

The Arctic - Northern Lights Explorer | Douglas Mawson

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Introduction

As the days shorten in the high latitudes, the evening skies darken, creating the perfect backdrop for an unforgettable voyage. On this journey, we stay close to the coastlines of the Arctic Circle, navigating the Norwegian and Greenland seas, and exploring the remote islands and villages of the region. As night falls, we turn our gaze upwards, hoping to witness the enchanting northern lights. This spectacular natural phenomenon creates a surreal display as vibrant hues of blue, green, pink, and violet dance across the night sky. Northern Norway, Iceland, and Greenland, all near the Arctic Circle, are among the best places in the world to experience this breathtaking light show.

Itinerary

DAY 1: Arrive in Tromso

Having made your way to Tromso, you will be met by a representative of Aurora Expeditions and transferred to our group hotel. Upon arrival at your included hotel, please visit the Aurora Expeditions hospitality desk to collect your luggage cabin tags and to speak with our ground operations team, who may have information to share with you about pre-embarkation or to provide you with information about where to dine, withdraw cash or purchase last minute items from a local pharmacy or supermarket. The remainder of your time is at leisure. All meals today are at your own expense. Accommodation: Clarion Hotel The Edge (or similar)



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Your luggage will be collected from your

hotel and transferred directly to the port for

clearance and delivered to your cabin ahead

of your arrival on board. Please keep any

valuables or personal items with you

throughout the day. After breakfast, check-

out of your room before embarking on an

enchanted journey into the celestial

wonders of the Arctic sky at the Tromsø

Science Centre. Join an immersive

experience that combines the magic of a

Northern Lights followed by an engaging

presentation by an astronomer, providing

you with insight into the captivating

phenomena of the Aurora Borealis. Settle

into the comfort of the planetarium's

auditorium for a cinematic journey into the

heart of the Arctic night. Join the award-

winning photographer Ole Salomonsens on

his journey through northern Norway,

Finland and Sweden in pursuit of his

passion - filming the wildest and most

spectacular light show the nature has to

offer. Extreme Auroras is a stunning new

full-dome visual, featuring the aurora in

science, history and myths. After the movie,

enjoy a live presentation by the in-house

astronomer, introducing them, a

presentation of the few Norse constellations

that are still known, and the Hunting Party

story from the Sami mythology. This talk

looks at the sky from a northern angle and

will add new knowledge to old. At the end

you will have time to explore the Science

Centre's interactive displays and exhibits.

Engage with hands-on activities that further

enhance your understanding of the natural

forces at play, making this experience both

entertaining and educational. Transfer to

the pier for embarkation in the late

afternoon, when you will have time to settle

into your cabin before attending our

mandatory safety briefings and enjoy the

thrill of departure as we 'throw the lines'

and set sail. This evening, get to know your

fellow expeditioners, friendly expedition

team and crew at the Welcome Dinner to

celebrate the start of a thrilling adventure.



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Over the next few days, we explore parts of

Locations
Norway's remarkable 1,000-kilometre (600-mile) coastline. Starting in Torsken, in the

very north of the country, we make our way

south, stopping in the Lofoten Islands. The

spectacular northern lights are a natural

phenomenon that is most commonly seen in

the sky above the Arctic Circle, between

autumn and early spring. As we are near

Ånderdalen National Park in northern

Norway, keep a close watch in hope of

witnessing this dazzling spectacle in the

night sky. Embark on a leisurely amble

through the quaint village of Torsken,

where breathtaking natural beauty provides

a captivating backdrop. As you meander

along Torsken's narrow lanes, immerse

yourself in the village's fascinating history,

a rich tapestry woven from centuries of

fishing traditions and the enduring spirit of

its community. Admire the scenic splendour

that surrounds you, with the majestic Senja

mountains creating a stunning panorama

and the tranquil streets lined with colourful

houses, each possessing its own unique

character. En route, you will have the

opportunity to visit Torsken Church, a

cherished local landmark dating back to the

18th century. Before your exploration

concludes, indulge your palate with a

selection of local delicacies, not only

distinctive to this region but also

emblematic of Norwegian culinary heritage.

Personalise your expedition with our

included 'Your Choice' experiences that best

suits your interests and level of fitness.

Option 1: Norwegian Scenic Route

(Duration: 3 hours / Level of difficulty: Easy)

Option 2: Trek to Ravnfløy (Duration: 3

hours / Level of difficulty: Moderate) Option

3: Hike to Midtertinden (Duration: 4.5 hours

/ Level of difficulty: Strenuous)



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25/08/2027, Svalvaer, Norwegian Coast

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We make our way to the stunning Lofoten -

meaning puma's foot - Islands. This is a

land scoured by ice and legend, the

towering crags with their sharp edges,

standing in silent protection of the villages

below. Today you will have the opportunity

to personalise your expedition with our

included 'Your Choice' experiences that best

suits your interests and level of fitness.

Option 1: Guided hike towards

Tjeldbergtind (Duration: 3 hours / Level of

difficulty: Moderate-Strenuous) Option 2:

Taste of Lofoten (Duration: 2 hours

including snacks / Level of difficulty: Easy)

Limited seats available Option 3: Lofoten

Fishing Village (Duration: 2 hours / Level of

difficulty: Easy)

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DAMON, Inner Passage & Svolvær,

Duration Coast

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As you traverse the scenic vistas of Lofoten,

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expansive fertile lands that once set the

stage for Viking sagas. Your expedition

begins in Haukland Beach, a paradisiacal

haven with its pearly white sands and

sapphire waters, embraced by lush greenery

and towering peaks, evoking the essence of

an Arctic paradise. We will have ample time

to hike from Uttakleiv, to Haukland

Beach—a gentle stretch over hills and along

the coastal path to the pristine white sand

beach. Upon reaching the Viking Museum

in Borg, enjoy an exhibition showcasing

archaeological discoveries and meticulous

recreations of Viking dwellings, gaining a

vivid understanding of the daily lives of

these seafaring people a millennium ago.

The museum endeavours to authentically

recreate the Viking village atmosphere,

complete with handicrafts, traditional

buildings, and era-specific cuisine. As part

of this immersive experience, you'll be

treated to a soup crafted from an ancient

North Norwegian recipe, prepared over an

open fire—a culinary journey back in time

amid the fascinating history of the Vikings.

Drive through the scenic landscapes of

Lofoten to Norway's renowned Sund where

you will visit a Black smith at the Fishery

Museum, famous for his beautiful

cormorants made of steel. The decorative

wrought iron cormorants are famous all

over the world, and can be found in the

Pentagon, the Kremlin and in the King of

Norway's palace. Continue to the village of

Reine where your ship will be waiting for

you. This fishing village is one of the most

beautiful in Norway, and we are sure that

when you see it you will understand why!



DAY 6: At Sea

Enjoy the crossing to Jan Mayen,

accompanied by seabirds as we search for

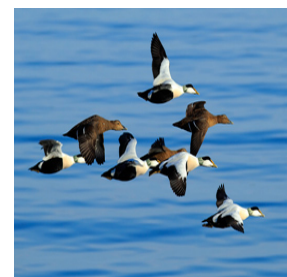
whales. Enjoy informative talks from our

team of experts, get to know your fellow

expeditioners or stay active in the gym.

Remember to look to the skies at night and

hope for sightings of the northern lights.



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Duration

10 days

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The approach to Jan Mayen is spectacular. The huge 2,277-metre (7,470 foot) Beerenberg volcano is the northernmost active volcano in the world, and it last erupted in 1985. The northern part of the island is a great place to look for whales and dolphins and contains impressive glaciers, some of which reach the sea. If the weather is favourable, we will try to land at Kvalrossbukta, a relatively sheltered bay on the island's west coast. This is one of the landings used to supply the weather station Olonkinbyen, situated on the eastern side of the island.



DAY 8: At Sea

Enjoy the crossing to East Greenland, accompanied by seabirds as we search for whales. Enjoy informative talks from our team of experts, get to know your fellow expeditioners or stay active in the gym. Remember to look to the skies at night and hope for sightings of the northern lights.



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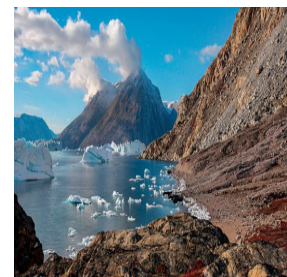
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In the coming days, a host of choices are available to us, and depending on ice and weather conditions, the east coast of Greenland is ours to explore. The members of our experienced Expedition Team, who have made countless journeys to this area, will use their expertise to tailor our voyage to suit the day-to-day conditions. This allows us to make best use of the prevailing weather, ice conditions and any opportunities for wildlife encounters. We generally attempt up to two landings or Zodiac excursions per day, including cruising along spectacular ice cliffs, following whales feeding near the surface. Be prepared to experience ice - and lots of it! East Greenland contains some of the Arctic's most impressive scenery. Deep fjords and narrow channels, flanked by sharp ice-clad peaks soaring up to 2,000 metres (6,562 feet), and glaciers birthing gigantic icebergs that drift throughout the fjord system, combine to create breathtaking scenes. The tundra landscape is home to musk oxen, arctic hares and reindeer. Throughout the area there are ancient Thule archaeological sites, historical trappers' huts, and the cabins of present-day Inuit hunters. A highlight is a visit to the Inuit village of Ittoqqortoormiit, the most isolated and northernmost permanent settlement in the region, with approximately 450 inhabitants. The community has an excellent museum, gift shop, an abundance of Greenlandic sled dogs and provides the opportunity to meet the friendly locals. Explore Scoresbysund, the world's largest fjord system and a favourite hunting ground of the local Inuit. Massive glaciers flow into this fjord, the birthplace of hundreds of majestic Greenland icebergs. It is a spectacular place that simply needs to be seen to be believed. North of Scoresbysund lie Kong Oskar and Kaiser Franz Josef fjords, two of the most significant fjord systems in Greenland, each one encompassing several smaller fjords and sounds. Thanks to the fertile volcanic soil and the surrounding mountains offering protection from strong winds, the area is rich in wildlife. You may spot everything from musk oxen and arctic foxes to mountain hares, and even reindeer, near the fjord. Look skyward and you could catch a glimpse of birds, including the glaucous gull, black-legged kittiwake, northern fulmar, common raven and common eider.



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16 Days Isafjordur & Vigur Island

Locations

Over the coming days, we explore the
Norway, Jan Mayen, Greenland, Iceland
Westfjords region, which features

outstanding landscapes with jaw-dropping views of dramatic fjords carved by ancient glaciers, sheer, table-top mountains that plunge into the sea, and pristine north Atlantic vegetation. The region features attractive towns such as Isafjordur, surrounded by sheer mountains and steeped in history, evident in its preserved wooden architecture. Delight in its lively cultural scene and abundant outdoor activities. On Vigur Island enjoy walks and hikes of varying levels of difficulty, soaking in the stunning surrounds. Stroll along the coastline, keeping an eye out for whales, or venture deeper into the island to discover hidden gems. With its rolling hills, picturesque landscapes, and fresh sea air, Vigur offers an unforgettable experience.



DAY 15: Snaefellsnes Peninsula

Grundafjordur is the starting point of our adventures on the Snaefellsnes Peninsula, gateway to Snæfellsjökull National Park. Snaefellsnes Peninsula is an area of diverse landscapes that is characterised by lava fields and glistening fjords and home to a vast array of birdlife. The area is crowned by the magnificent, ice-capped Snæfellsjökull volcano, a 700,000-year-old dormant subglacial volcano, visible from Reykjavik on a clear day and immortalised in Jules Verne's Journey to the Centre of the Earth. Today you can choose one of three shore excursion options that best suits your interests and level of fitness.



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During the early morning, we cruise into Reykjavik and disembark at approximately 8.00 am. Farewell your Expedition Team and fellow passengers as we all continue our onward journeys. Transfer to Keflavik airport. Note: At the conclusion of the voyage, we recommend booking flights departing after 12.00 pm on the day of disembarkation in case there are delays.

*Cruise itinerary is subject to change depending on weather conditions, ice conditions and other factors.



Inclusions & Details

Accommodation Hotel & Cabin on board ship

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<p>Inclusions</p>	<p>Difficulty Rating 2 (light adventure)</p> <p>Single Surcharge Subject to availability upon request. Contact us for more details.</p> <p>Notes Prices are based on per person, may be based on quad/triple/twin share. Prices are correct at time of publishing but are subject to change at any time. Itinerary is subject to change depending on weather and ice conditions</p> <p>Price Dependent upon Departure date, fuel surcharges, cabin category, currency fluctuations, seasonality and availability.</p> <p>Sustainability</p>