



# ARCTIC CIRCLE

## PHOTOGRAPHY TOUR 2023

The Arctic Circle presents itself unashamedly as the perfect photographers location. The frozen Norths winter will do it's very best to challenge, excite and overwhelm you. The pure adventure of being in this unique environment, combined with stunning landscapes, interesting weather and wildlife, will only be equalled by the images that you will have the opportunity to capture.

Join two time (2015 & 2017) Cathay Pacific Travel Photographer of the Year, Paul Daly. On this once in a lifetime, 17 day photographic adventure of Northern Norway & Sweden.



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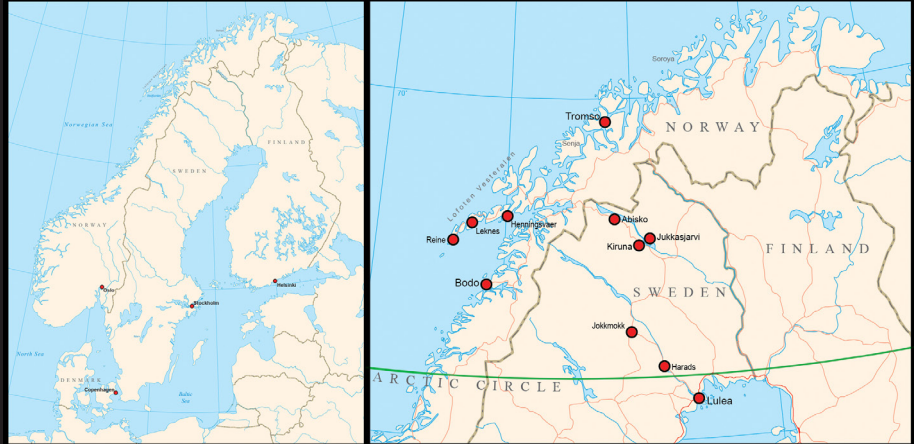
# What To Expect

We spend 17 days in Northern Norway and Sweden. We travel in winter, approximately one month after the winter solstice. The daylight hours are shorter, but every hour is usable for photography, due to the sun's low angle on the horizon.

In Norway we expect winter air temperatures of 0 to -15 degrees Celsius. Sweden's inland areas tend to be colder, and we expect -10 and -40 degrees Celsius. Snow and ice is generally everywhere, though due to its slightly warmer climate, a little less can be expected in Norway.

Winter here is the real deal, so we have clothing lists and recommendations available on request. On day activities, thermal winter suits will be provided by the activity provider.

We will have a private minibus, available for the duration of the tour, plus there will also be plenty of short walks, at each location. This plus the small group size, allows the flexibility, and convenience of being able to "go with the flow" when required.





# Itinerary

NEW for 2020



## POLAR PARK (Norway)

In 2019 we added Norway's Polar Park to the tour. Our clients loved it so much, that it's now a permanent part of the tour itinerary.

We will spend several hours exploring the park. We will have the opportunity to photograph in winter conditions animals such as Arctic Wolves, Lynx, Deer, Musk, Moose and possibly free roaming Reindeer.

This is a great opportunity to photograph this amazing wildlife in a very unique winter environment.

## SAMI & REINDEER (Sweden)

In 2020 we introduced a unique Sami Reindeer experience to the itinerary. Once again, this proved to be very popular with clients.

Sami are the local indigenous people of Lapland (an area comprising of Northern Norway, Sweden & Finland)

We will get an insight into the traditional way of Sami life. Understand Sami's connection to the land, and discover how important the Reindeer are to their lives. Including how they are used for transport, clothing, trade and as food source.





# Itinerary

Days 1 – 8

## NORWAY, Lofoten

Norway's northern archipelago of Lofoten is the perfect landscape location to start our tour.

Jagged snow and ice covered mountains climb vertically from the fiords. Roads cling to the landscape, like a ribbon connecting the islands. And small villages with their distinctive red Rorbu's are found sitting on the waters edge of sheltered rocky inlets.

During winter days, the sun skims along the horizon providing hours of low warm light. At dawn and dusk, the skies often fill with a luminescent pink glow. And on clear nights, the possibility of Aurora allow shooting to continue well after the sun has set.

Winter weather provides everything from still clear days, to days where spectacular storm fronts push through the landscape.

We travel the length of the islands, exploring and photographing. Before heading northwards to Tromsø, northern Norway's largest city where we photograph more stunning landscapes.



# Itinerary

Days 9 - 17

## SWEDEN, Lapland



Travelling East we have stop at Norways Polar park, before heading into Swedish Lapland, the landscape flattens, the temperatures drop and the weather becomes more predictable.

First stop is Abisko, known for it's clear skies. It's a great opportunity to possibly capture the Aurora. We spend a couple of days exploring the local area.

Then to Kiruna and nearby village of Jukkasjärvi. We take the opportunity to not only photograph, but to experience Dog Sleding and Snow Mobile touring. These must do activities,

allow you to take control of these unique forms of transport. You will get the chance to truly get off the beaten track, exploring the stark beauty of the immense Swedish landscape.

Jukkasjärvi is the location of the world famous Ice Hotel. We will take a tour, and have time to photograph this unique place, before exploring the rest of the village and taking in a unique Sami reindeer experience.

Our final stops sees us in Jokkmokk for some local Sami winter market, and Harads for some more unique Scandinavian architecture at The Tree Hotel.





# Your Guide

Paul Daly has twice been awarded the Cathay Pacific Travel Photographer of the year, for 2015 & 2017. This tour is your chance to join him, on a photographic adventure exploring many of Northern Norway and Sweden's highlights, in a small photography focused group situation.

Through his company, Nomadic Planet, Paul has coupled his work in photography and his love of travel. This creates a unique opportunity for him to explore and photograph locations, in a more intensive and immersive way than the average visitor. The result is an in depth knowledge of the locations, that he is keen to share with others.

Paul has also gained vast experience teaching at Community Education & Tertiary Levels over the past eighteen years. And has countless field trips, weekend workshops, plus international photo tours to Nepal, Turkey, Cuba and the Arctic under his belt.

As an educator, Paul is keen to encourage participants to expand their knowledge in photography. During the tour, he ensures that there is plenty of opportunity for group discussions, reviewing of images, and help with post production techniques.

Paul not only wants you to see the location, he wants you to experience the location. And unlock the photographic potential in both yourself and the location before you.







# Your Fellow Travellers

With the groups maximum size of eight (8) people, it allows us maximum flexibility. Photography is our priority, and we are free to adopt a policy of "going with the flow" when photo opportunities present themselves.

And as a bonus, as you're part of a group of like minded photographers, and you'll always have someone to talk, walk and shoot with.

Our tours are for all ages, and commonly we have ages 25 to 75 years participating. So long as you have a great attitude and a good level of fitness, you are sure to have a great tour experience.

And no matter what your experience level, from absolute beginner to seasoned shooter, or your area of interest, you'll never be lost for things to photograph while on tour.

Want to bring your non photography partner along, that's no problem. Everywhere we visit is as much interest to the general tourist as it is to us photographers.











# What to Bring

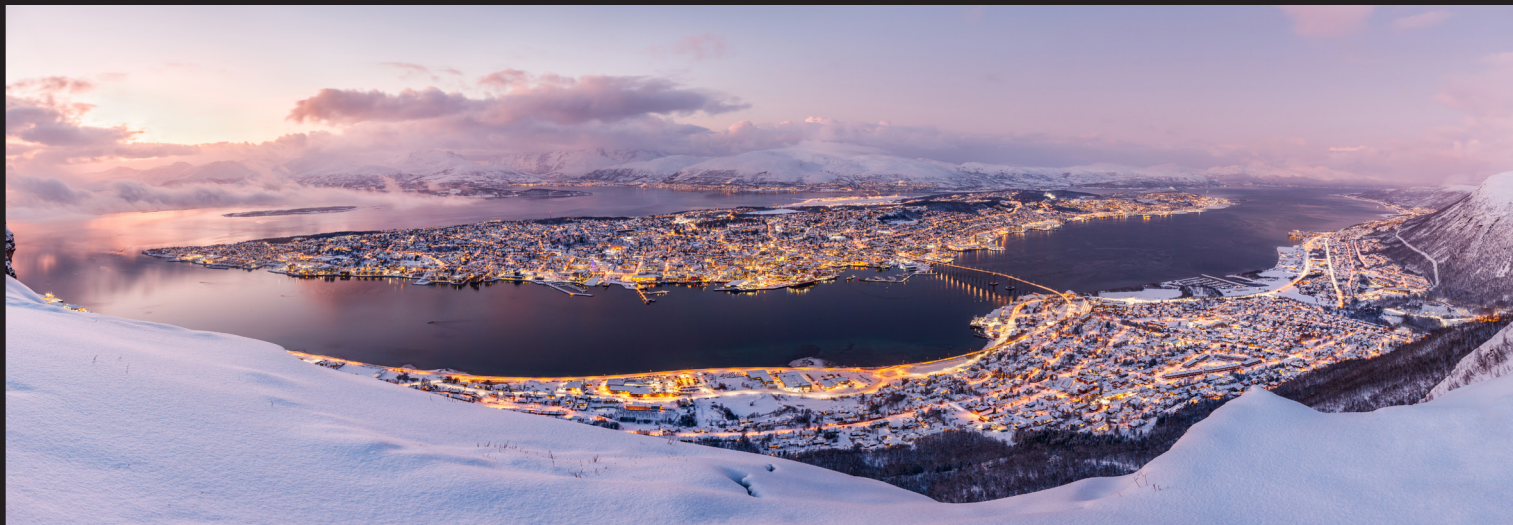
Most photographers who travel with us, use Mirrorless or D-SLR interchangeable lens cameras. This doesn't preclude medium format digital, film SLR's, hybrid or even compacts. It really comes down to what you find comfortable using.

A range of lenses from wide to telephoto is recommended. Tripods will be required due to the low light conditions found during dawn, dusk and aurora, plus many other shooting situations. You may also find cable releases and filters useful.

Don't forget whatever you bring, you'll have to carry at times, so not overloading with gear, and having a comfortable camera bag is essential.

Cold conditions mean batteries don't last as long as normal, so insure you have a supply of spare batteries. You're likely to shoot more than you expect, so have plenty of spare memory cards. Plus having some way to backup your images is highly recommended. For clothing, please refer to our recommendations on the booking form.





# Vital Information

## Dates:

1st Departure: 19 January – 4 February, 2023

2nd Departure: 15 February – 3 March, 2023

## Cost:

NZD \$ 11,490.00 (Twin Share) Ex Leknes, Norway

NZD \$ 2,450.00 Single Supplement

## Minimum Group Size:

1st Departure: 6 people – 4 person departure available (with additional levy)

2nd Departure: 6 people – 4 person departure available (with additional levy)

## Maximum Group Size:

1st Departure: 8 people

2nd Departure: 8 people

## Inclusions:

3 – 3.5 Star Hotel & Cabin Accommodation (With upgrade opportunities)

All Ground Transport while on the Photo Tour

Welcome and Departure Dinners

1st Class Overnight Train (Luleå – Stockholm)

Tromsø Cable Car Entry

Polar Park Entry

Ice Hotel Tour

Sami Reindeer Experience

Dog Sled Day Tour

Snow Mobile Day Tour

Tree Hotel Tour

Photography Guiding by Paul Daly

Local Abisko Aurora Photo Guide

Breakfast, plus other meals as detailed in the itinerary

## Exclusions:

Domestic and International Airfares

Travel Insurance

Lunches and Dinners as detailed in the itinerary

Incidentals (bar bills, snacks, laundry service, souvenirs, phone calls, internet charges, gratuities etc.) and any additional scenic flights or activities that deviate from the published itinerary

# How to Book

Contact us via telephone or e-mail to make your booking.

When we receive your request, will send out a full information and booking form.

Once we receive your completed booking form and deposit, your place on the tour will be secured.

New Zealand Telephone: 0800 35 74 74

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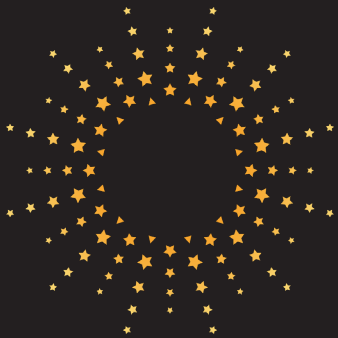
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