



EXETER
INTERNATIONAL

IN SEARCH OF THE
NORTHERN LIGHTS IN
NORWAY



SCANDINAVIA



ITINERARY AT A GLANCE:

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WHY EXETER INTERNATIONAL?

At Exeter International we have been creating memories and crafting our trademark extraordinary journeys to Central Europe, Russia, Scandinavia, and Central Asia for 23 years. Our specialty is to distill the best of the best in iconic places that are on so many people's travel must-do list.

We are not a call center of nameless, faceless people. We do not try to be everything to everyone. We are a small team of specialists. We are all committed to providing the best travel experiences to our destinations. Each member of our team has travelled extensively throughout our destinations, giving them insider knowledge lacking in many other tour operators.

Our Extraordinary Experiences are different, unusual, and often closed to the general public. We can offer special insider access that takes you beyond the typical tourist sites. We know how important it is to remain authentic and increasingly going beyond the well-known sites is what is important to our guests—discovering the little known museum or street market that adds to their experience. We do this through our local knowledge, cultivating our extensive contacts and regularly visiting each destination to enable us to share the most up-to-date insider information with you, our valued partner.

The most important part of your trip will be your guides. Guides come in many quality levels, especially in the region. We have worked with a core group of the best of the best for over 20 years. We know them like family and if they weren't the best, they wouldn't work for us. Simply stated, a guide can make or break your experience. You should have 100% confidence in who is introducing you to your guide and the level of guiding that you are going to get throughout the countries you will be visiting. The best does indeed cost more and we pay our guides at the very top of the market, with pride.

You'll also want to know what kind of vehicle your tour will include. We use luxury late-model vehicles, often Mercedes, Audi, BMW, or Volkswagen, depending on the size of the vehicle you need. You'll want to see things that may or may not be open to the public and go in early or after hours before the crowds whenever possible. We also make every effort to skip lines whenever possible. Avoiding long museum lines is one of our top priorities and we work hard to minimize the wait time to get into the most popular sights in each city, maximizing your time in each destination.

You'll want impeccable planning and someone to bounce ideas off of before your trip and speak English as well as you do while planning your trip so there are no cultural misunderstandings when you arrive. You'll also want someone to talk to if your trip is not perfect when you get home. These are all ways that we distinguish ourselves from all other companies.

A lot goes into our travel program design. We arrange the program so that it is flawless and effortless for our travelers from the time they set foot in the first city until they leave us. The expertise to set up an itinerary like this comes after years of investing in staff on both sides of the Atlantic, and this too is a value that is incorporated into our traveler's trips with us.

DAY 1



OSLO

Upon arrival into Oslo, you will be greeted just outside of baggage claim and transferred to your hotel.

EXETER SERVICES

Transfer

HOTEL

Hotel Continental

DAY 2



OSLO

This morning, your guide will meet you in your hotel lobby to visit City Hall and view the ceremonial hall with its beautiful murals, including the largest oil painting in Europe. This is the location of the Nobel Peace Prize award ceremony every December.

Take a stroll down Karl Johans Gate, the main thoroughfare of Oslo. This street contains many shops and places to eat. Stortinget (the Norwegian Parliament), the University and numerous parks line the street. The street ends at the Royal Palace, which prominently sits on a hill.

Next, you will visit Vigeland Park. The park, named after sculptor, Gustav Vigeland, contains 212 human sculptures, depicting all the stages of life. The main focal point of the park is the 56 foot tall monolith, comprised of over 100 human figures all molded into one another.

Journey to charming peninsula of Bygdoy to visit the Viking Ship Museum where three of the largest ships, the Oseberg, Gokstad, and Tune are housed. Found in royal burial mounds of Oslo, these well preserved ships were used to carry the dead over to “the other world.”

EXETER SERVICES

Vehicle, Driver & Guide (4 hours)

HOTEL

Hotel Continental



DAY 3

OSLO-KIRKENES

This morning, your driver will meet you in your hotel lobby for our transfer to the airport for your flight to Kirkenes. Cost of flight not included.

Upon arrival, you will be greeted by your driver for your transfer to the Snow Hotel. Please note this is a group transfer and there may be other participants on the transfer.

Tonight, check into your cold room. A sleeping bag and thermal clothing will be provided.

EXETER SERVICES

Transfers

HOTEL

Snow Hotel

DAY 4-5



KIRKENES

Days at leisure to enjoy activities. *Cost not included.*

Activities to enjoy include the following:

- Dog sledding
- Snowmobiling
- King Crab Fishing
- Reindeer Farm Visit

These next two evenings you will be accommodated in a “warm room.”

EXETER SERVICES

None

HOTEL

Snow Hotel

DAY 6



KIRKENES-ONWARD

Meet your driver for your transfer to the airport. Please note this is a group transfer and other participants may be on the transfer.

Cost of flight not included. If flying back to the United States, most flight schedules will require an overnight in Oslo.

EXETER SERVICES

Transfer



WHAT IS INCLUDED

Price: From \$3,500 per person, double occupancy, based on two guests traveling together.

Accommodations

Oslo

One Deluxe Room for Two (2) nights at the Hotel Continental; Tax and Buffet Breakfast included daily.

Hotel Continental is situated in Oslo, the capital of Norway. This historical hotel enjoys a central position between Aker Brygge, the Royal Palace, Nationaltheatret and Norway's parliament, the Storting. The history of Hotel Continental sounds like an old-fashioned fairytale—a tale about poor people who, through hard work and sheer talent, created a lasting monument. Today, with the hotel owned and run by the fourth generation, Hotel Continental is Norway's only five-star hotel and a paradigm of quality in the hospitality industry.

Hotel Continental is one of the Norwegian Academy of Science and Letters' collaborative partners and is the official hotel of the annual Abel Prize for outstanding scientific work in the field of mathematics. The stylish Abel Suite is named after the famous Norwegian mathematician Niels Henrik Abel. Each year, the Abel Prize laureate stays in the Royal Suite in connection with the award ceremony, where HM King Harald V presents the Abel Prize.

All 153 rooms have been recently renovated (2016–2018) and offer an in-room safe, minibar, free internet connection, feature Molton Brown toiletries, and are non-smoking. The rooms offer air conditioning which can control the temperature between 18 and 24 degrees Celsius. You will be greeted in the brand-new reception and lobby area. The new Bar Boman is the perfect place to relax and the new fitness studio means you can stay fit while traveling.

Deluxe room: These rooms are ideal for guests who like some extra space and offer a generous 350 square feet and have a king-size bed. All the Deluxe Rooms have a comfortable seating area and a desk. Each room is unique: some have a classical style, while others have a modern feel. Rooms have either a bathtub or shower.

Kirkenes

One Snow Room for One (1) night at the Snow Hotel; Tax and Buffet Breakfast included daily.

One Gamme Cabin for Two (2) nights at the Snow Hotel; Tax and Buffet Breakfast included daily.

Located eight kilometers outside of Kirkenes, Snowhotel is a secluded hideaway perfect for guests traveling in both winter and summertime. Every room is decorated by artists from all over the world.

There are several restaurants at Snowhotel but the main restaurant house is "Fjøset" or the barn. Here guests can experience local tastes and the meals of Lapland.

There are many outdoor activities to do here. Such activities include husky safaris and King Crab safaris.

Snowhotel rooms: These 20 rooms come in all different shapes and sizes. They can house 2 to 5 guests and the hotel will provide amenities to help keep you warm.

Gamme Cabins: These cabins are designed after the Sami's traditional hunting and fishing huts. They feature underfloor heating and private bathroom.

Meals

No meals included, other than breakfast as described above. Your final documents will include our top recommendations. *Your guides will recommend restaurants that fit your exact needs daily.*

Services

Private vehicle, driver and guide at your service as described. The timing for each day is noted in your program.

Exeter International's local offices are available for your assistance 24 hours per day while you are traveling. Our local staff may also assist you with restaurant reservations and purchasing of additional theater and museum tickets at your request.

Transportation

Transportation is included as noted. Unless otherwise noted, all transfer service is with a driver only, not a guide. In general, drivers have limited English-speaking skills. Timing for each day is noted in your program.

Guides

Hand chosen for their knowledge on local history, art & architecture. Guides are at your disposal as noted in your itinerary.

Tickets

All entrance tickets as described in the program.

Exeter International Travel Information

BAGGAGE

The vehicles reserved for your itinerary can accommodate up to two medium-sized suitcases per person. If you intend to travel with additional luggage, please advise your travel consultant so appropriate arrangements may be made. In general, we schedule a sedan for parties of two, a minivan for parties of three to four and a minibus for parties of five or more.

SIGHTSEEING

Sightseeing arrangements have been made with your special interests in mind. Your drivers and guides are at your disposal as indicated in the itinerary. Within those time and mileage guidelines, you are free to modify your program as you please. Should you require additional time or mileage, the costs will be quoted on request and may be paid for locally in the local currency or U.S. Dollars.

Every effort has been made to confirm that scheduled sightseeing venues will be open at the time you plan to visit them. However, individual estates, museums, gardens and other points of interest can change their hours

of operation at short notice. In the event that a particular attraction is closed on the day or time of your visit, your guide will offer alternative arrangements or rearrange your sightseeing to accommodate these unexpected events.

OPTIONAL EXPENSES

Charges for extra meals, transport, sightseeing services or other optional additions to your established itinerary are your responsibility and must be paid locally in the local currency.

GRATUITIES

Gratuities are not included in your tour price. Gratuities are at your own discretion. We recommend \$15-\$20 per person, per day for your guide and \$5 - \$10 per person, per day for your driver. For your airport or station transfer, a gratuity of \$5 - \$10 is customary, based on service. Dollars, Euros and any local currency are all accepted.

DINING WITH YOUR GUIDE

On days when dinner and lunch costs have not been included in your itinerary (or in your tour cost), you may, at your discretion, choose to invite your guide to dine with your party. You are under no obligation to do so but, if you do extend such an invitation, the guide is your guest and you will be responsible for the cost of his/her meal.

Booking Conditions

PAYMENTS

Exeter International must receive a deposit of 25% of the total program cost before reservations for your independent travel program can be initiated. The balance of payment is due 60 days prior to departure. *No reservations are made on your behalf until this deposit has been received.* Availability and pricing is subject to change until this deposit is received. **All deposits are nonrefundable.**

CANCELLATION

Written cancellations received less than 60 days prior to departure are subject to the following forfeit of tour cost

- 59-14 days prior to departure, 50% of total tour cost
- 14 or less days prior to departure, 100% of tour cost

REFUNDS

We regret that refunds cannot be issued for arrangements confirmed on your itinerary but unused once your tour has begun.

INSURANCE

Exeter International strongly recommends the purchase of travel insurance to protect your investment. You will find insurance costs noted on your invoice and insurance coverage information in your original booking packet.

PRICES AND ARRANGEMENTS

Once an itinerary is finalized and final payment has been made, a \$100 revision fee will be charged if the itinerary is changed.

The tour price includes planning, handling and operational charges. Rates are quoted in US Dollars on the current rate of exchange and tariff as of 2019. Exeter International reserves the right to increase tour prices to cover increased costs, tariffs and taxes, and to reflect fluctuations in foreign exchange markets. Devaluation of a foreign currency will be weighed against any tariff increases imposed. Exeter International does not breakdown costs involved in any Small Group or Individual Travel Program.

*All arrangements are subject to availability and modification if necessary.
Prices are subject to change if necessary until paid in full.*

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