Thrilling Arctic days and nights in Tromsø!

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Suggested group activities for HPC & CIC conference March 2017

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Aurora Safari to Base Stations

We have established four Base Stations, which are located in different areas to cover different weather regimes. Here we have warm shelters (lavvo or other building), toilet facilities, campfires and benches outside. On each station, there is a local host with lots of stories of local culture and history to tell!

The system with Base Stations is unique to Tromsø Safari. Late every afternoon we decide where to go, using the weather forecast, wind direction and current weather reports from the hosts at the Base Stations. We choose the Base Station with the best weather prospect, hence the best opportunity to see the Northern Lights. When the weather is good, it is always best to stay in one spot, preferably one of the Base Stations. If the weather changes and clouds move in, we check with our network if it would be better to move to another location. If so, we finish our meals, hot drinks and cake before leaving, then we try to find clear skies somewhere else.

Duration:	5-7 hours
Included:	Aurora tour, guide, modern coach, Base Station with local host, heated rooms, toilets, outdoor seating and bonfires, coffee/hot chocolate, cake, thermal clothing and tripods for free use.
Optional:	Hot 1-or 2-course meal, soft drinks, beer and wine.
Min/max number:	10/300 pax.
Price:	From 800 NOK pp.

Reindeer Raid and Sami Experience

We travel for around 30 minutes to our base, where everyone will be equipped with thermal clothing and footwear.

A Sami reindeer herder will then take the lead on a serene and amazing reindeer sleigh ride, the traditional Sami way of transport. When we return to the base, there is the option for coffee/tea and the Sami traditional reindeer broth called Bidos in the lavvo (Sami herder's tent). This is a glimpse into the history and culture of the Sami reindeer herders, with a demonstration of lasso throwing skills at reindeer antlers, and an opportunity to try.

Season:	Dependent on snow conditions
Duration:	4-7 hours
Included:	Transfer, guide, thermal clothing and footwear.
Optional:	Hot meal, coffee and tea, cake, soft drinks, beer and wine.
Min/max number:	6/24 pax
Price:	From 1,395 NOK p.p.

City Walk

We go on a guided round trip on foot through the streets of Tromsø. The city centre is very compact so we will not have to walk very far between each point of interest.

The walk can have varying themes, such as:

- The polar history of Tromsø, which is known, among other things, for being used as a starting point for Arctic expeditions by Roald Amundsen and Fridtjof Nansen.
- We can focus on some of the most ancient buildings, which originate from early 19th century.
- We can look at the modern Tromsø and talk about how people live today, visit some of the local shops and maybe "Ølhallen", Tromsø's oldest pub, which is a "must see" when in Tromsø.

Duration:	2-4 hours
Included:	Guide.
Optional:	Guided tour of the Mack brewery and samples of beer at Ølhallen. Entrance to museum(s).
Min/max number:	6/max. 20 pax. per guide
Price:	From 150 NOK p.p.

Tromsø Sightseeing by Bus

This is the easy way of getting to see some of Tromsø's points of interest. The guide will explain about life in the high north, about some of our heroes like Roald Amundsen, Fridtjof Nansen, Helmer Hansen and Wanny Woldstad, who all spent time in Tromsø in connection with arctic expeditions.
The tour can encompass either just the main Tromsøya island and the mainland near the Arctic Cathedral, or we can take a longer tour that also includes the Kvaløya island, where there is a marvellous view towards the mountains Tromsdalstind and Bentsjordtinden as well as the main island.
Entrance to the Polar Museum, Tromsø University Museum, Polaria or the Arctic Cathedral can be included.

Duration:	2-5 hours.
Included:	Sightseeing by bus and guide.
Optional:	Entrance to one or more museums.
Min/max number:	10/50 (per bus).
Price:	From 150 NOK p.p.

Tromsø's best vantage point – the cable car

We take a bus to the cable car (Fjellheisen) (with optional city sightseeing en route and optional visit to the Arctic Cathedral afterwards). The cable car takes us up Storsteinen at 421 mas in under 5 minutes. From here, we have a terrific view of the city, surrounding fjords and mountains. In winter, with a bit of luck, we can see the Aurora dance over the city at night.
In the Fjellstua restaurant we can have a tasty meal, or just enjoy a cup of coffee or tea, a beer or a glass of wine while taking in the view.
The mountain is an excellent spot for activities in the summer, for instance lasso throwing (Sami style), air rifle shooting or a cross-country run, or we can just have a brisk hike up the next mountain, Fløya. Winter activities are also possible, but are dependent on the weather, as it can get rough on the mountain. Activities can be arranged as competitions, either individually or in teams.

Duration:	2-6 hours.
Included:	Transfer (with optional sightseeing), guide, cable car tickets.
Optional:	Activities, dinner at the Fjellstua restaurant, coffee/tea, soft drinks, beer/wine/spirits, entrance fee to the Arctic Cathedral.
Min/max number:	10/50 pax.
Price:	From 300 NOK p.p.

RIB-boat Adventure

We will depart from Tromsø harbour and will normally set for Gåsvær, a small island sitting just in the open Norwegian sea. On the way out, we travel along the island Kvaløya and hope to see some nise (porpoise), seals and sea eagles.

We will go ashore (weather permitting) on the beautiful, white, coral sand beaches of Gåsvær and explore the island on our own, as it is uninhabited.

Duration:	3-5 hours.
Included:	Guide, all-weather suit, flotation device*
Optional:	Lunch pack or warm meal, soft drinks, tea/coffee, snacks and cake.
Min/max number:	10/31pax
Price:	From 1,200 NOK pp (3 hours)

***everyone on board should be able to swim or float by themselves**.

Sea- and Fishing Adventure

Many species of fish, like cod, saith (coley) and halibut, and birds like kittiwakes, cormorants, puffins and sea eagles can be found in or above the waters around Tromsø. We sail for around ½h, to some of the best fishing-waters in the area. A catch is virtually guaranteed, and any non-squeamish people may learn how to gut their own fish before we cook it for lunch. During the self-caught lunch, there is a good selection of wine and beer to purchase on-board.

Along the way, the guide will tell you about the landscape, mountains, fjords and villages we pass.

Season:	All year.
Duration:	3-5 hours.
Included:	Guide, fishing tackle, thermal suit, life jacket, self-caught fish cooked for lunch.
Optional:	Extended dinner/lunch menu, soft drinks, tea/coffee, snacks and cake, beer and wine.
Min/max number:	10/90 pax.
Price:	From 790 NOK pp (3 hours)

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