

AIP 049 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>5 nights, 6 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, 11th 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

Wednesday, 8th of March to Monday, 13th of March 2017 (5 nights, 6 days)

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

Wednesday, 8th of March, 2017

- Arrive in Alta
- Met by staff from North Adventure at the Airport, transfer to your hotel
- Check in at the hotel (located right in the center of Alta)

- **19:00 – 23:30/00 AI23 Northern Lights Safari**

We at Pæskatun wants to share our fascination of the amazing and mythical Northern Lights, and you are hereby invited to come with us to search for them! We will leave behind us the artificial lights from the town, and according to the weather forecast and our specific knowledge of the landscape and nature surrounding Alta we will search for the clearest sky and the best photo location. Tour starts by first visiting Northern Lights Camp Alta at Pæskatun where guests will be provided with warm winter clothing and shoes. As a photo location Pæskatun is excellent. Our experienced guides will explain the history, the research and scientific explanation behind the Northern Lights. We will help with camera settings.



Thursday, 9th of March, 2017

- **10:00 – 14:30 AI16 Snowshoe Hike with Ice Fishing and 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!



- **18:30 –** Join the opening ceremony of the Borealis Winter Festival in the town center. Participants of Finnmarksløpet-2017 will be presented in 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, 10th of March, 2017

➤ **10:00 – 12:00 AIS09 Winter Tour of Alta**

You and your guide will head out on a private tour of the town of Alta. You will visit the Alta Museum, with exhibits on the local rock carvings from 6,000 years ago, and several other regional topics. You will also see inside the Northern Lights Cathedral, and get stories about its construction and details about the building itself. Finally, you will take a short tour around Alta city itself, seeing the important sights and hearing more about the history of the region.



➤ **12:30 – 14:30** Show race for FL-1000, it starts and finish in Alta City centre.

It is a 7 km route with a limited dog team and happy passengers in the sled.

➤ **18:00 – 21:00 AI26 Fatbike Evening Tour**

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!



Saturday, 11th 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.

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

➤ **20:00 – 23:30 AI69 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. While you wait, and hear facts and lore about the aurora from your hosts.



Sunday, 12th of March, 2017

➤ **10:30 – 14:30 AI04 Arctic Light Experience**

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. While you wait, and hear facts and lore about the aurora from your hosts.



➤ **16:00 – 10:00 AI12 Dogsledding and Northern Night**

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Monday, 13th of March, 2017

➤ **Transfer to the Airport**

Prices and Booking

Contact us for prices

The price includes:

- Coordination and quality assurance by North Adventure
- Transfers between airport and hotel
- 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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