatch, enjoy the varied and fascinating coastline, and maybe even see dolphins dancing near the boat. You will learn about some of the colorful local history along the way, including stories about the local mining industry and from World War II.





## Activities in Alta WINTER TOURS

- **18:00 – 23:00: Evening Snowmobile Safari**

Experience the beautiful wilderness with views of mountains and sea in Storekorsnes, only 45 minutes by car from Alta (and the trip from Alta to Storekorsnes is a delightful part of the experience as well!). The tour runs along stunning coastlines and up to a viewpoint, where you'll enjoy a great view over the mountains and the fjord. With no light pollution in the area, the evening tour provides a good chance to see the Northern Lights and take some pictures. The tour includes several stops on the way for photography, and chances to see some Arctic animals on the trip. Light meal with coffee/tea after the tour in our panoramic grillhouse.



- **Overnight: Downtown Alta Hotel**

### Day 6: Farewell!

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





## 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.

### Customer cancellations:

In the event of cancellation of the itinerary by the customer, North Adventure must be notified in writing and the following charges are immediately due and payable by the customer to North Adventure based on the time of notification:

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

7-30 days prior to scheduled arrival date of itinerary: 10% of total amount payable

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