



# Seeking the Northern Lights - 18 Days (#19968)

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## Overview

This tour is possible, with start in either Helsinki or Oslo. Please note if you choose to start in Oslo, the tour is lengthened by one night due to the northbound voyage. Explore the best of Finland and Norway, as we combine these two amazing countries in one great tour. You will be amazed by the contrast, of the cities, and the positively different landscapes. There is no better tour that offers the opportunity to see the Northern lights. Highlights include sailing along the Norwegian coast onboard Havila, experiencing the Flåmsbana, riding the Santa Express, and visiting Santa's hometown, Rovaniemi. The capital cities of Helsinki and Oslo offer something for everyone. This is a tour that offers a bit of everything and suitable for all.

## Trip Highlights

Helsinki-Santa Express-Rovaniemi-Saariselka-Inari-Kirkenes-Bergen (Havila)-Flåm-Oslo

## Detailed Itinerary



## Day 01

### Day 1: Arrival in Helsinki

Welcome to the capital city of Finland. Helsinki is a vibrant seaside city, offering design and an urban charm that you will not easily forget. The foodie scene has made its mark and is ever evolving. The city is close to nature, as are its people. The Finn's have a positive and respectful attitude towards their city and the nature that encompasses it. Accommodation in 4\* hotel in Helsinki city centre.

**Meal:** No Meal

## Day 02

### Day 2: Helsinki

Morning breakfast at the hotel. Day free to explore the city.

**Meal:** Breakfast

## Day 03

### Day 3: Santa Express

Spend the day exploring Helsinki. This evening you will bid farewell to the city as you board the Santa Express. The train departs in the late evening, your cabin is with private toilet and shower. Onboard the train there is a food cart/restaurant. You will travel from the south to the North, destination- Rovaniemi. Overnight onboard the train.

**Meal:** Breakfast

## Day 04

### Day 4: Arrival in Rovaniemi

Welcome to the home of Santa Claus. Getting from the train station to the city centre is easy, you can either take a taxi, or walk approximately 20 minutes. Accommodation in 3\* hotel in Rovaniemi city centre.

**Meal:** Breakfast



### Day 05

#### Day 5: Rovaniemi – Saariselka

Breakfast at the hotel. Today you board a local bus that will take you from Rovaniemi to Saariselka. On arrival at the bus station, a transfer awaits and will take you to the Northern light's village. The Northern lights village is a retreat and located away from noise and light pollution of a city. The opportunity to see the Northern lights is enhanced, as your accommodation for two nights will be in an Aurora Cabin. Dinner is included for both nights. Overnight in an Aurora cabin.

**Meal:** Breakfast

### Day 06

#### Day 7: Saariselka – Inari

Breakfast at the Northern light's village and transfer to the bus station. Board a local bus, and travel even further North from Saariselka to Inari. Arrival at the Wilderness hotel Inari. Inari is a very special place with a lot of Sami tradition. The hotel offers a blend of quality accommodation with pristine nature and Arctic activities. The location is just five minutes from the Sámi village Inari. If you have the possibility, we highly recommend a visit to the Sami museum and nature centre. Dinner and accommodation at Inari Wilderness Hotel in a cosy log cabin.

**Meal:** Breakfast

### Day 07

#### Day 9: Inari – Kirkenes

Breakfast at the hotel. Board the local bus from Finland to Norway as you head towards Kirkenes. You are likely to be impressed by the change of scenery as you head North towards Kirkenes, The town has a unique location and lies on a peninsula along the Bøkfjord, an arm of the large Varangerfjord.

Accommodation in 3\* hotel in Kirkenes city centre

**Meal:** Breakfast

### Day 08

#### Day 10: Kirkenes – Bergen (Havila)



Breakfast at the hotel, and its finally time to leave the land as you board HAVILA for a journey along the Norwegian coast. HAVILA plays an important role and offers postage and supplies to the many small villages along the rugged Norwegian coastline. You will pass many of these small villages en-route from Kirkenes to Bergen. Full board (Breakfast, Lunch and Dinner) and accommodation onboard HAVILA in a seaside cabin

**Meal:** Breakfast, lunch and Dinner

### Day 09

### Day 11: Bergen (Havila)

Breakfast at the hotel. HAVILA plays an important role and offers postage and supplies to the many small villages along the rugged Norwegian coastline. You will pass many of these small villages enroute from Kirkenes to Bergen. Full board (Breakfast, Lunch and Dinner) and accommodation onboard HAVILA in a seaside cabin.

**Meal:** Breakfast, lunch and Dinner

### Day 10

### Day 12: Bergen (Havila)

Breakfast at the hotel. HAVILA plays an important role and offers postage and supplies to the many small villages along the rugged Norwegian coastline. You will pass many of these small villages enroute from Kirkenes to Bergen. Full board (Breakfast, Lunch and Dinner) and accommodation onboard HAVILA in a seaside cabin.

**Meal:** Breakfast, lunch and Dinner

### Day 11

### Day 13: Bergen (Havila)

Breakfast at the hotel. HAVILA plays an important role and offers postage and supplies to the many small villages along the rugged Norwegian coastline. You will pass many of these small villages enroute from Kirkenes to Bergen. Full board (Breakfast, Lunch and Dinner) and accommodation onboard HAVILA in a seaside cabin.

**Meal:** Breakfast, lunch and Dinner





### Day 12

### Day 14: Bergen (Havila)

Breakfast at the hotel. HAVILA plays an important role and offers postage and supplies to the many small villages along the rugged Norwegian coastline. You will pass many of these small villages enroute from Kirkenes to Bergen. Full board (Breakfast, Lunch and Dinner) and accommodation onboard HAVILA in a seaside cabin.

**Meal:** Breakfast, lunch and Dinner

### Day 13

### Day 15: Bergen

After one of the most amazing experiences, we welcome you to the capital of the fjords, the city of Bergen. Accommodation in 3\* hotel in Bergen city centre.

**Meal:** Breakfast

### Day 14

### Day 16: Flåm

Breakfast at the hotel. Today is the start of another very well-known tour, the Norway in a nutshell. The first leg will be by train as you leave Bergen to Voss. From Voss you travel by bus to Gudvangen, until boarding a vessel that will take you along the fjord to Flåm. Dinner and accommodation in 3\* hotel in Flåm.

**Meal:** Breakfast and Dinner

### Day 15

### Day 17: Oslo

Breakfast at the hotel, continue by train as you experience the Flåmsbanen from Flåm to Myrdal. A spectacular journey. From Myrdal one last train journey will bring you to the capital of Norway, the green city of Oslo. Welcome to our home. Dinner and accommodation in 4\* hotel in Oslo city centre.

**Meal:** Breakfast and Dinner



## Day 16

## Day 18: Departure

Breakfast at the hotel. From the city centre you can take a cab, airport bus, airport train or local train to Oslo Gardermoen.

**Meal:** Breakfast

## Inclusions

### Accommodation

- 2 nights in a centrally located hotel in Helsinki with breakfast
- 1 nights in a centrally located hotel in Rovaniemi with breakfast
- 2 nights in an Aurora cabin at the Northern lights village with breakfast & dinner
- 2 nights in a log cabin at Wilderness Hotel Inari a with breakfast & dinner
- 1 night in a centrally located hotel in Kirkenes with breakfast
- HAVILA Voyage Kirkenes – Bergen (Full Board, seaside Cabin)
- 1 night in a centrally located hotel in Bergen with breakfast
- 1 night in a centrally located hotel in Flam with breakfast and dinner
- 1 night in a centrally located hotel in Oslo with breakfast

### Transfers & Trains

- Santa Express from Helsinki to Rovaniemi
- Local Bus from Rovaniemi to Saariselka, Saariselka to Inari and Inari to Kirkeness
- \* Transfer from Saariselka to the Northern Lights village and return
- Norway in a Nutshell Trainrides (Bergen – Flam / Flam – Oslo)

## Exclusions

International airfares

Optional activities

Other meals, drinks, tips and other personal expenses or services not specified on the program

Travel insurance

Gratuities

Voluntary tips for guides or drivers

Travel and medical insurance

Any items not mentioned as included



## Note

Please note that the prices are starting from and that upon sending a new request with specific date we will send the applicable rate and availability.

All triple room pricing on request.

### Local Tips

Inari: Visit Sajos, the heart of Sami Culture in Finland. This building hosts the sami parlement as well as an educational institute about this extraordinary culture of the North. If you want to explore Sami culture & history, this is the place to start!

## Program Touring / Guide

Private touring

## Periodic Departure

19 Sep, 2024 to 31 Mar, 2025

3 Star

AUD 9,249 P P twin share

AUD 13,694 P P single

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