



Northern Europe, 9 Days · Tailor-made by car

## Route through Lapland, North Cape and Lofoten Islands

Enjoy every second of this spectacular experience that will take you to the North Cape, considered the northernmost point of Europe! At the North Cape you can experience, among other attractions, the phenomenon known as the Midnight Sun, or White Nights, a period of around 76 days - and no nights - between May and July... Giving you more time to enjoy the unforgettable landscapes and to make new discoveries. During this magical adventure you will be able to admire the beauty of the Northern Lights, which can be seen between mid-August and early April, usually appearing between the hours of 10.00 pm and 02.00 am. Can you picture a romantic dinner under the iridescence of the Aurora Borealis? It's simply unforgettable! But the attractions don't end here. During this northern European tour of mysteries and treasures, you can become personally acquainted with none other than Father Christmas who, despite keeping his home a secret, has a post office in the town of Rovaniemi, the starting point for this unique Route. You can also follow in the footsteps of ancient explorers in the Arctic Circle and discover the Sami culture - considered the only indigenous people of the Old Continent - firsthand. You can sample the traditional food of these distant lands, where favourite recipes are made from the freshest ingredients and based on reindeer meat. Feel free to take part in activities such as hiking, kayaking, sleigh rides, bicycle or snowmobiles in wonderful natural surroundings. Alternatively, simply enjoy a silence and peacefulness that other parts of the world find difficult to match. This is an adventure that you'll surely never forget.



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**Departure date:** Departures from June 2026 till May 2027

**From:** London

### Travel details

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## DAY 1 · CITY OF ORIGIN - ROVANIEMI (FINLAND)

Flight departure from the city of origin to Rovaniemi, the capital of Finnish Lapland and the starting point of this adventure. After landing at this Scandinavian airport, collect your rental car and, depending on the time of the flight, we suggest two options: driving directly to the hotel... or taking a trip to meet one of the most famous and beloved people on the planet. We're talking about none other than Father Christmas! In 1985, this beloved character decided to open a post office in this Finnish town so that children and adults could personally deliver, throughout the year, their Christmas letters. Since then, more than half a million tourists visit the fairy tale village that's home to the post office every year. (Note: You will find it just 3 kilometres (2 miles) from the airport and 8 kilometres (5 miles) north of Rovaniemi, taking the N4 motorway in the direction of Ivalo). Take advantage of the visit to "cross" the border into the Arctic Circle: for many, this is considered the point beyond which there is no more rush or stress. You can even be awarded a certificate to verify your feat... as well as an unforgettable image for your memory, making a leap across the line on the ground that represents the border with the Arctic. But that's not all: you can also cross into the Arctic via an underground route, thanks to the Grotto of Father Christmas, where, once again, you receive a certificate. But Rovaniemi is much more than the magic of Christmas. It is also the awe-inspiring beauty of the Northern Lights, another of its wonderful attractions. This fascinating astral spectacle can be seen up to 200 nights a year in Finnish Lapland, between mid-August and early April, usually appearing between the hours of 10.00 pm and 02.00 am. To avoid waiting unnecessarily, Rovaniemi has an aurora borealis instant notification service, called 'Aurora Alert Realtime'. The Northern Lights can be seen from practically any point on the outskirts of the city, and even from the town itself, but the summit of Mount Ounasvaara is a great option and is only 20 minutes away by car. In addition, Rovaniemi offers a diverse range of restaurants, from elegant establishments to less formal eateries. You shouldn't miss the "Lappi à la carte" or the "RovaniemiMenu", authentic culinary trips into a world of local flavour. Overnight stay in Rovaniemi.

## DAY 2 · ROVANIEMI - SODANKYLÄ - KARIGASNIEMI - KARASJOK (NORWAY)

Don't worry if, due to your flight arrival time the previous day, you haven't yet been able to sample all the juice of this urban oasis, located in the middle of the inhospitable Arctic: you'll return to Rovaniemi on the penultimate day of your adventure. Leave the city at a reasonable time for making your way to the next destination: a fun trip of about 440 kilometres (273 miles) awaits to take you to the town of Karasjok in Norway. Remember that you have all day dedicated to this stage of the journey, so enjoy the gorgeous nature and let yourself be carried away by the beauty of the wild pine and white birch forests. To start this stage of your journey, you first need to take the E75 motorway in Rovaniemi in the direction of Ivalo. Around the halfway point you'll reach the town of Sodankylä, an important hub for active and nature tourism which, since 1986, has hosted the headquarters of the "Midnight Sun Film Festival" ("Sodankylän elokuvajuhlat", in Finnish). Stop in this small town to regain your strength, sampling local and international delicacies in streets such as Jäämerentie, or heading to the area of Luosto. In Luosto, a small village near Sodankylä, there is an amethyst mine where you can try your luck and dig for one of these precious stones. From Sodankylä or Luosto, stay on the E75 motorway and head towards Ivalo, and from there onwards to the town of Karigasniemi. Being located on the banks of the Inarijoki River, which at these latitudes marks the border between Finland and Norway, Karigasniemi is home to the customs point for crossing into Norway. Eighteen kilometres (11 miles) from the border is Karasjok, capital of the Lapp region known as Sami or Saami, where the inhabitants originate from Central Asia. They inhabit vast areas of incomparable beauty with reindeer as their main source of subsistence. They even have their own language! In Karasjok, located in Norway, you can learn more about this fascinating culture by visiting the Sami Parliament of Norway, the Sami Culture Museum and the Sami Contemporary Art Centre. (Note: Check the websites for prices and schedules. Not included). There are several options for dinner. The famous "Storgammen Restaurant", located in the beautiful Sápmi Park, specialises in local recipes that feature reindeer meat as the main ingredient. Other venues offer menus ranging from international cuisine to Norwegian homemade food. Overnight stay in Karasjok.

### ● DAY 3 · KARASJOK - OLDERFJORD - NORTH CAPE - ALTA (NORWAY)

Get ready to start out on your journey to what is considered the northernmost point of Europe, the North Cape (Nordkapplatået, in Norwegian), located some 260 kilometres (162 miles) from Karasjok. That's why we recommend leaving Karasjok at a reasonable hour, taking the E6 highway in a northerly direction until you reach the small town of Kistrand, bordering the Porsangerfjorden, the fourth longest fjord in Norway at 123 kilometres (76 miles) in length. In Kistrand you can visit a beautiful Scandinavian style church which dates back to 1856; from there, continue on to Oldenfjord. Your next destination is the North Cape, for which you must continue bordering the Porsangerfjorden along the E69, taking a journey that will require you to drive through a gigantic underwater tunnel, at a depth of 212 metres! Yet another experience for you to add to this unique adventure. Once at the North Cape, where the Atlantic Ocean joins the Arctic Ocean, let yourself be captivated by its unparalleled natural beauty, with cliffs rising 308 metres above sea level and astonishing, spectacular views. These days the North Cape is a major tourist attraction that includes a tourist centre complete with exhibitions, activities and restaurants. This is where you can observe the curious phenomenon of the 'Midnight Sun', a sun that never sets for the two and a half months from mid-May to the end of July. After enjoying the North Cape it is time to head for the town of Alta, located in a southerly direction about 230 kilometres (143 miles) away. In order to get there you must return to Olderfjord to access the E6 motorway that leads directly to Alta. Pay a visit to the unmissable Alta Museum, open in summer only, to appreciate the carved rocks which were found in a human settlement dating back to between 4,200 and 500 BC, and which have been declared a World Heritage Site by UNESCO. It is also an excellent location for observing the Northern Lights: the first observatory in the world dedicated to this wonder of nature was built here at the end of the 19th century. You are in the perfect place to experience the Midnight Sun, a phenomenon that is also known as the White Nights. Alta is also home to the "Sorrisnive Igloo" hotel, whose interior and exterior are built of snow and ice with doors which, when the hotel is closed, simply melt... As for dinner, you'll find various options in this coquettish Norwegian town, although the popular "Alta" and "Laksestua" restaurants, where you can taste both local and international food, are particular highlights. Overnight stay in Alta.

● **DAY 4 · ALTA - LYNGENFJORD FJORD (FERRY) - LYNGSEIDET - ULLSFJORD FJORD (FERRY) - TROMSØ (APPROX. 280 KM / 174 MILES + 2 FERRIES) (NORWAY)**

Our next destination is Tromsø, the seventh largest city in Norway and the capital of the Troms region. To get there, head towards the town of Olderdalen, located about 200 kilometres (124 miles) on the E6 motorway in the direction of Narvik. In Olderdalen you'll take a 35-minute ferry crossing through the Lyngen Fjord. This is a moment for you to soak up the unforgettable sea views before arriving at the beautiful coastal town of Lyngseidet. In Lyngseidet you'll find "Gollis", the largest plastic garden gnome in the world, measuring approximately nine metres and representing a gigantic Father Christmas. You can also visit the church of Lyngen, which dates back to 1731, and the neighbourhood of old wooden houses that seem plucked out of the past. And, if you have the opportunity, check out the fishing port where you can buy freshly caught prawns which are then cooked by the fishermen themselves. Everything's a delicacy! Lyngseidet is also famous for its goat's meat and lamb stew, opening up a wide range of culinary options. From Lyngseidet, take highway 91 to the town of Svensby, a journey of just 22 kilometres (14 miles) that runs along the coast. In Svensby you'll have another transfer, this time of 20 minutes, crossing the Ulls Fjord to Breivikeidet. You're now on the last stretch to Tromsø, which is about 48 kilometres (30 miles) away from the fishing village of Breivikeidet, sticking to the E8 motorway in the direction of Nordlysvegen. It should be noted that at the 45-kilometre (28-mile) mark you must take exit 3 to join highway 862 that takes you to Tromsø, the largest city located on the Arctic Circle. The university, cathedral, botanical gardens, aquarium and brewery at this location enjoy the curious honour of being located at the northernmost point of the world. It is also an ideal place for outdoor enthusiasts, for activities such as hiking, fishing, kayaking, dog sled rides and whale watching excursions. The best cultural options are undoubtedly the Art Museum of Northern Norway (the 'Nordnorsk Kunstmuseum'), where handicraft pieces connected to Norway's history from the year 1800 until the present day are exhibited, and the Arctic Cathedral, a beautiful building perfectly integrated into its surroundings. Tromsø is now one of the most vibrant cities in the country. Discover its atmosphere and range of leisure activities! (Note: Check the websites for prices and schedules. Not included). Its lively nightlife and wide variety of restaurants, which specialise in fresh Arctic ingredients, are set in a mild climate that pleasantly surprises the tourist, especially considering that the city is 350 kilometres (217 miles) north of the Arctic Circle! The secret lies in its proximity to the sea and, above all, the Gulf Stream currents which soften the temperature. All these attractions make Tromsø another unique location for observing the Northern Lights and experiencing the "Midnight Sun", but in a milder climate. If you want a drink, check out "Studentsamfunnet Driv", a coffee house-restaurant-disco-concert hall combo like you've never seen before. Overnight stay in Tromsø.

## DAY 5 · TROMSØ - SENJA - LOFOTEN ISLANDS (FERRY) - SVOLVÆR OR TROMSØ - SETERMOEN - GROVFJORD - LOFOTEN ISLANDS - SVOLVÆR (NORWAY)

Today you'll leave Tromsø for Senja, the second largest island in Norway with a population of around 9,000 inhabitants. Note that for this stage of the journey the Gryllefjord-Andenes ferry line only works in summer, from the end of May to the end of August. In this case, you must leave Tromsø on highway 862 until you reach the E8 motorway in the direction of Nordlysvegen, a distance of about 218 kilometres (135 miles) in total. The destination point is none other than the beautiful fishing village of Gryllefjord, in Senja. Once there, you'll take the ferry to Andenes. (Note: Remember that this ferry only operates in summer. Not included). During the two-hour trip, take advantage of the time to stretch your legs, regain your strength and enjoy the views of the Norwegian fjords. In this region that hugs the town of Andenes you can marvel at expansive marshes and immense snowy peaks. Once there, take the road towards Narvik until the turn-off to the E10 motorway, which you will stay on until you reach Svolvær. Bear in mind that the total journey between Andenes and Svolvær is 211 kilometres (131 miles) and that you will go through up to four tunnels that facilitate mobility in an environment as hostile as it is beautiful. The last of these tunnels is the one that finally leads to Svolvær and the Lofoten Islands. ENTIRE ROUTE BY ROAD. If you decide to take this Route outside of summer, you have a little more than 400 kilometres (249 miles) in store with lots of attractions worth discovering. In this case, you should also leave Tromsø on highway 862 until taking the exit that enables you to join the E8 motorway in the direction of Nordlysvegen. Then join the E6 motorway in the direction of Takelvveien. Exactly two hours from Tromsø you will reach the town of Setermoen, situated on the banks of the Barduelva River, a good place for you to make your first stop. Setermoen houses the Bardu Kirke, an octagonal wooden church dating back to 1829, and the Troms Military Museum, where authentic treasures from the Second World War are kept. (Note: Check the websites for prices and schedules. Not included). Leave Setermoen on the E6 motorway, heading in the direction of Narvikveien until you reach your next destination, which is also about two hours from the village of Grov or Grovfjord, located on the Grovfjorden coast. There, you can sample typical Norwegian dishes such as the "Rakfisk", a recipe consisting of fermented trout, or the "Tørrfisk", traditional dried cod, since these species are fished in the Lofoten archipelago. Once you're ready, leave Grov behind you, taking highway 825 towards Steinsland until you reach Tjeldsund bru, where you can access the E10 motorway to take you to the final destination of this stage, the Lofoten Islands. This route consists of about 178 kilometres (111 miles), so we recommend you make your last stop of the day in any of the small towns around the halfway point, such as Nyheim or Kanstad. Regardless of which option you choose, these routes will not only enable you to enjoy the stunning natural surroundings of northern Norway, but will also allow you to discover the capacity of mankind to alter the environment with the construction of huge tunnels and gigantic bridges. In the village of Svolvær, you can dine in the "Restaurant Bauer" which, shaped like a ship and built on columns that emerge from the seabed itself, seems to navigate over the waters. Overnight stay in Svolvær.

## DAY 6 · SVOLVÆR (NORWAY)

Devote this day to exploring the wonders offered by the small archipelago of Lofoten, using Svolvær as your base. This region has a very distinctive natural environment: the island of Lofoten is dominated by an impressive summit that rises towards the sky directly in front of the sea, and which offers fantastic conditions for practising a wide variety of outdoor activities such as hiking, kayaking, sleigh rides, bicycle or snowmobile riding (in winter), bird and whale watching... One of the most spectacular places to create some unforgettable photos is just a couple of hours by car from Svolvær, at the "Djevelporten" rock, which literally sits astride the slopes of two adjacent mountains. Absolutely stunning! It's actually very similar to the "Kjeragbolten", a famous round rock located in Ryfylke, whose images are well-known around the world. The Lofoten islands are separated from the rest of the continent by the Vestfjord Fjord, forming a chain of 150 kilometres (93 miles) from north to south with several small islands in the bay which are reached by bridge and ferry, making crossings very appealing and thrilling. Don't miss the Svolvær "Magic Ice" Sculpture Museum (Fiskergata, 36) - which offers a delicious blackberry liqueur - or the Lofoten War Museum, which keeps treasures from the war events that took place in the area during World War II. In addition, the nearby town of Moskenes is home to the Lofoten Fishing Museum, where you can take an in-depth tour of the history of fishing in the northernmost reaches of the earth. (Note: Check the websites for prices and schedules. Not included). It won't come as a surprise to learn that the menus of local taverns and restaurants offer a wide variety of fish dishes such as salmon, cod, herring, sardines and mackerel. One of the most popular, and perhaps surprising, is known as "lutefisk", a recipe made from dried white fish and caustic soda. Enjoy your meal! Overnight stay in Svolvær.

## ● DAY 7 · SVOLVÆR - NARVIK - KIRUNA (SWEDEN)

Once you've squeezed as much as possible from the charms of Svolvær and the Lofoten Islands, take the road to Narvik along the E10 motorway for 240 kilometres (149 miles), in the direction of Narvik. This route is once again dotted by incredible submarine tunnels that connect the islands, saving the traveller hundreds of kilometres and loads of time. Don't forget to have 43 Norwegian Kroner ready, since 213 kilometres (132 miles) from your starting point you will pass through the toll just before the Leirvik tunnel, where you must take the turn-off to the E6 motorway. Narvik, located in a mountainous area near the border with Sweden, is one of the most important towns in northern Norway in terms of alpine skiing and mountaineering, with an excellent infrastructure for these sports. There's a cable car to climb the mountain of Fagernesfjellet, which rises to 630 metres above sea level, and from where you can take in a breathtaking panoramic vista of the area. (Note: Check the websites for prices and schedules. Not included). All things related to diving and marine archaeology attract a large number of visitors to Narvik, since there are several wrecks near the harbour and scattered in the fjord. These wrecks are mostly boats which were sunk during World War II, since the Nordland region was the scene of a great battle in 1940. This led to the opening in 1964 of the Narvik War Museum, which includes among its collection authentic war-related memorabilia such as a Hotchkiss light tank, 75 mm battle guns, light weapons, uniforms and a wealth of information about the war in Norway. From Narvik you should head towards Kiruna, in Sweden, leaving the city via the E6 motorway and heading in the direction of Nordkalottveien / Rombaksveien-E6, until you reach the E10 motorway. This stage is a stretch of 180 kilometres (112 miles), surrounded by impressive natural beauty. You'll reach the Swedish border in the town of Riksgränsen, acquainting you with the third country of this adventure. You can enjoy several activities in Kiruna that enable you to take in your natural surroundings, including hiking, fishing and taking a boat ride. In the afternoon, we recommend trying the "Souvas pa gauko", a dish of smoked reindeer meat, or the "Renkok", a casserole made from different parts of the reindeer. Overnight stay in Kiruna.

## ● DAY 8 · KIRUNA - PAJALA - ROVANIEMI (FINLAND)

For the next stage of this magical journey through the northernmost roads of Earth, leave Kiruna on the E10 motorway in the direction of Lulea, and drive for around 342 kilometres (213 miles) through Sweden until you reach Rovaniemi, situated on the border with Finland. In order to break up this leg of your trip, we recommend a stop in the town of Pajala, at roughly the halfway point of this journey. Pajala is famous as the residence in the mid-19th century of pastor and botanist Lars Levi Læstadius, founder of the Lutheran Christian conservative movement known as "Laestadianism". Pajala is home to the house of Læstadius, his tomb and the church. After arriving in Rovaniemi, take the opportunity to visit everything that you had to leave out at the beginning of your trip... And add some new experiences! Any recommendations? An hour south of Rovaniemi you can enjoy the Ranua Wildlife Park, a must-see for animal lovers, where you can observe polar bears, wolves, grizzly bears, wolverines and lynxes. Also to the south, half an hour away in the pretty village of Luosto, is the Lampivaara amethyst mine, a functioning mine whose content is two million years old. There are guided tours of the mine, which include explanations relating to geology, history, nature and, of course, the uses of amethyst. (Note: Check the websites for prices and schedules. Not included). For culture-lovers, Rovaniemi's town centre offers, among other things, the Provincial Museum of Lapland, the Arktikum Science Centre and Museum and the Korundi House of Culture. On the outskirts of the city, you'll find the Forestry Museum of Lapland - an open-air museum - and the Rovaniemi Local History Museum, covering the needs of those who seek experiences in authentic surroundings. (Note: Check the websites for prices and schedules. Not included). Overnight stay in Rovaniemi.

## ● DAY 9 · ROVANIEMI - CITY OF ORIGIN

Arrival at the airport with enough time to drop off your rental car and flight back to the city of origin.

Arrival. End of the trip and our services.

## Your trip includes

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✓ Return flight.

✓ Stay in selected hotel in Rovaniemi.

✓ Selected meal plan in Rovaniemi.

- ✓ Stay in selected hotel in Karasjok.
- ✓ Selected meal plan in Alta.
- ✓ Stay in selected hotel in Svolvaer.
- ✓ Selected meal plan in Kiruna.

- ✓ Selected meal plan in Karasjok.
- ✓ Stay in selected hotel in Tromsø.
- ✓ Selected meal plan in Svolvaer.
- ✓ Rent-a-car.
- ✓ Insolvency protection.

- ✓ Stay in selected hotel in Alta.
- ✓ Selected meal plan in Tromsø.
- ✓ Stay in selected hotel in Kiruna.

### Your trip doesn't include

- ✗ Possible toll charges.
- ✗ Alta-Tromsø ferry / Senja-Svolvaer ferry.
- ✗ Entrance to the North Cape.

## Destinations Visited

Rovaniemi



Karasjok



Nordkapp



Alta



Tromsø



Andenes



Svolvaer



Narvik



Kiruna



## Important remarks

- Driving in Finland: 1. It is compulsory to drive vehicles with headlights on at all times, even on the brightest summer's day. 2. Road speed limits. 2. 1 Residential areas up to 30 km/h. 2. 2 Urban areas up to 50 km/h. 2. 3 Single carriageways up to 80 km/h. 2. 4 Dual carriageways (highways) and motorways up to 120 km/h. 2. 5 In winter, the general speed limit is reduced to 80 km/h. 3. In the winter months, winter tyres with or without spikes, chains or similar should be used. 4. A red warning triangle and a reflective yellow vest must always be carried in the car in the event of breakdown or accident. 5. Alcohol consumption. The legal limit is 20 milligrams of alcohol

per 100 millilitres of blood. There are severe penalties for drivers that exceed the allowed limit. 6. There are few toll booths in Finland, almost all are automatic. All drivers, regardless of nationality, have to pay at Finnish toll booths. 7. After filling up with fuel, Finns move their cars to the side before going into the petrol station to pay.

- Triple rooms in Europe are generally rooms with twin beds or a double, in which a folding bed is installed to accommodate the third person. Due to the inconvenience this causes, we advise against using this option as far as possible.

- Check-in time at the hotel on the day of arrival depends on each establishment, but in no case will it be before 3:00 p.m., unless otherwise indicated.

- Driving in Norway: 1. Cars drive on the right-hand side and trams must be overtaken on the right. 2. Motorists must use low-beam headlights both day and night. 3. The allowed blood alcohol level is the strictest in Europe - just 0.2 mg/ml. Fines are very high and must be paid on the spot. 4. The speed limits are as follows: in built-up areas 50 km/h; on country roads 80 km/h; and on motorways 110 km/h. 5. Petrol stations are normally open from 6.00 am to 7.00 pm. 6. Parking is not allowed on main streets. This is why there are many municipal parking areas. Parking zones have different colours. You can park for one hour in yellow zones; two hours in grey zones; and three hours in brown zones. 7. Norway has a people-oriented road culture, where pedestrians and cyclists have priority. Pedestrians expect you to slow down or stop when they're crossing the road and cyclists don't always follow traffic rules. Please keep the most unprotected travellers in mind when driving on Norwegian roads. 8. Roads are mostly toll roads. You can pay for tolls either manually or with the AutoPASS, whereby automatic payment is taken once you've registered your car and your credit card on the website <https://www.autopass.no/en/visitors-payment>. We strongly recommend the AutoPASS. A fixed amount is withheld that will be discounted as you go through a toll and press the AutoPASS button (any surplus will be returned to you eighty-five days later). You can activate it up to three days after having passed through your first toll booth. If you opt for manual payment, you can pay for the tolls you've already passed through at petrol stations. You'll know at which petrol stations you can pay when you see a sign that says 'Kr-service' (usually Esso petrol stations).

- Driving in Sweden: 1. It is mandatory for vehicles to drive with headlights on at all times, even on the brightest day of summer. 2. Speed limits on the road. 2.1 Residential areas up to 30 km / h. 2.2 Urban centers up to 50 km / h. 2.3 Roads up to 70 km / h. 2.4 Dual carriageway (highways) and motorways up to 110 km / h. 3. Winter tyres with or without spikes, chains or similar must be used between 1 December and 1 April. 4. You have to carry in the car a red warning triangle and a reflective yellow vest to use in case of breakdown or accident. For emergency repairs you must call the Assistancekåren service. The toll-free number in Sweden is +46 20 912 912. 5. Alcohol consumption. The legal limit is 20 milligrams of alcohol per 100 milliliters of blood. There are severe penalties for drivers that exceed the allowed limit. 6. There are few tolls in Sweden, almost all are automatic. All drivers, regardless of nationality, have to pay at the Swedish tolls.

- The proposed excursions and tours for each day are purely suggestions, as you can tailor the trip to suit your times, tastes and needs.

- A credit card is considered a guarantee, so sometimes you will need one for check-in at hotels.

- Hotels usually have cots available. Otherwise, babies will have to share a bed with an adult.

- To pick up your rental car, you'll need a credit (not debit) card in the name of the person who made the booking, who must also be the named driver of the vehicle.

- Consult the necessary documentation to enter the destinations visited and for transit in the countries where air stopovers are made.

- We recommend you purchase the necessary ferry tickets in advance while purchasing your self-drive tour, since ferry tickets are not included in the trip and, depending on the time of year, your vehicle and your ship or ferry preferences, the dates and duration of your ferry trip will vary. It is essential that you consult schedules and rates on the shipping companies' websites before selecting the start date of your trip, in order to be able to plan your trip more accurately. Check the website of the company Bjørklid Ferjerederi for the routes Olderdalen-Lyngseidet and Svensby-Breivikeidet (<http://www.bjorklid.no>); and the website of the company Torghattennord for the route Gryllefjord-Andenes (<http://www.torghattennord.no>). The latter only operates in summer, between the end of May and the end of August.

- Customs and regulations. In Norway, there are customs road controls on the borders with Finland and Sweden. Customs services in Norway operate from 7.00 am to 8.00 pm. There is a green zone, where only goods free from tariffs, taxes and/or specific permits are allowed, and a red zone, for items which are subject to tariffs. You are permitted to enter Norway with a limited amount of alcohol and tobacco, small quantities of medicines for personal use, meat products, cheese and food products (up to 10 kg), with an overall maximum value of 6,000

Kroner. You can also enter with Norwegian (and/or foreign) currency with a maximum value of 25,000 Kroner.

- You must give notice that you are going to cross the border while collecting the vehicle. Authorisation may be required to drive through certain countries or areas/states (as is the case in the US and Canada). Depending on the conditions set out in the rental contract and the company hired, you might be charged a surcharge payable at the destination office.