



# In pursuit of the Northern Lights



20 day fully escorted tour  
Departing Tasmania 23 January 2017

## TOUR HIGHLIGHTS...

- Stay in authentic local accommodation including log cabins with open fires, glass igloos, and traditional water front cabins overlooking both fjord and mountain
- Search for the Northern Lights in a reindeer drawn sleigh through the night forest
- Enjoy a snowmobile safari through majestic scenery
- Meet with the local Sami people and learn about the Sami culture
- Join in a traditional Viking Feast and experience the magic and excitement of their history
- Cruise one of the most scenic maritime areas of the world for seven days onboard a Hurtigruten Ferry.



Cathi Burnett-Cosgrove is Tasmania's most experienced tour escort with over 30 years in tourism. With a passion for food, wine and exploration, join Cathi and immerse yourself in the culture of these amazing areas.





**DAY 1: MON 23 JANUARY  
DEPART AUSTRALIA**

Today we depart Australia for our journey to Scandinavia.

**DAY 2: TUES 24 JANUARY  
ARRIVE OSLO**

On arrival into Norway we will be given an introduction tour of Oslo. Our panoramic exploration of this city will include a walking tour of Vigeland Sculpture Park. At the end of the tour we will check into our hotel and later today enjoy a relaxing dinner.

**DAY 3: WED 25 JANUARY  
OSLO - BERGEN**

This morning we will transfer to Oslo Airport for our flight to Bergen. On arrival we will meet by our local guide and delight in the local sights. It has remained an important city of trade over many centuries due to its deep harbour and surrounding by mountains. Pass by St. Mary's Church & Haakon Hall and we will walk around the colourful and picturesque fish markets at the old Hanseatic wharf. Visit Troidhaugen, the home of Norway's most famous composer Edvard Grieg. Troidhaugen consists of the Edvard Grieg Museum, his villa, the hut where he composed music and his gravesite. Late this afternoon we will board M.S. Trollfjord. This vessel is one of the Hurtigruten Ferries and though not a cruise ship, it offers a journey like no other. These ferries are part of the traditional Norwegian working fleet. It is not a cruise but a voyage beyond our imaginings and the start of our search for the Northern Lights. It is our home for the next seven days as we weave our way in and out of Fjords, towns and cities. Facilities on the ferry are of a good standard with meals based on set menus. Along the way we will have the opportunity to meet with locals who rely on the Hurtigruten for their travel along the coast.

**DAY 4: THUR 26 JANUARY  
ALESUND**

Today is a day to relax as we navigate the skerries and islands further north before reaching Ålesund. This city is renowned for its beautiful Art Nouveau architecture. On departure we head north towards Trondheim.

**DAY 5: FRI 27 JANUARY  
TRONDHEIM**

We arrive into Trondheim, which was Norway's first capital. Look out for the storehouses along the river, which are built on wooden stilts. These provide a colourful contrast to the pure white snow that often covers the city. On arrival we make our way to the Trondaleg Folk Museum – a fantastic open air museum depicting the cultural history in Norway.

**DAY 6: SAT 28 JANUARY  
ARCTIC CIRCLE & LOFOTEN ISLANDS**

As we cross the Arctic Circle the hunt for the Arctic light really begins! We will enter the dramatic and narrow Raftsund, and if the weather and ice conditions allow, sail to the entrance of the famous Trollfjord. Tonight we meet the Vikings! The largest Viking building ever found has been recreated at the Lofotr Viking Museum. The chieftain and the lady of the house invite us to join them for a real Viking feast in the banquet hall. Experience the magic and excitement as they make 'sacrifices' to the Gods, praying that the sun will return. It will provide a night of merriment and entertainment.

**DAY 7: SUN 29 JANUARY  
TROMSØ**

After a morning stop in Finnsnes, we continue to the Arctic capital Tromsø. This is an easy city to explore, so we will enjoy a free day to discover the history and its connection to the Antarctic.

**DAY 8: MON 30 JANUARY  
HONNINGSVAG & THE NORTH CAPE**

Honningsvåg is the nearest port to the North Cape - at 71° 10' 21" N, only 2,000 kilometres from the Geographical North Pole. At the North Cape we will travel through the magnificent sub-Arctic landscape as we cross the 71st parallel on our journey towards the North Cape, which is the northernmost point of the continent. We will visit the North Cape Hall where we will see an impressive 180° panoramic film about Finnmark and the North Cape.

**DAY 9: TUES 31 JANUARY  
KIRKENES - KAKSLAUTTANEN**

Admire dramatic coastal vistas as we approach Kirkenes – the turn around point of the voyage. This is where we disembark the cruise. We drive through Kirkenes for a visit to the Kirkenes Snow Hotel, which has been voted 'Best Trip' by the National Geographic. We enjoy a drink in the Sculptured SnowBar and take a look at the beautiful snow paintings designed by local and international artists. We depart the Snow Hotel and drive across the border into Finland, where we stop to visit the SIIDA Sámi Museum. This is the National Museum of the Finnish Sámi. We then continue onto our hotel, where we stay for the next three nights.

**DAY 10: WED 1 FEBRUARY  
KAKSLAUTTANEN**

Today is at leisure to absorb the exquisite surroundings before a special and magical night. This evening we sit back in a sleigh pulled by reindeer and start our journey into the night forest. Our aim is to see the Aurora Borealis dancing across the sky! Together we enjoy a hot drink while listening to the sounds of the night forest.

**DAY 11: THURS 2 FEBRUARY  
KAKSLAUTTANEN**

Today we're off to the local reindeer farm by snowmobile. At the farm, a Sámi host will welcome us and introduce us to their indigenous culture. During the visit, we will learn how to throw the Lappish lasso and drive the reindeer sleigh. The remainder of the day is at leisure before dinner at our hotel. In the evening, we will head into nature in the special Glass Roofed Aurora Bus in search of the Northern Lights. With a little luck, if the sky is clear, the moon, stars and even the Northern Lights may put on an unforgettable show for us.

**DAY 12: FRI 3 FEBRUARY  
KAKSLAUTTANEN - LEVI**

This morning we meet with our local guide at the hotel and travel south to Sodankyla. Heading west towards Levi is where we will experience one of the



highlights of the tour. We stay overnight in a glass igloo! The afternoon is at leisure to indulge in the sights and sounds of this majestic area.

**DAY 13: SAT 4 FEBRUARY** **B,D**  
**LEVI - MALANGEN**

We leave Levi and travel towards Tromsø, a long but scenic drive. Along the way our guide will provide information about the regions as we cross the border of Sweden and Finland and travel into Norway before reaching the Lyngen Fjord. Late in the day we reach our coastal resort for a three night stay.

**DAY 14: SUN 5 FEBRUARY** **B,L,D**  
**MALANGEN**

We have the morning to explore before participating in a husky safari. Located near Camp Nikka, we meet with an intimate group of eager huskies just waiting to take us into the wilderness. We start the adventure with a lesson in how to manage our own husky team and we will drive in pairs. We finish the excursion with a delicious hot meal by an open fire. Our resort is located near one of the most visited Northern Lights hotspots. We will be part of "The Watch", and this enhances our opportunity of seeing the lights. We prepare for the journey with a briefing about this natural phenomenon and the current conditions before setting off on a chase to wherever the lights take us. Experienced guides will help us to set our cameras to capture this magical show. The chase will continue long after we return to our hotel rooms; however if guides spot the lights they will wake us with a magical Sámi song. It is then time for us to jump into our survival kit and meet in the hotel lobby to resume the chase!

**DAY 15: SAT 6 FEBRUARY** **B,L,D**  
**MALANGEN**

Our morning is at leisure before we make our way into the wilderness on snowmobiles. This unique snowmobile safari will take us on an unforgettable journey through the superb scenery of the region. We will drive in pairs with a chance to change drivers along the way. We will stop along the way to enjoy a hot meal and warm drink by an open fire. This evening we enjoy a special Sámi evening where an invited group of indigenous Sámi people will perform dressed in their traditional clothes and present their culture by storytelling and traditional 'yoiking'.



**DAY 16: SUN 7 FEBRUARY** **B, D**  
**MALANGEN - OSLO**

Today we depart for Tromsø Airport for our flight to Oslo. This evening we will stay at a hotel close to the airport.

**DAY 17: MON 8 FEBRUARY** **B**  
**DEPART OSLO**

We leave during the afternoon on our flight to Dubai. On arrival into Dubai we will transfer to our hotel.

**DAY 18: TUES 9 FEBRUARY** **B,D**  
**DUBAI**

Enjoy a leisurely breakfast and soak up the warmth of Dubai. Later in the day, we meet to explore the back streets of Dubai. Here the shops sell traditional Arabic clothing and there are hidden

restaurants serving homestyle fare. We embark on an adventure of the senses with tastings along the way.

**DAY 19: WED 10 FEBRUARY**  
**DEPART DUBAI**

Time to start our journey home. We transfer to the airport for our mid-morning flight.

**DAY 20: THURS 11 FEBRUARY**  
**ARRIVE AUSTRALIA**

We arrive home and say goodbye to our new found friends, with whom we have experienced an adventure of a lifetime.





## TOUR PRICE

**Twin Share** \$15990 per person  
ex Tasmania

**Single supplement** \$19980  
(Limited availability)

Pricing based on category N cabin on Norwegian Coastal Journey. Upgrade to Category P for \$480pp twin share (\$590 single). Upgrade to Category U for \$560pp twin share. Please note that all accommodation onboard the ship is twin bedded configuration.

While this pricing is current as of January 2016, fluctuating fuel surcharges, currency exchange rates and taxes may result in an increased cost. Available business and mixed class airfare upgrades available. Price on application.

## INCLUDED IN THE TOUR COST\*

- Economy class airfare ex Hobart including all fees, taxes and levies
- Tour Escort from Hobart
- Meals as specified (B=Breakfast, L=Lunch, D=Dinner)
- Entrance fees to all specified attractions
- Gratuities
- All excursions as stated in the itinerary
- Thermal outfits provided on all snowmobile excursions

## NOT INCLUDED IN THE TOUR COST

- Meals other than mentioned
- Local airport departure taxes (if applicable)
- Laundry, telephone calls, beverages, and other expenditure of a personal nature
- Any services other than mentioned
- Travel Insurance



Great care has been taken in designing this itinerary to take full advantage of the possibility of seeing the Northern Lights. It is important to note however, there can be no guarantee of sighting the Aurora Borealis.



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## TERMS AND CONDITIONS

**TOUR PAYMENTS** A non-refundable deposit of \$2500 per person is payable within 7 days of booking. An interim payment of \$2500 is due no later than 14 June 2016. The balance of payment is due not later than 1 November, 2016.

**CANCELLATIONS** Deposits are strictly non-refundable. Cancellation fees may also apply to any additional services, reserved prior to, during and after the tour. Notice of all cancellations must be made in writing to Andrew Jones Travel on or before final payment due date 1 November 2016. Loss of deposits. After final payment due date: 100% of total price. Cancellation fees also apply to any additional services, reserved prior to, during and after the vacation.

If flight changes, including flight cancellations, are requested, revision fees or airline cancellation fees will apply. Andrew Jones Travel Pty. Ltd. and the carriers, accommodations, and other suppliers providing tour services shall all be known as the 'Operators' and reserve the right to cancel or re-schedule any vacation departure. If cancellation is made prior to departure of the tour, the only responsibility of the Operators will be to refund to the passenger the amount we have received for the reservation. We will try to re-book the same vacation with a different departure date, or a similar tour. Where the Operators have confirmed flights, we will try to confirm air seats for the selected new dates, subject to availability. The Operators cannot assume responsibility for any additional costs or any fees relating to the issuance and/or cancellation of air tickets or other travel arrangements.

**REVISION FEES** A fee of \$150 per transaction will be charged for any alteration or revision made to a reservation, plus any additional costs from Operators. Airline penalties may also apply. A change to traveller name, vacation date or tour itinerary at any time will be treated as a cancellation and new reservation; standard cancellation fees apply.

**PARTICIPATION** For the benefit of everyone on your holiday, the Operators reserve the right to accept or reject any person as a holiday participant, and to remove from the tour any participant whose conduct is deemed incompatible with the interests of the other participants.

**TRAVELLERS WHO NEED SPECIAL ASSISTANCE** You must report any disability requiring special attention to Andrew Jones Travel at the time the reservation is made. All travellers must be able to handle their own suitcase. The Operators will make reasonable attempts to accommodate the special needs of disabled travellers, but is not responsible in the event it is unable to do so, nor is it responsible for any denial of services by carriers, hotels, restaurants, or other independent suppliers. Most transportation services, including the touring motor coach, are not equipped with wheelchair ramps. We regret that we cannot provide individual assistance to a tour participant for walking, dining, getting on and off motor coaches and other vehicles, or other personal needs. A qualified and physically able companion must accompany travellers who need such assistance, and must assume total responsibility for the handicapped participants well-being. Motorised scooters are unsuitable for touring vacations in this brochure.

**SMOKING** Smoking is not allowed on transportation or accommodations.

**PRICE GUARANTEE** Air tickets booked via Andrew Jones Travel are guaranteed when we receive full payment. This does not include any Government/airport tax increases and currency fluctuations. Vacation prices are per person, based on two persons sharing a room. Single room supplements are listed where applicable.

**ACCOMMODATIONS** The accommodations listed in this brochure are intended to be used on this departure; however, if a change becomes necessary for any reason, the accommodations substituted will be equivalent in standard to those shown. Every effort is made to reserve your preferred room request. It may occasionally happen that an accommodation provides some double-bedded or twin-bedded rooms, as room configuration is at the discretion of individual hotels. Please note that accommodation check-in times vary worldwide.

Paying for a single supplement ensures own room, not necessarily a twin bedded room.

**BAGGAGE ALLOWANCE** Portage for one suitcase on vacation is included in the tour price. Airport portage at beginning and end of the vacation is not included. Due to limited coach capacity, this single bag should have dimensions not exceeding 76x53x28cm (30x21x11"). We regret we are unable to accept a second suitcase, or any luggage exceeding these limits. Please talk to your agent for baggage weight restrictions. We recommend you consult your air carrier as size and weight limitations vary from airline to airline and even according to destination, and are becoming more restrictive. The Operators are not responsible for additional fees imposed by air carriers. Regulations within most airports require that travellers handle their own luggage through customs.

Your carry-on bag should not exceed the dimensions of 30x28x14cm (12x11x6"). For safety reasons wheeled carry-on bags are not suitable as hand luggage on motor coaches and mini-buses.

No responsibility is accepted for loss of or damage to baggage or any of the tour participant's belongings. Baggage insurance is recommended.

**DINING** A restaurant or date of a dinner may be substituted at any time due to reasons beyond the Operators' control.

**NOT INCLUDED IN THE TOUR PRICE** Airport taxes which are payable directly at the airport: passports; visas and vaccinations, tips to local city guides or staff; laundry, telephone, mini bar, alcohol beverages and food not on the regular table d'hôte menu (these extra items will be billed to you before leaving the hotel or restaurant); optional excursions; travel insurance, excess baggage fees; all other items of a personal nature.

**HOLIDAYS** During local or national holidays, certain facilities such as museums and restaurants, sightseeing tours and shopping may be limited or not available. Alternatives will be offered whenever possible.

**SAFETY** Please be aware that during your participation in vacations operated by the Operators, certain risks and dangers may arise beyond our control including, but not limited to, the hazards of travelling in undeveloped areas; travel by boat, train, automobile, aircraft or other means of transportation; the forces of nature, political unrest and accident or illness in remote regions without means of rapid evacuation or medical facilities. The Operators will not have liability regarding provision of medical care or the adequacy of any care that may be rendered. It is understood that the Operators will use its best efforts to ensure that adequate measures are taken.

**TRAVEL INSURANCE** Passengers are strongly advised to take out travel insurance to cover any unforeseen circumstances which may arise (including, but not limited to; cancellation fees, loss of luggage, early return following death of a relative as defined in the respective proposal forms). We recommend passengers investigate all Department of Foreign Affairs warnings regarding the safety of travelling to certain destinations. The Operators will not be held liable for any act of government, terrorism, revolution or other act. The Operators reserve the right to cancel the tour at any stage due to an act of government or terrorism.

**PASSPORTS AND VISAS** All passengers must have a valid passport with at least 6 months validity from return date. It is the responsibility of each passenger to ensure any applicable visas for all countries visited have been obtained prior to departure. Failure to obtain correct documentation will mean the passenger will be unable to participate in particular shore excursions and may be denied boarding and/or entry into certain countries. Meeting necessary passport and visa entry requirements and costs is the sole responsibility of passengers.

**TOUR ESCORT** The inclusion of an Andrew Jones Travel tour escort is subject to minimum passenger numbers. A substitute tour escort may be used without notice if unforeseen circumstances arise.

\* Conditions apply. Price is per person, twin share. Price is correct at time of publication January 2016 but may fluctuate due to changes in taxes, charges, surcharges and currency. Airfare included is based on a group airfare and all passengers will need to fly on these flights, dates and destination only. Price does not include taxes imposed directly by third parties. Tour is subject to availability and terms and conditions as listed. Minimum tour numbers apply, see booking conditions for more details. A service fee and credit card surcharge will apply.

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