

## AIP 033 The Longest Dogsled Race in Europe 2017

<i>Location:</i>	<i>In and around Alta, Norway</i>
<i>Airport:</i>	<i>Arrive and depart Alta (ALF)</i>
<i>Duration:</i>	<i>3 nights, 4 days</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>

### See the Start in Alta

Every year since 1981, Europe's longest and most challenging dogsled race starts and ends in Alta, Norway. The race has three different classes and takes them all through different lengths of the Finnmark plateau wilderness: FL-200 km is 6-dog junior class, FL-500 is a 500 km run with a team of 8 dogs; and FL-1000 is a grueling 1000 km endurance challenge with 14 dogs that takes the mushers right to the edge of Russia and back.

The race begins on Saturday, 11<sup>th</sup> of March 2017, and all three classes of teams will head out from the city center of Alta after the opening ceremony. The junior class will be out for approx. 1 day, participants of FL-500 km will arrive back in town after around two full days, while the long-race competitors will begin to cross the finish line between five and six days after the start.



### Your Tour

Thursday, 9<sup>th</sup> of March to Sunday, 12<sup>th</sup> of March 2017 (4 days, 3 nights)

If you are fascinated by the sport of dogsledding but don't have the time to follow the entire race, then this is the perfect way to be a part of the excitement. You'll arrive in Alta before the start of the race, participate in pre-race festivities, and even try your own hand at dogsledding! On Saturday, you'll watch the start of the race from Alta, which is a big event.

## Your Itinerary

### Thursday, 9<sup>th</sup> of March, 2017

- Arrive in Alta
- Transfer to your Hotel (not included in the price)
- Check in at the hotel (located right in the center of Alta)
  
- 18:30 – Join the opening ceremony of the Borealis Winter Festival in the town center. Participants of Finnmarksløpet-2017 will be presented at the end of the show.

- **20:00 AI18 Taste of Norwegian Lapland**

Experience a unique evening in the old center of Alta featuring a gourmet meal at Restaurant Haldde. Here you will be served a tasty three-course Arctic dinner in the form of king crab, a choice of grilled stockfish or lightly smoked leg of reindeer and a "taste of Norwegian Lapland" for dessert.



### Friday, 10<sup>th</sup> of March, 2017

- **09:30 – 16:00 AI36 Dogsled Day Trip**

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 drive your own sled with your own team of dogs. We will be out for the whole day, and we'll stop for lunch somewhere on the trail.



➤ **19:00 – 23:30/00 AI01 Northern Lights Safari**

Do you want to experience the beautiful spectacle of the Northern Lights, but don't know how or where to go? 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



### Saturday, 11<sup>th</sup> of March, 2017

➤ 10:00 – 10:45 «Waiting Entertainment»

10:45 – 11:00 Official opening Finnmarksløpet 2017

➤ 11:00 – 13:00 Start for all the teams of Finnmarksløpet-2017

The teams start out with one minute of interval, first out are the participants of FL-1000, FL-junior and then FL-500. All participating teams depart from Alta.

The winter festival is also open so there will be lots of things happening in the town center, including food tents with local flavors.

➤ **16:00 – 10:00 AI02 Winter Magic – Spend the Night at 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.

While staying at the snow and ice hotel you can experience the nature around or just relax in a warm atmosphere in the living room.



➤ **Approx 19:00 Enjoy a gourmet Dinner at Sorrisoniva**

At Sorrisoniva you can enjoy a delightful dinner in the Laksestua Restaurant. Our great chef doesn't have to travel far to find the local raw materials he needs for his seasonal menus: potatoes, herbs and greens from local farms; smoked salmon and other fish from the rivers just beyond the restaurant; reindeer, moose, lamb and pork from the wilderness and local butchers; and fresh bread and pastries from the restaurant's own bakery.



**Sunday, 12<sup>th</sup> of March, 2017**

➤ Transfer to Alta Airport

### Prices and Booking

**Contact us for prices.**

**The price includes:**

- Coordination and quality assurance by North Adventure
- Overnights in a local hotel
- Breakfast included all days
- All tours as described above
- Drinks are not included with meals, and can be purchased separately



## 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.

### 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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