

# Tromsø and Lofoten Breaks

Why not combine the lovely city of Tromsø with the magical Lofoten Islands – linked by the most spectacular sector of the Coastal Voyage? Throughout the holiday there are excellent chances of Northern Lights, and with the excellent range of excursions and activities available in Tromsø you may well wish to add an extra night or two there, before sailing south to Lofoten.

If you would like a longer cruising experience you could opt to continue southwards on Hurtigruten to Trondheim or Bergen (with or without the stop in Lofoten). We can be as flexible as you wish, and will be glad to discuss the options and quote accordingly.

## Svinøya Rorbuer, Svolvær

Few places capture the spirit of Lofoten as conveniently or comfortably as Svinøya. On a small island, linked to the mainland with an impressive bridge, these rorbuer, or fishermen's cabins, are within 15 minutes walk of the centre of Svolvær. Svinøya dates back to 1828, when the rorbuer offered shelter to the fishermen who came from far and wide for the cod fishing season. The old wharf has been converted to a highly atmospheric bar and high-quality restaurant. Some of the cabins are beautifully restored originals, others are more recently built in traditional style. They offer one, two or three bedrooms, kitchen, comfortable lounge with TV, and a modern bathroom with shower/wc. De-luxe cabins are also available offering two or three bedrooms with en-suite facilities.

## LOFOTEN ACTIVITIES

Our holiday is based in Svolvær – the 'capital' of Lofoten. In the town you will find a couple of art galleries and the 'Magic Ice' attraction, where you can enjoy a drink in an ice-glass and marvel at the amazing ice sculptures.

Northern Lights Snowshoe Hikes are available from Svolvær most night at 17.00 or 21.00. Price £110pp.



Winter at Svinøya in different lights

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### 4 NIGHTS

#### DEPARTURE DATES:

Daily 15 October – 30 March.

#### ITINERARY

DAY 1. Depart Heathrow at 10.20 for Oslo and onward flight to Tromsø, arriving 18.10.

#### 1 night Bed and Breakfast – Tromsø Rica Ishavshotel (see page 3).

DAY 2. At leisure to enjoy Tromsø's museums, shops or winter activities. (See page 3 for details). In the late evening you board the south-bound Coastal Voyage to Svolvær with a comfortable outside cabin included.

#### 1 night Bed and Breakfast – Hurtigruten (Coastal Voyage).

DAY 3. Enjoy the spectacular scenery as the ship sails past the Vesterålen Islands, through the narrow Raftsundet strait to Lofoten, arriving Svolvær 18.30. Transfer to Svinøya Rorbuer.

#### 2 nights Half-board – Svinøya Rorbuer, Svolvær.

DAY 4. At leisure in Svolvær, with optional activities as required.

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DAY 5. Transfer to Svolvær Airport for 11.30 flight to Bodø and onward connection via Oslo, arriving Heathrow 16.25.

#### PRICES in £s per person departing from: HEATHROW

Tour Ref	Twin	Single
TKL5	1195	1375
Extra Night Tromsø (B&B)	85	130
Extra Night Svolvær (Half-board)	120	175

Child Prices, and Reduction for sharing a larger rorbuer available on request.

#### Price includes:

Bed and Breakfast accommodation in Tromsø. Half-board at Svinøya Rorbuer. Twin-bedded/single outside cabin with private facilities on ship (inc breakfast). Scheduled SAS flights as indicated. Departure Taxes. Transfers to/from Svinøya.

#### FLIGHT SUPPLEMENTS

MANCHESTER £50 BIRMINGHAM £100

For the coming season there are unfortunately no regular Lofoten sightseeing tours for individuals, although these can be arranged for groups of 6 or more persons. If you would like to explore further afield car hire is easily arranged, and driving in Lofoten in winter is easier than you might think. Alternatively you could take the local bus to the picturesque fishing village of

Henningsvær. From 1 November to 20 December Henningsvær offers a unique Christmas shopping experience, with quaint shops, cosy cafés and craftsmen who will let you try your hand at glass-blowing or making your own Christmas candles. In February and March Lofoten really comes to life with the start of the cod-fishing season.

On Saturdays there is a Nature Safari by boat into the magical Trollfjord to find the impressive white-tailed sea-eagles. This trip is subject to a minimum of 6 participants but there is a guaranteed departure on New Year's Eve. Price £125 Adult/£65 Child.

#### NEW YEAR VIKING ADVENTURE BREAK

Departing 27 December our New Year Break follows the above itinerary, but with an extra night in Svolvær, returning 01 January. On New Year's Eve there is a splendid Viking Banquet included in the re-constructed Viking longhouse at Borg. The amazing Firework Display at midnight back in Svolvær will round off a truly memorable New Year's Eve. Prices from £1495pp. Details on request.



Fishing boats leaving Svolvær, sea eagle and Northern Lights over Svinøya