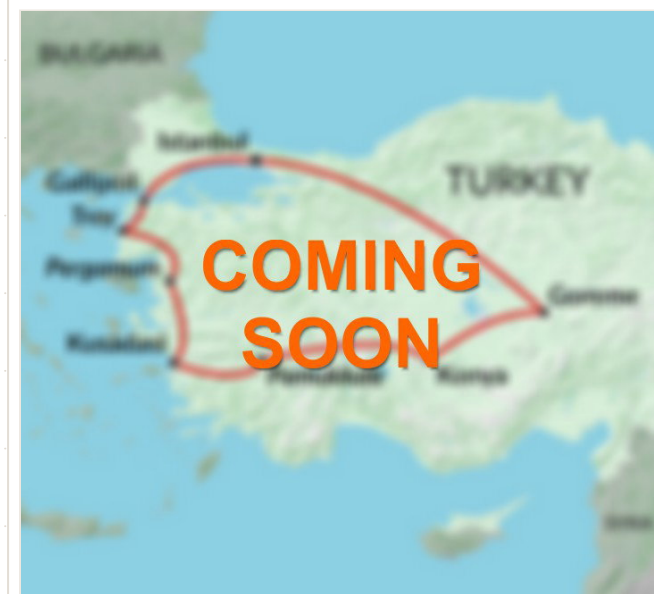


Arctic Tour - 3 Countries in 30 Seconds

COUNTRY(IES)	Norway
TOUR TYPE	Overland
TRANSPORT	Electric car
GROUP SIZE	Min: 1 Max: 10
DURATION	9 days
STARTS	Tromso
ENDS	Tromso
MEALS	Breakfasts - 8, Lunches - 0, Dinners - 0



HIGHLIGHTS

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Itinerary

DAY 1

Tromso airport - Tromso (5km, 12min)

Upon arrival at Tromso airport pick up your rental car and drive to Tromso city. Check in at the hotel and have the rest of the day at leisure.

This capital of the Arctic will not disappoint. Tromso is small but lively city situated 350 km above the Arctic circle and it offers historical city centre with wooden houses, interesting museums, Arctic cathedral, funicular to the top of the hill where you will have the most amazing view of the city and the fjords.

You can also choose from the numerous activities in Tromso and surroundings.

Keep in mind that till the end of July there is Midnight Sun, or Polar Day season, in Tromsø - the sun never sets above the Arctic Circle and therefore it is daylight day and night. After that the days start getting "shorter" with daylight between 15-20 hours in August.

You can charge your car in Tromso, near the hotel.

OVERNIGHT	MEALS
Tromso hotel	None

DAY 2 Tromso - Bjervik (215km, 3h) - Andenes (256km, 3h 40min)

After breakfast departure from the hotel. Before leaving Tromso, visit Polaria - an Arctic experience centre, and one of two places in Europe where you can see the bearded seal at close range. Look, feel, experience, and understand why life in the sea and life on land depends entirely on each other.

On the way to Andenes, time permitting, we recommend visiting the Polar Park Arctic Wildlife Centre - The world's northernmost animal park and home to Norway's large predators such as bears, wolves, and lynx as well as deer, moose, reindeer, and muskox. Opening hours apply!

After the visit continue to Bjervik, have a lunch, and charge your car. There are 2 electric car charging points at Green Contact Fast Charging (Maridalsveien 21, 8530 Bjerkvik) and there is a restaurant 200 m away. When you and your car are full continue to Andenes for overnight. We suggest making another stop for car charging on the way to Andenes - at Sortland (160 km from Bjervik towards Andenes).

OVERNIGHT	MEALS
Andenes hotel	Breakfast

DAY 3 Andenes

After breakfast join Whalewatching safari. The great sperm whales live in a high productive area just northwest of Andenes. Therefore, Andenes is the only place in Northern Europe where there is a high degree of certainty (between 95-99 percent) to see whales on relatively short trips. Please notice that we have a great respect for the Whales and our provider takes the well-being of the whales into account.

Afternoon free for walking on the beach, hiking, exploring the village or just chilling. If needed, you can charge your car at Andenes harbour.

OVERNIGHT	MEALS
Andenes hotel	Breakfast

DAY 4 Andenes - Svolvær (210km, 3h)

Time to go to Lofoten islands! Drive toward Svolvær, stop on the way to take in the beautiful nature all around you. On the way to Svolvær you will pass Sortland again, where you can charge your car. Upon arrival to Svolvær, check in to your hotel, then enjoy free time to explore. Svolvær is the biggest city on the archipelago and capital of

the Lofoten Islands.

You can charge your car in Svolvær, there are few electric car charging stations 200 m from your hotel.

OVERNIGHT

Svolvær hotel

MEALS

Breakfast

DAY 5

Svolvær - Bostad (55km, 51min) - Svolvær

Free morning to explore this sustainable destination - Lofoten islands. Absolutely staggering beauty wherever you turn. Crystal clear water, remarkable sandy beaches, incredible peaks of granite that look as if they were drawn by children, hiking trails galore, sea kayaking, fishing...

In the late afternoon drive to Bostad. Lofoten has a strong connection to the Viking Age, and at Lofotr Viking Museum you can experience the Viking Age as it really was. At Borg, archaeologists have discovered the largest Viking longhouse ever found from this era. The building is 83 metres long and has been reconstructed as a living museum.

OVERNIGHT

Svolvær hotel

MEALS

Breakfast

DAY 6

Svolvær - Abisko (Sweden) - (285km, 4h) - Kiruna (94km, 1h 15min)

New day, new country. Start your journey towards Kiruna after breakfast. Stop in Narvik for lunch or snack and feed your car as well. Narvik is situated between steep mountains and narrow fjords. With an astonishing, arctic nature as a backyard, and the combination of spectacular arctic scenery with dramatic World War II history makes this a unique destination. Then continue toward Abisko. Located 195 kilometres inside the Arctic Circle, Abisko National Park has a varied landscape that changes throughout the seasons. The park is a part of the majestic forested valley surrounded on three sides by the Abisko Alps and the vast lake Torneträsk in the north. You can stop and do a hike or a stroll on a famous King's Trail (Kungsleden) or simply continue to Kiruna.

Dinner and overnight in Kiruna. You can charge your car at your hotel in Kiruna.

OVERNIGHT

Kiruna hotel

MEALS

Breakfast

DAY 7

Kiruna - Jukkasjärvi (19km, 22min) - Hetta (236km, 3h)

Exciting day ahead of us! Did you know that you can move the whole town? The city of Kiruna is transforming in many ways when the big iron ore mine is going deeper. The oldest parts of town will disappear and historic

buildings will have to move. Environments and houses will be moved or torn down.

Take a walk and explore the city of Kiruna, then drive to Jukkasjarvi and visit the Ice hotel. The world famous ice hotel is open year-round for a visit or an overnight.

Time to hit the road toward Finland. On the way to Hetta make a stop in Rajabaari Neste to charge your car and have a nice cup of coffee. Scandinavians love their coffee.

After arrival to Hetta check in, dinner and overnight.

OVERNIGHT

Hetta hotel

MEALS

Breakfast

DAY 8

Hetta - Kilpisjärvi (173km, 2h 15min)- Tromso (161km, 2h 18min)

Time to set a new record! Drive to Kilpisjärvi and try to beat us in visiting three countries in 30s. The Three Nations' Border point is on a man-made island in the Malla Strict Nature Reserve. The point is located about 11 km west from the village of Kilpisjärvi. You get there by boat and a 3km walk.

When you come back go to Fortum Charging station (Käsivarrentie 14205, 99490 Kilpisjärvi) and charge your car before continuing your road trip to Tromso. Overnight in Tromso.

If needed your car can be charged in Tromso (close to your hotel).

OVERNIGHT

Tromso hotel

MEALS

Breakfast

DAY 9

Tromso - Tromso airport (5km, 12min)

Drive to Tromso airport, drop off the car and catch your flight back home.

OVERNIGHT

N/A

MEALS

Breakfast

INCLUDED

- Rental electric car for the entire tour with included GPS navigation, unlimited mileage, airport surcharge, CDW with basic insurance, theft protection, road fee, VAT, pick up/drop off at the airport
- Accommodation with BB or HB in 4* hotels for 8 nights:
 - 1 night in Tromso- 4* hotel, BB
 - 2 nights in Andenes- 4* hotel, 2xHB
 - 2 nights in Svolvær- 4* hotel, 1xHB, 1xBB
 - 1 night in Kiruna- 4* hotel, HB
 - 1 night in Hetta- 4* hotel, HB
 - 1 night in Tromso- 4* hotel, BB
- Activities: Tromso cable car return ticket, Polaria ticket, Whale watching safari, Ice hotel entrance fee, 3 borders visit by boat

EXCLUDED

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Tour Options

Our tours are designed to include all that you need to enjoy a really special time in the destination you're visiting. However, we do also offer some extra options to complement the tour and add some additional sightseeing or activities, or some extra time at either end of the tour.

All accommodation based options (e.g. Single supplements, extra nights, cruise upgrades) should be booked and paid for in advance so that we can make the appropriate arrangements. Other options may either be booked and paid for in advance or while you are on the tour, though we recommend booking in advance to ensure there are no issues with availability.

Many options are priced the same throughout the year, but some may incur single or high season supplements , full details are given on the tour reservation form or on request.

No additional options available for this tour.

Important Notes

1 Booking & Payment

If you would like to book a place on this tour, please complete the online reservation form on our website (via the Dates & Prices tab on the tour page). You may make a deposit or full payment online, or just hold a reservation if you prefer (full payments are due 8 weeks before departure). We will then contact you with more details about how to complete your booking. Payments may be made by debit or credit card (subject to a card processing fee), or by making a bank transfer, or posting us a cheque/bank draft. Full details will be provided in your booking confirmation email. Please [contact us](#) if you would like any more information or have any questions before making a booking.

2 Financial Security

We are a UK registered company and are committed to providing our customers with financial protection to provide peace of mind and to allow you to book with confidence.

We have therefore partnered with Trust My Travel Ltd., which provides financial protection services to over 2000 partners around the world. Funds paid to us by our customers are protected via an Insurance policy held by Trust My Travel. Each traveller and the description of services sold is declared against Trust My Travel's insurance policy directly against our financial failure. In the event of our insolvency, you will be refunded for any unfulfilled products and/or repatriation to the UK (where applicable). Please see [our website](#) or [booking conditions](#) for more information.

3 Responsible Tourism

It is impossible not to have an impact on the local environment, cultures and eco-systems when you travel. However, it is very possible to try and ensure that these impacts are as limited, or positive as possible. We are committed to ensuring that we try to leave our host countries in a better state than we found them and encourage and assist our travellers to help us with this.

The following are a few simple tips that require very little effort on your part but which will help ensure that any effect you have on the locations you visit is positive rather than negative.

- Don't prejudge: Things in different countries will almost certainly be different. That doesn't make them worse or inferior, just different.
- Communicate: Don't expect locals to speak your language. Take the trouble to learn a few words or phrases of the local language. Don't worry about sounding silly. Most locals are patient and accommodating and appreciate you making the effort to communicate in their language.
- Conserve energy: Be careful not to waste valuable resources. Use local resources sparingly. Switch off lights, air-conditioning and fans when you leave the hotel room and don't waste water. Remove superfluous packaging. Many countries have far less efficient waste disposal systems than ours. Remove packaging from newly acquired items before leaving home.

- Don't litter: No matter how untidy or dirty the country you're travelling in may look to you, avoid littering, as there is no need to add to the environment's stress. Many of the countries we visit have a tough challenge dealing with rubbish and waste. Please consider taking home as much plastic waste as you can (e.g. water bottles).
- Choose environmentally friendly products: By using environmentally friendly (bio degradable) sun creams, shampoos and detergents you can help reduce pollution.
- Respect local customs and traditions: As you are a guest in these countries, you should also comply with the local customs. If you are friendly and well mannered, the locals will reciprocate and it will only enhance your experience. It's important to follow dress and behaviour guidelines especially when visiting religious or sacred sites (your tour leader will advise you how best to do this).
- If a client commits an illegal act the client may be excluded from the tour and Encounters Travel shall cease to have responsibility to/for them. No refund will be given for any unused services.

All porters are employed and equipped following guidelines set by the International Porter Protection Group (IPPG).

4 Follow Us Online

You can stay in touch with us online by following us on Facebook and Twitter. We post updates on relevant travel news in our destination countries, special offers and discounts and other interesting travel related news and information.

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5 Travel Insurance

Travel insurance is compulsory on all of our tours and needs to cover personal accident & liability, medical expenses and repatriation, travel delay & abandonment. We also strongly recommend that you take out cover against cancellation and lost/stolen baggage. Personal medical insurance does not normally provide sufficient cover and is generally not suitable for travel on our tours. You will not be able to join your tour if you have not provided us with details of your insurance or if you arrive without cover in place (no refunds will be due in this event).

Considering travel insurance for your trip? [World Nomads Travel Insurance](#) offers coverage for more than 150 adventure activities as well as emergency medical, lost luggage, trip cancellation and more.

If your tour includes car hire, or if you plan to arrange a hot air balloon flight locally or do some scuba diving during your tour, you should check the small print in your policy to make sure these are covered (these are covered in our policy). Please also check the maximum altitude that you will be reaching and that full cover including emergency evacuation is provided up to this altitude.

If you are taking expensive camera gear or other electronic equipment with you then please check the coverage and the fine print of your policy to ensure that you have sufficient cover.

IMPORTANT: We must have your travel insurance details (policy number and type of insurance) before you depart or you may not be allowed to join the tour. If you haven't told us already, please let us know the details when you

can. You should take a paper copy of your insurance policy with you as you may be asked to show this at the start of the tour.

Covid-19

Before purchasing any travel insurance, please check the coverage provided for situations related to Covid-19, and for the rules about government travel advice. Your normal policy may not be suitable.

6 Before you travel

It is important when considering and preparing to travel anywhere in the world that you have a good understanding of the country you are visiting, its laws and customs, and the possible risks and situations that may occur. This includes specific risks related to your itinerary (eg. does it involve water & can you swim, are you fit enough for the activities included), as well as more general risks such as terrorism and natural disasters.

General details and links to more information about health risks, visa requirements, money, and travel insurance are given in these tour notes. We recommend that you re-read all these before your departure as well as the small print of your travel insurance policy so you know exactly what is covered and what is not.

You should take copies of your important travel documents with you and ideally also store them online securely as a backup. Make sure that you have given us your emergency contact details and told that person where and when you are travelling. Ensure you take enough money with you and that you have access to emergency funds.

Finally, you should read through and stay updated with the current [official government travel advice](#) for your destination. We are registered partners with the UK Foreign Office's '[Travel Aware](#)' campaign which provides further useful and invaluable information.



7 Reduce Plastic Waste with Water-to-Go Filter bottles

Traveling responsibly means minimizing plastic waste, but staying hydrated on the go is essential. At Encounters Travel we are committed to reducing single-use plastics, which is why we've partnered with Water-to-Go. Their portable filtration system removes over 99.9% of contaminants from any non-saltwater source, turning even questionable water sources into safe drinking water.

Given that tap water is un-safe to drink in many of the countries in which we operate, we recommend purchasing a Water-to-Go bottle prior to departure. This will help you avoid the use of single use plastic bottles and keep you hydrated on the go.

Save big! Get a huge 25% off your Water-to-Go bottle and other Water-to-Go products (such as filters, lids, and carriers). Use code **ENCOUNTERS25** at checkout (valid in the UK, USA and Canada).

How Water-to-Go Technology works:

- Their reusable, BPA free water bottles contain their own unique 3-in-1 filtration technology effectively providing clean safe drinking water from any non-salt water source around the world.
- Three different (1 traditional and 2 nano) technologies are combined in one filter cartridge to remove up to 99.9999% of microbiological contaminants in water.

The three technologies used in a Water-to-Go filter are:

- Mechanical filtration – A tiny pore size, so small contaminants can't fit through.
- Electrical – A positive charge reduces the pore size even further and attracts contaminants like a magnet, trapping them inside the filter.
- Activated Carbon – Unlike most carbon based filters, instead of using adhesives to glue the carbon particles together, (which vastly reduces the carbon's efficiency) it is contained within the membrane, helping to reduce contaminants whilst eliminating bad tastes and odours. Try filtering water from your tap at home and taste the difference!

Water-to-Go filter bottles deliver safe, healthy water worldwide

- Water-to-Go filters remove bacteria, viruses, waterborne disease, protozoa, heavy metals such as lead as well as harmful chemicals.
- Their filters remove Chlorine and Fluoride from tap water.
- The filter will eliminate harmful contaminants from the water but allow beneficial minerals such as sodium and magnesium to pass through leaving you with the healthiest water possible.
- Water-to-Go filters have been independently tested against internationally recognised standards by industry specialists including The London School of Hygiene & Tropical Medicine (UK), BCS Laboratories (USA), Bangalore Test House (India) and IMI (China).

Use Water-to-Go products and you'll be healthier, wealthier and helping to make the world a better place!

- Depending on filter size, each Water-to-Go filter is able to replace 260 or 400 single-use plastic water bottles!
- They ensure you have access to safe water anywhere in the world without ever having to buy environmentally damaging bottled water.
- Their water bottles deliver safe, clean drinking water at just 5p per litre.
- The filter membrane is biodegradable and the shrouds are recyclable.
- The water bottles are used and approved by everyone from backpackers to commuters, gym users to expecting mums. Perfect for everyday, outdoor and travel.

While our group departures offer a fantastic way to explore with like-minded travellers, we understand that some guests prefer a more exclusive experience. Most of our group tours can be booked on a private basis, allowing you to enjoy the same expert-led routes with your own dedicated party. The primary advantage of choosing a private arrangement is the flexibility it provides; we can easily customise the itinerary to include your preferred style of

accommodation or adjust the pace to suit your needs. Private tours can be run on the same start days as our group tours, or on other dates. However, some activities within our trips are restricted to particular days of the week - we will advise you on anything like this that we need to work around. Pricing will be based on the number of travellers in your party, and any customisations you may like to make.

For those seeking something truly unique, our specialist sales team is available to collaborate with you on a completely tailor-made tour, designed from the ground up to match your specific interests, accommodation level and requirements.

To request a quotation for a private or tailor-made tour, please [contact us](#).

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Note: Please [download an up-to-date copy](#) of these tour notes shortly before you travel, as itineraries and information do change from time to time.