

SCANDINAVIA

Overland



5th – 27th October, 2024



4

Countries



5,500

KMS



23

Days





About The Drive

Embark on an unforgettable drive through the stunning landscapes of Scandinavia with AO. From the vibrant streets of Helsinki in **Finland** to the picturesque fjords of **Norway** and the charming cities of **Denmark** and **Sweden**, this Scandinavia road trip promises the thrill of a lifetime. Meet Santa Claus himself in **Rovaniemi**, Conquer the **Atlantic Ocean road** in Norway, drive to northern tip of Europe at **Nordkapp** and more on this one-of-a-kind drive.

From cozy igloo stays, food walks, to polar plunge in arctic waters, each day promises a new adrenaline rush and a chance to forge unforgettable memories with fellow adventurers.

So rev up those engines, and join us as we navigate picturesque countryside, jaw-dropping fjords, and even underwater bridges on our Scandinavia Drive!

Why travel with AO

A brainchild of Sanjay Madan and Tushar Agarwal, Adventures Overland was established in the year 2012 and is today universally recognized as the end word in the realm of self-drive expeditions within India, as well as across the world. Our promise of a luxurious experience, which is safely executed and is unique in its implementation, has withstood the test of time and earned us a dedicated clientele who have undertaken multiple journeys with us, and keep coming back for more.

Our customized and truly bespoke itineraries speak for themselves, as we firmly believe in the idea of countryside sightseeing, and discovering off-beat paths. The aim is to not only visit popular tourist places, but explore and absorb the very essence of a destination.

Adventures Overland prides itself on having set the benchmark for excellence in the field of Around the World Drives, not once but numerous times. AO holds Tri-Nation Expertise (India, Nepal & Bhutan), and along with 15 Limca Book of Records under our belt, we also enjoy the distinction of being a Guinness Record Holder in Travel.

We have been felicitated with numerous awards and distinctions which include - India's Leading Tour Operator at World Travel Awards 2020, 2021, 2022, 2023, Best Niche Tour Operator at Satte Awards (2020), Honoured by the Government of UAE at the Dubai Travellers Festival for special contribution towards adventure travel globally, Represented India at the 2nd ASEAN-India Car Rally, Zee Business Travel Award for Best Adventure Travel Experience Partner, and the Times Power Icons Award in Adventure and Expedition Category.

Awards & Media



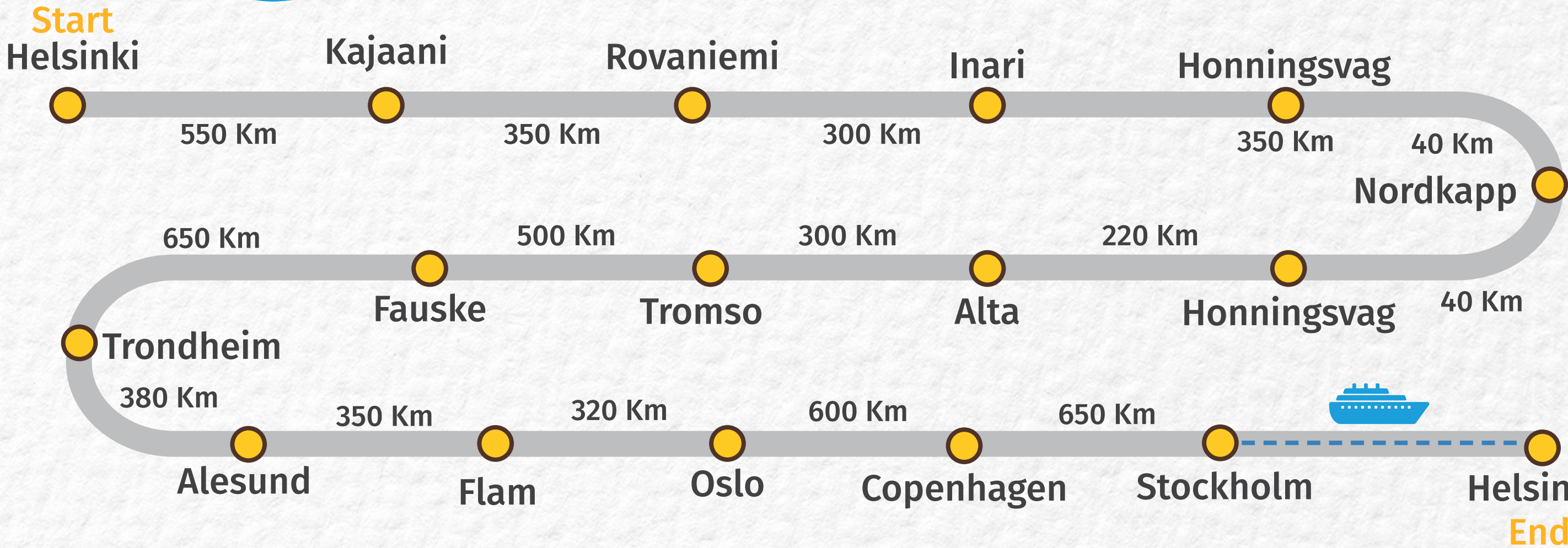
Adventure and Expedition



Our Ratings



Route Map



Major Highlights

- 1** Experience the thrill of exploring Nordic countries as you drive through the stunning landscapes of Finland, Sweden, Norway, and Denmark!
- 2** Meet Santa Claus himself at Santa Claus Village and explore the festive charm of Lapland's capital, Rovaniemi.
- 3** Experience the tranquility of the Arctic wilderness with an overnight stay in igloos under a sky filled with Northern lights.
- 4** Conquer the iconic Atlantic Ocean Road in Norway
- 5** Drive to the end of Europe aka the iconic Nordkapp, the northernmost tip of Europe.
- 6** Experience the beauty of Stockholm's 14 islands and countless bridges as we cruise through the archipelago.
- 7** Immerse yourself in the unique experience of crossing the underwater Oresund Bridge.
- 8** Indulge in thrilling adventures such as Husky Sledding, polar plunge, and more!





Day 1 - Arrive in Helsinki

We will arrive in Helsinki, the capital of Finland, nestled on the shores of the Baltic Sea. Afterward, we will swiftly check into our accommodations, allowing us to settle in before embarking on our exploration. Depending on the time of your arrival, you can dedicate your time to immerse yourselves in the city's charm, taking in its sea-facing landscape, diverse architecture, and renowned Nordic cuisine. As evening approaches, we will also collect our vehicle, the sleek Mercedes Benz GLC, ensuring we are ready to continue our journey with ease the following day. We will end the day with a delectable welcome dinner and some great conversations with your fellow travelers.

Day 2 - Helsinki to Kajaani 550 Kms

On the second day of our Scandinavia drive, we will head towards Kajaani, situated in the heart of Finland. As we leave behind the urban bustle, the road stretches out before us, winding through Finland's picturesque countryside with shimmering lakes providing the perfect backdrop. Along the way, you will also be treated to the sight of charming villages and traditional Finnish farmsteads, adding to the rustic charm of the route. The drive through Finland's countryside is just the start of a scenic road trip where the time on the road would be as memorable as the destination itself. By the time we reach Kajaani, it would be time for dinner after which we will retire for the night.



Day 3 - Kajaani to Rovaniemi

350 Kms

We continue our journey from Kajaani to Rovaniemi, the capital of Lapland, situated further north. As we traverse the scenic route, you will get to witness the changing landscape with the weather also shifting, and get to embrace true northern wilderness as we drive onward. En route to Rovaniemi, we will make visit the Ranua Wildlife Park, nestled amidst the northern wide forests. Home to endangered species and animals requiring special care, the park offers an authentic natural environment for its residents. With approximately 50 arctic and northern animal species and over 150 individuals, the park provides a unique opportunity to encounter creatures such as Venus the polar bear, Malla the brown bear, and the wolverines Khurma and Julle. After an enriching visit to the park, we will get back on the road. Upon our arrival in Rovaniemi, we will settle into our accommodations for the night.

Day 4 - Rovaniemi

Begin your day with an enchanting visit to the Santa Claus Village, a magical destination brimming with the festive spirit of Christmas. Step into Santa's office and have the unforgettable opportunity to meet the man himself, Santa Claus! Capture the moment with unique photography offered by Santa's elves, creating lasting memories of your visit. Explore the village's array of souvenir shops, cozy cafes, and inviting restaurants, immersing yourself in the cheerful atmosphere. Don't forget to stop by Santa's main post office to send a postcard to loved ones around the globe, stamped from this iconic Arctic destination. As you wander through the village, take note of the signboard marking the Arctic Circle, an incredible milestone on your journey. Conclude your day by unwinding in the comfort of wooden chalets with saunas, nestled within the magical surroundings of Santa Claus Village in Rovaniemi.



Day 5 - Rovaniemi to Inari

300 Kms

Our drive transitions into a captivating journey towards the tranquil wilderness of Inari. As we leave behind the festive charm of Santa Claus Village, the road ahead beckons with promises of awe-inspiring landscapes and Arctic wonders. The drive unfolds amidst towering forests adorned by golden autumn leaves, offering a mesmerizing spectacle at every turn. Along the way, the road may present occasional encounters with local wildlife, adding to the charm of the journey. Amidst this breathtaking scenery, you have the unique experience of staying in igloos in Inari to look forward to where you will also have the opportunity to marvel at the northern lights from our cozy accommodations.

Day 6 - Inari to Honningsvåg

350 Kms

Today marks a journey of epic proportions as we leave behind the wilderness of Inari and drive towards Norway's Honningsvåg area, the northernmost point in Europe and the gateway to the renowned North Cape. Our route takes us through awe-inspiring landscapes, characterized by breathtaking fjords, cascading waterfalls, and dense forests. As we traverse the miles, the scenery undergoes a remarkable change, transitioning from the rich autumnal hues of brown to the pristine snow-white scapes characteristic of the Arctic winter. Upon reaching Honningsvåg, we will leisurely settle into the evening, taking time to unwind and soak in the serene ambiance of this remarkable destination.



Day 7 - Drive to Nordkapp and back 80 Kms

Today we will head towards the iconic Nordkapp, the northernmost tip of Europe. As we navigate through rugged terrain and winding roads, surrounded by awe-inspiring Arctic landscapes, you will soon realise that the drive to Nordkapp is nothing short of extraordinary. With each passing mile, the landscape unfolds in a mesmerizing display of natural beauty, with snow-capped mountains, icy fjords, and barren tundra stretching as far as the eye can see. Arriving at Nordkapp, you will be greeted by the sheer cliffs plunging into the icy waters below, marking the end of the road. Standing at the edge of Europe, the Barents Sea that further merges with the Arctic Ocean will stretch out before you, and we promise, it will make your heart skip a beat. After soaking in the breathtaking views and capturing memories to last a lifetime, we turn back towards Honningsvåg, retracing our steps through the Arctic wilderness.

Day 8 - Honningsvåg to Alta 220 Kms

Our drive to Alta will be yet another mesmerizing journey through the Arctic wilderness. As the road stretches out before us, winding through rugged terrain and breathtaking landscapes. As we navigate the snow-covered roads, each turn offers a new perspective on the vastness of the Arctic landscape. Along the way, you will be treated with glimpses of wildlife and the occasional spectacle of the Northern Lights painting the sky. The thrill of the open road and the serenity of the surrounding wilderness create a sense of freedom making the experience one to cherish. Upon reaching Alta, we will have lunch and then spend the rest of the evening at leisure. You can visit the Northern Light Cathedral and the Alta Museum which is a World Heritage Center for Rock Carvings before calling it a day.



Day 9 - Alta to Tromso 300 Kms

Our journey continues towards Tromso, a city renowned for its Arctic charm and stunning coastal scenery. As we traverse the scenic route, the landscape transitions from rugged mountains to picturesque fjords, offering a feast for the eyes at every turn.

After arriving in Tromso and checking into our accommodations, we will have the opportunity to spend a leisurely evening exploring Tromso's charming streets and waterfront promenades.

For those seeking a panoramic view of the city and surrounding landscapes, a visit to Tromso's iconic viewpoint is a must. Perched atop a nearby hill, the viewpoint offers sweeping vistas of Tromso's colorful rooftops, the shimmering waters of the fjord, and the distant snow-capped mountains. It's the perfect spot to soak in the beauty of Norway's Arctic landscape and capture unforgettable memories of our journey.

Day 10 - Tromso

Begin your day in Tromso with an unforgettable adventure as we hop aboard the Hermes II ship for a tour of the Norwegian fjords. The fjords are renowned for their breathtaking beauty, with deep blue waters nestled between towering peaks. Cruising around them in classic wooden boats provides the perfect opportunity to immerse yourself in the Arctic Sea's serenity.

After the cruise, we return to Tromso Harbor, where the tour concludes. For those seeking more adventure, an optional activity awaits the polar plunge. You can take a dip into the Arctic waters for an exhilarating and unforgettable experience before ending the day with a delectable dinner.

As the day draws to a close, reflect on the day's adventures and the beauty of Tromso, with memories of the fjords cruise and city views etched in your mind.



Day 11 - Tromso to Fauske 500 Kms

The drive towards Fauske promises a captivating adventure through Norway's scenic landscapes. Afterwards, we will hit the road once more, continuing our drive towards Fauske where the changing landscape serves as a constant source of fascination, with snow-covered peaks giving way to verdant valleys and shimmering lakes.

Once we arrive in Fauske, we will simply retire for the night.

Day 12 - Fauske to Trondheim 650 Kms

Today we drive towards Trondheim through Norway's picturesque landscapes including retracing our marks on the Arctic Circle once again. We will make a quick visit to the Arctic Circle Center which is a unique UFO-shaped structure where you can buy souvenirs.

Once we hit the road again, we will pass through the charming town of Rognan, renowned for its salmon farms, where we may catch a glimpse of these majestic fish in their natural habitat.

Nestled along the shores of the Trondheim Fjord, the city of Trondheim boasts a rich cultural heritage and a wealth of attractions to explore. From its iconic Nidaros Cathedral to its picturesque waterfront the city is extremely lively.

Upon our arrival, we will check into the Hotel Britannia and then spend the evening indulging in pub hopping.



Day 13 - Trondheim to Alesund via Atlantic Ocean Road 380 Kms

After a brief exploration of Trondheim and a photo stop at Nidaros Cathedral, we set off towards Alesund, eagerly anticipating the highlight of our journey: the Atlantic Ocean Road. This renowned stretch of County Road 64 winds through the picturesque archipelago of Hustadvika and Averøy, offering unparalleled views of the ocean and surrounding landscapes.

After crossing the Atlantic Ocean Road, our journey continues southward, with ferries providing scenic crossings of the majestic fjords along the way. Finally, we arrive in Alesund, a coastal gem known for its art nouveau architecture and panoramic views. As we settle in for the night, we reflect on the thrill of driving through Norway's stunning landscapes and look forward to exploring Alesund's charm firsthand.

Day 14 - Alesund to Flam 350 Kms

Our journey continues towards Flam, promising another day of scenic driving through Norway's breathtaking landscapes. As we bid farewell to the coastal charm of Alesund, we embark on a route that winds its way through the heart of Norway's fjord region.

The drive from Alesund to Flam offers a captivating experience, with each turn revealing views of towering mountains, cascading waterfalls, and tranquil fjords. Along the way, we will pass through charming villages and verdant valleys of the Norwegian countryside.

Finally, by the time we reach Flam, it'd time for us to indulge in a scrumptious dinner and then retire for the night.



Day 15 - Flam (Leisure Day)

Start your day with a half-day boat tour, cruising through Norway's stunning fjords, framed by towering cliffs and cascading waterfalls.

For adventure seekers, optional activities include ziplining for panoramic views, kayaking along the coastline, or visiting the cheese factory for a taste of local culture.

In the evening, you can soak in the charming atmosphere of Flam, enjoying fresh seafood and strolls along the waterfront. Flam offers a perfect blend of natural beauty and cultural experiences for an unforgettable day.

Day 16 - Flam to Oslo 320 Kms

Today we get back on the road as we head toward Oslo, driving past the scenic town of Eidfjord, with dramatic landscapes and winding roads accompanying us. As we hit the road, we will be leaving the Nordic wilderness behind and once again moving towards city life. As we approach Oslo, anticipation grows for the city's green spaces and renowned museums. With attractions like the Norwegian Maritime Museum and the Viking Ship Museum, Oslo promises to be a cultural delight. By the time we arrive in Oslo, it would already be nighttime and hence we will check into our Victorian-style Grand Hotel and retire for the night.



Day 17 - Oslo

Start your day at leisure before venturing out to explore Oslo, the oldest capital of the Scandinavian countries, nestled in a picturesque fjord setting. Guided by an expert, stroll through iconic landmarks such as the Opera House, Karl Johans Gate, and Aker Brygge, immersing yourself in the city's vibrant atmosphere.

Take in the historic sights of Old Town Christiania and the imposing Akershus Castle and Fortress, tracing Oslo's rich heritage. Then, wander through the tranquil beauty of Vigeland Sculpture Park, marveling at Gustav Vigeland's renowned sculptures that capture the essence of human emotion including the famous angry boy sculpture. In the evening spend the night with your fellow travelers as you relish in delectable dinner and some amazing conversations.

Day 18 - Oslo to Copenhagen 600 Kms

Today we will head towards Copenhagen. The landscapes are definitely to die for but the highlight of our journey is the Øresund Bridge, linking Sweden and Denmark. But what makes it exciting is that it's partly underwater!

One moment, we would be driving high above the sparkling waters, with the coastline stretching out in the distance and the next, we would descend into the underwater tunnel section, for a completely different experience.

On the other side, Copenhagen awaits with open arms. As the day ends, We will check into our accommodation in Copenhagen, ready to explore all this vibrant city offers.



Day 19 - Copenhagen

After a delicious breakfast, it's time to explore Copenhagen's highlights! We will start at the Ny Carlsberg Glyptotek, where ancient treasures from Egypt, Rome, and Greece await. Then, we will visit the Grand National Museum before heading to Christiansborg Palace, home to Denmark's Parliament.

At noon, we will catch the Changing of the Guard at Amalienborg Palace, a royal spectacle not to be missed. Next up, we will visit the iconic Little Mermaid statue by the ocean, a must-see for any visitor.

Finally, we will wander through Nyhavn, a charming waterfront district lined with colorful buildings and lively cafes. It's the perfect spot to soak up the atmosphere and snap some photos. But a city tour of Copenhagen is incomplete without a food walk consisting of treating yourself to their world-famous open sandwiches, and cinnamon rolls, and a visit to their Danish bakeries.

Day 20 - Copenhagen to Stockholm 650 Kms

Leaving Copenhagen behind, we will be off to Stockholm. Along the way, we will pass through charming towns like Karlstad, Vaxnos, and Orebro, each offering scenic beauty.

As we approach Stockholm, we will be greeted by the city's unique geography, with 14 islands and countless bridges connecting them. It's a sight to behold as we make our way through the Baltic Sea archipelago.

After a long day of driving and exploration, we will settle in for the night in Stockholm.



Day 21 - Stockholm to Helsinki

Before departing from Stockholm, we will take a brief tour of the city to explore the charming streets of Gamla Stan, visit iconic landmarks like the Royal Palace, and stroll along the waterfront to capture stunning views of the city.

In the evening, we will embark on an overnight ferry journey to Helsinki making this adventure a full circle moment.

As the ferry sets sail, we will enjoy panoramic views of the Stockholm archipelago, with its countless islands and tranquil waters. With onboard amenities like restaurants, bars, and entertainment options, plenty keeps us entertained throughout the journey.

Day 22 - Helsinki

Upon our arrival in Helsinki, we will bid farewell to our trusty vehicles, dropping them off before we immerse ourselves in the vibrant atmosphere of Finland's capital city. We will wander through Helsinki's streets, visit the iconic Senate Square and the bustling Market Square.

As evening approaches, we will gather for a farewell dinner, reminiscing about the unforgettable moments we have shared throughout our Scandinavian adventure. Surrounded by good food and even better company, we will toast the memories we have made and the friendships we have forged along the way before retiring for the night.



Day 23 - Departure

As our time in Helsinki comes to an end, we gather our belongings and bid farewell to the Finnish capital. With hearts full of memories and suitcases packed with souvenirs, we make our way to the airport, ready for the next chapter of our journey.

As we fly off into the horizon, we carry with us the spirit of adventure and the promise of new beginnings.

Costing

INR 11,25,000/- Per Person

Trip Inclusions

- 21 Night Hotel stays on twin shared basis
- 1 Overnight cruise from Stockholm to Helsinki on twin shared basis
- Self Drive SUV vehicle (4 participants sharing 1 vehicle)
- Meals - 22 Breakfast, 14 Lunches and 17 Dinners
- Arrival and departure airport transfer in Helsinki
- Sightseeing, walking tours and activities to make the experience truly memorable
- Internal ferries
- Visa assistance only
- English Speaking Guide
- Vehicle Branding
- Adventures Overland merchandise
- Route Planning and Research
- Road books, Maps, and wireless radio sets for the vehicle
- Vehicle Parking fees, fuel and tolls
- Adventures Overland crew and Support team

Trip Exclusions

- Your own international or domestic passenger flights
- Lunch - Day 1, 4, 10, 15, 17, 19, 21 & 22
- Dinner- Day 4, 10, 15, 17, 19
- Personal expenses (laundry, telephone calls, etc.)
- Early check in, late check out
- Travel Insurance covering COVID 19
- International Driving Permit
- Alcoholic beverages
- Traffic fines or parking penalties
- Tips for guides and drivers
- Any cost arising out of unforeseen circumstances like ill- health, vehicle breakdown or repairs, damage accruing from land blocks, bad weather etc.
- Additional accommodation charges due to unforeseen delays in the journey
- Any Medical expenses incurred during the trip
- Any charges for carrying video camera or still camera
- Any hotel, subsistence or other costs incurred prior to the official start date of the expedition and after the official end date of the expedition
- Visa Fee
- 5% GST
- 20% TCS

* TCS will NOT be applicable if the amount is being paid through company/corporate account and TDS is deducted or the whole amount is being paid from NRE / NRO account

Gratuity: If you are happy with the service and overall experience, we recommend a USD 100 per person as gratuity. This amount will be distributed among the hotel staff, local guides and ground support team.

Accommodation



Hotel Indigo Helsinki - Boulevard, an IHG Hotel



Hotel Kajanus, Kajaani



Santa Claus Holiday Village, Rovaniemi



Wilderness Hotel Inari



Scandic Bryggen, Honningsvåg



Scandic Alta, Alta

Accommodation



Scandic Ishavshotel, Tromsø



Scandic Ishavshotel, Fauske



Britannia Hotel, Trondheim



Quality Hotel Waterfront, Ålesund



Flåmsbrygga Hotel, Flam



Grand Hotell Oslo, Oslo



Sheraton Stockholm Hotel, Stockholm



Cruise (Viking Line) Stockholm to Helsinki

Experiences



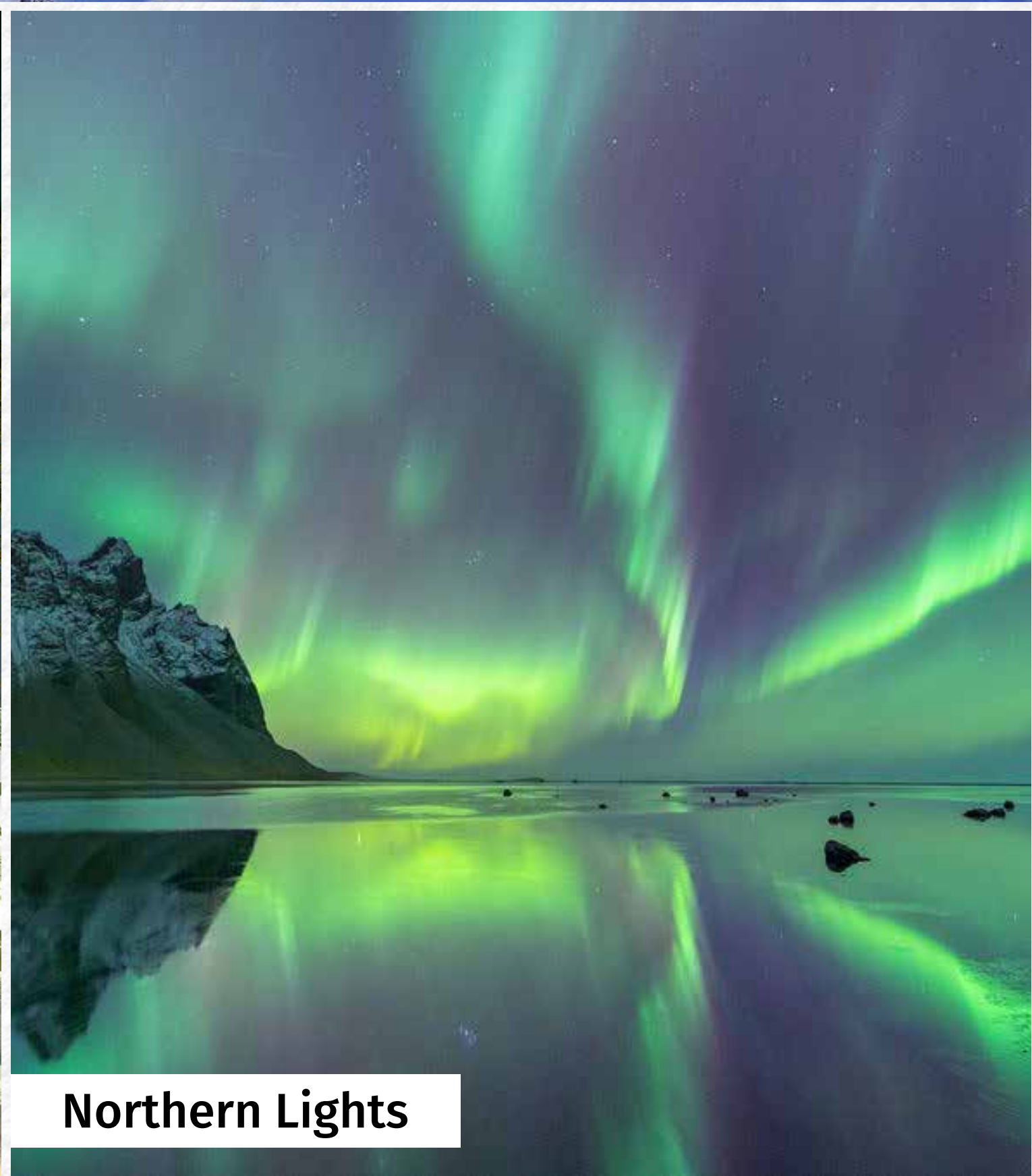
Arctic Circle



Santa's House



Igloo Stay



Northern Lights



Longest tunnel and Bridges



Nordkapp (Northernmost point in European continent)



Ferry crossing on Fjords



Danish Bakeries



Vasa Museum



Norwegian Salmon



Swedish Glogg



Ranua Wildlife Park



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