

# ARCTIC CIRCLE SEAPLANE EXPERIENCE

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# GENERAL INFORMATION

## Finisterrae

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DESTINATION:	Low arctic by seaplane (Norway, Sweden & Finland)
DATES:	May to November
AIRPORTS:	Kiruna (arrival) - Tromsø (departure)
TRAVELLERS:	7 people. (maximum 8 with limitations)
NUMBER OF DAYS:	7 DAYS (6 Nights) + Extra nights in Oslo, Stockholm or Svalbard islands
ROUTE:	Kiruna (Sweden) - Riksgränsen (Sweden) - Lofoten islands (Norway) – Hamnøy (Norway) – Altafjord (Norway) – Kilpisjärvi (Finland) - Tromsø (Norway)





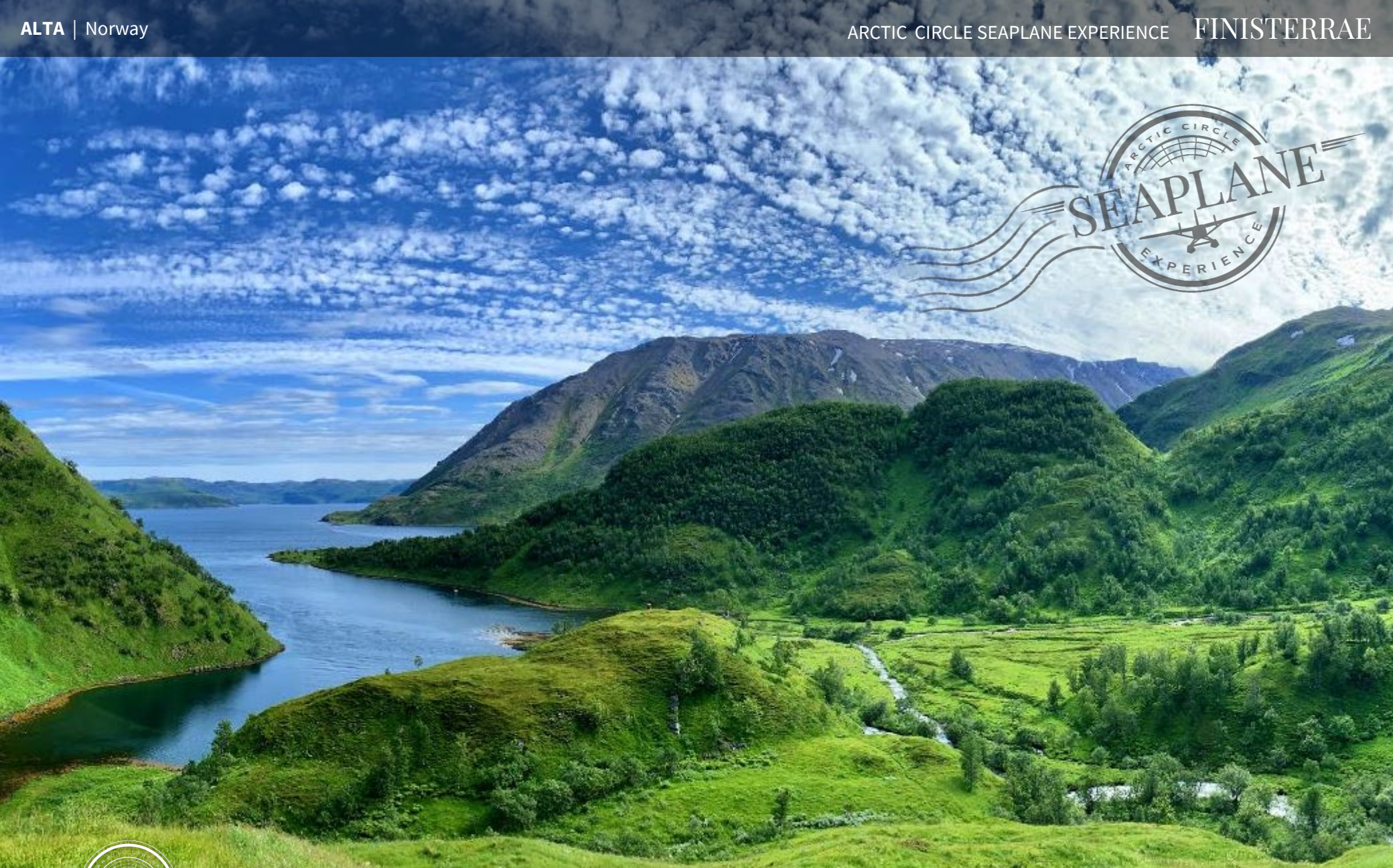


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# OUR AIRCRAFT CESSNA 208

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To **reach the unreachable** we must use aircraft well designed **to land in nature**, far away from civilization. To go deep into nature we use the speed and range of the seaplane. Our **Cessna 208 Caravan** is what pilots call a bush plane. It maneuvers with ease in narrow valleys and lands on the smallest of lakes. The Cessna Caravan is propelled by the PT6 from Pratt & Whitney, with the **most reliable safety track record** an aviation engine ever shown, and it **runs on biofuel**!

The plane sits **up to 7 passengers** plus our pilot and guide on board and lands on floats on water or on paved runways. We're using biofuel to the furthest extent that we possibly can. Biofuel are still scarce. By choosing biofuel we **support the development of non-**

**fossil alternatives** and help creating incentives to bring production up and cost down. Freedom is the opportunity to choose. Our Cessna Caravan takes us where we choose to go – **we can even change our route as we go and land anywhere we please**, because lakes and sea is everywhere in the Nordic landscape. And the sun is up all summer long.

We fly by **VFR flight rules** on single pilot operation; this means that **we navigate by traditional means of visual references**, just like the old days. You will fly with our **experienced pilots** and connoisseurs of the sky that has traversed the Nordic landscapes all their life and call this special landscape their home.

We want to **take you to places roads do not lead to**, and to **wilderness far from civilization**. This is where we find true **silence** and **pristine landscapes**. When we travel we strive **not to make a footprint**, not to alter the surroundings we visit.

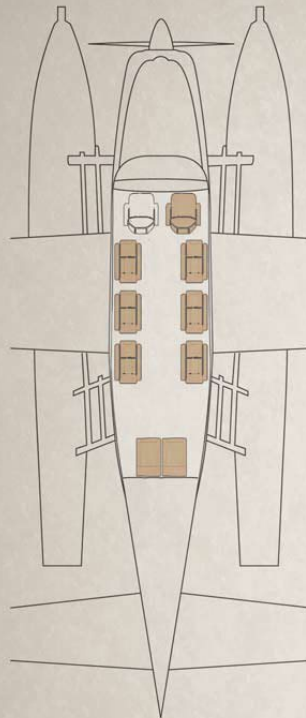
We use biofuel to the maximum extent as we can. Biofuel is non-fossil and **does not add to global warming**. Some would say it's even better if we rejected travel all together. We disagree, **by positive action we can inspire and change to a larger degree**.







## OUR AIRCRAFT



CABIN LENGTH 3.88 m | 12.75 ft  
 CABIN WIDTH 1.61 m | 5.3 ft  
 CABIN HEIGHT 1.37 m | 4.5 ft  
 BAGGAGE CAPACITY 1,530 L | 54 cu ft



WINGSPAN  
 15.87 m | 52 ft 1 in

LENGTH  
 11.61 m | 38 ft 1 in

HEIGHT  
 5.36 m | 17 ft 7 in

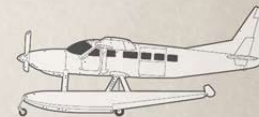
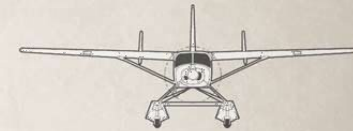
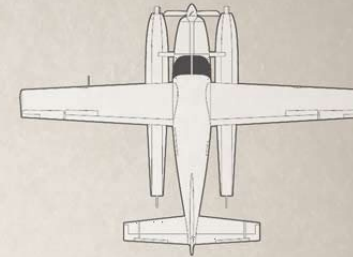
ENGINE  
 P&WC PT6A-114A, 675 shp

MAX TAKEOFF WEIGHT  
 3,792 kg | 8,360 lb

TAKEOFF WATER RUN  
 714 m | 2,341 ft

MAX CRUISE SPEED  
 260 km/h | 140 ktas

MAX RANGE  
 1,621 km | 875 nm



CESSNA 208 CARAVAN AMPHIBIAN



# THE JOURNEY, THE ADVENTURE



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# DAY 1.

## From Kiruna, the heart of Swedish Lapland to Riksgränsen



Flight **Stockholm- Kiruna**



Arrival at Kiruna airport, in the **Swedish Lapland** above the **Arctic Circle**. Meet & greet by your **arctic team** (guide and pilot).



Welcome lunch will be served inside a **Lavvo (Sami tent)** close to the airport where your guide will introduce you to the journey.



After lunch and safety briefing, you will enjoy the first seaplane flight from **Kiruna** to **Nikkaluokta** in the heart of the Swedish Lapland. Landing in the **Vista Valley**.

**ACTIVITY: Canoeing in the Vista River** to discover the pristine waters of the arctic rivers. **Paddle and experience** the Vista River and Valley with its unique **delta landscape** and serene silence. There are a lot of places where the stream splits into smaller arms and then unites again.



Seaplane flight from **Nikkaluokta** to **Riksgränsen**, close to the famous mountain **Lappporten** - “the Sami Gate”, the **Abisko National Park** and the **Norwegian border**.



Accommodation at **Nieku Mountain Lodge** in one of the 14 exclusive rooms, the perfect place to enjoy rest and contemplation, togetherness and culinary experiences.



Dinner and overnight.





## DAY 2.

### From Riksgränsen to Lofoten islands



**ACTIVITY: Hike in Riksgränsen.** After breakfast you will start an easy hike (3 hours) together with your guide to discover the **wildest territories of Sweden**. Lunch outdoors in the **mountain** prepared by your guide. In the afternoon **Seaplane flight** over the **Norwegian mountains** and **fjords** towards the spectacular Lofoten islands.



**Landing in the Norwegian Sea**, nearby your lodge in Kabelvåg (Lofoten). Accommodation at Nyvågar Rorbu Hotel in “Sea View cabins” and **welcome drink**. You will enjoy your stay in a **charming cabin** idyllically located at the **Norwegian Sea**, in the historically area of **Storvågan** surrounded by a unique landscape. Decoration is simple but cozy... pure Lofoten style. The **lodge** has a **sauna with sea views**, an **arctic bar** and a **hot tub**.



**ACTIVITY: Rubber boat & eagle safari.** Equipment with floating suits. Your skipper will take you on a private rib boat tour to enjoy the mountains, **hundreds of islands** and the west coast of the archipelago. During the expedition you will enjoy **local wildlife as cormorants, eiders and white-tailed eagles**, specie protected since 1978. You will skirt the impressive mountains of the Vest Fjord till Raftsundet (Strait of Raft), to enter on the Troll Fjord, one of the most stunning places of the islands.



The **sauna** will be waiting for you after your sea expedition.



Dinner & overnight.





## DAY 3.

### Discovering the spectacular Lofoten islands



**Seaplane flight** from your **lodge** in the north of **Lofoten** to the south of the archipelago, but first we fly a panoramic scenic flight from the north to the south over the islands and marine valleys, unique landscapes, fjords and impressive glacier valleys ending by the ocean. Landing in **Hamnøy fishing village**.



**ACTIVITY: Photo tour discovering the fishing villages and valleys and hike to Ryten.** Together with your guide and a private vehicle, you will get to know the **most beautiful spots in the south of Lofoten**. Fishing villages as **Reine, Nusfjord or Sakrisøy** as well as **white sandy beaches** and **marine valleys** wait for you. During your itinerary, you will enjoy one of the most beautiful **hikes in the Islands** to the **Ryten Mountain** and the **Kvalvika**. After the hike, you will enjoy your **lunch** in a **local restaurant**.



Return where your seaplane is waiting for a new flight back to your lodge.  
The **sauna** and **hot tub** will be ready at the lodge. Tonight, dinner will be served in a **local restaurant in Svolvær** so you will be able to know the local atmosphere. Overnight.



**NOTE:** On this day we can arrange other activities as **horseback riding, sea kayaking or golfing** in a 18 holes golf course in **Gimsøy Island**. Let us know your choice!





## DAY 4.

### Flying to Senja Island and the Finnmark territories



Seaplane flight from your lodge towards the north. On this flight you will fly over the **Vesterålen** archipelago landing in **Senja Island**. Senja is the second largest island of **Norway** and one of the best places in the country for fishing and picturesque views of the Norwegian archipelago.



**ACTIVITY: Deep sea fishing.** You will embark in a private boat with all fishing gears for your next experience in the Norwegian Sea. You will spend 2-3 hours fishing. After fishing, **lunch will be prepared by using your fresh catches**, a real fresh arctic taste!



In the afternoon, Seaplane flight from Senja Island to your lodge in Altafjord. Accommodation at **Bjørnfjell Mountain Lodge**. You will stay in one of the **5 exclusive cabins built in the boreal forest**. The lodge is located close to a small ski lift in the hills of Lapland. The beautiful restaurant is located in the main building where there is also a **bar** and a **fireplace**.



**Sauna & outdoor Jacuzzi** will be available at the lodge. Dinner and overnight.





## DAY 5.

### Over the tundra coast and Arctic Ocean to Nordkapp

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**Flying over the Arctic coast and visit the Nordkapp.** Seaplane from Altafjord towards the north. You will fly over the open valleys of Finnmark until the arctic coast. From the air you will see some old fishing villages stopped in time and with a little bit of luck hundreds of reindeers grazing in the mountains and valleys. You will land in Magerøya Island where a private car will be waiting. You will be driven through an scenic route to North Cape, the northernmost point of Europe. Lunch in Nordkapp.



In the afternoon, Seaplane flight back to your lodge.



**ACTIVITY: Hike in Alta.** This hiking route takes you up a local mountain and leads you to Alta's best view where you can see Alta fjord, Alta city center, and the impressive mountains and nature that surround the area. At the top you will stumble upon Alta's coziest café which is locally known as the Bjørnehiet (the bear's den).



After the hike, sauna & outdoor jacuzzi will be available at the lodge. Dinner and overnight.





## DAY 6.

### From Alta to the Finnish lake Kilpisjärvi and on to Tromsø



After breakfast, you will enjoy your last activity in **Alta**.



**ACTIVITY: Motor river boat safari.** Specially designed river boats will journey up the Alta River, one of the most famous salmon fishing rivers in Europe. Along this scenic journey, dense forests, river wildlife and waterfalls dominate the views on all sides.



Seaplane flight from Alta to the Finish border. You will land in the lake of Kilpisjarvi, a medium-sized lake located at the north-western tip of Finland and northernmost Sweden. Sweden and Norway join is located some 2.5 kilometers northwest from the lake. This is the place where the 3 countries converge and here you will enjoy an “Arctic Brunch” in the middle of the nature.



Seaplane flight from **Kilpisjärvi** lake to the city of **Tromsø**, the Arctic gate and the city where the itinerary will finish. Transfer to your **hotel** and leisure time during the afternoon to **walk in the city** on your own, maybe do some **shopping** or visiting some other interesting places such as the **Polar Museum**.



Our farewell **dinner** will take place in one of the **best restaurants in town**. Here we will remember together the best moments of the journey. Overnight in **Tromsø**.





## DAY 7.

Back to Oslo, Stockholm or continue your trip to the high Arctic and the Svalbard Islands



Hotel breakfast and private transfer to Tromsø airport.



From Tromsø you will have several options:



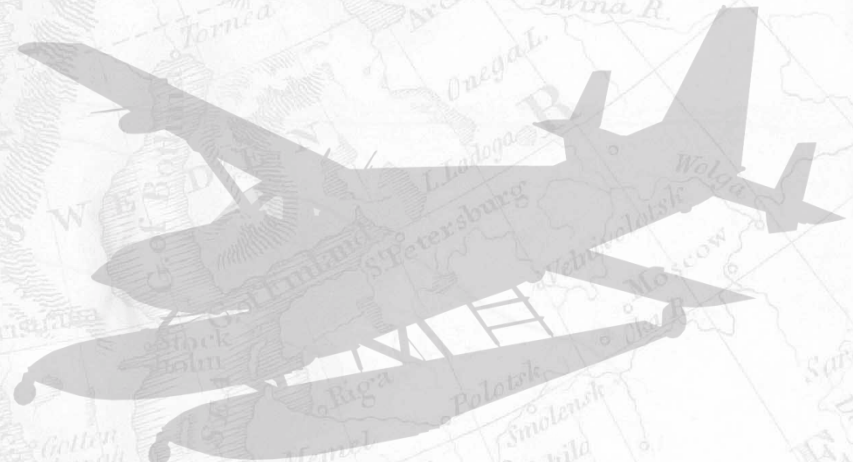
Flight from Tromsø to **Oslo** staying in the **Norwegian capital** some more days discovering the **city** and its **museums**.



Flight from Tromsø to **Stockholm** staying in the **Swedish capital** some more days discovering the **city** and its **museums**.



Flight from Tromsø to **Longyearbyen** in the **Svalbard Islands (high Arctic)**. Here you can spend some days **discovering new landscapes** and experiences in the high Arctic





# SOME OF OUR ACTIVITIES



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# WHALE SPOTTING







# EAGLE SPOTTING







## CANOEING



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HIKING





FISHING





# LODGES & HOTELS



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# SWEDISH LAPLAND

## Nieku Mountain Lodge

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# LOFOTEN ISLANDS

## Nyvågar Rorbu Lodge

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# ALTA

## Bjørnfjell Mountain Lodge

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# TROMSØ

## Scandic Ishavs Hotel



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# ABOUT THE PLACES



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## LAPLAND

Lapland is a difficult area to define because it is not a country, or has borders or marks. It is therefore considered the geographical area linked to the **culture of the Sami race**; and it is located in the regions above the **Arctic Circle** in the countries of **Norway, Sweden, Finland** and the **Kola Peninsula in Russia**. This area is directly linked to the **migration of the reindeer** and the **Sami people** transhumance in their ongoing displacement as **nomadic people of European Arctic territories**.

The Sami race has an Indo-European origin. It is one of the oldest peoples of Europe, although not known at what time they appeared in the northern regions of our continent. Their **language is Sami**, although they have different dialects and records depending on the area in which they live. There are approximately **96,000 Sami**, most of them living in the Norwegian Arctic (about 70,000); some 17,000 live in Sweden and 6,000 in Finland.

Sami of Norway are clustered mainly in the region of Finnmark in places like Karasjok, Kautokeino, Alta and Maze at **70° latitude**. The **Sami have hunted reindeer until the sixteenth century and until then have been nomads**. It is at this period they became **the first settlers and missionaries to Lapland** and the Sami people begin to cluster in "siidas" while embracing the new Evangelical Lutheran religion. Thereafter they begun with **grazing deer, making two transhumances a year**, driving the reindeer herds across the vast expanses of Lapland to the coastal areas and vice versa.



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# LOFOTEN ISLANDS



This archipelago is placed in **the Nordland's region** at **69° latitude** and 220 km north of the **Arctic Circle**. It is a **mountain range** which **emerges dramatically from the sea**, dominated by rough ocean landscapes and **fjords** sculpted in the last glacial era.

Its inhabitants, joyful and welcoming, spend their time fishing “Skrei” and whaling. The small villages are scattered in crammed bays between **granite walls** and **turquoise blue beaches** while hundreds of **islets and skerries** appear and disappear with the tides.

The **currents of the islands** were mentioned by writers as **Jules Verne** or **Edgar Allan Poe**. The changing weather, the **saline lakes**, the **white-tailed eagles** and the small **fishing and whaling** villages with their wooden drying cods are very special and make this archipelago really unique.



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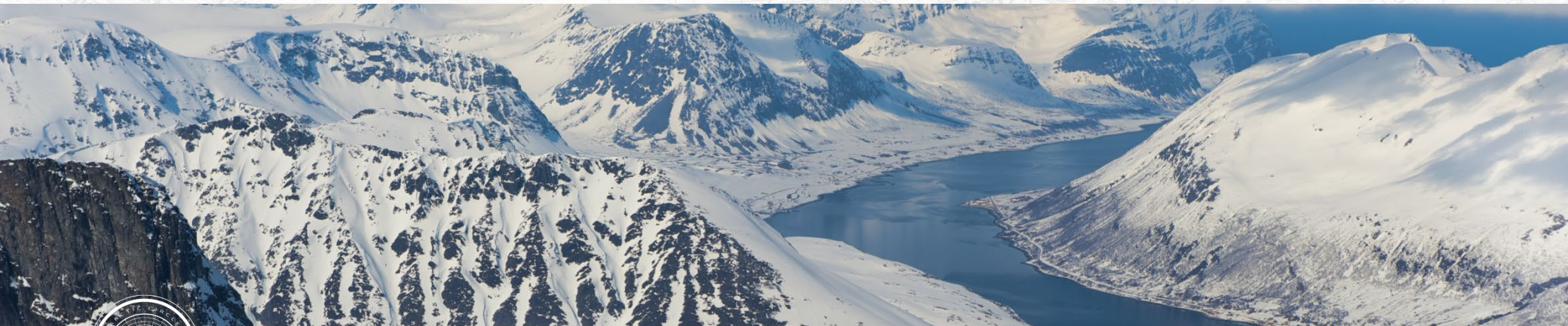
# THE ALTA FJORD



**Alta Fjord** in Finnmark county is a 38-kilometre long fjord stretches from the town of Alta in the south to the islands of Stjernøya and Seiland. **The 200-kilometre long river Altaelva**, one of the best salmon rivers in Norway, empties into the fjord at the town of Alta. **At Seiland islands, the fjord splits into two straits** before emptying into the Norwegian Sea. A large number of **prehistoric rock carvings** have been found along the fjord, particularly at the bay Jiepmaluokta.

Finnmark county is situated at the northernmost part of continental Europe, where the Norwegian coastline swings eastward. It is an area "where East meets West," in culture as well as in nature and geography. **The arctic coast is indented by large fjords.** Some of Norway's largest **se bird colonies** can be seen on the northern coast and the Nordkapp Municipality. All the **reindeer in Finnmark are owned by Sami reindeer farmers.** Nevertheless, they graze

freely in large areas and wide valleys. **The nature varies from barren coastal areas facing the Barents Sea, to more sheltered fjord areas and river valleys with gullies and tree vegetation.** About half of the county is above the tree line, and large parts of the other half is covered with small Downy birch. **Finnmark has midnight sun from the middle of May until late July.**



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# TROMSØ, THE ARCTIC GATE



It is the **capital of the Troms' region** and the most important city of the north in the country. Its streets and harbour reflect a past of polar adventures.

From here arrived important expeditions from the most northern areas of the high Arctic. In this metropolis you get a **lively atmosphere**, mainly because here resides the **most northerly university on the planet**.

Its **polar museums** and its **restaurants** have a lot to offer. Here we find **one of the most important observatories in the whole to the Arctic**. It specializes on studies of **cosmic radiation, meteorology, northern lights and the earth's magnetic field**.

The region where it is settled is formed by small **fishing villages** where the Sami culture is still latent.

At the Tromsø port, different ships arrive rhythmically with varied objectives (fishing, transportation, scientific expeditions, cargo, tourism...).

The city is surrounded with a privileged landscape between the **Strait of Troms**, Tromsøya and **Kvaløy islands** and the **mountains**.



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# RATES & NOTES







## ARCTIC CIRCLE SEAPLANE EXPERIENCE

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TRAVELLERS	PROGRAM	RATE
7	BASE	€ 93.000
6	BASE	€ 91.000
4	BASE	€ 85.000
2	BASE	€ 78.000

TRAVELLERS	PROGRAM	RATE
7	FULL	€ 112.000
6	FULL	€ 108.000
4	FULL	€ 100.000
2	FULL	€ 90.000

Both programs include seaplane, accommodation and meals.

Full package additionally includes activities, spa packages and an Ishav Arctico guide that takes care of you during the trip. The meals are also upgraded to offer the best local delicacies in the full package.





## WHAT'S INCLUDED

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### THE PRICE INCLUDES

- 1 night accommodation at Niekhu Lodge in deluxe rooms.
- 2 nights accommodation at Nyvågar Lodge in Lofoten Islands in sea view cabins.
- 2 nights accommodation at Bjornfjell Mountain Lodge in private cabins.
- 1 night accommodation at Scandic Ishavs Hotel in Tromsø in Junior Suite rooms.
- Meals as detailed in the program.
- All transfers, activities and visits on private basis as described in the program (full package only)
- Material or/and equipment for technical activities (full package only)
- An "arctic guide" English speaking during the whole week from Kiruna until Tromsø (full package only)

### THE PRICE DOES NOT INCLUDE

- Domestic flights to and from Kiruna and Tromsø.
- Drinks in addition to the ones specified in the program.
- Insurance (highly recommended)
- Any expenses not specified in the section "THE PRICE INCLUDES"







## DISCLAIMER

We will **adapt** ourselves to the **meteorological conditions** of the Arctic and the weather to enjoy some pleasant days.

Even though we have established a **route** plan, said plan **can suffer modifications** for any of the mentioned reasons, **always having the safety and well-being of our travelers in mind.**

Delays to the start of the journey due to airline personnel strikes, airport closures for climatologically reasons, flight delays or any other meteorological or logistical cause that could affect the safety of the group or one of the participants, and/or any other reason unrelated to OceanSky or Ishav Arctico won't be a motive to claim for a breach of contract to the expected journey.

The companies as much as the coordinator, the captain or the arctic guides reserve the right to modify, change or omit any part of the itinerary, journey plan or the order of the activities detailed in the program, only when necessary.



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landscapes · fishing villages · **EMOTIONS** · gastronomy · exclusive lodges · private yacht · fjords · mountains · **SENSES** · rib boat safaris · scenic roads · snowmobiling in the high arctic · heli flights · black arctic rivers · sailing · white tail eagles · polar bears · **EXCLUSIVE** · arctic camps · Tromsø, the arctic gate · **MOMENTS** · polar beaches · river boats · deep sea fishing · dogsledding · arctic expedition boats · wood · arctic fauna · electrical bikes · hiking & kayaking · snowshoeing · **ROMANTIC** · comfort · **EXPERIENCES** · lakes · arctic ocean · walruses · whaling boats · hot tub & sauna · **ATMOSPHERE** · silence · northern lights · culture · geography · skies · glacier hiking · whales · lights · **INSPIRATION** · permafrost · bird watching · arctic cruises · polar radio Station · farms · light houses · storie teller · photography · nordic style · wine and food · **LUXURY** · ice caves · glaciers · **FEELING** · reindeers · seals · compass · **LOVE** · stunning landscapes · navigation · white & blue · **ADVENTURE** · Lapland · migrations · midnight sun · candles · national parks · summer expedition boats · polar Museum



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