BLUE PARALLEL

LOFOTEN ISLANDS LUXURY TOURS, NORWAY

A winter fairytale under the Northern Lights

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JOURNEY OVERVIEW

Welcome to Norway's northern coast. From the stunning architecture and cultural attractions of the capital city, Oslo, to the breathtaking, untouched scenery of the Lofoten Islands, this region of Norway offers unforgettable sights and experiences. Get a taste of Oslo's deeply-rooted Viking history and museums, and explore the beautiful beaches and fishing villages of the Lofoten Islands, a true playground for outdoor enthusiasts. After Oslo, fly to Leknes, where you can stay at a beautiful lodge and, later that evening, participate in a private northern lights tour with an expert guide. No trip to the islands is complete without taking a private rib boat to visit all the quaint and charming fishing villages that dot the coast. Highlights include "the most beautiful place in the world" Reine, famous for its red and white fisherman huts. End your day with a scenic walk from Haukland to Uttakleiv, known for its scenic beauty and impressive natural landscapes. Continue the fun the next day with an Arctic Cod fishing experience, which ends with a goat cheese tasting at a local farm and a visit to the Viking Museum. On your final day in Norway, visit the charming village of Eggum, where you can kayak, snowshoe, hike, or ski with an expert guide. During your time in the Lofoten Islands, end your days like a local with a relaxing sauna experience. Finally, head to Leknes airport for your flight back home via Oslo.

A Taste of Blue Parallel's Insider Access

- Private Northern Lights tour with an expert
- Private rib boat tour to quaint Norwegian fishing villages
- Organic goat and cheese farm visit
- Arctic Cod fishing on a private boat

The Discovery

- Oslo
- Lofoten Islands
- Northern Lights

The Adventure

- Hiking
- Arctic Cod Fishing
- Kavaking Snowshoeing

Duration

When to go?

7 Days

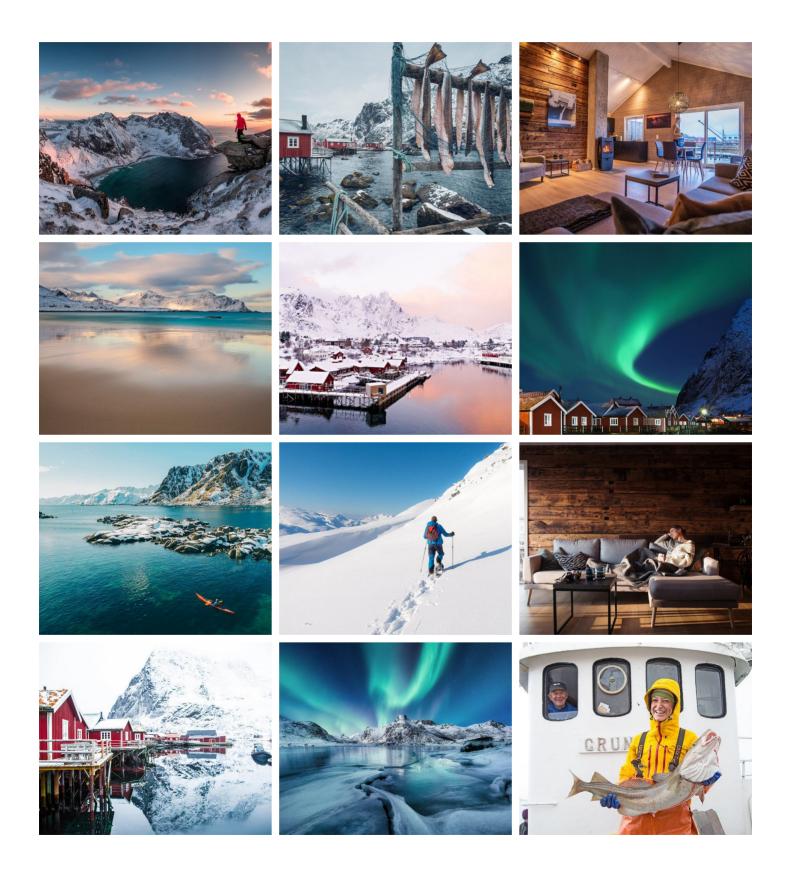
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PRIVATE TOUR LOFOTEN ISLANDS IN WINTER

Please note: This private Lofoten Islands tour is an example, as all of our luxury journeys are custom-made Please contact us to start planning your custom-made private adventure of a lifetime.

Oslo (2 nights)

Norway's capital and the third-largest city in Scandinavia is a modern, clean and sophisticated metropolis. With its strategic coastal location, the city has grown rich from the shipping and oil industries, bringing beautiful architecture, shops, restaurants, and cultural attractions. Nature is a vital part of the city's appeal - you're never more than a short car ride away from the forest.

On your first day, you will discover Oslo with the help of your personal guide, who will reveal the very best that the city has to offer. Stop at the City Hall to see where the Nobel Peace Prize ceremony takes place each year, absorb the local culture as you stroll down Karl Johans Gate, marvel at the medieval Akershus Fortress that is now a royal residence, and soak in the architectural elegance of the Norwegian National Opera & Ballet House.

On your second day, you will have the opportunity to learn about the rich Viking culture that is deeply embedded in Norwegian history. Visit the Kon-Tiki Museum and Fram Museum, where you will discover why Norwegians have adventure and exploration embedded in their DNA. Enjoy the rest of the day exploring Oslo's art scene, taking in the expressionist collection at the Munch Museum and the bizarre but thought-provoking sculptures at the Vigeland Sculpture Park. Alternatively, visit the observation deck located on top of the Holmenkollbakken ski jump for panoramic views of Oslo. You will then have the option to explore the ski museum to learn more than 4,000 years of skiing history. In the evenings, savor the exceptional flavors of some of the country's best cuisine at Oslo's finest restaurants.

Lofoten Islands (4 nights)

After checking out from your luxury hotel, take a private transfer to the Oslo airport (approx. 35-minute transfer) for your morning flight to Leknes, located in the Lofoten Islands. Upon your arrival, spend the afternoon relaxing at the lodge and, in the evening, enjoy a private northern lights tour. You will head into the wilderness that surrounds the lodge to witness the natural phenomenon yourself.

The next day, embark on a private rib boat from right outside your accommodation for your boating adventure along the Lofoten coast. As you head west, stop first in the authentic fishing village of Nusfjord, famous for its buildings that were once a part of Norway's fish buying stations. Continue to the charming village of Reine, where you will disembark and enjoy a short walking tour of what is often referred to as "the most beautiful place in the world." Admire the red and white fisherman huts that dot the shoreline and the surrounding peaks of granite that rise into the sky. Finally, end in the village of Å, built nearly entirely on rocks. Afterward, time permitting, you will be taken by private transfer to Haukland Beach for a scenic walk to Uttakleiv Beach. This easy loop from Haukland to Uttakleiv offers beautiful views of Haukland's beaches and the fields of Uttakleiv.



The next day, you will head to the port for your Arctic Cod fishing excursion. Every winter, millions of Norwegian Arctic cod swim down from the Barents Sea to the Lofoten Islands to spawn. You will experience this incredible phenomenon firsthand onboard an authentic fishing vessel with local fishermen. Afterward, continue to an organic goat and cheese farm for a private tour of the property, followed by a delicious farm-to-table lunch. Next, continue to the Viking museum with your expert guide and witness the largest Viking-era house ever found in the history of humanity. Finally, enjoy the rest of the afternoon at leisure at your lodge before a dinner of fresh seafood.

On your final day, head to the seaside fishing village of Eggum, where you will spend the morning kayaking and hiking. Alternatively, you can choose to go snowshoeing as well. Afterward, enjoy a picnic lunch in a beautiful outdoor setting before returning to your lodge to enjoy a relaxing hot sauna. Adventurous travelers may choose to go on a full-day snowshoeing experience on Mount Ryten in Flakstad or embark on a hiking excursion to the Mannen mountain trailhead.

Lofoten Islands/Oslo

Following breakfast, you will be transferred in private to the Leknes airport in time for your domestic flight to Oslo, followed by your international return flight. Check-in and luggage assistance will be provided.



ABOUT BLUE PARALLEL

Blue Parallel is a bespoke luxury travel boutique.



Our mission is to take discerning, time-constrained travelers to the most spectacular natural and cultural wonders of Latin America, the Mediterranean, and the Polar Regions.







Since launching in 2003, we have become the go-to service for luxury travelers searching for top-of-the-line experiential journeys. We have been selected as an A-list Top Travel Advisor by Travel + Leisure every year since 2009, and are proudly part of the leading luxury travel network Virtuoso and their Ultraluxe Community (a by-invitation-only membership for the industry's most exclusive services and providers). We have hosted numerous eminent travelers since our inception and are frequently featured in prestigious international publications.









Blue Parallel journeys feature breathtaking outdoor adventures led by expert guides or accomplished athletes. Scuba diving in the Belize Reef, biking through Berber villages in the Atlas Mountains, ice-trekking on the Perito Moreno Glacier, dog sledding in Lapland, rafting on the Pacuare River in Costa Rica, and hiking the fjords of Norway are only a few examples of the extraordinary outdoor adventures we incorporate in our tailor-made itineraries. We take great satisfaction in designing custom-made adventures of a lifetime.

At Blue Parallel, we open doors to unique opportunities that match our travelers' interests. Our team travels year-round, seeking out the most intriguing insider experiences. Over the years, we have developed invaluable relationships with esteemed scholars, acclaimed artists, Olympic athletes, renowned chefs, directors of historical and natural landmarks, as well as with local leaders in politics and business, to name just a few examples.

Privacy has always been a top priority in all aspects of a Blue Parallel journey. Exclusive accommodations range from remote, fully-serviced villas in Iceland, a lighthouse on a private island in Norway, or a luxury private camp in the Sahara Desert. Examples of private custom experiences include an after-hours tour of the Alhambra in Andalucia, chartering a luxury yacht in the Galapagos Islands, or taking a private train ride to Machu Picchu. We can provide all these ultimate exclusive experiences and more so that our travelers can have the option to enjoy some of the world's most spectacular sights without the crowds.

Blue Parallel travelers are assigned a dedicated team comprised of:

- A personal travel expert
- A personal host in each destination
- Expert on-site guides and scholars

– Behind-the-scenes logistical experts to monitor every step of the journey We are on call for our travelers 24-hours a day during their trip, ensuring a smooth and stress-free experience. Whatever happens, our team is one step ahead, and we provide the flexibility to change the program during the journey, if need be.

CERTAINTY IN AN UNCERTAIN WORLD

Blue Parallel's expertise and our obsession with details offer certainty in an uncertain world. We have almost 2 decades of experience handling unforeseen circumstances, and the recent pandemic has only increased the significant value of having our dedicated teams offer limitless support to our travelers before, during, and after their journeys.



OUR DESTINATIONS





BLUE PARALLEL IN THE MEDIA

Bloomberg		Traveler	DEPARTURES	elite <i>tnaveler</i>	Forbes
FOOD&WINE	LUXURY	NATIONAL GEOGRAPHIC	Robb Report	TRAVEL+ LEISURE	VOGUE

START PLANNING

We are experts in creating inspiring tailor-made itineraries. We will take your vision, try to enhance it, and then make your dream trip a reality. You can call us at 1-301-263-6670 Monday-Friday | 9 AM - 5PM ET, or send us an email to info@blueparallel.com.

How it all works

Contact us

Give us a call or send us an email in order to connect with one of our expert travel advisors.

Initial Consultation

We will ask you questions about your dream trip, make recommendations, and answer any questions you may have.

Summary Itinerary Outline

We will check availability for your preferred travel dates with our favorite accommodations and then provide you with a recommended summary trip outline.

Detailed Itinerary Proposal

Upon your approval of the summary outline, we will make tentative reservations and create a detailed custom-made itinerary with pricing documentation for your review.

Booking Procedures

If you would like Blue Parallel to secure your itinerary, we will email you our booking procedures and kindly request a deposit payment.

Pre-Trip Support

Closer to your travel dates, we will mail you a personalized travel package to ensure you are fully prepared for your journey.

During the Trip

While you are traveling, our team will be available to assist you with anything you may need at any time.

Post-Trip Debrief

After your journey, we would kindly ask to schedule a "debriefing call" to hear your feedback. Alternatively, you could fill in an online survey.

We will do our very best to surpass your expectations every step of the way. Most of our travelers are repeat travelers - we take great pride in forging long-term relationships with our savvy guests.

