



Wild & Wonderful Vesterålen with a taste of Lofoten

THE FINEST SMALL-GROUP TRAVEL EXPERIENCE (7 DAYS/6 NIGHTS)
Available May-September 2016-2017 (ca. 8 pax)

If you dream of experiencing Vesterålen and Lofoten islands, in Northern Norway, this is the trip for you! Arriving at Harstad airport and spending your first night in **the charming town of Harstad**, before leaving for **Stokmarknes by the coastal steamer Hurtigruten** the next morning, is the perfect way of getting the first taste of what this region is all about; amazing sceneries, dependency of the sea for livelihood and transportation, whales, mountains, charming, small villages, local culture and people. Enjoy **whale safari**. Go by the coastal steamer to the world famous **Trollfjorden**. **Meet the locals** on sight-seeing in Vesterålen. **Visit some of Lofotens most interesting attractions** on this amazing trip to Northern Norway. Live By the seaside in a comfy **rorbu**/fisherman's cabins or in a regular hotel rooms. Enjoy a gorgeous view, good meals and sleep well at **Vesterålen Coastal Hotel**, outside the town of Stokmarknes.





Accommodation – Norwegian cabins or hotel

Vesterålen coastal hotel consists of neatly decorated cabins by the sea, with two bathrooms, three double-/twin rooms, a living room with a TV as well as a kitchenette in each unit. The hotel also offers traditional single-, and double rooms. The meals are served in the hotel restaurant.

Prices & conditions (group size ca. 8 pax)

- Per person in dbl room Hotel NOK 12790,-
- Per person in sgl room Hotel NOK 13990,-
- 4 persons i rorbu with 3 bedrooms and 2 bathrooms NOK 12160,-
- 6 persons in Nordlands house with 2 bathrooms NOK 11920,-

Included:

- Airport transfer (Evenes – Stokmarknes return)
- Full pension (Breakfast, lunch and dinner)
- 5 x Accommodation with 2, 4 or 6 persons in Rorbu or hotel
- 1 Accommodation in Hotel in Harstad
- Bed linen, towels and final cleaning included.
- Local sightseeing with guide and bus incl. tee & cake, entrances
- Hurtigruten cruise Stokmarknes – Svolvær
- Hurtigruten cruise Harstad - Stokmarknes
- Whale Safari in Andense
- Sightseeing day to Lofoten
- All transport, guiding and entrances due to program



Additional bookable activities on leisure days (bookable on spot)

- **Whale Safari** Whalesafari from Andenes including the whale safari, transport with minibus to Andenes and guide (ca. 2 hours each direction) 1750,- NOK p.p
- **Hot Tub bath** If you are tempted by a hot bath under the Northern Lights, you can order a woodstove heated hot tub at the hotel: 250 NOK pr. person, minimum 6 persons.
- **Eagle & fjord safari with boat** – incl. guide where we will get the eagles close to the boat and maybe get close to wildlife like otters, seals. Your guide will have a short briefing about the gigantic bird as well as a small photo instruction 7 hrs, 990,- NOK p.p.

Booking & information:

Hildreland AS: www.hildreland.no

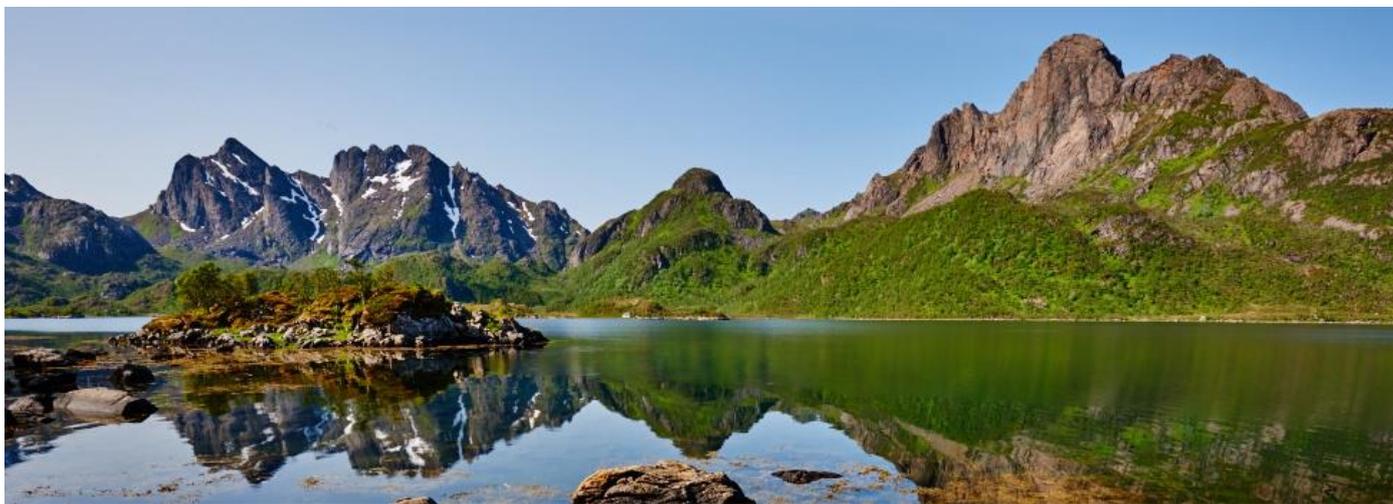
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Itinerary

Day 1: Arrival and stay overnight in Harstad.

Arrival at the airport Evenes. Airport bus for Harstad to the hotel. Meet and greet and dinner there.

Day 2: Hurtigruten cruise to Stokmarknes and check in at Vesterålen coastal Hotel

Early breakfast at the hotel before leaving for the coastal steamer with departure at 08.00 pm from Harstad, heading for Stokmarknes. The Hurtigruten visit the harbors of Risøyhamn and Sortland before arrival at Stokmarknes. Enjoy the beautiful ship and amazing scenery. At arrival it is a walk along the pier for 15 minutes before arriving at the hotel. Luggage transfer. Meet and greet and check in. Dinner is served in the hotel restaurant.

Day 3: Local Sight-seeing around the Hadsel island with several interesting stops and lunch

Visit to the charming gallery Uvær (Gallery Bad weather) with the friendly and colorful artist, her paintings and glass art. The gallery also serves wonderful homemade tea and delicious cakes. Take a walk to the rough, stony beach close by and visit the “bad weather cave” before driving along the coast to Melbu, the old center of Vesterålen. Here is a visit at the museum and lunch on the program, before returning to Stokmarknes and the hotel.

Day 4: Whalesafari – daytrip to Andenes, dinner at a local restaurant on your way back

This days trip goes to “the whale watching capital of Northern Norway”, Andenes. A 2 ½ hrs busride along the coastline of the island Andøy. From Andenes we go for whale safari watching for the Sperm Whales who reside outside Andenes on the edge of the continental shelf. The whale safari goes by boat out at the open sea. After the tour we enjoy dinner at a local restaurant, before returning to the hotel with some photo stops on our way.

Day 5: At your own disposal

Breakfast, lunch and dinner at the hotel. Choose between relaxing in the comfortable fishermen's cabins/rorbu or hotel room, take a walk in the nearby area. Rent a bike and explore Stokmarknes. Book a bath in the wood-fired hot tub or visit the Hurtigruten museum at Stokmarknes. It takes 40 minutes with bus to the next town Sortland. Bus stop right outside the hotel.

Day 6: Daytrip to Lofoten

On the program is a visit to the Viking museum, the fishery village of Henningsvær and the center of Lofoten, Svolvær. Make a lunchpack at the hotel and have dinner in Lofoten. Returning by Hurtigruten from Svolvær to Stokmarknes with a visit to the famous Trollfjorden on the way. With some luck the midnight sun will shine!

Day 7: Return day

After breakfast you leave for the airport with lot of good memories.

The Program is subject to change due to local weather conditions.

