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Tour highlights

This fabulous itinerary takes you on an unforgettable journey through Scandinavia and the North Cape, taking in breathtaking landscapes, unspoilt countryside and vibrant cities. Highlights include:

Experiencing the lands of the Midnight Sun.

Meeting local Sami inhabitants in Finland. Stockholm City Tour including a visit to the Vasa Maritime Museum.

A visit to the North Cape to see the magical midsummer light.

Staying on the Lofoten Islands off Norway's West Coast.

Driving the E6 road through Norway, one of National Geographic's Top 10 Drivers' Drives. Tour group lunches, dinners and excursions as described.

Tour itinerary

T 28 May

Meet up with your fellow tour members and tour escorts on site in Klein-Rönnau, North Germany (30 miles south of Kiel) Overnight at Klein-Rönnau campsite.

T 29 May

Drive to Puttgarden (60 miles) via Fehmarn island for the 45 minute ferry crossing to Rødby in Denmark. Travel onto the campsite in Strøby (76 miles), 36 miles from Copenhagen, Overnight at Strøby campsite.

1 30 May

Drive to Helsingør (57 miles) for the 20 minute ferry crossing to Helsingborg in Sweden, travel to the campsite in Gränna at the Vättern Lake (168 miles). Overnight at Gränna campsite.

T 31 May

Day at leisure in Gränna. Why not visit a local

bakery and try some of the peppermint rock 'polkagris' produced in Gränna since 1859. Or take the ferry across the water to Visingsö and walk or cycle around this tranquil island to discover its history.

Overnight at Gränna campsite.

T 1 June

Travel to Skärholmen near Stockholm (174 miles)

Overnight at Skärholmen campsite.

T 2 June

Day excursion to Sweden's capital Stockholm. There will be a coach tour of this vibrant city and highlights will include the Vasa Museum, home to the only preserved 17th century ship in the world and a visit to the town hall. Lunch is included.

Overnight at Skärholmen campsite.

T 3 June

Day at leisure in Skärholmen/Stockholm. Public transport runs close to the campsite if you wish to re-visit Stockholm, or you can relax and enjoy a quieter day on site next to the tranquil setting of Lake Mälaren.

Overnight at Skärholmen campsite.

T 4 June

Travel to Sandarne continuing north through Sweden (168 miles).

Overnight at Sandarne campsite.

T 5 June

Travel to Sollefteå (168 miles) Overnight at Sollefteå campsite.

6 June

Day at leisure in Sollefteå. The centre of Sollefteå is only 400m from the campsite where you can enjoy the cafés, shops and restaurants. Or visit Ragunda and see the Thai pavillion, built to commemorate King Chulalongkorn of Siam's visit in 1897

Overnight at Sollefteå campsite.

T 7 June

Travel to Arvidsjaur, in the centre of the Swedish Sami region (230 miles). Overnight at Arvidsjaur campsite.

1 8 June

Continue north via the Storforsen rapids, northern Europe's highest untamed rapids, to Luleå (93 miles).

Overnight at Luleå campsite.

T 9 June

Day at leisure in Luleå. Why not visit Gammelstad church town, a UNESCO site where you will find 400 pretty red church cottages surrounding the medieval stone church. It is the most extensive and best preserved example of a church town in Sweden

Overnight at Luleå campsite.

T 10 June

Today you will travel to Rovaniemi in Finland and cross the Arctic Circle (155 miles). In the late afternoon you will go by coach to the home of Santa Claus in Rovaniemi, the capital of Lapland. Here you will join in a special ceremony to acknowledge crossing the Arctic Circle. In the evening there will be a group meal.

Overnight at Rovaniemi campsite.

T 11 June

Day at leisure in Rovaniemi. Why not visit Arktikum, a fascinating museum and science centre where you can find out all about life in the Arctic north

Overnight at Rovaniemi campsite.

12 June

Continue your drive through Finland to Inari (199 miles). Overnight at Inari campsite.

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T 13 June

Today there will be a visit to a reindeer farm (own vehicles used) where you will have the opportunity to learn about the life of the Sami people, the indigenous population of this area. More will be learnt about Sami traditions during the visit to the museum in Inari.

Overnight at Inari campsite.

🚹 14 June

Day at leisure in Inari. Why not visit the local galleries and boutiques to pick up some authentic Sami textiles or woodwork? Or hike to the Pielpajärvi Wilderness Church, first built in 1646.

Overnight at Inari campsite.

15 June

Travel to Russenes in Norway (155 miles). **Overnight** at Russenes campsite.

16 June

Travel to the northernmost campsite of the tour in Honningsvåg (62 miles). In the evening you will go to the North Cape (own vehicles used). **Overnight** at Honningsvåg campsite.

T 17 June

Day at leisure in Honningsvåg, you may wish to re-visit the North Cape or perhaps take a whale watching cruise. The fjords and waterfalls in the area provide great photo opportunities and the local silversmiths and potteries offer a spot of shopping for holiday keepsakes. **Overnight** at Honningsvåg campsite.

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T 18 June

Begin the fabulous journey along Norway's

stunning west coast to Øvre-Alta (124 miles). In the evening there will be a group meal in Alta. **Overnight** at Øvre-Alta campsite.

T 19 June

Day at leisure in Øvre-Alta. Why not visit the World Heritage Rock Art Centre in Alta to find out about the rock drawings from this area which date back some 7000 years. Next to the museum is one of the five open air rock sites in Alta where you can appreciate these drawings in their authentic location. **Overnight** at Øvre-Alta campsite.

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T 20 June

Travel to Skibotn, which is on the south eastern shore of the Lyngen fjord (170 miles). **Overnight** at Skibotn campsite.

T 21 June

Day excursion by coach to Tromsø. You will visit the fascinating Polar Museum to find out about the history of polar expeditions and there will also be a visit to the stunningly visual Tromsdalen Church otherwise known as The Arctic Cathedral. Lunch is included. **Overnight** at Skibotn campsite.

T 22 June

Day at leisure in Skibotn **Overnight** at Skibotn campsite.

📋 23 June

Travel by road to Kabelvåg on the Lofoten Islands. Steep mountains, crystal seas, fishing and long summer nights – the Lofoten Islands are a highlight of this trip. **Overnight** at Kabelvåg campsite.

1 24 June

Day at leisure in Kabelvåg on the Lofoten Islands. Visit the local aquarium, home to some of the marine life of the Nordic seas, where you'll find not only fish but otters and seals too. **Overnight** at Kabelvåg campsite.

T 25 June

Day excursion by coach to explore some of the highlights of the Lofoten islands. You will travel back in time at the Viking museum, visit the fishing village of Nusfjord and finish the day at Henningsvær with its picture postcard harbour where you will have an evening meal. **Overnight** at Kabelvåg campsite.

🚹 26 - 27 June

Days at leisure in the Lofoten Islands. There is so much to do in this magnificent part of Norway. You can take a boat trip where there may be the chance to spot whales and sea eagles. Hiking and kayaking are also recommended, or just taking the time to explore the many villages dotted amongst the stunning scenery.

Overnight at Kabelvåg campsite.

T 28 June

Travel to Fauske via the Lødingen-Bognes ferry crossing (1 hour crossing). Ferry crossing is payable at the port, approximately €105. **Overnight** at Fauske campsite.

1 29 June

Day at leisure in Fauske. The campsite is just under two miles from the town of Fauske, which is known for its fine marble. From the site there are trails for hiking, rivers for fishing and scenery to enjoy.

Overnight at Fauske campsite.

T 30 June

Travel to Mosjøen. Today you will cross out of the Arctic Circle.

Overnight at Mosjøen campsite.

T 1 July

Travel to Namsos (155 miles). This area is renowned for its waterfalls, salmon and hangliders. **Overnight** at Namsos campsite.

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T 2 July

Travel to Malvik (108 miles). Continue to enjoy the fjords, forests, glaciers and mountains. **Overnight** at Malvik campsite.

T 3 July

Full day excursion by coach to Trondheim for a city tour including a visit to the Royal Residence, the largest wooden palace in Scandinavia, boasting 140 rooms. You will also visit the Nidaros cathedral which dates back to 1070. Lunch is included.

Overnight at Malvik campsite.

T 4 July

Travel to Åndalsnes (205 miles). **Overnight** at Åndalsnes campsite.

T 5- 7 July

Days at leisure in Åndalsnes. You can drive along the famous National Tourist Route known as the "Golden Route" to the Geiranger Fjord and marvel at the beautiful landscape and the engineering behind these mountain roads. Or perhaps take a drive to visit the beautiful town and archipelago of Ålesund. **Overnight** at Åndalsnes campsite.



1 8 July

Travel to Lillehammer (155 miles), home of the 1994 Winter Olympics.

Overnight at Lillehammer campsite.

T 9 July

Stay in Lillehammer, Why not drive along the Peer Gynt Road and take in some of the most beautiful mountain scenery in Norway? Or if you prefer to stay nearer the site you can relax and enjoy the scenery of the nearby Lake Mjøsa and River Lågen.

Overnight at Lillehammer campsite.

T 10 July

Travel to Gvarv i Telemark, the last stop in Norway (155 miles). This area is famous for its apples and cherries.

Overnight at Gvarv campsite.

T 11 July

Travel to Larvik (99 miles) where you will board the ferry to Hirtshals in Denmark (3 hours 45 minute crossing). It is then just a short drive to the campsite in Aalborg. **Overnight** at Aalborg campsite.

12 July

A day at leisure in Aalborg. A path from the

What's included

- Return ferry crossings Puttgarden-Rødby, Helsingør-Helsingborg (Scandlines) and Larvik-Hirtshals (Color Line) for car up to 5m long and 2m high and caravan up to 7m long and 2.6m high or motorhome up to 7m long and 4.2m high. Supplements payable for larger vehicles.
- Services of Dutch Tour Escorts.
- Sightseeeing programme: Five coach excursions and two visits using own vehicles.

campsite takes you to Limfjorden where you can enjoy a lovely view. From here if you wish you can take a small ferry on a short crossing to the tiny island of Egholm with approximately 55 inhabitants. From across the water you can hear the sounds of Aalborg from the little oasis of Egholm. In the evening you will enjoy a

group farewell dinner. **Overnight** at Aalborg campsite.

T 13 July

End of tour arrangements.



 Meals/drinks as mentioned in the itinerary and tips for organised excursions.

- Pitch fees with hook-up where available.
 Travel pack with maps, campsite directions,
- badges and itinerary.
- European Drivers' Handbook.
- Camping Card International.

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Please note

- This is an international tour operated by the Camping & Caravanning Club and our partners ACSI, the Dutch camping and caravanning organisation. This tour gives members the opportunity to tour with likeminded campers and caravanners from both the UK and the Netherlands.
- Tour distances are approximate.
- Approximate tour mileage: 3460 miles
- · Pets are not allowed on this tour
- For further information on the countries visited on this tour you might like to visit the following websites:

www.visitsweden.com www.visitnorway.com www.visitfinland.com



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What's not included

- Return ferry crossing from the UK. Due to the variety of crossings available we've chosen not to include a return UK ferry crossing in this tour – but to find the best option and price for you please speak to your Carefree European Travel Specialist.
- **Personal expenditure** including food (other than meals specifically included in the itinerary), drinks with meals that are included in the itinerary, fuel, tolls, tips for personal visits.



- Personal Insurance (which is compulsory) and Vehicle Breakdown Insurance must be taken out prior to leaving the UK. Speak to your Carefree Travel Specialist or visit www.thecampingandcaravanningclub.co.uk/ travelabroad/travel-insurance for details.
- Single ferry crossing Lødingen Bognes (approximately €105).
- Ferry surcharge for vehicles exceeding the stated dimensions.
- Many campsites have coin operated showers which will be payable on site.

Tour prices	
Unit + 2 people	from £4150
Unit + 1 person	from £2850
Unit + 3 people	from £5850
Unit + 4 people	from £7505

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