



NORTHERN LIGHTS

FULLY ESCORTED
SMALL GROUP TOUR

YOUR NORTHERN LIGHTS ITINERARY

**Dates and
Destinations**

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MEET YOUR TRIP ORGANISER AND LOCAL GUIDE

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SEEDS OF TRAVEL
& TOUR ORGANISER



Hello!

Imagine standing under a starlit sky, surrounded by the pristine beauty of the Arctic wilderness, as vibrant waves of green, pink, and purple dance above you. Welcome to our exclusive Northern Lights tour, where nature's most mesmerizing light show becomes your reality. Designed for adventurers, photographers, and dreamers alike, this tour promises an experience that transcends the ordinary.

Our expertly curated itinerary combines the thrill of chasing the Northern Lights and seeing the majestic scenery in this part of the world. Whether you're sipping hot cocoa by a crackling fire, exploring the serene landscapes on a guided snowshoe hike, or learning about the science and legends behind the lights from our knowledgeable guides, every moment is crafted to enhance your adventure.

Join us for an unparalleled exploration of the Northern Lights. Your extraordinary Arctic adventure begins here.

Kim

A vertical photograph of a snowy winter landscape. The scene is dominated by deep, white snow. In the foreground, a path of snow leads towards the background. Two red ski tips are visible, one in the lower left and one in the lower center, suggesting a skier has just passed. The right side of the image is framed by snow-laden, bare tree branches. The overall atmosphere is serene and cold.

Velkommen

Welcome

EXPERIENCE THE NORTHERN LIGHTS

Travel Itinerary

**Wednesday - December 30th -
Saturday - January 23rd**

Wednesday - Dec 30th

Arrival Transfer Helsinki Airport to Hotel
15:20 (30 min) Hotel F6, Helsinki



Sunday - Jan 3rd

Depart Helsinki and head to the airport to go to Rovaniemi. Enjoy dinner at Gustav Kitchen and see the Snow Glow winter park after dinner.

Tuesday - Jan 5th

Transfer from Rovaniemi to Lapland Hotel Riekonlinna

Wednesday - Jan 6th

Transfer from Lapland Hotel Riekonlinna, Saarsevelka to Lake Inari Mobile Cabins. See the Siida Sami Museum & Nature Centre Inari - optional



Friday - Jan 8th

Transfer from Inari To Kirkenes to Thon Hotel Kirkenes, Norway. Then hike to Prestfjellet Viewpoint and visit the Borderland Museum.

Thursday - Dec 31st

New Years Eve Helsinki
Dinner booked at Restaurant Saslik

Friday - Jan 1st

Helsinki walking tour with city planner

Saturday - Jan 2nd

Discover Helsinki for yourself as we you wander the town and sights.

Monday - Jan 4th

Enjoy the Snowmobile Safari into the Arctic Circle Forest with drop of at Santa Claus Village. Explore Santas Village and visit the husky park.



Thursday - Jan 7th

Go Ice fishing with Atte or enjoy cross country skiing school and use the sauna and kicksleights for free. After visit Angeli Reindeer farm.



Saturday - Jan 9th

Visit the Snowhotel Sami Experience with Lapish Dinner. Then go hunting for the northern lights by Huskie.



Tuesday - Jan 12th

Enjoy free time in Tromso, seeing all the sights.

Wednesday - Jan 13th

Hurtigruten - Tromso to Stamsund

Friday - Jan 15th

Hurtigruten - Trondheim to Molde

Saturday - Jan 16th

Hurtigruten - Alesund to Bergen
Home Hotel Havnekontoret - Bergen, Norway

Tuesday - Jan 19th

Transfer by bus from Voss to Gudvangen. Then enjoy the Fjord Boat cruise Gudvangen to Flam.

Thursday - Jan 21st

Spend the day on Oslo and enjoy all this city has to offer.

Saturday - Jan 23rd

Departure Transfer Oslo to the airport 10:30

Sunday - Jan 10th

Transfer from Hurtigruten Kirkenes to Tromso to Bergen.
Hurtigruten Kirkenes to Berlevag

Monday - Jan 11th

Hurtigruten - Mehamn to Tromso.
Clarion Hotel The Edge - Tromso, Norway.



Thursday - Jan 14th

Hurtigruten - Bodo to Rovik

Sunday - Jan 17th

Enjoy free time in Hurtigruten, seeing all the sights.

Monday - Jan 18th

Overview Norway in a Nutshell - Rail · Bergen to Voss Train.
Fleischers Hotel - Voss, Norway

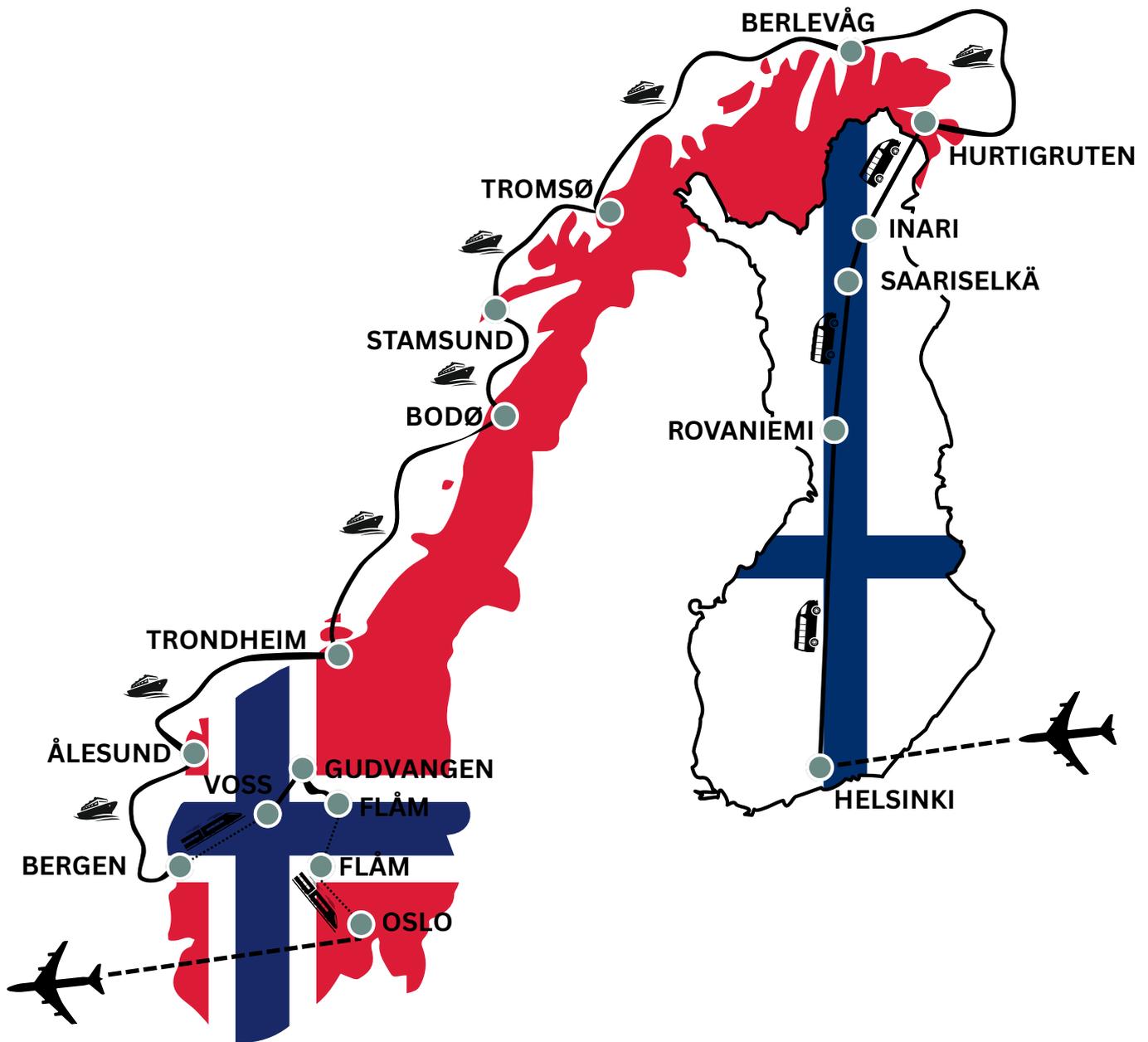
Wednesday - Jan 20th

Jump on the train from Flam to Myrdal.
Home Hotel Folketeateret - Oslo, Norway.

Friday - Jan 22nd

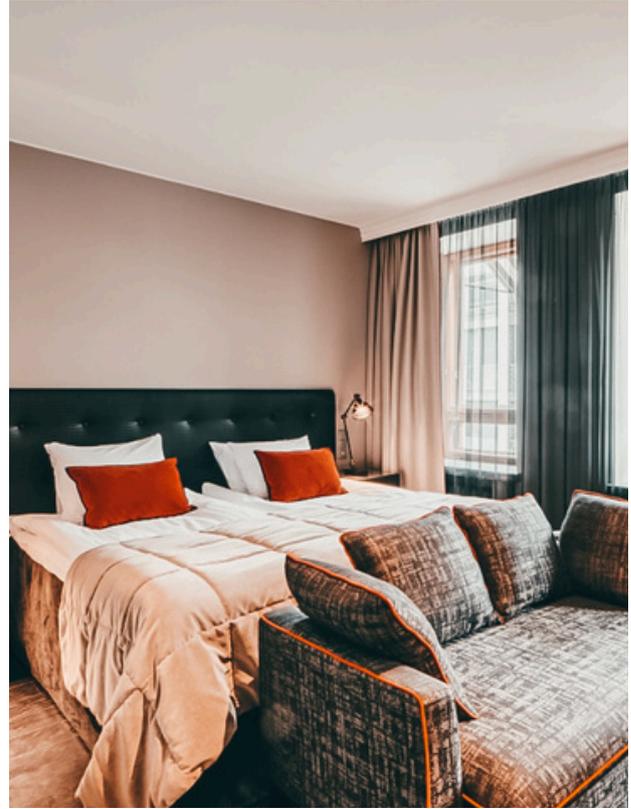
Enjoy the Oslo Panorama Tour.

FINLAND & NORWAY ITINERARY



Helsinki

WEDNESDAY -
DECEMBER 30TH 2026



Check In
Dec 30

Check Out
Jan 03

Nights
4 Nights

Hotel F6

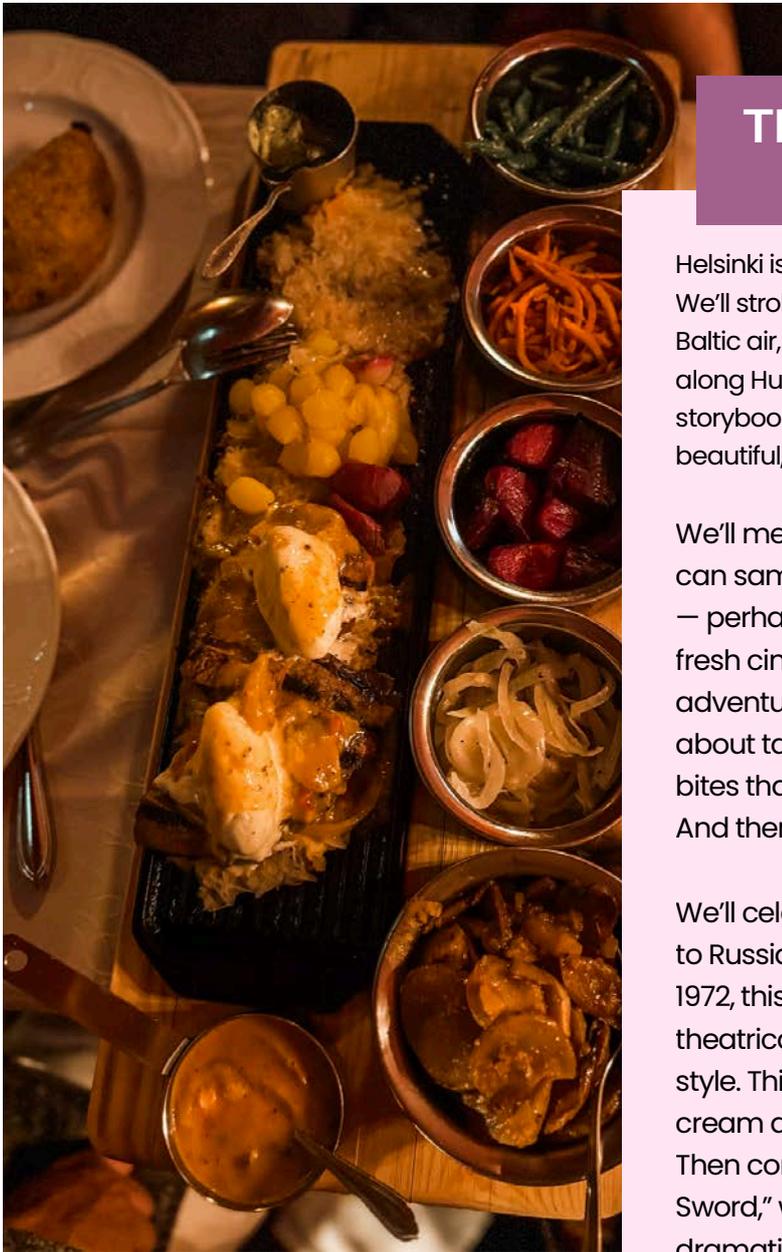
When we arrive into beautiful Helsinki, we'll make our way to the gorgeous Hotel F6, our home for the next four nights.

I'm especially excited about this stay because our last tour group stayed here too – and we absolutely loved it. There's something about it that just feels right. It's warm, welcoming, quietly elegant and perfectly positioned in the heart of the city. Being just beside Esplanadi and a short stroll to Aleksanterinkatu means everything is so beautifully central. You step outside and Helsinki is right there waiting for you.

This first day is really about arriving and easing in. Depending on when everyone's flights land, we'll either head out for a gentle wander once we've freshened up – perhaps down toward the harbour and Market Square to breathe in that crisp Nordic air – or we may simply choose rest. A proper, nourishing sleep after travel can be the most magical gift, allowing us to wake refreshed and ready for our first full day together.

Each morning we'll gather for a beautiful Finnish home-style breakfast before heading out to explore. Everything is within easy reach, from the striking red-brick beauty of Uspenski Cathedral to the buzz of Kamppi Shopping Centre.

This stay isn't just about location – it's about feeling grounded from the very beginning. Knowing we're in a place we've already loved, in a spot that makes exploring effortless, allows us to truly settle in. Four nights here gives us time to soak it all up... slowly, beautifully, together.



THURSDAY DECEMBER 31ST 2026

Helsinki is one of those cities that invites you to explore slowly. We'll stroll through the elegant streets, breathe in that crisp Baltic air, and I'll take you to see the colourful wooden houses along Huvilakatu – a little pocket of charm that feels almost storybook-like. The soft pastels against the Nordic sky are just beautiful, especially in winter light.

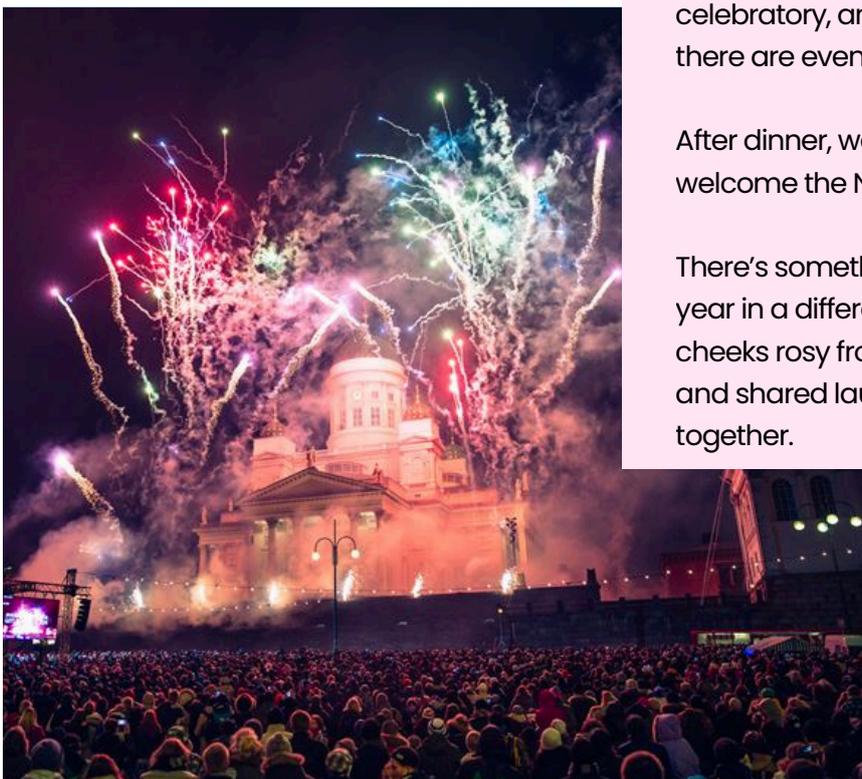
We'll meander down toward Market Square, where we can sample some delicious Finnish treats as we explore – perhaps warm lohikeitto (creamy salmon soup), fresh cinnamon buns, salty liquorice if you're feeling adventurous, or a hot glögi in hand to keep us cosy. It's about tasting the culture as much as seeing it... little bites that make you feel connected to the place. And then... New Year's Eve.

We'll celebrate together at the iconic Saslik – as close to Russia as we'll be getting for quite some time. Since 1972, this legendary restaurant has been serving up theatrical, traditional Russian fare in true old-world style. Think zakuska to start, blini topped with sour cream and fish roe, and yes... vodka if you're inclined. Then comes the spectacle – the famous "Ivan's Sword," with skewered cuts of beef and lamb dramatically served on a hot griddle. It's hearty, celebratory, and full of character. (And for the brave... there are even more adventurous specialties on offer.)

After dinner, we can step out into the Helsinki night to welcome the New Year Finnish-style.

There's something very special about beginning a new year in a different part of the world. Wrapped in coats, cheeks rosy from the cold, hearts full from good food and shared laughter... stepping into what's next together.

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Things to do in Helsinki

Helsinki in winter feels like stepping into a snow globe... soft pastel buildings, sea air, snow underfoot and that beautiful Nordic light that makes everything glow.

To build your excitement for what's possible while we're there, here are some gorgeous ideas of things you might like to see and experience during our time in Helsinki.

You could wander through Senate Square and stand beneath the grand white steps of Helsinki Cathedral, one of the city's most iconic landmarks. Just across from it sits the stunning National Library of Finland — step inside and you'll find soaring domed ceilings and the most beautiful, peaceful reading rooms. It's warm, elegant and feels like stepping back in time.

Architecture lovers might enjoy visiting Temppeliaukio Church, famously carved straight into solid rock. With its copper dome and natural stone walls, it's unlike any church you've seen before.

If you're feeling playful, the Helsinki Ice Park beside the railway station is magical in the evening light. Skates can be rented on site — and yes, double wool socks are highly recommended!

For art and culture, there's plenty to explore. Helsinki City Museum is free and beautifully curated. HAM Helsinki Art Museum, Amos Rex and the Design Museum each offer something uniquely Finnish — bold creativity, clean design and thoughtful storytelling.

If you need a warm escape from the winter air, the lush Helsinki Winter Garden is free and wonderfully peaceful. Nearby, Kaisaniemi Botanic Garden features beautiful glasshouses filled with palms and water lilies — and there's a charming little café at the entrance for coffee afterwards.

Markets are a highlight of Helsinki life. Hakaniemi Market Hall is loved by locals, while Vanha Kauppahalli near Market Square enchants visitors with its wooden interior and seaside location. Think creamy salmon soup, fresh rye bread, cinnamon buns, local cheeses and warm glögi in your hands.

And if you adore beautiful spaces, Oodi is a must-see. This striking modern library near the central station is pure Nordic minimalism — the top floor alone is worth visiting for its sweeping views and calm atmosphere.

Helsinki is also an archipelago city. On a bright winter day, you might choose to ferry across to Suomenlinna Sea Fortress, explore the open-air charm of Seurasaari, or walk the nature trails of Lammassaari. The sea in winter has its own kind of quiet magic.

And of course, no trip to Finland would be complete without considering a traditional sauna experience — followed, if you're brave enough, by a refreshing dip in icy water. It's a true Finnish ritual and leaves you feeling incredibly alive.

These are simply possibilities... little glimpses of what awaits. Helsinki is understated, elegant and quietly captivating. The kind of city that invites you to slow down, breathe deeply and discover beauty in the details.

I can't wait for you to experience it.

Free day
or Optional
Day Trip
to Tallinn

FRIDAY -
JANUARY 1ST



You can wander Helsinki or Take Ferry to Tallinn

One of the beautiful things about our time in Helsinki is that there's space to choose how you want to experience it.

You may decide to enjoy a free day in Helsinki — lingering longer in your favourite café, revisiting a gallery that spoke to you, browsing Nordic design stores, or simply wandering the waterfront and letting the city unfold at your own pace. Sometimes those unstructured days become the most memorable... when you follow your curiosity and discover something unexpected.

Or, if you're feeling adventurous, there's the option of taking a ferry across the Baltic Sea for a magical day trip to Tallinn in Estonia.

The ferry journey takes around two hours and is part of the experience itself — watching Helsinki's islands fade into the distance as you glide across the water.

Tallinn feels like stepping straight into a medieval fairytale. Its UNESCO-listed Old Town is beautifully preserved, with cobblestone lanes, church spires, hidden courtyards and pastel merchant houses. You can wander through Town Hall Square, climb up to Toompea Hill for sweeping views over terracotta rooftops, visit centuries-old churches, and browse artisan boutiques tucked inside ancient stone buildings.

There's a lovely blend of old and new here. Behind the medieval walls you'll find cosy cafés serving Estonian pastries and hearty soups, modern galleries, chocolate shops, and small design stores showcasing local craftsmanship. In winter, the atmosphere is especially enchanting — rooftops dusted with snow, lantern light glowing in narrow alleyways, the scent of mulled wine in the air.

It's compact and walkable, making it perfect for a relaxed yet enriching day before returning to Helsinki in the evening.

Whether you choose a slow day soaking up Helsinki's understated elegance or a cross-border adventure to charming Tallinn, you'll have the freedom to shape the experience in a way that feels right for you. And that's part of the magic too. (Optional extra)

Tour

SATURDAY -
JANUARY 2ND



Helsinki walking tour with city planner

Meeting Point

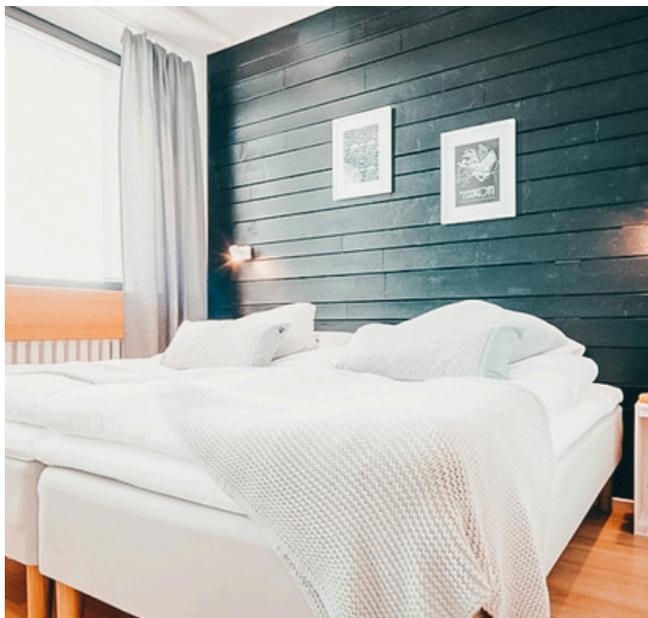
Meeting point address: Aleksanterinkatu 9B, 00100, Helsinki. The meeting point is the corner of Aleksanterinkatu street and Kluuvikatu street, in front of Aleksanterinkatu no 9B, Nanso Clothing Store (outside). Guide will be waiting for you at this point.

Get a fresh perspective on Helsinki on this quirky small-group tour, led by a city planner. Discover bizarre traditions, such as picnicking on graves, famous Finns, such as architect Alvar Aalto, and curios, such as a church built inside a giant granite rock, a statue that seagulls hate, and a 19th-century Bohemian hangout. Leave with an understanding of the city that you won't get from guidebooks or everyday organized tours. Off-the-path walking tour of downtown Helsinki, led by a city planner Packed with cultural insights, from food to history, from religion to soccer

This was a highlight of our last tour. Helsinki has an interesting past and an inspirational present. Something I think all countries should aspire too.

Transfer

SUNDAY -
JANUARY 3RD



Check In
Jan 03

Check Out
Jan 05

Nights
2 Nights

Transfer · Departure Transfer F6 Hotel to Helsinki airport.
Helsinki, Helsinki-Vantaa Airport to Rovaniemi, Rovaniemi Airport
Transfer · Arrival Transfer Rovaniemi Airport to Hotel

Hostel Café Koti, Rovaniemi

Hostel Café Koti is situated right in the city center of Rovaniemi. Rooms have their own bathrooms and light breakfast is included in the private room price. There is an equipped kitchen, a cozy relaxing area and also a genuine Finnish sauna at guests use.

Tour

SUNDAY -
JANUARY 3RD



Lapin Panimo – Lapland Brewery tour

Lapland Brewery is Finland's northernmost brewery. It is Inspired by the Wilderness of the North this is where great ideas for great beers come from. The nature is mature, calm, clean and fresh just like our beers. Slow brewing methods allows beer to ferment and brighten in no rush and without any addition to it. Fresh aroma for the beer comes from naturally clean Lappish water, winds, touch of the Northern light, Midnight sun and Polar Night. They are allowed to ripen without a hitch, ilma's additives, colours and preservatives. This results in pure and unfiltered eclectic flavours. Additional aromas are brought by the fresh winds of the Arctic Circle, the arches of the fells, glittering snow, the stunning Northern Lights, the blue light and dark night of the polar night, the endless sun of midnight and the brilliance of autumn colours. Each of our beers has a Lappish soul.

Price

EUR30 pp pay direct (Optional)



Dinner Booked at Gustav Kitchen

As we prepare for a day full of Arctic adventures and festive magic at Santa Claus Village tomorrow,, we'll settle in for a cozy, delicious evening at Gustav Kitchen in Rovaniemi.

This warm and inviting restaurant is known for its modern Nordic cuisine with a touch of Lappish flair – think fresh, locally sourced ingredients transformed into beautifully presented dishes that highlight the best of the region. From tender reindeer and Arctic char to creative vegetarian options, every plate is crafted with care and bursts with flavour.

The atmosphere is relaxed yet stylish, perfect for unwinding after a day in the crisp Arctic air. Paired with a glass of wine or a warming Finnish drink, dinner here feels like a true celebration – a moment to gather, share stories from the day, and soak in the charm of Rovaniemi, leaving us nourished, warm, and ready to dream of tomorrow's adventures.

(Dinner at own cost)



Snowmobile Safari into the Arctic Circle Forest

Duration: Approximately 2 hours 50 minutes

End Time: Around 12:00pm

Finish Location: Santa Claus Village

There is something truly unforgettable about gliding across Arctic wilderness on a snowmobile.

From the heart of Rovaniemi, you'll head out into the pristine forests of Finnish Lapland, where snow-covered trees line winding off-road trails and the air feels impossibly crisp and pure. This is wild terrain — untouched, quiet, breathtaking.

Under the guidance of experienced local guides, you'll journey deep into the Arctic landscape, gaining a more intimate perspective of this frozen world. The rhythm of the snowmobile beneath you, the soft light reflecting off endless white, the stillness of the forest... it's exhilarating and peaceful all at once.

As you ride, you'll glimpse the magical surroundings near Santa Claus Village, set against its wintry backdrop — a place that feels straight out of childhood stories. This experience is family-friendly and thoughtfully guided, so you can feel safe while still embracing the adventure. Two guests share each snowmobile, with the option to swap drivers along the way — giving you both a turn at leading the journey.

The tour concludes at Santa Claus Village, where you may choose to linger a little longer... perhaps to meet Father Christmas himself, explore the festive surroundings, or simply soak in the wonder of standing right on the Arctic Circle.

It's more than a ride. It's a moment of feeling small in the vastness of nature, alive in the cold northern air, and connected to something beautifully wild.

Tours

MONDAY -
JANUARY 4TH CONT...



Santa Claus Village open 10 am to 6pm

Now... this is the day to layer up like never before. Beanies pulled low, scarves wrapped high, thermals on thermals — quite possibly the coldest day of your life (in the best, most invigorating way possible). There's something wildly fun about stepping into air so crisp it makes you gasp and laugh at the same time.

After our exhilarating snowmobile safari through the forests of Rovaniemi, we'll be dropped off right at Santa Claus Village, perched on the Arctic Circle itself. From there, you'll have time to wander through this enchanting little world of twinkling lights, snow-covered rooftops and festive cheer.

One of the sweetest traditions here is visiting Santa's official post office, where you can write a letter to friends or family back home and have it stamped with Santa's special Arctic Circle postmark. There's something so nostalgic and heartfelt about sending a card from this far north — it feels like carrying a little bit of magic across the world.

But first things first... we'll make a beeline for the legendary Santa's Salmon Place (the beloved Salmon Hut, at own expense). Trust me on this. You'll likely queue for a little while — but it's all part of the experience. Inside, salmon is slow-cooked over an open fire right in front of you, the flames crackling, the aroma filling the cosy wooden hut. Simple. Fresh. Perfectly done. Many say it's the best salmon they've ever tasted — and once you take that first warm, smoky bite while snow falls softly outside, you'll understand why.

And just when you think the day couldn't feel more magical... we end with a husky ride.

Wrapped up snug under blankets, you'll glide through the snowy landscape behind a team of eager, beautiful huskies. The only sounds are the soft swish of the sled on snow and the gentle patter of paws. The trees stand heavy with frost, the sky pale and quiet around you.

This is the moment you truly feel like you're inside a snow globe.

Still. Sparkling. Otherworldly.

It's not just an activity — it's a memory that settles deep in your heart.

Transfer

TUESDAY -
JANUARY 5TH



Check In
Jan 05

Check Out
Jan 06

Nights
1 Night

Transfer · Rovaniemi to Lapland Hotel Riekonlinna, Saariselka

Lapland Hotel Riekonlinna - Saariselka, Finland

This area enjoys some of the darkest skies in the north, giving us an excellent chance to witness the Aurora Borealis. After a day of adventure or rest (your choice), step outside and look up – dancing ribbons of green, pink, and violet might appear, shimmering across the Arctic night sky, a magical reminder of Lapland's wild beauty.

Evenings can be savored at the Linnansali restaurant, where the flavours of the Arctic Ocean blend with classic Lappish dishes – a perfect way to refuel and reflect on the day before another magical night under the stars.



Auroras Northern Lights in Saariselka

Join the Aurora Experts on our legendary Northern Lights trip to reach the best places and see this great natural arctic phenomenon. The guide shares information about the Northern Lights and the old mythology around them. Listen to the stories about local life and nature by living fire. Experience some Lappish shamanism and see your future with our great Aurora guides! Make pictures by the hints from the Aurora guide. The visibility of Northern lights depends for example on the weather and activity of the Sun, but this trip is to offer you the best chance to see the lights on the best possible location in Ivalo – Saariselka area.

The site is absolute dark site far from the village lights and hotels. This is important because most of the lights are relatively faint so in absolute darkness you will see much more. The site also has got a great micro climate which means that even if it is foggy on Inari lake or Saariselka fells the sky might be clear on our site.

The longer you stay the more you see. This is why our tour is relatively long. The best hour to see the lights is just before the midnight but the best lights may appear whenever. On the way to the site we stop the car even several times if needed and follow the lights.

During this tour we also spend nice time in a tepee on the best possible site for following the sky and barbeque for all tastes and diets.

We will also advice you in taking pictures and we will make pictures ourselves which we share with you from our cloud service.



Things to do Saariselkä

Outdoor winter activities in Saariselkä. Check Out These are the core experiences the area is known for, with excellent infrastructure and guided options.

Alpine skiing & snowboarding

- Saariselkä Ski & Sport Resort is the northernmost ski resort in Finland, offering alpine runs, snowboarding, and a full ski school.
- Cross-country skiing – Over 200 km of trails, including illuminated evening routes, ideal for all levels.
- Tobogganing on Kaunispää – Home to one of Lapland's longest toboggan runs, a fun, fast, and iconic Saariselkä experience.
- Snowshoeing & fatbiking – Guided and selfguided routes through quiet fells and forests.
- Snowmobiling – Short scenic rides or longer tundra adventures; highly rated and very popular in winter.

Animal & cultural experiences

- Husky safaris – Short 10 km rides or longer journeys through snowy wilderness; consistently top-rated.
- Reindeer safaris – Slow, peaceful sled rides combined with Sámi storytelling and reindeer feeding.
- Ice fishing – Often paired with reindeer visits or snowmobile transport to remote lakes.

Northern Lights experiences

- Saariselkä is one of Finland's best aurora regions thanks to low light pollution and open fells.
- Aurora hunting by minibus or snowmobile – Guides take you to clear sky locations for the best chance of sightings.

Things to do Saariselkä

- Aurora photography tours — Learn to capture the lights with expert help.
- Glass igloo stays — Kakslauttanen and other resorts offer skyview cabins for aurora watching from bed.

Nature & national park attractions

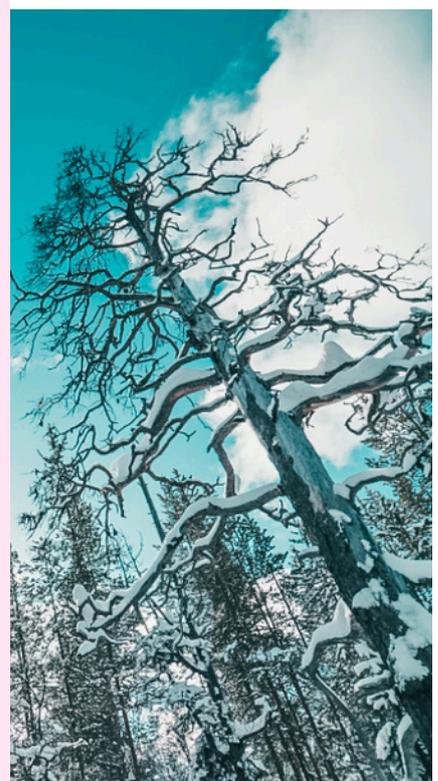
- Saariselkä sits at the edge of one of Finland's most beautiful wilderness areas.
- Urho Kekkonen National Park — Vast fell landscapes perfect for winter hiking, snowshoeing, and photography.
- Kiilopää Fell Centre — Gateway to trails, saunas, and guided nature activities.

Wellness & Lapland traditions

- After outdoor activities, wellness is a big part of the local culture.
- Traditional Finnish sauna — Many hotels offer saunas; some include smoke saunas and iceplunge options.
- Spa experiences — Relaxation pools and warm indoor spaces to unwind after a cold day.

Village attractions & indoor options

- Saariselkä is small but atmospheric, with cosy indoor stops.
- Lapland handicraft shops — Sámi crafts, reindeer leather goods, and local souvenirs.
- Local cafés and restaurants — Warm, rustic spots ideal for slow afternoons between activities.
- Day trip to Inari — Visit Aanaar restaurant or the Sámi cultural centre if you want deeper cultural immersion.



Transfer

WEDNESDAY -
JANUARY 6TH



Check In
Jan 06

Check Out
Jan 08

Nights
2 Nights

Transfer · Lapland Hotel Riekonlinna, Saariselva to Lake Inari Mobile Cabins

Lake Inari Mobile Cabins

Imagine this: a glass-roofed hideaway where, if luck is on our side, the Northern Lights will dance right above us as we watch from the comfort of our beds. Our last tour group stayed here too, and it was nothing short of crazy haha — being driven out onto the frozen lake at night, snow all around, the stars above, and that incredible sense of being completely immersed in the Arctic.

The sauna here is simply divine — warm and inviting whenever we want, with the thrill of jumping straight out into the snow to refresh and awaken our senses. It's the kind of experience that makes you feel alive in every way.

And on our second night, we'll gather in a cozy hut for an unforgettable dinner. Around the crackling fire, we'll enjoy the most delicious food, raise a glass, and share stories, laughter, and warmth with each other as the Arctic night stretches out around us. It's exactly the kind of adventure and connection that makes Lapland so unforgettable.

Lake Inari

THURSDAY -
JANUARY 7TH



Ice fishing with Atte or cross country skiing school

Ice fishing and Cross country skiing lesson will be an additional cost please organize directly weather dependant. You can kick sleigh and use the sauna and facilities for free.



Angeli Reindeer farm visit

Visit a traditional Sámi reindeer farm near Inari, run by three generations of professional herders. Set by a lake and surrounded by forest, you'll meet free-roaming reindeer, feed them, and hear stories about Sámi culture, nature, and the impact of climate change.

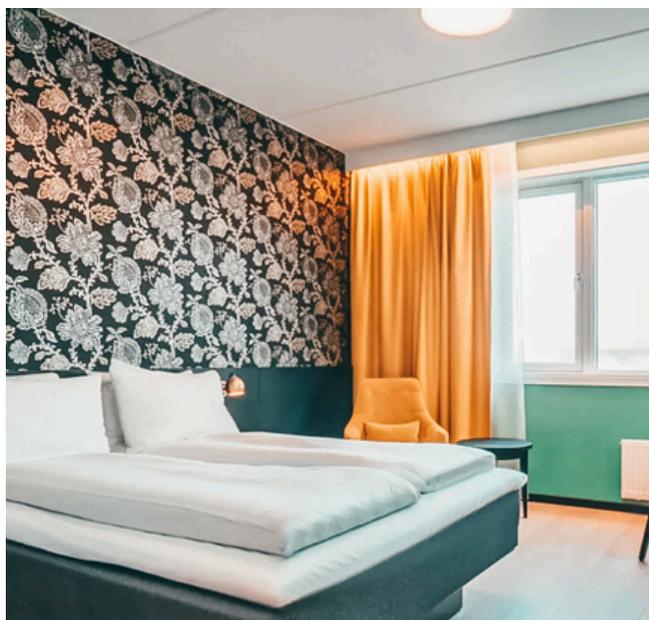
Enjoy hot berry juice inside a traditional Kuáti hut while learning about the endangered Inari Sámi language and local handicrafts. There's also time to see winter birdlife, meet the family's friendly dogs, and discover their sustainable way of life. This was a favourite time for our last group here.

**B both mornings + D on
second night**

First night we will also book in at a Michelin Star Restaurant - Aanaar (at own cost)
Using locally sourced ingredients, you might get your first taste of reindeer.

Transfer

FRIDAY -
JANUARY 8TH



Check In
Jan 08

Check Out
Jan 10

Nights
2 Nights

Transfer · Inari To Kirkenes private Vehicle transfer

Thon Hotel Kirkenes - Kirkenes, Norway

This central Kirkenes hotel is on the shore of Bøkfjorden, 900 metres from Hurtigruten Ferry Terminal. It offers free Wi-Fi and an à la carte restaurant with a seasonal menu. Each room at Thon Hotel Kirkenes has a TV, minibar and private bathroom with shower. Most rooms provide fjord views. Hotel Kirkenes offers organised activities such as snowmobile safaris, dog sledding trips and bear tracking. Thon Kirkenes is about 5 minutes' walk from Andersgrotta Museum, a World War II bomb shelter.

Tour

FRIDAY -
JANUARY 8TH



Hike to Prestfjellet Viewpoint

Set out on a rewarding hike to Prestfjellet Viewpoint, one of the best spots to take in panoramic views over Kirkenes and the surrounding Arctic landscape. The trail winds gently through peaceful forest terrain before opening up to sweeping vistas of the fjord, town, and rolling northern hills.

At the summit, take time to pause and breathe in the crisp Arctic air while soaking up the wide, open scenery that stretches toward the horizon. It's the perfect place for photos, quiet reflection, and appreciating the raw beauty of Norway's far north.



Visit the Borderland Museum in Kirkenes

The Borderland Museum in Kirkenes explores the rich and complex history of South Varanger, where Norway meets Finland and Russia. Discover exhibitions on local settlement, mining history, and World War II, including the Soviet fighter plane Ilyushin. The museum also features artwork by Kaare Espolin Johnson and is located alongside the Savio Museum, dedicated to Sámi artist John Savio. A café and museum shop are available on site. (at own expense)

Tour

SATURDAY -
JANUARY 9TH



Visit Snowhotel Sami Experience with Lapish Dinner

Your evening tour starts with a pickup from your hotel in Kirkenes. The experience begins in the reindeer pen, where you can feed the reindeer by hand with their favourite food lichen. As you meet these majestic animals, your guide will share fascinating facts about reindeer herding and Sami life. The tour continues to a traditional lavvu. On the way, you will have the chance to try lasso casting, a classic Sami skill used for herding reindeer. Inside the lavvu, you will sit around the campfire while the guide shares stories from Sami folklore and personal experiences. The experience ends with a performance of joik, the unique and soulful Sami style of singing. After this, you will join the Snowhotel guided tour to explore the magical ice suites and ice bar, followed by a 3-course traditional dinner served in Låven Restaurant. After dinner, you can enjoy a final drink in the ice bar if you like, before getting suited up ready for a husky ride chasing the Northern Lights, plus transfer departing back to your Kirkenes hotel.



Hunting the northern lights by Huskie

On this tour you are driven by our dogmusher 2 people per sled. You will be met by our dogmusher by the reception. After dressing up, and meeting our huskies in our dogyard, we will go hunting the Northern Lights by dogsled. The tour is approximately 10 km and goes over the fjord ice, and through classic arctic, lightly forested wilderness. We will make a short break on the way, to rest the dogs and share some stories while you have a hot drink by the fire. If the Aurora Borealis appears we will of course make time to admire and photograph it. This tour for me was pure magic, the light snow falling looked like fairy dust in the glow of the Dogmushers headlamp. Another pinch me moment.

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Boat tour

SUNDAY - JAN 10TH -
SATURDAY - JAN 16TH



Check In

Jan 10

Check Out

Jan 11

Nights

1 Night

Hurtigruten - How it works

Our Hurtigruten adventure is a perfect mix of cruising, exploration, and learning. Here's how it unfolds:

We start with two days onboard, sailing along Norway's stunning coastline, enjoying the scenery, and taking in the onboard activities. After this, we have two nights' stop in Tromsø. For logistical reasons, our ship doesn't actually board again until 1:30am, so we've booked an extra night in Tromsø to allow for a late checkout and a smooth transition back onto the vessel. Technically, we'll be back onboard early in the morning of 13th January. From there, we continue our journey with four more nights onboard, fully immersed in the Arctic experience.

What's included in our Hurtigruten voyage:

- 2-day voyage & 4-day voyage — giving us both cruising time and a chance to explore Tromsø.
- Full board — breakfast, lunch, and dinner served onboard Norway's Coastal Kitchen, showcasing local flavors and fresh ingredients.
- English-speaking tour leader onboard to guide and support us throughout the journey.
- Engaging onboard activities and lectures — covering history, biology, geography, geology, and culture to provide context for the destinations we'll see.
- Photography presentations and tips — including guidance on camera settings, techniques, and highlights from the voyage.
- Casual engagement opportunities — daily gatherings to recap the day, meet other guests, and prepare for the next day, plus a welcome event to kick things off.
- Port and excursion presentations — insights into the destinations we visit, as well as recommended points of interest from the deck.
- Special onboard events — a Captain's Dinner and a farewell event to celebrate our journey together.

In short, it's a blend of cruising, learning, and connecting — with plenty of time to enjoy the spectacular Norwegian coastline and Arctic scenery while onboard. OPTIONAL EXTRA TOURS ONBOARD TO BOOK IF YOU WANT TO. WE'LL KEEP YOU UPDATED ON THESE.



Day 1 - Hurtigruten Kirkenes to Berlevag

Your voyage begins in the Arctic in the town of Kirkenes, just a few miles from the Norwegian border—farther east than St. Petersburg and Istanbul! World War II history: For those interested in history, the Varanger Museum in Kirkenes has exhibits about how the town was involved during World War II, where it was bombed a total of 328 times in four years, making it the most bombed place during the war after Malta. For more insights into this somber period, visit the Andersgrotta World War II Bomb Shelter which could house up to 2,500 people underground. Norway's northern frontier: In the port of Vardo, you'll find the star-shaped Vardohus Fortress, built in 1737. The northernmost fortification of any kind, it remains in use by the military to this day. We'll cruise Norway's coastline to the small port of Batsfjord in the evening. Then it's on to Berlevag. You might be able to make out Mount Tanahorn to the west or see Kjolnes Lighthouse blinking atop its cliff overlooking the Barents Sea.

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Day 2 Hurtigruten - Mehamn to Tromso

Mehamn, Kjollefjord, Honningsvag, Havoysund, Hammerfest, Oksfjord, Skjervoy, Tromso

We make stops at Mehamn and Kjollefjord during the night before early morning visits to Honningsvag and Havoysund. Almost the northernmost: In the early afternoon, you'll spend time in Hammerfest, which has the largest population on a list of the world's northernmost settlements. See the UNESCO World Heritage-listed Meridian Column, shop for souvenirs at the Polar Bear Society, or take the path behind the town to the viewpoint atop Mount Salen. Mountains and marine mammals: We continue cruising Norway's coastline south to Oksfjord and then to Skjervoy, surrounded by mountain peaks. Hurtigruten has been docking at this vital fishing port since 1896. If you're visiting in winter, you might spot orcas and humpback whales that gather here to feed on herring. As we make our way to Tromso, you might also glimpse views of the Lyngen Alps which boast some of the highest peaks in all of Norway. Midnight magic: We dock at Tromso just before midnight. In the winter months, you can stroll around at night and probably catch a colourful sky. Looking forward to see in this with you all.

B, L & D

Transfer

TUESDAY -
JANUARY 12TH



Check In
Jan 11

Check Out
Jan 13

Nights
2 Nights

Clarion Hotel The Edge - Tromso, Norway

Clarion Hotel® The Edge has an idyllic waterfront location, right in the heart of Tromsø – also known as the “Paris of the North”. Just ten minutes from Tromsø Airport, you’ll enjoy views of the fjord and mountains, and have culture, Arctic experiences and attractions such as the Northern Lights, whale watching and the Arctic Cathedral right outside your door.



Tromso things to do

January is one of the strongest aurora months, with long dark nights and excellent conditions.

You can choose:

- Small-group minibus chase — more flexible, drives further to find clear
- skies.
- Large coach chase — warmer, more structured, great for social groups.

Whale watching (last chance of the season)

January is the **final month** for whale watching before the herring move. Tours run from Tromsø and are still active at this time.

Scenic & Nature-Focused Activities Arctic fjord cruise

A calmer alternative to whale watching, focusing on dramatic fjords, wildlife, and photography.

Snowshoeing or winter hiking

Guided tours take you into quiet Arctic landscapes with minimal effort required.

Cable car to Fjellheisen

Ride up for panoramic views over Tromsø island —beautiful even in polar twilight.

Cultural & Local Experiences Celebrate the return of the sun (late January tradition)

Locals mark the sun's return with **solboller**, a seasonal donut sold in bakeries. Even though the sun won't be back yet on 9 January, the anticipation is part of the atmosphere.

The Polar Museum (Polarmuseet)

A deep dive into Arctic expeditions, trappers, and the city's role in polar history. It's one of Tromsø's signature attractions and ideal for a dark January afternoon.

The Arctic University Museum of Norway

Covers Sámi culture, Arctic nature, and the science behind the Northern Lights. It's a mustvisit if you want cultural depth or an indoor activity between tours.



Day 1 Hurtigruten - Tromso to Stamsund

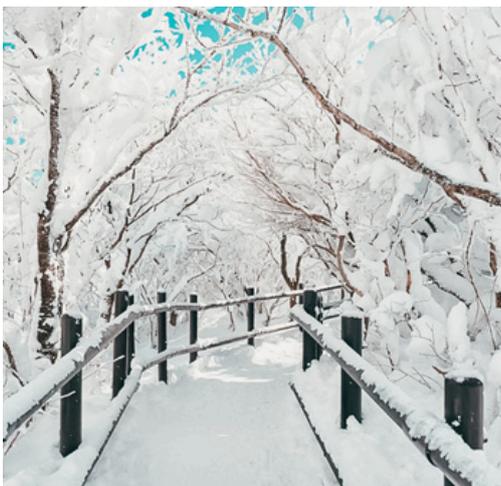
Back on Board the boat. Today you'll explore the stunning archipelagos of Lofoten and Vesterålen, true highlights of Norway's scenic coastal route. Stops include Finnsnes and Harstad, home to the white-washed Trondenes Church, the world's northernmost medieval stone church, followed by Risøyhamn and Sortland, where the landscape rises into dramatic 1,000-metre peaks. In Stokmarknes, birthplace of the Hurtigruten Coastal Express in 1893, you can visit the Hurtigrutemuseet, built around the retired ship MS Finnmarken. Sailing through Raftsund, the captain may enter the narrow Trollfjord, where towering mountain walls feel almost within reach and sea eagles soar overhead. The day continues to Svolvær beneath the distinctive "Svolvær Goat" mountain, before passing the dramatic granite cliffs of the Lofoten Wall en route to Stamsund.

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Day 2 Hurtigruten - Bodo to Rorvik

The ship calls at Bodo in the small hours of the morning and then Ornes at 7 am. We then cross over the Arctic Circle just after breakfast. Commemorate the moment with a tradition of tasting a spoonful of good ol' Norwegian cod liver oil! We make a short stop at Nesna before sailing on to Sandnessjøen, gateway to the magnificent Helgeland Coast. Admire the stunning landscape of the Seven Sisters mountain range, with peaks up to 3,600 feet high. Legend has it that seven beautiful troll princesses, fleeing from an unwanted suitor, got caught out as the sun rose, turning them into the seven beautiful mountains you see today. You'll also not want to miss views of Torghatten Mountain, with the distinctive hole in it. There is a local legend as to why and how this mountain came to have such a hole. Make sure you ask your Coastal Experience Team about it! We reach Bronnoysund mid-afternoon. Explore the bustling marina on a walk along Havnegata. In the center of town is Bronnoy Church: a stone church in the Neo-Gothic style dating back to 1870. Our last stop of the day is the cozy fishing port of Rorvik in the picturesque Vikna archipelago.

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Day 3 Hurtigruten – Trondheim to Molde

Spend the morning in Trondheim, then sail past beautiful island scenery and some of Norway's smallest communities before exploring Kristiansund and Molde. Capital of the Viking Age: Stroll around Trondheim in the early morning as the city wakes. Visit the sacred Nidaros Cathedral, resting place of Saint Olav. Then, walk to Gamle Bybro bridge for a photo opportunity over Nid River. Treat yourself to quality coffee and a Nordic patisserie in one of the Bakklandet district's many chic cafes then walk up to Kristiansten Fort for great views of Norway's third-largest city. Dealing in dried cod: We dock at Kristiansund's harbor in the late afternoon. The town is spread over three islands and known for being Norway's "Bacalao Capital" for the salted cod that's dried on the surrounding cliffs, called klippfisk in Norwegian. Take a walk around the cobblestone streets of the old town and tour the lively port. You can also head up to the old watchtower at Varden viewpoint for a lovely panorama. Peaks and petals: The penultimate port of the day is Molde where you can spot the tops of the Romsdal Alps. Nicknamed "The City of Roses", flowers should be in bloom between mid-June and late August.

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Day 4 Hurtigruten – Alesund to Bergen

Our Norwegian coastal cruise will reach its end later today. During the previous night, we'll call at Alesund and Torvik. On our approach to Maloy, you might catch a glimpse of the northbound Coastal Express if you're up early enough. Morning highlights: You'll have a chance to glimpse Nordfjord, under the enormous Jostedal Glacier, mainland Europe's largest. The ship then docks at Floro in the morning where you can take in the harbor and marina. The home stretch: Leaving Floro, you'll spot Stabben Lighthouse, a favorite subject for photographers. There's also stunning views to enjoy as we cross the mouth of Sognefjord, the longest and widest fjord in the whole of Norway. As we reach our final port in the afternoon, the ship will navigate through the last islands and skerries of our Norway scenic route, and sail down Hjeltefjord to arrive into Bergen. Explore more of Norway: Sadly, it's time to say farewell to the captain, crew, and fellow guests. But your journey doesn't have to stop after disembarkation.

B & L

Transfer

SATURDAY -
JANUARY 16TH



Check In
Jan 16

Check Out
Jan 18

Nights
2 Nights

Home Hotel Havnekontoret - Bergen, Norway

Home Hotel Havnekontoret was a great place to stay in my absolute favourite spot, Bergen, so I made sure we added an extra night here so we can truly soak in this stunning part of the world. Nestled right in the heart of Bryggen, it's just a short stroll from the vibrant Fish Market, the charming Fløibanen funicular, and the historic Mariakirken church.

The building itself is one of Bergen's most venerable, full of character and charm. Inside, the hotel serves breakfast, fika, and dinner, so you can feel perfectly at home.

Arriving here on our Hurtigruten cruise was unforgettable. Watching the old, wooden, coloured houses of Bryggen lined up along the harbour with the misty mountains rising behind them — it was pure magic. I cannot wait to wander the streets, explore the hidden corners, and discover even more of the beauty and history this city has to offer with you.

Transfer

SUNDAY -
JANUARY 17TH



A Magical Winter Day in Bergen – Free to explore with me or by yourself

Morning: Storybook Streets & Warm Start

- Start with a leisurely breakfast at Home Hotel Havnekontoret. Warm up with coffee, fresh pastries, or a hearty Norwegian breakfast – you'll need the energy for a day of exploring in crisp winter air.
- Wander through the historic wooden streets of Bryggen, snow dusting the colourful façades. The winter quiet makes the alleyways feel like you've stepped into a Nordic fairy tale. Peek into artisan shops for locally made crafts.

Late Morning: Panoramic Views & Light Adventure

- Take the Fløibanen Funicular up Mount Fløyen. In winter, the snowy city below with mountains rising in the mist is breathtaking.
- For the more adventurous, follow one of the lesser-used trails for a short walk through snow-covered forest paths. Don't forget your thermos of hot chocolate!

Lunch: Cozy Café Stop

- Descend back into town and duck into a small, off-the-main-street café for a warm lunch or fika. Enjoy traditional Norwegian pastries and coffee while watching the snow fall gently outside.

Afternoon: Museums & Hidden Gems

- Explore the KODE Art Museums or the Bergen Maritime Museum to escape the cold and soak in local culture.
- If you prefer something quirky, visit the Hanseatic Museum for a glimpse of historic life in Bryggen, or discover street art tucked away in quiet alleys.
- For a reflective moment, stroll around Lille Lungegårdsvann, the central lake, with snow-dusted paths and frozen edges – especially magical as daylight begins to fade.

Late Afternoon: Fjord Views & Optional Island Stop

- If daylight allows and energy permits, take a short winter ferry to a nearby island for a dramatic view of the fjords with snow-topped islands – perfect for photos and a quiet moment away from the city.

Evening: Dinner & Warmth

- Return to the city and settle in at a local restaurant, enjoying classic Norwegian dishes – think fresh seafood, warming soups, and traditional Arctic flavours.
- Alternatively, enjoy an early evening drink or hot chocolate in a cosy café before heading back to your hotel to relax.

Night: Winter Magic & Optional Night Stroll

- If the snow is falling and the streets are quiet, a short evening walk around Bryggen or the harbour is magical – the lights reflecting on the snow and water make it feel like a snow globe.
- Return to Home Hotel Havnekontoret for a warm shower, a soak in the tub, or simply curling up with a good view of the misty mountains from your room.

Train Tour

MONDAY - JAN 18TH
WEDNESDAY - JAN 20TH



Norway in a Nutshell

The Norway in a nutshell trip takes you through some of Norway's most beautiful fjord scenery. You can experience the scenic Bergen Railway, the breathtaking Flåm Railway, the Aurlandsfjord and the narrow Nærøfjord. The trip runs daily all year. Norway in a nutshell is available as a day trip or with accommodation en route. All travel is included on the one ticket.

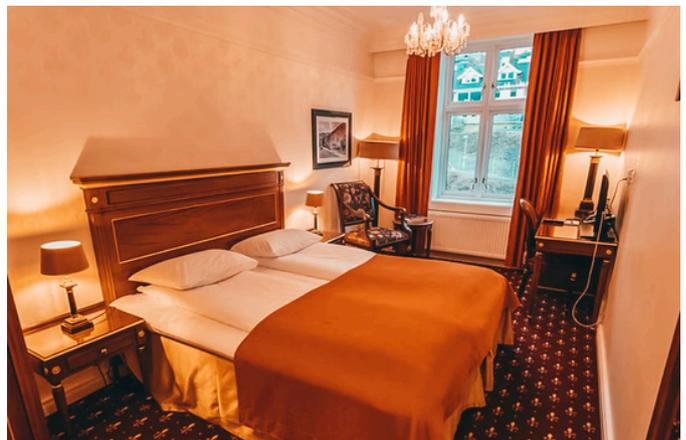
INCLUDED:

- Train Bergen - Voss
- Bus Voss - Gudvangen
- Fjord cruise Gudvangen - Voss
- The Flam Railway Flam - Myrdal
- Train Myrdal - Oslo (including seat reservation)

- accommodation in Voss and Flam

Accom

MONDAY -
JANUARY 18TH



Check In
Jan 18

Check Out
Jan 19

Nights
1 Night

Fleischers Hotel - Voss, Norway

There's something about Fleischer's Hotel. You notice it when you stand outside the towering wooden building, with pointed towers, spires and bay windows in a myriad of Swiss and dragon styles. You notice it when you enter the reception and see the signatures of the greats of the past who have been here before you. When you walk through the corridors and hear history whisper to you. Sit down in the dining room, as Kaiser Wilhelm of Germany did, as Edvard Grieg did, yes, as even the Prince of Siam did.

We just walk along the train platform to the back door of the Hotel, very simple to get to. Views of the Gondola heading up the misty mountain to ski slopes. We can get settled in our Hotel and then take a ride up the mountain and wander in to town to see the shops and get a feel for this pretty town.

Then we can settle in with some cocktails at Fredriks bar before having dinner at the cosy Fleisher Hotel Restaurant, Magdalene. (at own expense)

Cruise

TUESDAY -
JANUARY 19TH



Fjord Boat cruise Gudvangen to Flam

We take the bus to our Meeting Point for our cruise through the Fjords

The Nærøfjord is narrow and spectacular. The fjord is 17 km long and at its narrowest it is 250 meters wide. The magnificent fjord landscape is often referred to as one of the most beautiful areas in the world and its place on UNESCO's World Heritage List is well-deserved. The fjord cruise is on a modern electric boat. There is a kiosk on board serving hot/cold drinks and dishes, as well as beer and wine. There is a large viewing deck and comfortable seating with panorama windows. There are several toilet facilities on board.

Cruise departs from Pier 1, walk 50 mt from the bus stop grab a seat inside on a window if possible you will be able to walk outside once you get going

NOTE: If Fjord is too frozen and boat cannot get through from Gudvangen then we will be bused to Flam then taken on a 2 hour cruise from Flam back to Flam through some spectacular UNESCO world heritage listed scenery. So don't worry we will still get to experience it either way.

Accom

TUESDAY -
JANUARY 19TH



Check In
Jan 19

Check Out
Jan 20

Nights
1 Night

Flåmsbrygga Hotel - Flam, Norway

Tucked right along the harbour in the heart of Flåm, Flåmsbrygga Hotel feels like something out of a Nordic dream. Perfectly positioned near the train, fjord cruises, little shops and cafés – yet still peaceful and serene – it offers front-row views of the fjord and the mountains rising dramatically around it.

This boutique hotel is small and intimate, full of character. Its style blends traditional Norwegian charm with a modern, delicate touch – warm timber, driftwood details, stone and glass all coming together in a way that feels both rustic and beautifully refined. Many rooms feature balconies overlooking the fjord, where you can stand quietly and simply take in the stillness of this extraordinary landscape.

Flåmsbrygga is more than just a hotel – it's a little cluster of inviting spaces gathered by the water. Alongside the rooms you'll find the welcoming Flåmstova Restaurant, the cosy Furukroa Café, and the legendary Ægir BrewPub – where we'll be booking dinner (at your own expense).

Ægir is an experience in itself. Inspired by Viking traditions, with dark wood interiors, flickering candlelight and hearty Nordic flavours, it feels as though you've stepped back in time. We absolutely loved our dinner here on our last visit – the atmosphere, the food, the laughter – and I cannot wait to return and pretend, just for an evening, that we're gathered in a Viking hall after a day exploring the fjords.

We'll also have time to wander this quaint little village – breathe in the crisp fjord air, stroll along the waterfront, and take in the breathtaking scenery that surrounds us on all sides. Mountains, waterfalls, still water, tiny houses nestled into the landscape... it's peaceful, powerful and deeply grounding.

Flåm has a way of making you slow down. And when you do, the magic reveals itself.

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Train Tour

WEDNESDAY -
JANUARY 20TH



Rail • Flam railway – Flam to Myrdal **Rail • Bergen Railway – Myrdal to Oslo**

One of the most breathtaking train journeys in the world begins right here in Flåm — the legendary Flåm Railway.

This isn't just a train ride. It's an ascent from the edge of the fjord up into the high mountain wilderness, climbing nearly 900 metres through some of Norway's most dramatic scenery. Waterfalls cascade down steep cliffs, rivers carve through deep ravines, and tiny farmhouses cling impossibly to the mountainsides. In winter, snow blankets the landscape, turning it into a silent, white fairytale.

The train moves slowly, deliberately — giving you time to absorb it all. Cameras ready, but also moments just to sit back and let the beauty sink in.

The line connects to Myrdal, our first stop high in the mountains. Myrdal feels wonderfully remote — a small mountain station surrounded by vast wilderness. Depending on the season, it can be snowy and still, with crisp air and sweeping views across the plateau. It's a striking contrast to the fjord below — wilder, higher, more exposed.

The engineering of the railway itself is remarkable, with tunnels spiralling through solid rock and tracks hugging the mountainside. There's even a brief stop at the powerful Kjosfossen waterfall, where you can step out to take photos of the frozen Waterfall cascading down the side of the mountain. Frozen in time..

It's a journey of contrasts — from sea level to mountain heights, from calm fjord waters to rugged alpine terrain. And as the train gently climbs toward Myrdal, you truly feel like you're travelling through the heart of Norway.

Train Tour

WEDNESDAY -
JANUARY 20TH



From the Mountains to the Capital – Onward to Oslo

When we arrive at Myrdal, perched high in the mountains, it feels like we've reached the top of the world. Snow underfoot, crisp air, wide open skies — it's raw and beautifully Nordic.

Here, we change trains. And this is where the journey shifts.

Leaving the steep drama of the fjords behind, we board the Bergen Line — one of Northern Europe's highest railway routes — and begin our glide across the vast mountain plateau toward the elegant capital of Oslo.

The landscape opens up in a completely different way. Think endless white plains in winter, frozen lakes reflecting the sky, scattered wooden cabins standing quietly against the elements. There's something deeply peaceful about this stretch of the journey. It's less vertical drama, more expansive stillness.

As the hours pass, the scenery slowly softens. Mountains give way to forests, forests to farmland, and eventually you begin to feel the quiet pulse of city life drawing closer. It's like watching Norway gently unfold outside your window — wild nature slowly transitioning into culture and cosmopolitan charm. There's something very special about arriving in Oslo by train. After days of fjords, mountains and tiny villages, the capital feels vibrant yet calm — modern architecture sitting alongside history, harbour views, and a sophisticated Nordic energy.

This second half of the journey isn't just transport. It's a beautiful, gradual transition — from wilderness to city, from remote mountain air to the creative heartbeat of Norway's capital. And by the time we step onto the platform in Oslo, we'll feel like we've truly travelled through the soul of the country.

Accom

WEDNESDAY -
JANUARY 20TH



Check In
Jan 20

Check Out
Jan 23

Nights
3 Nights

Home Hotel Folketeateret - Oslo, Norway

Home Hotel Folketeateret is a luxury retreat in the centre of Oslo, blending modern design with historical charm. Housed in a beautifully preserved Art Deco building, the hotel creates a unique ambience enriched with thoughtful amenities, including an on-site restaurant and bar, a state-of-the-art gym and inviting common areas. Within the same building, guests can enjoy Norway's private theatre, offering an array of unforgettable performances just steps from their room.

**THURSDAY -
JANUARY 21ST**

A Little Magic in Oslo

Oslo has a quiet kind of magic. It's not loud or overwhelming — it gently reveals itself as you wander.

One of the simplest pleasures here is strolling along Karl Johans gate, the city's main street. This is where Oslo comes alive — boutique stores, cosy cafés, street musicians, beautiful old buildings mixed with modern design. We loved just wandering without a plan, ducking into little shops, stopping for coffee, and watching the rhythm of city life unfold around us.

Oslo is a city that does bakeries exceptionally well. The scent of fresh cinnamon buns drifting out onto the street is almost impossible to resist. There's something so comforting about stepping inside a warm Nordic bakery on a winter's day, ordering a skillingsbolle (cinnamon bun) or cardamom pastry, and sitting by the window as the world moves outside.

And then there's the harbourfront. The Aker Brygge and the surrounding fjord area are perfect for wandering — especially as the light changes toward afternoon. This is also where you'll find one of Oslo's most iconic experiences: floating fjord saunas.

The sauna culture here is something special. At places like KOK Oslo, you can sit in a beautifully designed wooden sauna right on the water's edge — or even floating on it — then dash out for a brisk dip in the icy fjord before running back into the warmth. It's invigorating, a little wild, and surprisingly addictive. You come out glowing.

If you love markets, Mathallen Oslo is a must-visit. This indoor food hall is full of local producers, cheeses, chocolates, seafood, Nordic delicacies — it's the perfect place to graze, taste, and soak up Oslo's creative food scene. Depending on the season, you may also stumble across small pop-up markets selling handmade crafts, woollens, and seasonal treats.



Things to see in Oslo

Then there's the Royal Palace.

One of the main attractions of this residence is the changing of the guard at the Royal Palace in Oslo. Every day at 1:30 pm, the Guards of His Royal Highness march for 40 minutes.

The march starts half an hour earlier at Akershus Fortress, so you can follow the route if you're in the area. From here, the Royal Guard marches along Kirkegaten to the Karl Johans Gate at the Royal Palace.

Wooden houses are said to be a Norwegian tradition, and if you want to catch a glimpse of such charming structures, you can find them on the two small roads of Damstredet and Telthusbakken in Oslo (just below the medieval church Gamle Aker Kirke).

Stepping into this area as a part of your free things to do in Oslo will instantly make you feel like you've been transported to the countryside, what with its gorgeous pastel-color wooden houses from the late 1700s and 1800s (all of which are inhabited).

But truly? Some of the best moments in Oslo are the unplanned ones. Wandering quiet backstreets. Finding a tiny café filled with candlelight. Watching the soft winter sun reflect off the harbour.

Oslo feels creative, calm and effortlessly stylish. It's a city that invites you to explore at your own pace — to wander, to warm up, to indulge in good food and brave saunas — and to enjoy the simple joy of being exactly where you are.



Tour

FRIDAY -
JANUARY 22ND



Oslo Panorama Tour

This beautiful half-day tour is the perfect way to truly feel Oslo —

We'll settle into a modern, comfortable coach and be guided by a knowledgeable local who brings the city's stories to life — its Viking roots, royal traditions, modern design culture and deep connection to nature. As we drive through the city centre, you'll see Oslo's elegant architecture, harbourfront energy, and the seamless way old and new sit side by side.

One of the most breathtaking moments of the day is heading up to Holmenkollen. The road winds gently upward, and suddenly the city opens up below you. From the top, you'll enjoy sweeping panoramic views across the fjord and surrounding forests — it's expansive, fresh, and quietly awe-inspiring. You'll also see the iconic ski jump that has become a symbol of Norway's deep love of winter sport (we admire it from outside, as the tower visit itself isn't included). It's a moment to take photos, breathe deeply, and really appreciate how beautifully Oslo is wrapped in nature.

From there, we move into something even more soulful — a guided walk through Vigeland Park.

This is no ordinary park. It's the world's largest sculpture park created by a single artist — the remarkable Gustav Vigeland. More than 200 sculptures in bronze and granite are spread throughout the grounds, each one capturing human emotion in its rawest form — love, playfulness, strength, vulnerability, family, life cycles. As we walk for around 45 minutes through this extraordinary open-air gallery, you'll begin to notice how expressive and powerful these works are. Some make you smile. Some make you pause. Some feel deeply moving. And set against Oslo's open sky — especially in winter light — they feel even more poetic.

The entire tour lasts around 3 to 3.5 hours (depending on traffic and weather), and it's such a beautiful introduction to the city. You'll come away with a real sense of Oslo's character — its history, its artistry, its views, and its deep love affair with nature.

It's the kind of morning that leaves you feeling connected — to the place, to the stories, and to the quiet magic of Norway's capital.

B & D

Departure

SATURDAY -
JANUARY 23RD



Until Next Time... Or Perhaps Until we go

Today would be departure day — the moment we head to the airport, our transfer waiting, hearts full after days wrapped in snow, silence and the shimmering magic of the Northern Lights. But right now, this is your invitation.

Dear Dreamers, thank you for taking the time to wander through this itinerary, to imagine yourself beneath Arctic skies, riding through forests on snowmobiles, gathering around crackling fires, watching fjords slip past your cabin window, and standing still as the Aurora dances above you.

If something stirred in you while reading this... that little pull, that whisper of “what if?” — that’s the magic already working.

This journey isn’t just about seeing Norway. It’s about feeling it. Breathing in the coldest, cleanest air of your life. Laughing with new friends over long Nordic dinners. Stepping outside your comfort zone. Warming up in saunas and dashing into snow. Riding trains through mountains. Standing in places so beautiful they quiet your mind completely.

It’s about saying yes to something special for yourself.

Travel has a way of stretching us gently — reminding us that we are capable, adventurous, alive. And the Northern Lights... they do something to you. They make you believe in wonder again.

So if you’ve been waiting for a sign, maybe this is it.

Thank you for dreaming with me. Thank you for considering turning these pages into real memories. I would absolutely love to share this adventure with you — to take it from vision to reality, together.

Perhaps next time, it won’t just be words on a page.

It will be us, standing under a dark Arctic sky, watching it come alive.

Payments and other information

A non-refundable deposit is required to hold your place on this exclusive tour of \$2000 per person.

The balance is due by 01 October 2026 or your place on the tour will be cancelled and offered to travellers on a waitlist. Once paid in full booking is not refundable.

Airfares are **NOT** included in this price but our travel provider can book flights for you to make it easier.

Travel insurance is compulsory to cover any non-refundable payments, insurance quotes can be provided. Payments can be made by credit card an additional credit card fee applies.

We will do all possible to limit changes to the itinerary and price however the booking is subject to currency exchange rates until paid in full and any unforeseen circumstances.

Any reductions in the group size may increase the price as minimum numbers apply.

The itinerary may change if we find an alternative accommodation, tour or dining option that may enhance your experience or special rates become available.

Local tours may be adjusted to reflect the best possible option on the day of the tour.

Other costs may include local area transport by metro services or taxi, meals not listed, personal items and local tipping.

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