

# NORWAY, Lapland

## In the heart of the Arctic at Bjørnfjell Mountain Lodge

### Activities

#### Winter

Winter in Alta stretches from November to April, making it an ideal destination for all kinds of winter adventures. The Northern Lights can be seen as early as September, with displays continuing through mid-April.

In collaboration with SarvesAlta Outdoor Activity, we offer a wide range of winter activities for the whole family right from the doorsteps of the lodge. Embrace the Arctic Polar Night and the ever-changing light during the dark season.

#### ARTIC LIVING

Join us for winter activities inspired by their Arctic outdoor lifestyle, rooted in our love for the nature and its resources. Choose from a range of activities set both in the daytime to enjoy the magical Arctic Light, or in the evening with great chances of spotting the Northern Lights dancing across the dark sky.

#### Polar Night Bonfire Trip (September – Mid-April, 3-4 hours from 20:00)



*Let us take you to the top of the mountain, where the view is indescribable and the only sounds you'll hear are from the wild animals living in the area.*

Begin your adventure by welcoming your guide at the meeting point, where you'll receive warm winter clothing. Then, embark on a thrilling excursion to the summit, either on a snowmobile or behind the skier on a special sled. Once at the summit, gather around a campfire, either in our charming "Bjørnehiet" cabin or in a unique glass igloo.

If the sky is clear, you might admire a spectacular display of the Northern Lights. Sitting on a reindeer skin around the fire, your guide will share captivating stories about the Northern Lights, while you prepare and enjoy a delicious local campfire dinner together.

**From September**, until there is enough snow on the ground, the trip starts and ends with hiking by foot up and down the mountain top.

#### Ice Fishing Experience (January 15th – April, duration 3 hours, from 10:00)



*Join us for an unforgettable fishing trip to a frozen mountain lake.*

Your guide will greet you at reception. You'll be warmly dressed and equipped with a helmet for the snowmobile ride to the frozen lake nestled in the mountains.

Upon arrival at the fishing spot, your guide will dig a small hole in the ice for your fishing session. Gather around a roaring campfire, comfortably seated on a reindeer hide, patiently waiting for the fish to bite. If you're lucky and catch one, the guide will also teach you the art of cooking over the campfire flames!

### **Arctic Light Summit Trip (December 15th – April, 2 hours, from 09:00)**



*Welcome to our daytime version of the Polar Night Bonfire Trip, designed for a lighter experience.*

After breakfast, you'll be taken to the mountaintop by snowmobile or cross-country ski. Enjoy your morning coffee or tea while admiring the breathtaking view of the Alta Fjord from the comfort of the Bjørnehiet cabin.

Depending on the month you book this tour, you'll be able to admire the changing shades of the Arctic light. In December, daylight is scarce, but you might spot magnificent colors on the horizon. In January, the sun gradually returns to the north, offering the opportunity to admire the first rays of sunlight from this elevated vantage point.

To return to the cabin, you'll have the option of hitting the slopes on foot or by sled.

### **Mountain Sledding (December 15th – April, 2 hours, from 09:00 or 17:00 other times on request)**



*Mountain Sledding is a fun and exciting winter activity suitable for the whole family!*

Meet the instructor at the ski lift located at the SarvesAlta ski center, about a 5- to 10-minute walk from the chalet. Upon arrival, you'll be equipped with a helmet and a sled, which you'll use to take the lift

to the summit.

Once you reach the summit, you'll access a mountain toboggan run. Get ready for an exhilarating descent down the mountainside, where you'll twist and turn on the sparkling snow!

Children under 10 must be accompanied by an adult on the toboggan.

### **Stargazing above the Arctic Circle (September-March, 2 hours, from 20:00 or 21:00)**



*Discover the wonders of the night sky above the Arctic Circle. Join us for a stargazing experience where minimal light pollution reveals the universe in all its splendor. From shimmering constellations to tales of the cosmos, immerse yourself in the magic of the Arctic night.*

You will be greeted by your guide at the meeting point. You will first receive a briefing on the equipment and the surrounding area. You will then be dressed in appropriate clothing and taken to the summit of the mountain, where you will have a 360° panoramic view of the sky.

You will then discover the universe. If the sky is clear, you might even see the Northern Lights dancing overhead.

Whether you are a beginner or experienced stargazer, this excursion will offer you a unique glimpse of the cosmos.

From September to October, until the ground is sufficiently snow-covered, the excursion begins and ends with a hike to the summit.

### **New Year's Eve Experience (December 31st, 4-5 hours from 20:00)**



*Staying with us over New Years? Join our celebration with a festive dinner buffet in the restaurant, and watching the fireworks over the Alta Fjord at midnight at the mountain top.*

The evening starts with a traditional Norwegian festive dinner buffet and desserts in the restaurant. After your culinary experience, you will be dressed in warm clothes and transported by the pist machine to the edge of the mountain top to the little cabin called "Bjørnehiet". Here you will have a breathtaking view over the vast landscape and the Alta fjord.

Fireworks will be launched and sparkling drinks will be served when you all enter the new exciting year together !

To get back down to the lodge, you'll be given the opportunity to either walk or sled with a toboggan down the slopes.

## **Snowshoeing**

Snowshoes are a great way to get around in the snow, complementing skis. Locals use them to climb their favorite peaks, even in winter. Join us for a hike in our winter wonderland!

### **Snowshoe Tour with guide (November-April, 2 hours, from 12:00)**



*Join us for a hike through our own winter wonderland by snowshoes. A trip to the secret viewpoint in the Nordic pine forest, with a bonfire camp and warm drinks.*

Meet your guide at the meeting point to strap on your snowshoes and receive a tour briefing.

Leave the lodge and venture into the enchanting forest, heading towards our hidden gem of a viewpoint.

As you traverse the peaceful Nordic pine forest, be lulled by the gentle symphony of nature's sounds and savor the tranquility of the surroundings.

Upon arrival at the secluded viewpoint, your guide will light a campfire and prepare hot drinks for you to enjoy together during a well-deserved break.

### **Aurora Chase by snowshoes (November - Mid-April, 2,5-3 hours, from 20:00)**



*Hunt the Northern Lights by snowshoes through the nearby Nordic pine forest.*

Meet your guide at the meeting point. You'll be dressed in a warm snowsuit and equipped with snowshoes and poles.

Departing from the lodge, you'll trek through the surrounding forest to our peaceful viewpoint. There, your guide will light a campfire and prepare hot drinks.

Savor the serenity and darkness of nature, illuminated only by the flickering glow of the campfire and, with luck, the twinkling stars and the Northern Lights that color the night sky.

## Skiing

Rumor has it that Norwegian are born with skis on their feet – at Bjørnfjell and SarvesAlta we offer both downhill and cross country skiing suitable for both beginners and experienced skiers.

### Alpine Skiing and Snowboarding



*The slopes at SarvesAlta Activity Center are located only a few meters away from the lodge, with perfect ski-in-ski-out opportunities. It's a cozy and family-friendly winter park that fits everyone, whatever your age or fitness level.*

#### **SarvesAlta Activity Center**

They offer slopes for all levels and a snow park for those looking to challenge themselves with jumps and rails. Take a break with a hot chocolate and our famous brownies in the cozy Sarvesstua café.

If you don't have your own equipment, don't worry, we've got you covered! You can rent it from them!

They also offer instructors for beginners.

#### **Exclusive Skiing (End of December – April, 2 hours, on request outside ordinary opening hours of the ski center)**

Enjoy the slopes independently with an exclusive two-hour downhill skiing or snowboarding session outside of regular resort opening hours. Downhill ski equipment and lift access are included.

### Introduction to Nordic Skiing



*Want to learn how to cross country ski like the Norwegians? In this course, you will get an introduction on how to ski the Nordic way.*

Head to reception to meet your guide. They will provide you with the necessary equipment and give you instructions on the basics of cross-country skiing, Norwegian style!

Follow the guide on the beginner-friendly trails just outside the lodge.

If you are more experienced at cross-country skiing, you can book the "Cross-country Skiing in Arctic Nature" activity.

### Nordic Skiing in Arctic Nature



*Glide through the breathtaking Arctic landscape on this Nordic skiing adventure, designed for those with some experience in cross-country skiing.*

Meet your ski guide at reception, where you'll receive the necessary equipment.

Follow them on snowy trails through unspoiled wilderness, where the fresh air and serene silence create the perfect winter getaway.

Halfway along the way, we'll take a short break by a campfire, enjoying a snack and hot drinks in the great outdoors, before continuing our journey through the Arctic landscape. Discover the beauty of the North as the locals do: on skis, immersed in the magic of winter.

## Snowmobiling

Snowmobiling has been a significant part of the outdoor lifestyle and culture in Alta for many years. Locals use the motorized véhicules to access their mountain cabins, camping sites and favorite lakes for ice fishing during the winter months.

### **Aurora Chase by Snowmobile (January1st – April1st, 4 hours, from 19:00)**

*Have you ever seen Lady Aurora dancing across the sky? With a little patience and a clear sky, you might be lucky enough to admire her graceful movements on this snowmobile tour to view the Northern Lights.*

Begin your nighttime adventure with a hearty traditional Sámi reindeer stew, called "Bidos," served at the restaurant. After dinner, meet your guide in the Bjørnfjell lobby and put on your warm snowsuit, boots, mittens, and helmet. The snowmobiles are parked right in front of the lodge. You'll receive safe driving instructions, then begin your adventure into the dark forests and tundra of Finnmark.

Snowboard through the forest and open landscapes to the mountains, where there is no light pollution and only the stars, and with a bit of luck, the Northern Lights, illuminate the surrounding nature.

#### **Information**

Important ! A driver's license is required to drive a snowmobile in Norway. Persons without driver's license can sit behind an eligible driver. Before the tour starts you need to sign a self-declaration form.

### **Vidda by Snowmobile (January1st – April1st, 3 hours, from 10:00)**



*Explore the Arctic nature in the midst of the Finnmark tundra with a motorized vehicle.*

Meet your guide in the Bjørnfjell lobby and put on your warm snowsuit. The snowmobiles are parked right in front of the lodge, where your wilderness adventure begins.

You'll receive safe driving instructions before starting your excursion. Enjoy the transformation as you drive from our lush green forest to the vast Finnmarksvidda. Ride the snow between pine and birch trees and admire the breathtaking views of the surrounding mountains.

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