

## SCANDINAVIA NORTHERN LIGHTS TOUR WITH CRUISE

Departure Dates: [26 Oct - 04 Nov 2024]

9 Nights / 10 Days

Stockholm (2N) - Rovaniemi (1N) - Levi (1N) - Tromsø (2N) - Havila Coastal Cruise (2N) - Oslo (1N)

















## **TOUR HIGHLIGHTS**

See Northern Lights the way it should be seen – We guarantee that this kind of tour is not provided by any other tour Operator

- 1. Stay 1 night in Glass Igloos & watch northern lights from comfort of your bed
- 2. Enjoy the best chance of sighting Northern Lights from a 2 night Arctic Cruise
- 3. Meet Santa Claus during your stay at a hotel inside Santa Claus Village
- 4. Visit Europe's northmost Point North Cape and enjoy stunning clifftop views
- 5. Interact with arctic animals at Ranua Zoo and enjoy Husky / Reindeer Sledding
- 6. Go on an adventure: hunting for northern lights in Tromsø
- 7. Drive across the scenic Lapland region from Levi to Tromsø
- 8. Spend time in the capital cities of Stockholm and Oslo

### ITINERARY IN BRIEF

Day 01	Arrive in Stockholm
Day 02	Stockholm City tour
Day 03	Fly To Rovaniemi, Stay at Santa Claus Village & Husky Reindeer Safari
Day 04	Visit Ranua Zoo and transfer to Levi and Stay in Glass Igloo
Day 05	Drive through Lapland to Tromsø (600 Kms / 08 Hrs)
Day 06	Tromsø City tour with Aurora Hunting
Day 07	Board Arctic Cruise - Best Way To See Northern Lights
Day 08	North Cape Excursion from Cruise to Europe's Northmost Point
Day 09	Deboard Cruise at Kirkenes, Snow Hotel Visit and Catch Flight to Oslo
Day 10	Fly Back to India











## **ABOUT US**



"AWARDED BEST OUTBOUND TOUR OPERATOR 2024" AT SATTE, INDIA'S LARGEST TRAVEL EXHIBITION

State Express was established in 1980 by the visionary Late Shri Chandra Bhan Gupta with the mission to provide exceptionally personalised as well as professional travel services. During this wonderful journey of 40 years, we have earned our reputation based on trust and authenticity. We are known for crafting innovative cultural holidays with genuine focus on traveller experience and comfort.

We are certified destination experts for numerous countries and enthusiastically keep up-to-date with new travel offerings from across the world. Also, by virtue of being led by an IITian, we perform thorough research on each destination before coming up with an itinerary that matches our travel philosophy of "experiencing the world". Being avid travellers ourselves, we have extensively travelled across Europe, North America, South America, Asia and Africa to understand the unique aspects and travel demands of each country. Therefore, you can trust us to supply genuine and authentic first-hand information.









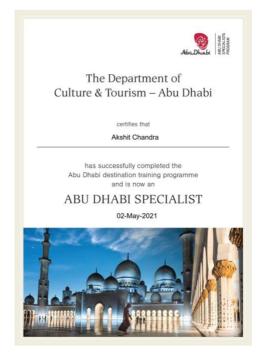


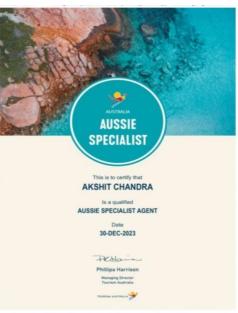
Since our prime focus is on quality and safety, we only work with reputed international partners that meet our stringent quality criteria. We make sure they have a minimum 10 years of experience in this field and are accredited by their espective national tourism bodies. This allows us to ensure that expectation meets experience every time! We are approved by the Ministry of Tourism, Government of India and are proud partners of various national and international trade associations - OTOAI, PATA, FAITH, IATA, IATO.





















#### DAY 01: ARRIVE IN STOCKHOLM

Only Dinner Included

On arrival at Stockholm Arlanda International Airport, you will be greeted by our local representative in Sweden for a brief meet and greet. Later, proceed to the city center hotel in Stockholm for check-in.



The capital of Sweden, Stockholm is the most populous area of Scandinavia. It has the nickname of 'Venice of the North' because of its archipelago of fourteen islands. It is among the top 10 regions in Europe by GDP. The Nobel Prizes in Physics, Chemistry, Physiology or Medicine and Literature are awarded in Stockholm. This city is a perfect blend of Urban, history, culture and nature. You can never have a dull moment in Stockholm.

Rest of the day is free for you to explore Stockholm on your own.

Overnight stay at the hotel in Stockholm.

#### HIGHLIGHTS

- Arrive at Stockholm Arlanda International Airport
- Explore the city at your own leisure











## DAY 02: STOCKHOLM CITY TOUR

Breakfast, Lunch and Dinner Included

After breakfast at your hotel, proceed for a panoramic city tour of Stockholm.



You will begin the tour with a visit to the beautiful Royal Palace. Though the Royal family no longer stays in this palace, the baroque style of the palace which has more than 600 rooms leaves the spectators completely in awe. Next on the list is a visit to City Hall. One of the most visited places in Stockholm, City Hall is the place where the famous Nobel Prize banquet is organized every year after the awards. Further you will be visiting the the Vasa Museum which is a maritime museum in Stockholm. The museum displays the fully intact 17th-century warship "Vasa" that sank on her maiden voyage in 1628. Also visit Nobel Museum which is dedicated to Alfred Nobel, the founder of the Nobel Prize Nobel and also gives information about Prize winners and their contributions to the society. Later, proceed to Gamla Stan or Old Town. Gamla Stan is one of the largest and best preserved medieval city centre in Europe. Here, Stockholm was founded in 1252.

Overnight stay at the hotel in Stockholm.

#### **HIGHLIGHTS**

See the most famous attractions of Stockholm on a guided city tour











## DAY 03: FLY TO ROVANIEMI, STAY AT SANTA CLAUS VILLAGE AND HUSKY / REINDEER SAFARI

Breakfast, Lunch and Dinner Included

After breakfast, check out from the hotel and proceed to the airport to catch flight to Rovaniemi. Upon arrival, transfer to Santa Claus Village in Rovaniemi and check-in.

Rovaniemi is the administrative capital of the Finland's Northern most province -Lapland. It is also known as the official hometown of the Santa Claus. The city was destroyed during the World War II. But it was rebuilt to a plan by Alvar Aalto, with the major streets in the shape of a reindeer's head and antlers! Apart from the stunning Santa Claus village, the city boasts of witnessing the magical northern lights and riverside location.



After freshening we shall explore the fantastic Santa Claus village on our own. This place has an exciting array of activities for both children and adults. You can enjoy a warm cup of coffee or get yourself clicked with the Santa. You can visit the museums, Santa's workshop, post a letter to yourself or just immerse in the knowledge of various Christmas traditions around the World!

Here, you shall also enjoy the husky sledding or reindeer sleigh experience (Any one of the two). Both reindeer and huskies are integral













to the Arctic way of life. The snowy landscapes, coupled with the picturesque scenes of reindeer or huskies pulling sleds, provide excellent opportunities for photography.



Overnight stay at the hotel in Rovaniemi.

#### HIGHLIGHTS

- Cross the Arctic Circle and stay at Santa Claus Holiday village
- Enjoy surreal Husky sledding or Reindeer Sledding Experience

#### DAY 04: VISIT RANUA ZOO AND TRANSFER TO GLASS IGLOO HOTEL IN LEVI

Breakfast, Lunch and Dinner Included

After breakfast, check-out from hotel, and proceed to Ranua Wildlife Park.

This 40 year old zoo specialises in arctic animals and has about 150 animals including Finland's only polar bear, snowy owl, musk deer and wolves. Learn about the zoo conservation efforts while interacting with these exotic animal species. The park takes care of injured animals and tries to return them to the wild.



Afterwards, we will drive to Levi and check-in our hotel with glass igloos. The glass igloos are a magical way to experience the wintry star-filled sky and the Northern Lights, while lying comfortably in the warm bed. The hotel is a perfect escape to the lap of nature for the urban guest. Glass-roofed igloos offer their guests a view of the rugged fell landscape and the night sky.















Overnight stay at hotel.

#### **HIGHLIGHTS**

Spend a magical night under the stars in a glass igloo

## DAY 05: DRIVE THROUGH LAPLAND TO TROMSØ (400 KMS / 05 HRS)

Breakfast, Lunch and Dinner Included

After breakfast, check-out from the hotel, and proceed for a long drive to Tromsø.

On this route you will experience the beauty of Finnish Lapland, both the tundra and the small villages along the way.



Overnight stay at hotel in Tromsø.













#### **HIGHLIGHTS**

Enjoy the scenic Arctic bus ride from Rovaniemi to Tromsø

#### DAY 06: TROMSØ CITY TOUR WITH AURORA HUNTING

Breakfast, Lunch and Dinner Included

After breakfast at your Tromsø hotel, proceed for a city tour of Tromsø.

Tromsø, which seems like a small suburb with mountains and fjords, is the largest urban area in Northern Norway and the cultural hub of the region. It is home of the world's northernmost university, brewery, cathedral and botanical garden. The sun does not shine at all between November to January and there is midnight sun in summers.



You will begin the tour with a cable car ride to the top of Storsteinen mountain which offers a panoramic views of the entire city. The Tromso cable car, also called Fjellheisen,

is a popular spot for enjoying the views, especially during the midnight sun and Northern Lights. Next, we head to Noway's largest planetarium and watch the film – Extreme Aurors – which explains the phenomenon that causes the ethereal Northern Lights.

In the evening, we will head out for aurora hunting. We shall drive to areas around Tromsø with highest chances for clear skies. Once we find clear skies and stars, we will wait for the Aurora with coffee and muffins while we get our cameras ready for the big moment.

















Overnight stay at hotel in Tromsø.

#### **HIGHLIGHTS**

- See the most popular sights of Tromsø on a guided city tour
- Go on a aurora hunting expedition at the outer edges of Tromsø

## DAY 07: BOARD ARCTIC CRUISE - BEST WAY TO SEE NORTHERN LIGHTS

Breakfast, Lunch and Dinner Included

After breakfast, check out from the hotel and proceed to the Cruise Port to board the Havila Voyages Cruise.



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Upon arrival, check-in at the cruise and get ready for the voyage of a lifetime. Set sail on environment friendly ship towards the end of the Earth, off a coast that is as far north as it is possible to get to on the continent of Europe. Enjoy the world's most beautiful costal voyage in comfort. Enjoy Norwegian coastal scenery and cuisine while cruising towards your next destination – Kirkenes.

Overnight stay in Cruise.

#### **HIGHLIGHTS**

• Transfer to the Tromsø Cruise Port and board your arctic Cruise

#### DAY 08: NORTH CAPE EXCURSION TO EUROPE'S NORTHMOST POINT

Breakfast, Lunch and Dinner Included

After breakfast onboard the cruise, proceed for an excursion to North Cape - European Continent's most northerly point. North Cape, as far north as you can get - by land and sea. For many, the visit to the North Cape is a high point and a goal for voyages along the Norwegian coast. Up here in the polar landscape, nature is at its harshest and most desolate, but between plains and rugged cliffs people cling on and reap nature's bounty.



While standing on the European Continent's most northerly point, you can look out across a horizon so long that you see the Earth curve. People come here from all over the world to experience being so far north. The iconic globe has become the symbol of the North Cape and is also a popular photo stop. On the North Cape is also the North Cape Hall, partly built into the mountain cliff, where you will find a restaurant with endless views, a souvenir shop in the mountain wall, a chapel and a Thai museum. A 180-degree wide-screen film screening of the North Cape throughout the four seasons is a must-see.













Overnight stay onboard cruise.

#### **HIGHLIGHTS**

- Spend a day at leisure onboard cruise
- North cape Excursion from cruise: Stand at Europe's north-most point

## DAY 09: DEBOARD CRUISE AT KIRKINESS, VISIT SNOW HOTEL AND FLY TO OSLO



Breakfast, Lunch and Dinner Included

After breakfast, disembark the cruise in Kirkenes.

Kirkenes is a town located in the far north-eastern part of Norway. Located near the border with Russia, it's actually closer to some Russian cities than it is to major Norwegian cities like Oslo. During World War II, Kirkenes was heavily bombed by the





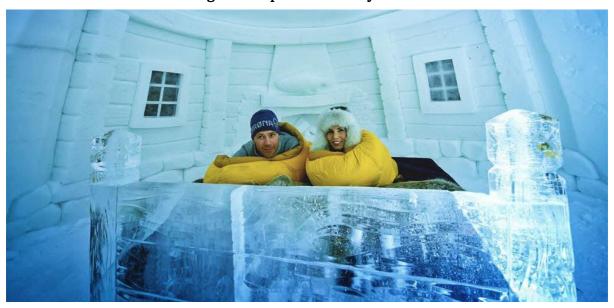








Germans due to its strategic location near the border with the Soviet Union. The town is often covered in snow for a significant portion of the year.



Afterwards, enjoy a visit to the Snow Hotel. Explore the beautifully decorated Snowhotel and Norway's largest ice bar. The host or hostess will then show us around the hotel. Greet the reindeers and huskies that live close by. Admire the amazing ice-carved sculptures and interior décor. This is the only hotel in the world completely made of snow and ice, which is open for overnight 365 days a year.

After the visit, proceed to the airport in Kirkines to catch a flight to Oslo. Upon arrival in Oslo, we will transfer to the hotel and check-in.



Overnight stay at the hotel in Oslo.











#### **HIGHLIGHTS**

- Deboard the cruise at Kirkenes
- Fly to Oslo and explore the city at your own leisure

### DAY 10: FLY BACK TO INDIA

Only Breakfast Included

In the morning, you can wake up early and go for a walk around town in Olso on your own. After breakfast, we shall check out from the hotel and proceed to airport for a flight back home.



Arrive home with memories of your Sweden, Finland and Norway Arctic Circle tour organized by State Express Global Voyages, which we are sure you will treasure for a lifetime.





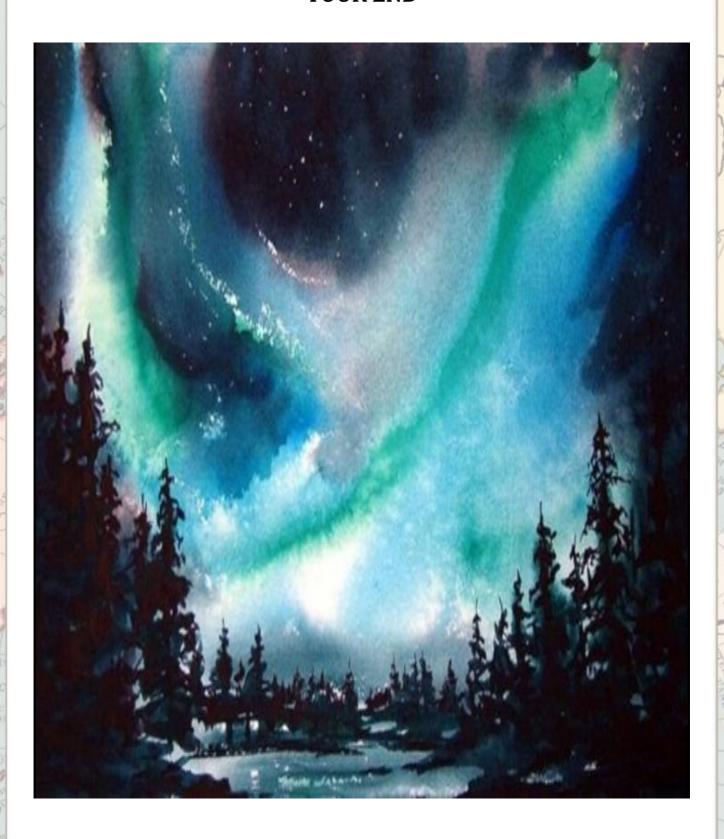








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### TOUR DISCLAIMER

While we strive to provide a mesmerizing and unforgettable experience on our Northern Lights tour, we want to emphasize that the natural occurrence of the Aurora Borealis is beyond our control. The Northern Lights are a product of solar activity and atmospheric conditions, and their visibility is subject to various factors that cannot be predicted with absolute certainty.

We make every effort to choose the best times and locations for optimal Northern Lights viewing based on historical data and expert guidance. However, due to the unpredictable nature of this natural phenomenon, we cannot guarantee that the lights will be visible during your tour.

We appreciate your understanding and flexibility in this matter. Our team is dedicated to providing you with an enjoyable and informative tour, even in the event that the Northern Lights are not visible. Please rest assured that we will do our utmost to make your experience enjoyable, offering insights into the Arctic night sky and the cultural significance of the Northern Lights.

Kindly note that no refunds will be provided in the event that the Northern Lights are not visible during your tour. Your payment contributes to the operational costs associated with organizing and conducting the tour, regardless of the natural conditions on a given night.











### PACKAGE COST

(Special price valid for first few bookings)

	Double / Twin Sharing	Single Occupancy
Package Cost (per person)	<del>INR 4,99,900</del> INR 4,74,900	<del>INR 6,34,900</del> INR 5,94,900
Supplement for Exterior Cruise Cabin	INR 40,000	INR 80,000

<sup>\*</sup>Child Cost will be shared upon request

## COST FOR JOINING / LEAVING TOUR

(International flights Delhi-Stockholm and Oslo-Delhi not included)

	Double / Twin Sharing	Single Occupancy
Package Cost	<del>INR 4,39,900</del>	<del>INR 5,59,900</del>
(per person)	INR 4,14,900	INR 5,34,900

## **PAYMENT TERMS**

Timeline	Payment Amount per person
More than 120 Days before departure of tour	Rs. 1,50,000 <sup>*</sup>
91 to 120 Days before departure of tour	50% of holiday cost*
61 to 90 Days before departure of tour	75% of holiday cost <sup>*</sup>
1 to 60 Days before departure of tour	100% of holiday cost*

<sup>\*</sup> Once the purchased air tickets are fully booked, airfare will be collected at the time of reservation besides the advance deposit. Cancellation charges of flight tickets will be additionally charged as per actual in such case. This will also be intimated at the time of reservation.











### **CANCELLATION POLICY**

No. of days before departure	Cancellation charges per person	
More than 120 Days before departure of tour	Rs. 50,000*	
76 to 120 Days before departure of tour	25% of holiday cost*	
61 to 75 Days before departure of tour	50% of holiday cost*	
1 to 60 Days before departure of tour	100% of holiday cost*	

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#### **COST INCLUSIONS**

#### **FLIGHTS**

• Return economy class airfare ex-Delhi as per the itinerary (subject to availability at the time of booking – limited number of seats purchased)

#### **VISA**

- Cost of visas including documentation & processing fees as on 01 March 2025. Any further increase in the same has to be borne by the passengers
- Please note that we only provide assistance with visa process and don't guarantee visa approval

#### **MEALS**

All meals are included from arrival in Stockholm to departure from Oslo

- Daily American Breakfast. (Except Day 1)
- 8 lunches (Veg and Non-Veg) included
- · 9 dinners (Veg and Non-Veg) included
- Packed meals may be provided on days where restaurant meals will not be possible

#### **MEDICAL INSURANCE**

• Normal insurance charges for the duration of the tour are included in the tour price. However, any passenger above the age of 60 years and those passengers who wish to extend their stay will be required to pay additional charges













## **HOTELS ENVISAGED (4 STAR)**

City	Hotel
Stockholm	Clarion Hotel Stockholm/ Best Western Plus Sthlm Bromma /
(2 Nights)	Scandic Ishavshotel / Home Hotel With / Or Similar
Rovaniemi (1 Night)	Santa Claus Holiday Village / Or Similar
Glass Igloo	Northern Lights Village Levi / Arctic Snow Hotel & Glass Igloos /
(1 Night)	Kakslauttanen Arctic Resort, Saariselkä / Or Similar
Tromsø	St. Elisabeth Suites / Clarion Edge /Scandic Grand Tromsø/
(2 Nights)	Clarion Collection Hotel Aurora / Or Similar
Cruise	Havila Voyages Cruise / Or Similar
(2 Nights)	(Interior Cabin)
Oslo	Clarion Oslo Airport/ Park Inn by Radisson Oslo Airport /
(1 Night)	Radisson Blu Plaza Hotel Oslo / Or Similar

## **SIGHTSEEING**

City	Sightseeing Included
Stockholm	Guided Panoramic City tour of Stockholm   Vasa Museum   Stockholm City Hall
Rovaniemi	Santa Clause Village Tour   Any 1 of (Reindeer sleigh ride OR Husky Sled Ride)   Ranua Zoo Entry Tickets
Tromsø	Fjellheisen Cable Car   Film "Extreme Auroras" at Planetarium   Northern Lights Hunting excursion from Tromsø
Cruise	North Cape Plateau Excursion
Kirkenes	Snow Hotel Tour*

\*Time Permitting

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#### OTHER INCLUSIONS:

- Professional services of a friendly Tour Manager or a local Representative subject to minimum 20 customers
- All transfers & excursions (as specified in the itinerary) by a comfortable vehicle

## **COST EXCLUSIONS**

- Applicable Government Taxes: 5% GST and (5% or 20%) TCS
- Any increase in the airfare charged by the airline (calculated as of 15th June, 2025)
- The quote has been shared based on Rate of Exchange on 5<sup>th</sup> April 2025 (1 Euro = 94 INR). The final tour cost shall be subject to change in case there is major change in ROE.
- Mandatory tipping for on tour Services (Coach Driver, Local Guides etc) (approx. 4 Euro per day / per person)
- Seats in international and domestic flights will be allocated at random as per availability at time of check-in at airport. Seats next to each other can't be guaranteed. If you wish to pre-purchase the airline seats, charges will be informed on request.
- Any expenses of personal nature such as porterage, laundry expenses, mini-bar, mineral water, telephone charges, food & drink that are not a part of the package.
- Cost of optional excursions, city sightseeing, entrance fees & local guides availed of by the passengers, that is not mentioned in the inclusions.
- Any additional charges due to Local Events
- If any views rooms are requested rates will change and rates will be advised on case to case basis. Rates for SGL, CWB, CNB can be given on request as well.
- No refund will be provided in case of any unused services, or if you do not show up for any service as per time.
- Limited availability of flight tickets, security alerts and random closures might affect the itinerary.
- Some hotels take security deposit at the time of check-in. The deposit is refunded as per hotel policies after check-out. The same is not included in above cost.
- Any other services not mentioned in the inclusion
- There is a possibility that your Tour Manager could change in-between the tour.











### **IMPORTANT NOTES**

- As a third person in a Triple room, in some cities extra bed or cot may not be available. In that case, a room with two queen beds or a king bed with a roll away bed will be provided.
- On some occasions you may have to join another group in case the group does not have adequate number of members
- You should have original passport with minimum 6 months validity from the date of tour arrival along with sufficient blank pages for the stamping of visa

## FEW PHOTOS FROM PAST TOUR



















