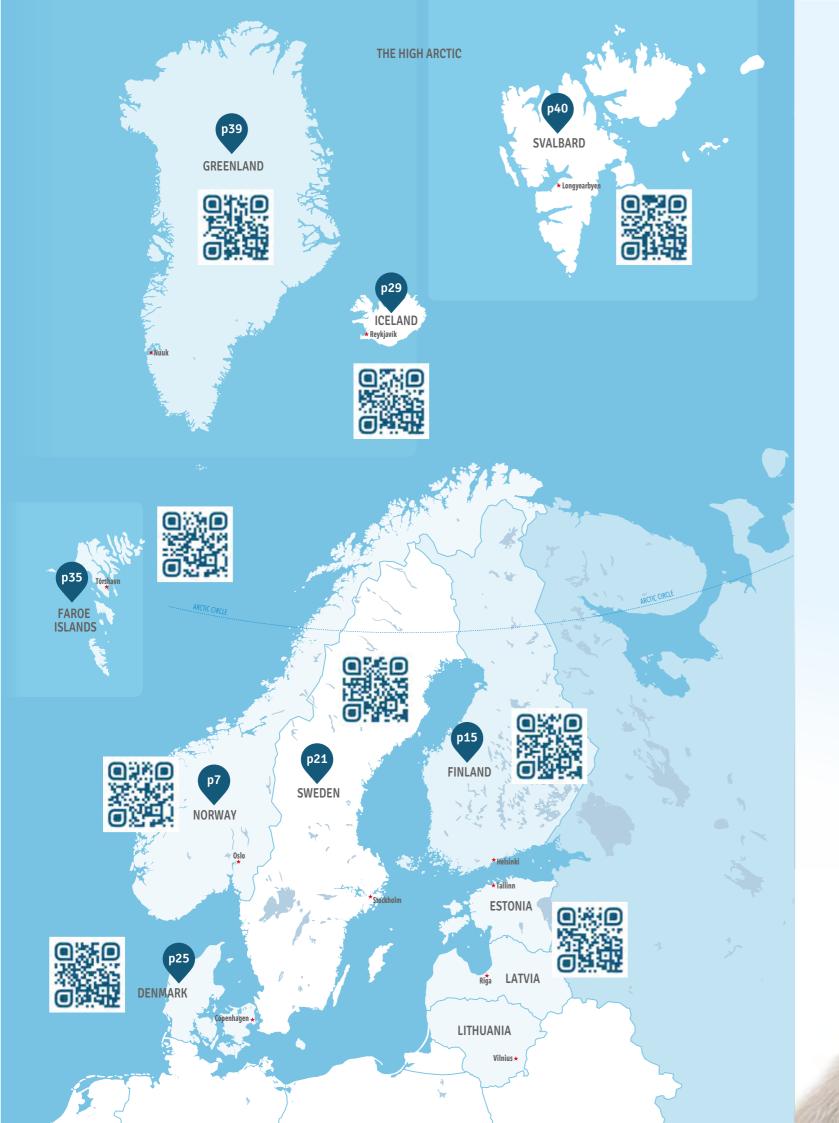


Authentic Nordic experiences and small group tours

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Tour/Drive



Premium tour



Winter



Summer



Highlight



Sights



Great idea



Daylight hours at winter/summer equinox



Temperatures: average winter/summer

Temperature ranges and daylight hours are marked on the maps. They are marked in order as: winter/summer ranges as a guide for that approximate area.

Full temperature and daylight hours tables are featured on page 57.



Please speak to us about what clothing and gear to bring on your Nordic experience.



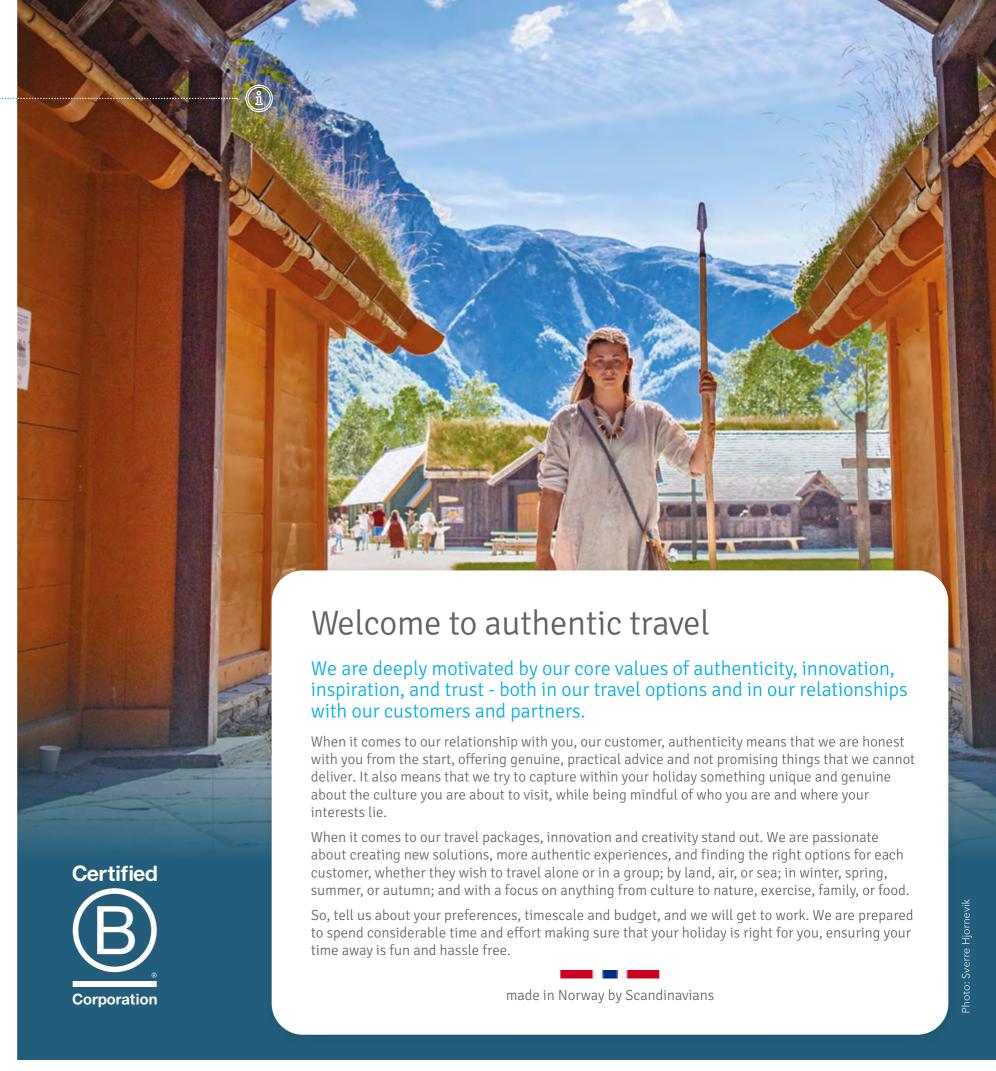
Our world, our regions

50 Degrees North is a tour operator that specialises in holiday travel to the Nordics: Norway, Finland, Sweden, Denmark, Iceland, the Faroe Islands, Greenland, Svalbard, and the Baltic states. We specialise regionally, because we believe it is not possible to be good at everything. And we specialise in the Nordic region, because it is what we know best: Most of us at 50 Degrees North are natives and/or frequent visitors of that region and bring a lifetime of knowledge and passion into planning your holiday.

The fact that we are at home in the Nordic region sets us apart from other travel providers, and we are proud to call ourselves true destination specialists. Although we can also book your international flights as a full-service travel agent, we specialise in everything that takes place once you have reached your destination: Accommodation, tours, activities, transportation, and so on. We have a wide variety of existing itineraries and tours on offer (available at fiftydegreesnorth.com/tours), and all of them have been designed with the desire to create something special and authentic – something you will look back on for the rest of your life. However, we are equally happy to put our love, knowledge and energy into creating something tailor-made to ensure that your experience is the very best it can be.

We owe our success to our very experienced and knowledgeable staff as well as our innovation and creativity: We continue to create unique trips that frequently provide inspiration within the industry. We look forward to planning Your holiday of a lifetime!





Travelling in our region





Self Drive - all over Scandinavia and northern Europe, some of the best roads in the world await you. Our roads are well signed and our drivers are calm and civilized. When it comes to driving and travelling independently, most people you meet will speak English and are usually more than happy to assist you.



Voyages - all Nordic nations border to a sea and we are proud of our seafaring heritage. Day time and overnight ferries are an excellent way to travel between coastal cities. The ferries are modern, clean and well equipped vessels. A voyage is a trouble-free way to travel through the various regional archipelagos.







Travel by air in the northern region is safe and reliable. Although we will always encourage travelling slower and more environmentally friendly, distances are sometimes long, and some locations challenging to reach by land. International airports near capital cities are well planned, and most often connected by express rail.



Rail travel is a environmentally-friendly and convenient way to travel between major and minor cities. Trains are often electric, and always modern, clean, safe and reliable. Most trains have a restaurant car and many also offer free Wi-Fi on board.







By Bike - cities, towns and capitals in the Nordic region are generally small and compact, with world class public transport options like trams, ferries, buses and city rail. The best way to explore is often on foot or by bike. Copenhagen is a great example with safe bike lanes that have their own traffic lights for bicycle riders!





Travel style

Independent Tours

Our independent journeys have been created for those who like to move at their own pace. We combine the transport of your choice, be it car hire, private transfers or similar to allow you the freedom of the road. We visit these regions regularly and have a selection of hotels that we think compliment having a stressfree holiday.

Let us take care of the mundane tasks, booking accommodation, car hire etc, so that you can concentrate on making your hardest decision of the day; what you would like to see and experience. If you do not see that perfect trip for you in the options already available, then do not hesitate to contact us and we will custom make one just for you.

Small Group Tours

Often the best way to experience a destination is to be travelling with an knowlegable tour leader. Certainly when it comes to off-road driving across Iceland or reaching the best spots in Norway, it is not straightforward to do this as an independent traveller. All our small group tour departures include unique activities that can only be experienced with a local guide.

The Nordic region lends itself well for a coastal or river voyage. We offer a selection of new and classic small group tours on board new environmentally friendly ships.

Escorted Tours

Our range of escorted tours comes from the heart. With pride, we offer tours hosted by professional photographers, our own staff or other superheros. They always include a great range of local superior hotels, meals, activities and seasonal inclusions. As local Scandinavians, we include local festivals & cultural highlights; visit undiscovered regions, offering you more than just a holiday.

Group Sizes

The vast majority of our small group and escorted tours are limited to 16 or 18 people.

Some Iceland tours take 20, and some of our premium tours carry only 10-12.

See pages 43-56 for details on our small group and escorted tours.

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Historic stays

Our selection of historic accommodation options include; stately homes, mountain lodges, country houses, manors, large and small timber-built fjord hotels in pseudo-Swiss style, and many more historic buildings transformed into beautiful, romantic hotels.



Aurora stays

Glass igloos, cabins with massive north facing windows, domes and ice rooms - many options are now available that will have you sleeping under the Aurora Borealis. Just set your aurora app and when it chimes, you just need to look up.



Countryside stays

Our farms and cabins are situated in key locations, allowing the opportunity to explore attractions and scenic highlights in the regions on day tours. Then come back in the afternoon and enjoy a good traditional home-cooked meal, or self-cater.

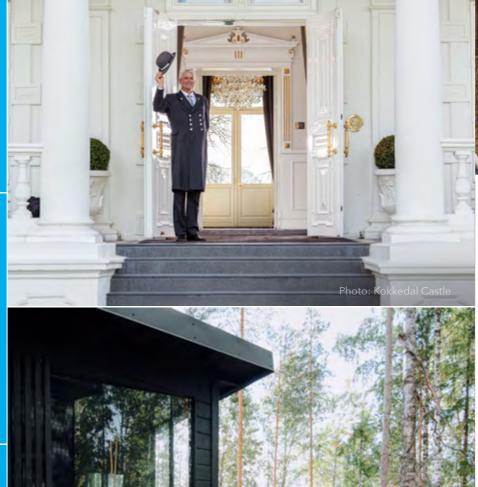


Wilderness stays

Our boutique wilderness options include log cabins, coastal lodges and luxury tented camps in great locations, and with friendly personal service, good food, unique design and often makes you feel you have arrived home.

Nordic accommodation

At 50 Degrees North we spend a lot of time ensuring you get a stay that is right for you. We personally visit our hotels and are extremely proud of the selection of handpicked options.





Nordic food

Typical Scandinavian food is based on fresh, local ingredients, often growing wild in nature and unique to the Northern Hemisphere. Have you tried cloudberries, crowberries, lingonberries or wild cranberries?

Breakfast is often considered the most important meal of the day in Scandinavia, and a healthy breakfast is always included with your stay. The typical Scandinavian breakfast is usually the smorgasbord, or buffet breakfast, which gives you the chance to enjoy some of the traditional delicacies of the region!

The Nordic Cuisine is about fresh, pure and simple produce, and it is the last two decades of innovation and modernisation that has seen Nordic Cuisine transform from local home cooking to world class culinary experiences.

We are most happy to recommend restaurants for lunch or dinner where you can experience the New Nordic Cuisine. The Nordic region also boasts a number of Michelin star restaurants, and if you are after something extraordinary, do let us know and we can assist with your reservation.

Nordic city breaks

These short packages can be modified and extended as you wish. We have lots of little extras that can be added to make it even more special. Visit Stockholm, Oslo and any other of the Nordic capitals this year.





Photo: Sverre Hjoernevik



Norway

Think Norway. Think Pure. Purity of light, of nature, of adrenalin.

A land of granite, gneiss and slate, its 25,000 km of crenelated coastline hosts almost 2,000 majestic, glacier-carved fjords. It is also the home of the Lofoten Islands, the world's most beautiful archipelago filled with sheltered bays, fishing villages and graceful green summits.

Coastal ferries sail the "World's Most Beautiful Sea Voyage": Starting from the port city of Bergen in the south, with its UNESCO listed Hanseatic wharf of Bryggen, to the north along Europe's most spectacular coastline to lonely Kirkenes, the northernmost point of the E6 highway. In summer, the Midnight Sun helps to light your way. From September to April, it is the Northern Lights that will bring the sky to life and show you the way.

Nature and active holiday lovers won't be disappointed: Hikers can head for the classic 645 km St. Olav's Way pilgrimage trail from Oslo to Trondheim, journeying through forests that are still home to brown bear, wolves, wolverine, elk and deer. Rock climbing enthusiasts will love the Troll Wall in the majestic Romsdalen valley, Europe's highest vertical overhanging rock face. You can even set out on a musk ox safari. The options are endless.



Beautiful Norway

Embark on one of our **Signature Journeys.**

This independent journey between Oslo and Bergen traverses the mountains, fjords and valleys of Norway. Enjoy staying at boutique hotels and touring spectacular scenic roads in a mini-coach with likeminded independent travellers.

The trip runs weekly from May to September with fixed departures from Oslo every Saturday.

Itinerary



Day 1

Arrive in Oslo and transfer to your centrally located hotel.



Day 2

Train to Lillehammer – visit the impressive Garmo Stave Church, open-air museums and the Olympic museum.



Day 3

Our minicoach travels to Lom, a small town encapsulating the very essence of the Norwegian countryside.



Day 4

Day tour to Geiranger and join a fjord cruise before returning to Lom to visit its famous Stave Church.



Day 5

Continue your minibus journey to the heart of the Norwegian fjords.



Day (

Spend your day relaxing, hiking and taking in the views in the peaceful little town of Aurland. Enjoy the harbour area with unspoilt views of the fjord and gardens.



Day 7

Get your transfer from Aurland to Flåm, and step aboard the world famous Flåm Railway to Myrdal Station with several stunning lookout points along the way, then express boat to Bergen.



Day 8

Depart Bergen.

Make sure you add an extra night in Bergen if you want more time here.





Norway in a Nutshell ®

Experience this spectacular journey between Oslo and Bergen over Northern Europe's largest mountain plateau. Includes the historic Flåm Railway and the Nærøyfjord cruise taking you through some of the most beautiful parts of scenic Norway.

Talk to us about the many options and variations and how to avoid the tourist traps.



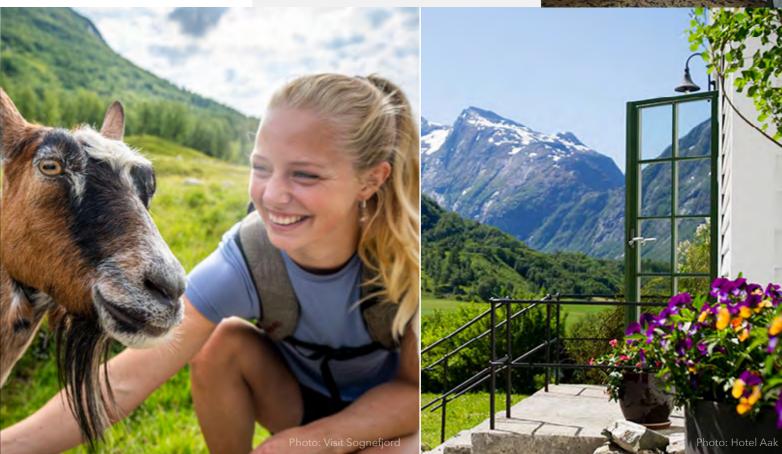


Norient Express

Experience a NEW, luxurious and sustainable travel and dining experience through the Norwegian landscape. This customised electric train leaves from Bergen and arrives in Trondheim 6 days and 1000 kilometers later. All meals and overnight stays at historic hotels included.

Launch in 2024/25.





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Norwegian Coastal Voyages



50 Degrees North is proud to be a Norwegian global partner for **Havila Voyages** and **Hurtigruten**. Experience the natural, unspoiled beauty of Norway's coast with a range of different voyages, calling at over 30 ports as part of their support to the isolated Norwegian communities. This routes is traditionally known as 'Kystruten' - the Coastal Route, a government supported shipping route keeping local Norwegian traditions and remote coastal communities alive.

Havila and Hurtigruten ships travel continuously from Bergen in the South West to Kirkenes in the far North, right on the Russian border. These ships visit ports, some of which are home to just a few hundred inhabitants, delivering freight and of course intrepid passengers to explore the coastal towns and surroundings.

The voyage along the 'Kystruten' can be taken year-round, and your experience will change with the seasons as it sets the rhythm of life for the locals. Winter or summer travel, from snow-capped mountains bathed in spectacular Northern Lights to a late summer evenings on the Kystruten deck in midnight sunlight.



Norwegian Coastal Voyage options

There are countless options for a Kystruten voyage in Norway.

Kirkenes

Fleet, Cabins & Deckplan

Hurtigruten

- 7-day Voyage North, Bergen Kirkenes
- 6-day Voyage South, Kirkenes Bergen
- 12-day Round Voyage, Bergen Kirkenes Bergen
- **Port-to-port** let us customise your coastal journey and combine experiences on land with shorter voyages, so you can travel like a Norwegian.

For us at 50 Degrees North and any other local with Norse heritage, Kystruten is a coastal ferry and a transport option, as well as a beautiful end-to-end coastal experience.

Ships depart Bergen every day all year round, so choose your date or choose your ship.

Map: Havila Voyages

See also: Oslo, Bergen & Svalbard Express - 14 days

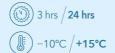








Tour favourite: Try our very popular 'Aurora Highlights' tour options (5-8 days).



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Lofoten is a food lover's paradise. Join the 'Lofoten Culinary Food Week' tour, staying in three unique seaside and farming properties.

ARCTIC CIRCLE

Trollstigen

Skien 4

Lofoten 18 8 16 Bodø .

Sortland

Head to Honningsvåg on our 'Oslo, North Cape Express & Tromsø' tour/ voyage combination - 13 days ex. Oslo.

Stay at the dramatic Juvet Landscape

Hotel, situated on a steep hill amongst



Highlights

16 Experience the Arctic Sanctuary by the sea

17 Sorrisniva Igloo Hotel

18 Stay in a fisherman's village at Holmen Lofoten

19 Take a bath in The Well

20 Enjoy a boutique lodge in the Lyngen Alps

21 Stay in a historic wooden fjord hotel

22 Get snug in your sleeping bag in a snow hotel

Summer activities

Sea eagle safari Lofoten

Kayaking Trondheim

Trek Trolltunga

Trek Pulpit Rock

12 Watch puffins at Lovund

13 Take the Flåm Railway

14 Drive the Sognefjell Road

Deep sea fishing at Senja

Norway

Alesund

Loen



birch, aspen, pine and massive boulders, as a part of our 9-day 'Norway by Design and History' tour.









Explore the western fjords by car, rail and ferry. Don't miss the Loen Skylift with panoramic views of the fjord landscape and the surrounding mountains.



(i) 5 hrs / 20 hrs

-3°C /+18°C



Kristiansand

Our 11-day 'Norway Active + self drive' itinerary includes gentle hikes, invigorating climbs, biking, fly-fishing and more while exploring Norwegian fjords, mountains, villages and cities.



Distances

466 kms Oslo -> Bergen

788 kms Bergen —> Trondheim

705 kms Trondheim —> Bodø

1137 kms Bodø —> Kirkenes

210 kms Bergen —> Stavanger





Finland

The land of abundance.

Talking about Finland can result in the casual throwing around of some very big numbers. There are 500,000 cottages and 189,000 lakes. There are over 3.2 million saunas (although the worlds biggest is in Norway) - not bad for a population of 5.5 million - and more than 179,000 islands. In fact there are 17,000 islands and smaller islets in the archipelago between Turku and the Åland Islands alone, through which you can navigate using bridges and ferries on the 250 km-long Archipelago Trail, with a must-do detour to the lighthouse keeper's cottage at Bengtskär, Scandinavia's tallest maritime light. Oh, and be sure to go for a walk in the woods, too, because 65 percent of Finland's land area is forest, making it Europe's most heavily forested country.

Numbers, of course, don't tell the whole story. The capital Helsinki is a beguiling mix of classic Art Nouveau architecture and modernity as seen in its Design District, an entrepreneurial neighbourhood that has been promoting Finnish design for well over a century.

Helsinki is chic, but nature calls softly here. You can spend a summer's night in a cottage on a lake island the size of a small boat, and kayak or canoe to your heart's content on placid waters. North in Lapland experience the daily life of the Sami, Scandinavia's only indigenous people, then go snowmobiling, snowshoeing or ice-fishing.

Relax in an glass igloo beneath an all-but guaranteed light show courtesy of the Aurora Borealis, which can appear in Finland's northern skies up to 200 times a year.

And don't forget to take advantage of "Everyman's Rights" - the Nordic law that allows walking and berry, mushroom and wildflower picking in natural areas without the permission of landowners, a concept that gives a refreshing and peculiarly Nordic twist to the word travellers most like to hear; "welcome".









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Northern lights

Will I see them?

If your holiday is well planned, the answer is often yes. However, most people will appreciate that the Aurora is a natural phenomena, and part of their attraction lies in the fact that they cannot be controlled or even properly predicted. What we can do is to get you to the best locations at the right time. This may mean allowing for common weather patterns, and/or travelling either inland or out to the coast. It nearly always means getting you out of populated areas with light pollution, and into the exotic wilderness with plenty of great daytime activities to guarantee a memorable experience!

When to go?

The period between November and March is generally the best time to see the Northern Lights. However, they can also be seen in late September, October and early April. Other times of year there is not enough darkness. October and November tend to see a lot of windy and wet weather, which of course means cloud cover and less chance to see the lights. Our favourite months are mid January, February & March, which means plenty of darkness in the peak viewing period between 6pm and midnight, and plenty of daylight to enjoy other winter activities.

What are the Northern Lights?

The ultimate energy source of the Aurora is the solar wind flowing past Earth and touching its magnetic field. Aurora starts when explosions in the sun send off particles into space. These particles are charged and form the solar wind. When solar wind hits Earth's magnetic field in the Polar areas where the magnetic shield is less powerful, it collides with particles in our atmosphere creating electricity and light. It is this light that we see as the Northern Light or Aurora Borealis.

The Aurora awed the ancient people. Aurora was the Roman goddess of the dawn. Boreas is a Greek word for the north wind - thus. the northern lights. The Finnish word for the lights, 'revontulet', comes from a Sami legend where the tail of a fox running on along the snow covered fells strikes the snow drifts and sends a trail of sparks high up to the sky. Revontulet literally means foxfires. The Vikings believed that the Aurora was a beautiful maiden called Valkyrias who escorted those killed in battle to the gods. The Sami people of Lapland also believed they had power over the lights, and whistling under them would cause them to come closer. Many ancient people would not stare at or speak of them, due to a fear of insulting their divinity.



Winter activities

A trip up north to Finnish Lapland in winter is not complete without joining a few of the fantastic activities on offer. Ride your own electric snow-mobile across the wilderness, try mushing a husky sled (with a few electric blue eyed dogs) or go for a wild reindeer ride.

The more adventurous can go icekarting, fly a hot air balloon or head up the ski lift and carve up the alpine slopes.



Photo: Aurora eSledding







Sami culture

The indigenous Sami people inhabit the northern part of Sweden, Norway, Finland and Russia, and are most well known for reindeer husbandry. The area is often referred to as Lapland, although not widely used by the Sami themselves. Each region has their own traditional Sami dress with unique patterns.

Join us for a winter experience far north and get an insight into the Sami culture, food (reindeer) and their way of life.



Winter activities

Experience a snow mobile ride though Lapland

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Go ice-fishing on a frozen lake

Attend a local ice hockey game

Visit the Christmas market on Senate Square

Ride a reindeer sled

Take a dip in a frozen lake



Summer activities

Watch brown bears from a secret hide

Explore the Turku archipelago by bike or car

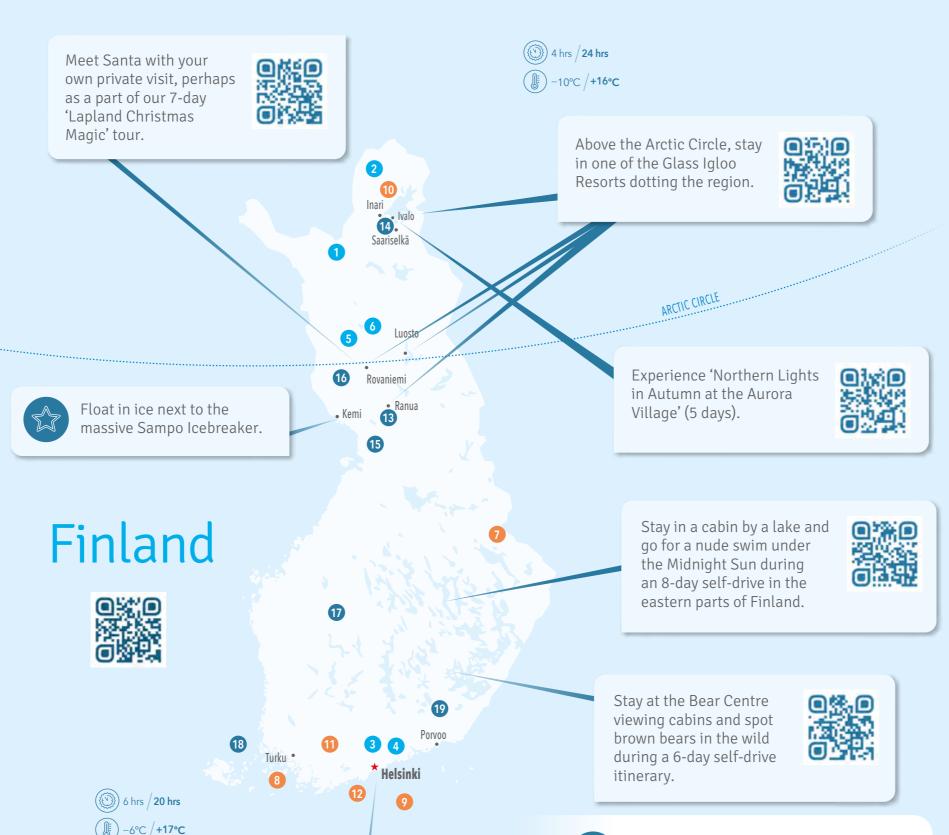
Make a day trip to Tallinn by express ferry

Visit the Sami Siida Museum in Inari

Join a wife carrying competition

Take the ferry to the Suomenlinna Fortress







Highlights

13 Stay in a glass igloo under the Northern Lights 14 Enjoy a cosy log cabin with the family 15 Try a traditional smoke sauna experience 16 Meet Santa on one of our Christmas tours 17 Go berry picking in Finnish forests 18 Enjoy sailing in the world's largest

archipelago



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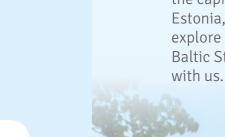
Flights from Helsinki to cities above the Arctic Circle take approximately an hour or two. These flights can get very busy during Christmas.

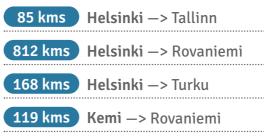
Visit a summer festival



Travel tip: Catch a ferry to Tallinn, Estonia, and explore the **Baltic States**







Distances

525 kms Rovaniemi —> Kirkenes





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Discover Helsinki with a private

guided tour and a two night stay in the centre of town before

heading out to the archipelago for a 3-night summer stay at the

new Barö resort.



Sweden

ABBA, IKEA, Volvos...

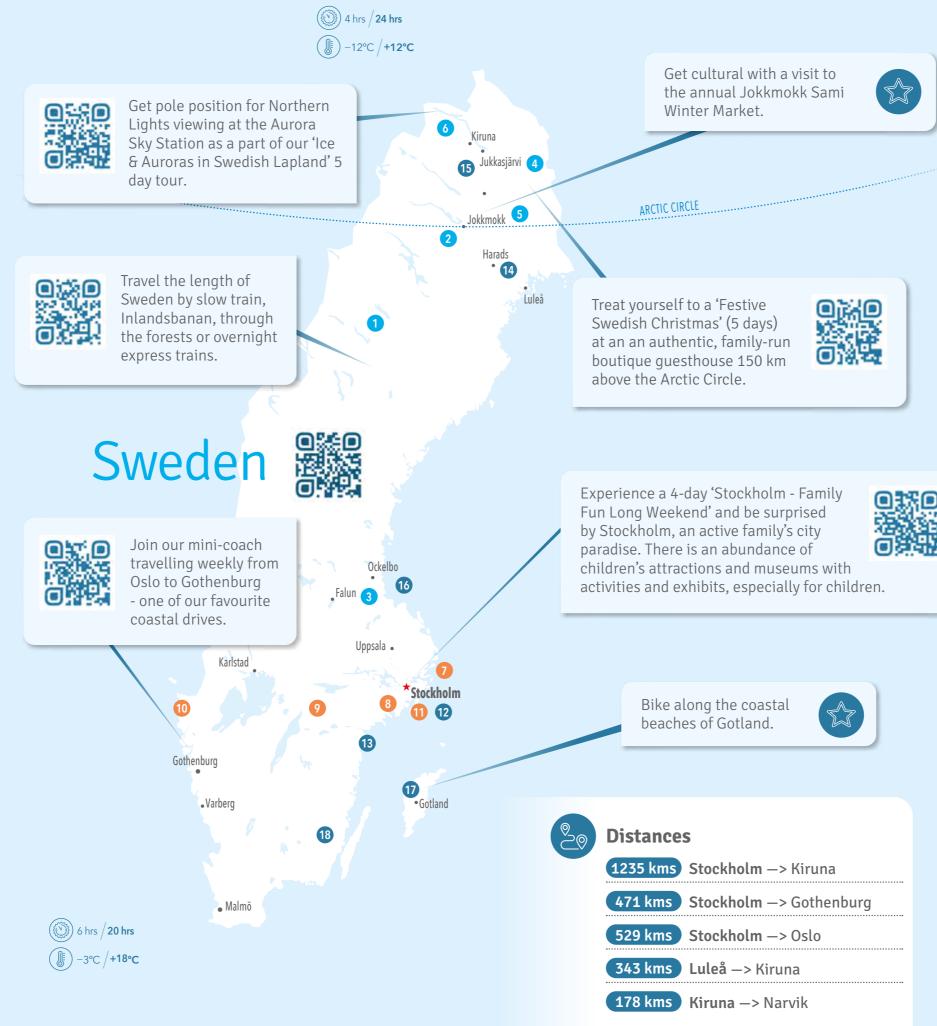
It's an odd thing, but think of Sweden and thoughts can drift to its brands as much as to its wild. An odd thing indeed, considering Swedes have Europe's largest expanse of monumental, uninterrupted wilderness. In Sarek National Park in far north Swedish Lapland there are no cabins, roads, amenities or trails, just 200 summits in excess of 1,800 metres and maybe a hundred glaciers. And that's just

Stockholm's Vasa Museum, a short walk from the labyrinth of the city's cobblestoned Gamla Stan (Old Town) was built to house the pride of the Swedish Imperial fleet – but which sank on its maiden voyage in 1628. Bad for the crew, good for us. The Vasa is 95% original, and seeing it will leave you breathless. As will the 19th century, 190 km-long Göta Kanal, the country's premier engineering feat linking Stockholm to Gothenburg via 58 locks. It is still plied by boats such as M/S Diana on a canal cruise that will provide you three of the most serene and contented days of your life.













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Travel tip:

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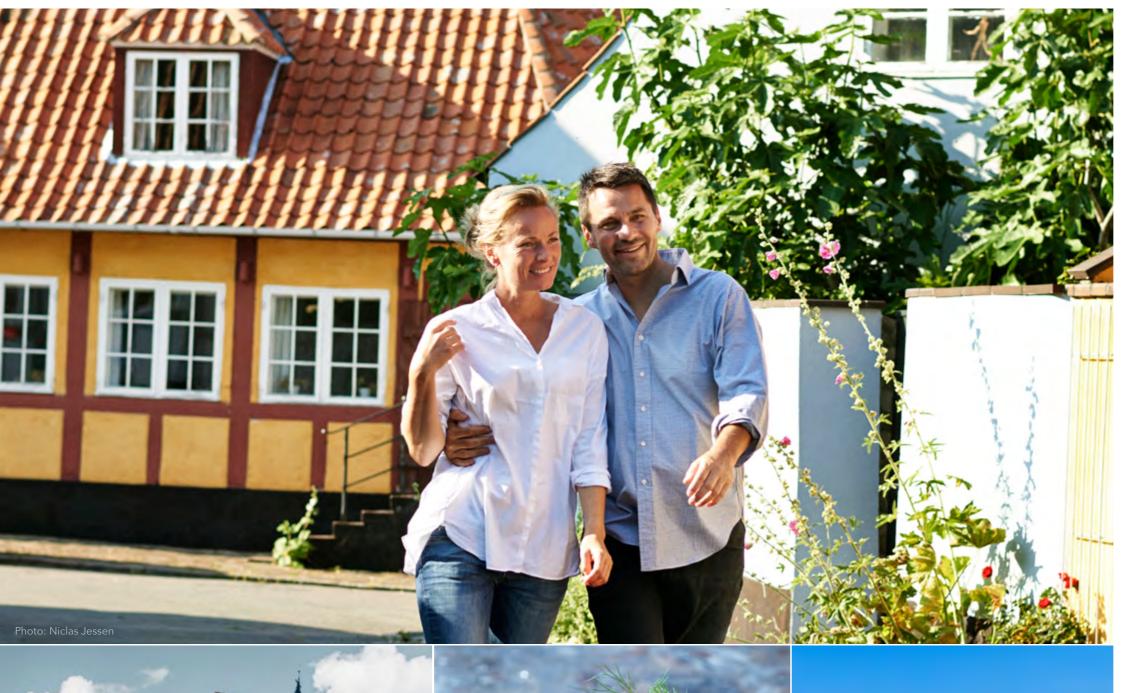
Visit the Kingdom

Experience two of Scandinavia's most innovative and unique places, the Aurora Safari Camp and the Arctic Bath, during our 5-day 'Swedish Aurora Glamping and Arctic Wellness' tour. Includes a wellness package, authenctic Sami experiences, and much more.





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Feel the Hygge!

Year after year, Denmark has been one of the top countries in the United Nations World Happiness Report. And why wouldn't it be? Its cool capital Copenhagen has some of the world's finest restaurants, and there's the enduring magic of Tivoli Gardens. The nation's favourite author/poet Hans Christian Andersen's legacy continues to provide a fairytale world of endless possibilities for generations of Danish children – and their parents.

On weekends Danes can walk the windswept beaches and sand dunes of North and West Jutland, go fossil hunting in South Zealand along the UNESCO World Heritage cliffs of Stevn, and see the medieval fortresses and thatched villages of Bornholm, Denmark's sun-drenched "Baltic island". But wait, isn't happiness more than merely the sum of a country's parts? Perhaps Denmark's real secret... is hygge?

The dour chill of long winter is inspired and is made tolerable by hygge, the Danish approach to enjoying life's simple pleasures that is now a year-round pursuit. Roughly translated as "cosiness", hygge can mean the warm glow of candle lights, watching TV from under a duvet, or drinking coffee in bicycle rental shops and bookstores that double as cafes in a country where social equality and community spirit isn't just enjoyed by those who live there. It's felt by those fortunate enough to travel there, too.







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Winter activities

Visit the Christmas market at Tivoli

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Aarhus Art Galleries

Ice Skating in the city centres

Snuggle up for a 'HYGGE' moment by a fireplace

Visit Hans Christian Andersen Museum

Windsurfing at "Cold Hawaii" in Klitmøller



Summer activities

Pedal through Copenhagen on a bicycle

Take the commuter train to the Louisiana Museum of Modern Art

Make a day trip across the Örseund bridge

Stroll along the beaches of Skagen

Visit Legoland – the home of Lego









Take the kids to Legoland as a part of our hassle free and fun 5 day 'LEGOLAND Denmark' itinerary.

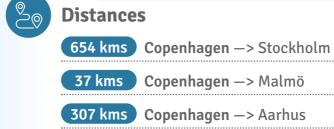


Try your hand at blacksmithing at the weekend Viking Market during summer on our 7 day 'Denmark's Viking Trail Tour'.



7-day independent tour.





266 kms Copenhagen -> Billund

600 kms Copenhagen -> Oslo



Highlights

- 12 Visit the Roskilde Viking Ship Museum
- 13 Enjoy a royal weekend in a castle
- 14 Book ahead to dine at the newest fine dining restaurants
- 15 Cycle the fairytale island of Funen
- 16 Self drive the Marguerite Route and uncover the natural beauty of the Danish countryside
- 17 Join a Nordic Noir crime guided tour



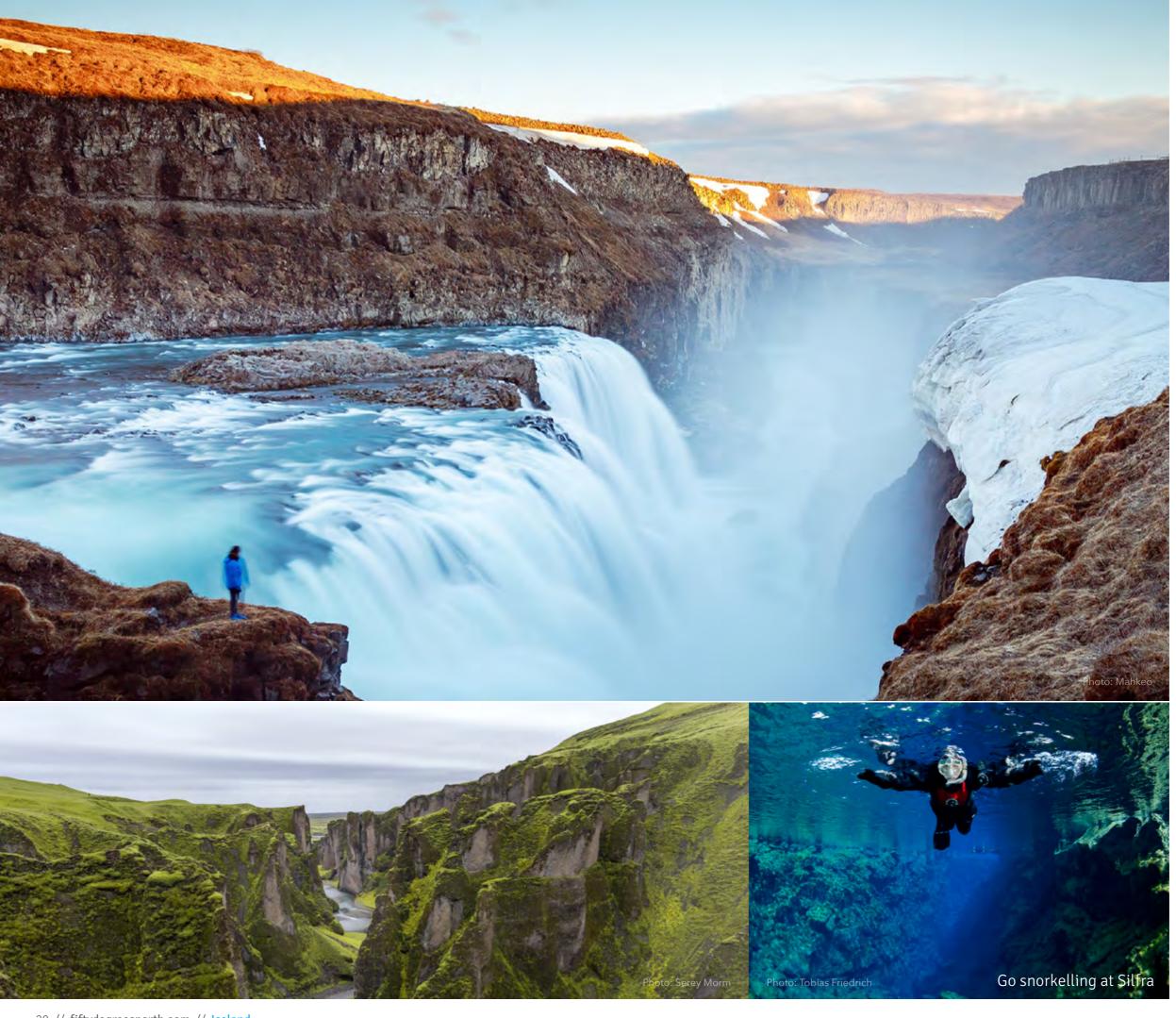
Travel tip:

Want to combine the Scandinavian capitals? We recommend our very popular itinerary 'Scandinavian Capitals by rail & ferry'!

This independent tour takes you to Copenhagen, Oslo, Stockholm, Helsinki and Tallinn over 13 days.



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Iceland

Iceland has everything the 'geology tragic' could wish for...

Nowhere else in the world have the seismic forces that shape it been so randomly thrown together and so beguilingly packaged. Iceland has everything the 'geology tragic' could wish for: glacier-fed waterfalls surrounded by ancient lava fields, subterranean ice caves and bubbling mud pots, fumaroles and black sand beaches. It has Europe's largest glacial mass and the world's oldest geyser, the ice-laden interior of its Central Highlands, a whopping thirty active volcanic systems, and the geothermal spas of the Blue Lagoon, the country's most-visited attraction.

Iceland is temperate for a supposedly 'cold' country, thanks to the warm waters of the North Atlantic Current. It has a verdant southern coastline that belies its position just south of the Arctic Circle. Isolated communities are connected by the world's most inspiring ring road, Highway 1, which encircles the country, binds it together and provides access to a never-ending panorama of elegant, elongated fjords and secondary roads that can, in minutes, take you from coastal fishing villages to glacial snow-covered alpine landscapes.

Its 'northern capital' Akureyri contains a wealth of 1920's and 30's Bauhaus architecture, and the capital Reykjavik has gob smacking examples of portraiture and public art painted on the exteriors of its buildings that are nothing less than Fine Art in a country that brings out the creative best not just in its landscapes, but in the people who inhabit them.

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Best of Iceland

12 days - Premium Iceland circle self-drive tour

Reykjavik - Golden Circle - South Coast Waterfalls & Black Beaches - Vatnajökull National Park - Lake Myvatn - Troll Peninsula - Magical West Fjords - Snæfellsnes Peninsula



Highlights

- Drive the Golden Circle: erupting hot springs at Geysir, Gullfoss waterfalls and Þingvellir National Park
- Stay for two nights between Skaftafell and Jökulsárlón Glacier
- · Visit the small village of Fáskrúðsfjörður on the east coast of Iceland
- Whale watching near Akureyri on a silent electric boat
- We use the best available boutique hotels and lodges around Iceland
- Stay at the Blue Lagoon to enjoy a soak in the hotel's own private bathing lagoon, not available to the general public







Travel tips

For the best chances of seeing the Northern Lights in Iceland, travellers should visit between September and April when the nights are darkest and head to areas with minimal light pollution. Some of our partner hotels also have a stargazing observatory with telescopes and offer an Aurora wake-up service to ensure guests don't accidentally miss the lights.







Fire and ice

No trip to Iceland is complete without having done a glacier walk on one of the many glacier tongues or visited an ice cave. Pick up your guide, crampons and an ice axe in Reykjavik, or at Skaftafell, and go exploring. Another unmissable adventure is climbing one of the many volcanoes dotted along the Icelandic south coast. You can even venture right down into the middle of one.

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Winter activities

Northern Lights hunt

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Glacier walks and ice-carving

Enjoy Iceland Airwaves music festival

Calm water kayaking in the Westfjords

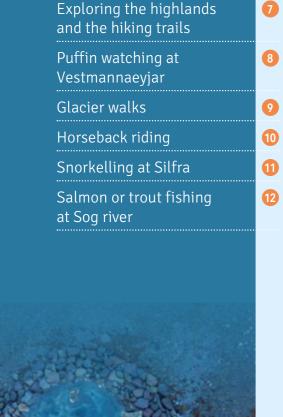
Soaking in the Blue Lagoon



Summer activities

Whale watching

Exploring the highlands





Explore the islands of

Vestmanneyjar on our 9-day 'South Iceland and

Vestmannaeyjar' self-drive.

Northeast Iceland is a beautiful and remote region known for its stunning landscapes, natural wonders, and unique attractions. Go whale and wildlife watching, hiking, horseback riding, and much more. Explore waterfalls, canyons, geothermal springs, pseudocraters, and lava formations.

Iceland



(1) 4 hrs / 20 hrs

The Southeast corner of Iceland is home to the mighty glaciers and glacial lagoons.





Distances

48 kms Reykjavík -> Blue Lagoon

49 kms Reykjavík -> Keflavik Airport

179 kms Reykjavík -> Vik

380 kms Reykjavík -- > Akureyri

266 kms **Akureyri** —> Egilsstaðir

518 kms Egilsstaðir -> Vik



Highlights

- 13 Natural wonders of Lake Mývatn
- 14 Amazing culinary experiences
- 15 Experience the autumn Icelandic horse or sheep round up
- 16 Take a dip in natural hot springs and pools around Iceland
- 17 Off-roading with a Super Jeep across glaciers and lava fields
- 18 Go on an iceberg safari on the glacier lagoons
- 19 Explore the rugged Westfjords
- 20 Seafood banquets on sailing boats



Travel tip:

Visiting Iceland for a short break is popular - our 5 day "Iceland Stopover" stays in Reykjavik and near the Blue Lagoon.



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Faroe Islands

The Faroe Islands are hot in the 'coolest' sense of the word.

If you think eighteen wet, windy, fog-shrouded volcanic islands amid the frothing ocean swells halfway between Iceland and Norway, with an average wind speed in excess of 6 metres per second, sounds like an uninviting place to be shipwrecked, think again. The Faroe Islands are hot in the very 'coolest' sense of the word: its world-class orange-pink lobsters, salmon, Bank Cod and skerpikjøt wind-dried mutton - are making it a centre of gastronomy. Its designer knitwear comes straight off the backs of its 70,000 sheep. In summertime, music festivals abound including the oh-so edgy 'Concerto Grotto' series – cave concerts that produce the sort of acoustics only the nooks and crannies of the Faroe's volcanic landscape can provide.

Settled by Norsemen in the 7th century, this is a 'tilted' archipelago, its eastern shores sloping into the frigid ocean and its western coastline rising up in dramatic cliffs, a mix of green arcing fells, craggy basalt protrusions home to puffins, guillemots and the world's largest colony of storm petrels. Rappel down 300m-high cliffs. See a waterfall empty straight into the Atlantic. Sail beneath 700 metre sea cliffs and be tossed around like a cork. But to see it at its most wild, you need to walk some of its 23 designated hiking trails. Do this, and getting marooned will never have felt so very proper.



Self-drives

The roads are spectacular in the Faroes, and there is no better way to explore than being your own holiday chauffeur. It gives you time to stop and enjoy the scenery, have lunch at a local bakery or take that unexpected turn down that little side road. You never know what hidden gem you will find.





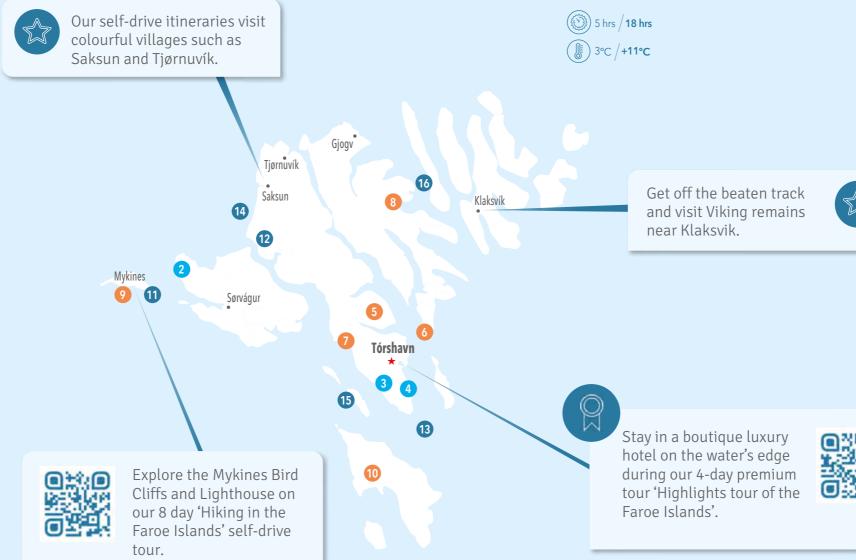
Hiking

The Faroe Islands are the perfect hiking destination. So undiscovered, so pure and so far from the crowds. Feel the fresh air in your face, take a dip in a cool mountain lake and climb beautiful green hills affording endless vistas across the North Atlantic. We offer both organised or self guided walking holidays.











Highlights 1 Tramp to the lighthouse in Mykines 12 Boat tour to the Vestmanna Bird Cliffs 13 Helicopter tours over the Atlantic and sea cliffs 14 Fishing trips from Vestmanna 15 Live music concerts in a cave by tall ship 16 Self drive the islands



Direct flights from either Copenhagen, Bergen or Edinburgh, to the airport of the Faroe Islands, Vagar, are 2.15 hrs. Direct flights from Reykjavik to Vagar are 1.25 hrs.

using their remarkable

series of road tunnels



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Greenland & The High Arctic

Unspoilt and unbelievable.

Descending into Kangerlussuaq Airport you see it for the first time, stretching to infinity. The 1.8 million sq kms of the Greenland Icecap. Fourteen times the size of England. It looks forbidding, but can now be crossed in unsupported groups with experienced guides if you're really determined to leave behind what little civilisation there is here. Greenlanders cling to their coastline, to the bounty in its waters; a coastline of glacier-fed, iceberg-filled fjords and bays backed by stunning coastal mountain ranges. "Do it here, do it now", you tell yourself.

Go dog sledding with Inuit mushers on immersive journeys that take you beyond even Greenland's usual 'out there' places. Go overnighting in wilderness huts while conquering summit-to-sea backcountry ski trails. Go on safaris in search of the long-bearded musk ox, Greenland's 'giant sheep' and largest land mammal that can weigh as much as 400 kilos.

Be sure to cruise amongst icebergs that calve off the UNESCO World Heritage-listed Ilulissat Icefjord, watching up to 15 species of whales frolicking in the same waters. There is no time to rest.



Winter activities

Dog sledding in Svalbard and Greenland

Northern Lights over the Arctic tundra

Arctic Circle Race: 3-day survival race

Experience the Polar Night's complete darkness

Dine in award winning Greenlandic restaurants



Summer activities

Sleep near the water's edge overlooking the impressive iceberg-filled Disko Bay

Hike in the beautiful valleys with grass and Arctic flowers

Join locals on a coastal voyage down the West Coast

Touch an iceberg and then add some to your sundowner

Stay in remote huts, in the land of the polar bear



Experience the thrill of snowmobile riding during a 24 hour polar night. ((1)) 0 hrs / 24 hrs

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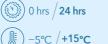
Pitch a tent (or get someone to do it for you) in the Arctic tundra or hide away in huts overlooking calving glaciers the choice is yours!











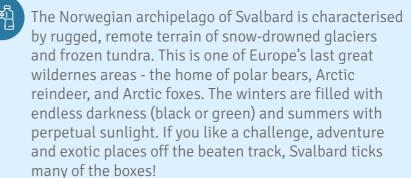


Experience a remote luxury camp stay with paddle boarding, foraging and deep sea fishing during our 6-day 'Greenland Luxury Adventure'.



Iceland 1210kms





Greenland & The High Arctic



Highlights

- 1 Sail close to the ocean's largest mammal, whales, as well as colossal glaciers and icebergs
- 12 Polar bear sightings as you cruise the Svalbard archipelago
- 13 Slide through the water past massive icebergs in a sea kayak
- 14 Meet the people of the High Arctic - resilient and inspiring
- 15 Watch reindeer and musk oxen meander across the wild Arctic tundra



Flying to Svalbard involves a three-hour flight from Oslo, stopping at Tromsø.

Commercial airlines are the only way for travellers to get to Greenland, served by airports in Denmark and Iceland – unless you arrive with a cruise ship.





561 kms	Nuuk —> Ilulissat	P	1 hr flight		
465 kms	Nuuk —> Narsaruaq	H	1.15 hr flight		
1438 kms	Nuuk —> Reykjavik		4 hr flight		
2004 kms	Longyearbyen —> Tromsø	₽	1.2 hr flight		
1337 kms	Ittoqqortoormiit —> Longyearbyen		4 day cruise		

Note: there are no connecting roads in Greenland.

Small group tours - summer

Enjoy a hassle-free travel experience with our experienced tour leaders, staying in quality boutique or premium hotels carefully selected by our Scandinavia travel experts. Allow us to show you a Scandinavian Summer to remember, alongside an experienced leader from start to finish.

Best of Norway 8 days

Oslo - Lillehammer - Lom -Geiranger - Aurland - Bergen

Highlights:

- Take a ride on the steep Flåm Railway full of hairpin turns
- Travel on a premium 50
 Degrees North mini-coach through the Norwegian mountains
- Visit the stunning Geiranger fjord
- Visit Northern Europe's highest mountain pass, Sognefjellet
- Discover Bryggen, the old Hanseatic wharf in Bergen, and take the funicular to the top of Mt Fløien



Scenic Fjords of Norway 10 days

Bergen - Nordfjord - Loen - Ålesund - Åndalsnes -Kristiansund - Trondheim

Highlights:

- Walk to waterfalls, above the fjords, and to the glaciers
- Drive along the Hjørundfjord drop dead beautiful!
- Stay in waterfront historic hotels and fjord hotels with views
- Make new friends as you travel on the premium 50 Degrees North mini-coach with a local driver and escort
- Cruise along the Norwegian coast on an express boat
- Be amazed by Trollstigen Road with its eleven hairpin turns and the Atlantic Highway, famous for its twisting bridges over the coast



Norway In-depth 17 days

Oslo - Bergen - Ålesund -Trondheim

Combine 'Best of Norway' and the 'Scenic Fjords of Norway' for an incredible 17-day journey from Oslo to Trondheim.









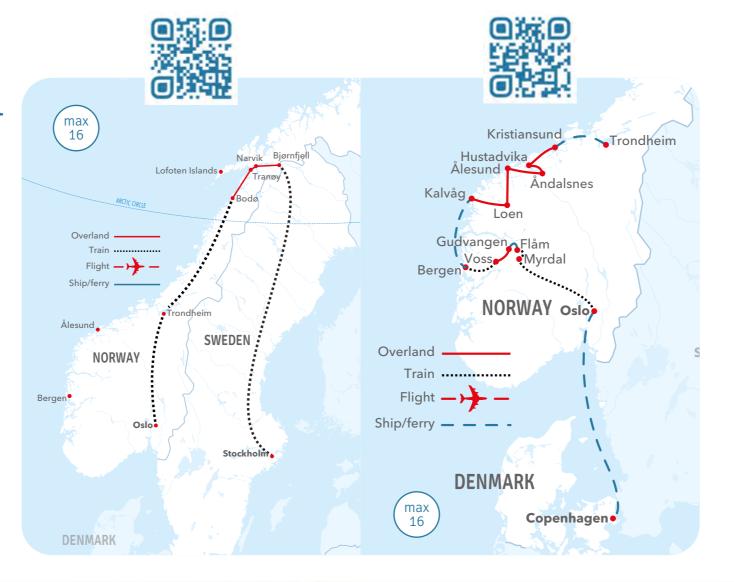
Arctic Traverse by Rail

10 days - Small Group summer tour

Oslo - Trondheim - Bodø - Tranøy - Narvik -Stockholm

Highlights

- A must for rail journey enthusiasts with two nights of overnight accommodation on a duo of iconic Norwegian railway trains
- Visit the Vasa Museum and the city districts of Södermalm, Stockholm
- Guided tours of Oslo, Trondheim and Stockholm
- Seven nights of handpicked accommodation, including two nights in historic keepers' residences of the Tranøy Lighthouse and one night in a glass-walled designer cabin in Narvik
- Watch the midnight sun in a glass walled designer cabin in Arctic Norway





Scandinavian Escape

16 days - Small Group summer tour

Copenhagen - Oslo - Flåm - Bergen - Nordfjord - Loen - Ålesund - Åndalsnes - Kristiansund -Trondheim

Highlights

- Visit Copenhagen, Oslo and Bergen with guided tours with locals
- Take a ride on the steep Flåm Railway full of hairpin turns
- Travel on a premium 50 Degrees North minicoach through the Norwegian mountains and along the coast
- Drive the Trollstigen and Atlantic Roads of Norway
- Cruise across the breathtaking waters of Aurlandsfjord and Naeroyfjord
- Roam the UNESCO Heritage site, Bryggen in the beautiful town of Bergen





Best Hikes of Norway



with 50 Degrees North Owner

15 days - Escorted hiking tour covering Norway's best and most scenic hikes

Highlights

- Discover the local trails around Oslo
- Walk up the 1994 Olympic ski jumps in Lillehammer
- Hike the most beautiful of ridges on the Romsdalseggen walk
- Tackle the Via Ferrata, Loen
- · Hike Hornelen, Europe's Highest Sea Cliff
- Explore Bergen and walk Vidden from Ulriken to Fløien
- Relax at Aurland with a hot tub and a local beverage





Bergen to (max 16) Copenhagen

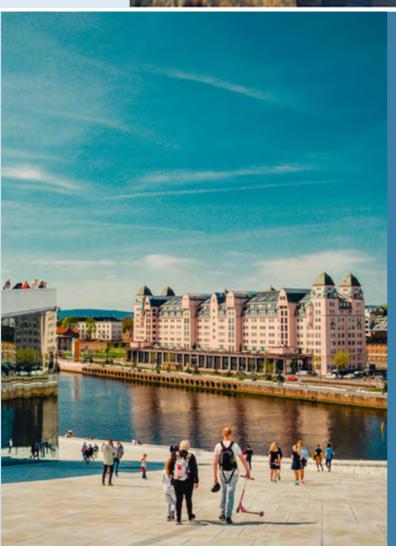


11 days - Small Group summer tour

Bergen - Aurland - Lom - Geiranger - Lillehammer - Oslo - Copenhagen

Highlights

- Explore Bergen, Oslo, and Copenhagen
- Roam the UNESCO Heritage site, Bryggen, in the beautiful town of Bergen
- Take a ride on the steep Flåm Railway full of hairpin turns
- Travel on a premium mini-coach through the Norwegian mountains
- Visit the stunning Geiranger fjord with included RIB boat adventure



Scandinavian Capitals & Fjords



Bergen - Aurland - Lom - Geiranger - Lillehammer - Oslo - Copenhagen -Stockholm - Helsinki - Tallinn

Highlights

- Everything included in the 'Bergen to Copenhagen' tour, and continue to Stockholm, Helsinki and Tallinn
- Guided tours of all capital cities
- Travel like the locals and catch an overnight ferry from Stockholm to Helsinki





Grand tour of Iceland





12 days - Small Group summer tour

Reykjavik - Golden Circle - South Coast Waterfalls & Black Beaches - Vatnajökull National Park - Lake Myvatn - Troll Peninsula - Magical West Fjords - Snæfellsnes Peninsula

Highlights

- Complete escorted tour around Iceland including Snæfellsnes Peninsula & West Fjords
- Discover three National Parks
- Explore an 8000-year-old natural wonder Lava Cave
- Ferry trip to West Fjords
- Dynjandi waterfall The Crown Jewel of Westfjords
- Relax at Vök Baths in the floating series of geothermal pools
- Sail among the huge icebergs in the picturesque scenery of Jökulsárlón (glacier lagoon)
- Experience authentic culture, visit small local museums and take a selfie with Icelandic horses
- See more sea-cliff birds than you can ever count (June-August)





Grand tour of Iceland



Scenic South Iceland

Scenic South Iceland





5 day - Small Group summer tour

Experience Iceland's wonders and adventures like a local. Visit the most fascinating and scenic highlights of South Iceland on this guided small group tour. Visit black sand beaches, hot springs, waterfalls, vast volcanic areas and jagged bird cliffs.

Small group tours - winter

Visit some of the most magical destinations in Scandinavia and the Nordics in winter. With the help of our tour leader, fingers crossed, marvel at the Northern Lights in remote spots above the Arctic Circle. The tours have scheduled departure dates with 8 - 18 fellow travellers joining you.





Escorted Northern Lights Photography Tour

8 days | Finland & Norway

Highlights:

- Guided by two professional photographers, David Evans and Kelly Champion
- · Arctic King Crab safari
- Aurora Borealis hunting by snowmobile and car, several times throughout the program
- Stay in two unique Northern hotels, Aurora Village and the Gamme Cabins in Kirkenes
- Special home visit to an authentic Sámi reindeer herder farm





Northern Lights Exploration 8 days | Iceland

Highlights:

- Track record of 85-98% chance of seeing the Northern Lights
- See amazing Icelandic landscapes mixed with soft adventure and cultural experiences during the day
- Climb a volcano crater and walk between two continental tectonic plates
- Visit the Settlement Center in Borgarnes
- Descend 35m underground into Vatnshellir cave situated under Snæfellsnesjökull glacier
- Relax in the Blue Lagoon and learn about living with volcanoes
- See Icelandic horses and taste freshly baked hot spring bread
- Five evenings Northern Lights Academy
- Optional ice cave tour at Vatnajökull glacier for departures between October-April (weather permitting)



Dogsledding through Swedish Lapland

5 days | Sweden

Highlights:

- Ultimate winter adventure
- Learn how to care for and drive your own team of Alaskan huskies through the beautiful Swedish Lapland
- Days driving your sled through pristine snowy landscapes, nights in a wilderness cabin
- Enjoy dinner by the fire and life under the stars





Lapland Highlights

11 days - Small Group tour

Levi - Kilpisjärvi - Tromsø - Harstad - Abisko -Kiruna

Highlights

- An experienced local guide as your tour leader
- Stay in a glass igloo at Levi and the new boutique hotel Cahkal at Kilpisjärvi in Finland
- Stay at the world-famous ICEHOTEL in Sweden
- Join a husky safari, reindeer experience, snowshoe adventure, and ice sculpting workshop
- Explore Tromsø with a guided walk, a visit to the polar museum, and a Northern Lights Silent Evening Cruise











Experience the Northern Lights

15 days - Small Group tour

Oslo - Flåm - Bergen - Norwegian Coastal Voyage - Kirkenes - Inari

Highlights

- In-depth city tours of Oslo and Bergen
- Northbound voyage on the Norwegian Coastal Voyage
- 3 nights in a glass roofed cabin
- 1 night in a gamme (log) cabin in Kirkenes
- Husky safari, snowmobile riding, reindeer experience
- Small group meeting with Santa
- Opportunity for spotting the Northern Lights



Chase the Northern Lights

11 days - Small Group tour

Inari - Kirkenes - Norwegian Coastal Voyage - Bergen

Highlights

- 3 nights in a glass roofed cabin in Lapland
- Husky safari, reindeer experience
- Small group meeting with Santa
- 1 night in a gamme (log) cabin
- Southbound voyage on the Norwegian Coastal Voyage (Kystruten)
- Sights and sounds of the Norwegian coast
- City tour of Bergen





Escorted tours -**Christmas**

Every Christmas we take great pleasure in showing you the very best of the magical Scandinavian festive season. Take part in one of our popular 50 Degrees North Christmas tours, and experience all the delights of a White Christmas in snowcovered Lapland: Huskysledding, reindeers, cosy log-cabins, decorating cookies and meeting Santa himself.

Christmas Adventure in

Spend a magical Christmas surrounded by

of outdoor experiences to fill your days. In

the evenings, relax with your family in your

own chalet with good food and maybe a

wilderness and pristine snow, with a plethora

Ruka

5 days

Finnish sauna.



Lapland Christmas Magic 7 days

Äkäslompolo, a village of seven fells, is 200 kms above the Arctic Circle and your home for the week. Stay in cosy log cabins, enjoy great local foods, and join in some exhilarating winter activities like husky & reindeer sledding, ice fishing, snowmobiling - and meeting Santa himself!

Lapland Winter Magic 6 days (pre-Christmas)

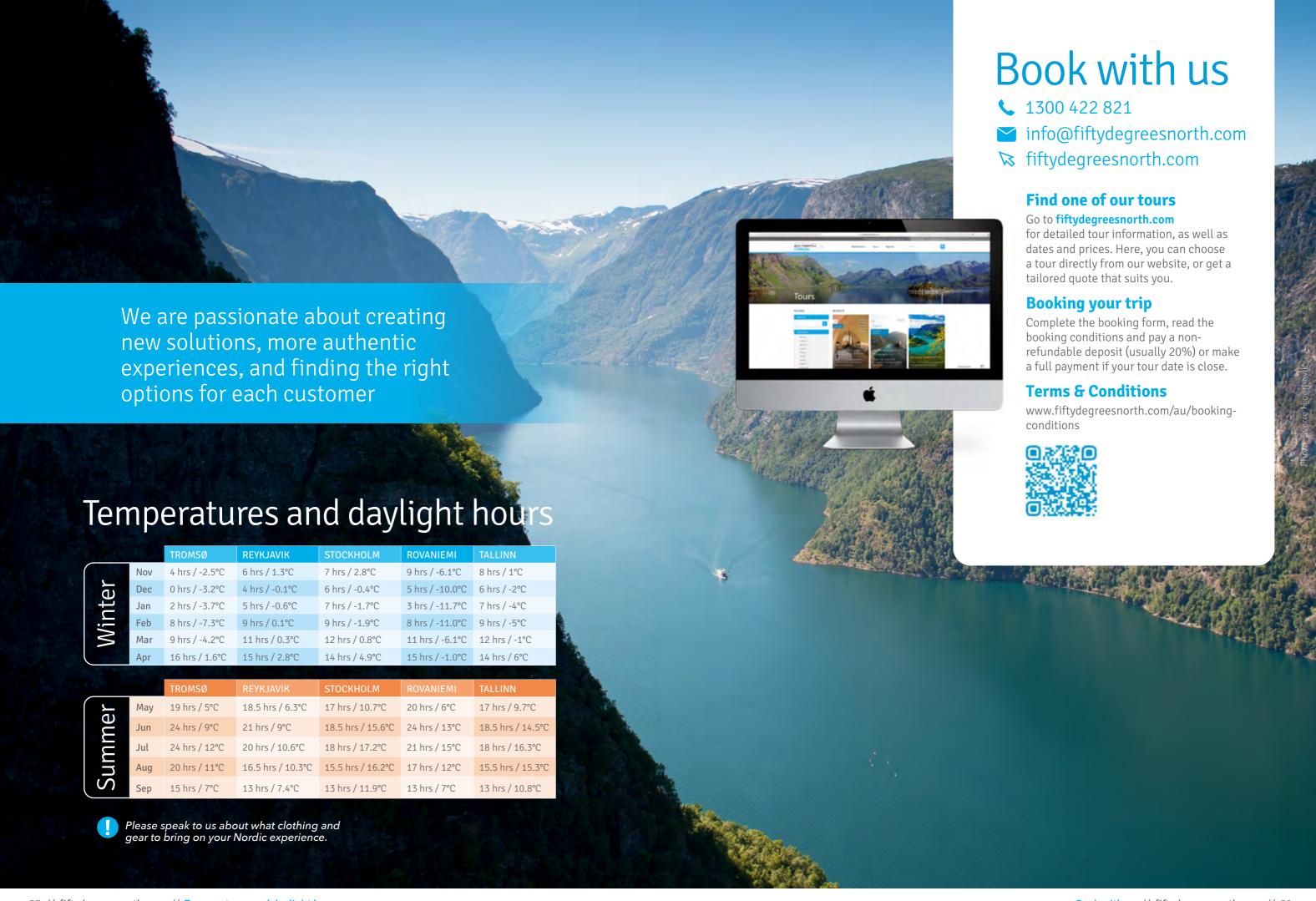
Fall in love with this tiny Finnish village, Äkäslompolo. Dine in a variety of local restaurants, sled home to your log cabin as you search for the Northern Lights shining above you. Chat with Santa as you visit him in his forest hideaway.

Christmas at Arctic TreeHouse Hotel 5 days

The Arctic TreeHouse Hotel is situated in the forest within the Santa Park at Rovaniemi. With spectacular views over the treetops, the TreeHouse suites offer an exclusive combination of local tradition, Lappish heritage and modern Scandinavian design.

Santa in Lapland 6 days

Would you like to spend your next Christmas in Lapland in a snow-covered forest, winter activities at your door and a private Santa visit to his cottage in the wilderness? Then join us at the village of **Levi**, 170 km north of the Arctic Circle, deep in Finnish Lapland.





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