



# ARCTIC CIRCLE

PHOTOGRAPHY TOUR 2025

The Arctic Circle presents itself unashamedly as the perfect photographers location. The frozen Norths winter will do its 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, 20 day photographic adventure of Northern Norway, Sweden & Finland



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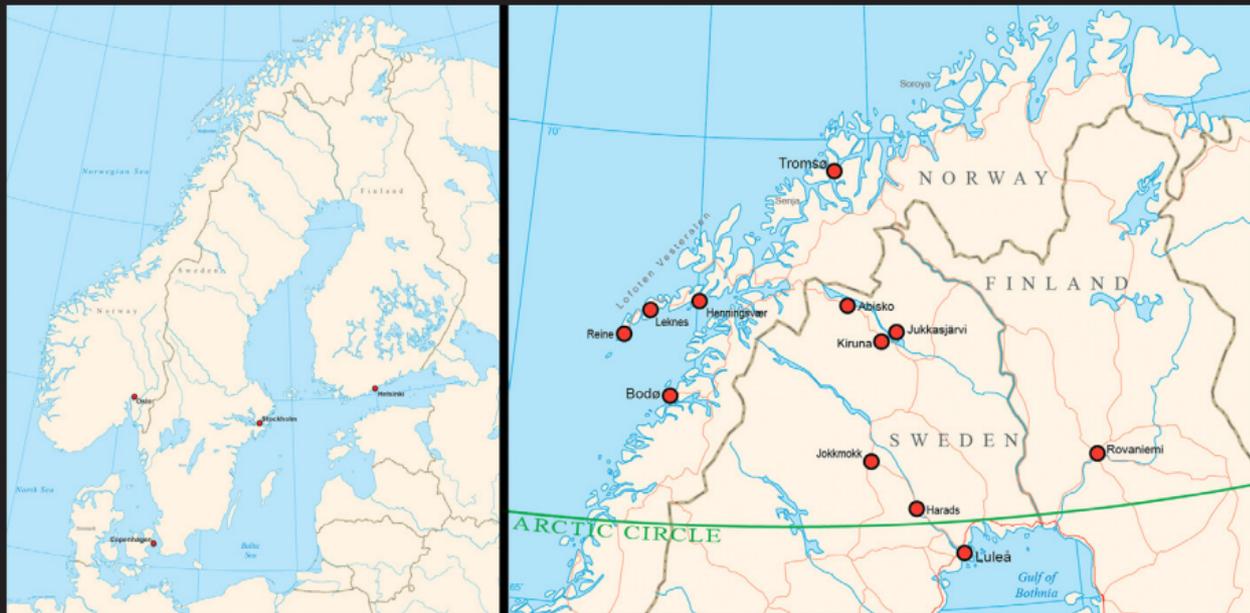
# What To Expect

We spend 20 days in Northern Norway, Sweden & Finland. We travel in winter, about a 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 & Finland'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 for you. On day activities, thermal winter suits will be provided by the activity provider.

We will have a Private Minibus or SUV, 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



## POLAR PARK (Norway)

When Polar Park was added to as a trial. Our clients loved it so much, that we just had to add it permanently, to the 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. On the 2023 tour we even saw Brown Bears.

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

## RECENT NEW ADDITIONS

## SAMI & REINDEER (Sweden)

We also introduced in recent tours, a unique Sami Reindeer experience.

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

We will get a unique insight to 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 - 10

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, in 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 the city, and surrounding landscapes.



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Travelling East we visit the wildlife of Norway's Polar park. Before heading into Swedish Lapland, where the landscape flattens, the temperatures drop, and the weather becomes more predictable.

First stop is Abisko, known for its clear skies. It's a great opportunity to possibly capture the Aurora. We spend a day or two exploring the local area.

Then to Kiruna and nearby village of Jukkasjärvi. We take the opportunity to not only photograph, but to experience Dog Sledding 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 the unique Sami reindeer experience.

Our final stops see us in Jokkmokk for the historic Sami winter market (2025 will be its 420th year). Next Harads for more Scandinavian architecture at The Tree Hotel. And finally the incredibly picturesque UNESCO site of Gammelstaden.

## SWEDEN, Lapland



# Itinerary

Days 17 - 20

## FINLAND, Lapland



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**NEW FOR 2025!** - We've been listening to our client feedback. And for the 2025 tour, we are trialing, the inclusion of Finland.

It will only take a few hours, to make our way, to one of Finland's most popular locations, Rovaniemi. Possibly better known as the home of Santa Claus. We will have the opportunity to explore, and photograph the village, and the surrounding areas. Plus of course, we couldn't come all this way, without meeting Santa and Mrs Claus themselves.

This will be a fun day, were you don't need to take things too

seriously, and let some of your inner child out. On a more serious note, as with the rest of the tour, we will be on constant Aurora alert.

Plus on our second day, you will can fill your day, with plenty of optional local activities. Including; Reindeer Sledding, Nordic (Cross Country) Skiing, Snow Shoeing, Ice Fishing. Or even take an Ice Breaker Cruse, and swim (floating might be a more accurate description) in survival suits, in the frozen sea of the Gulf of Bothnia.

Our time in the Arctic Circle ends, with an overnight train south to Helsinki.



# 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 twenty 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 photograph 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.

From absolute beginner to seasoned photographer. No matter your experience level, or your area of interest. You'll never be lost for things to photograph, while on tour.

Want to bring your non-photographer partner along? Sure no problem! Everywhere we visit, is as much interest to the non-photographing traveller, as it is to us photographers.







# What to Bring

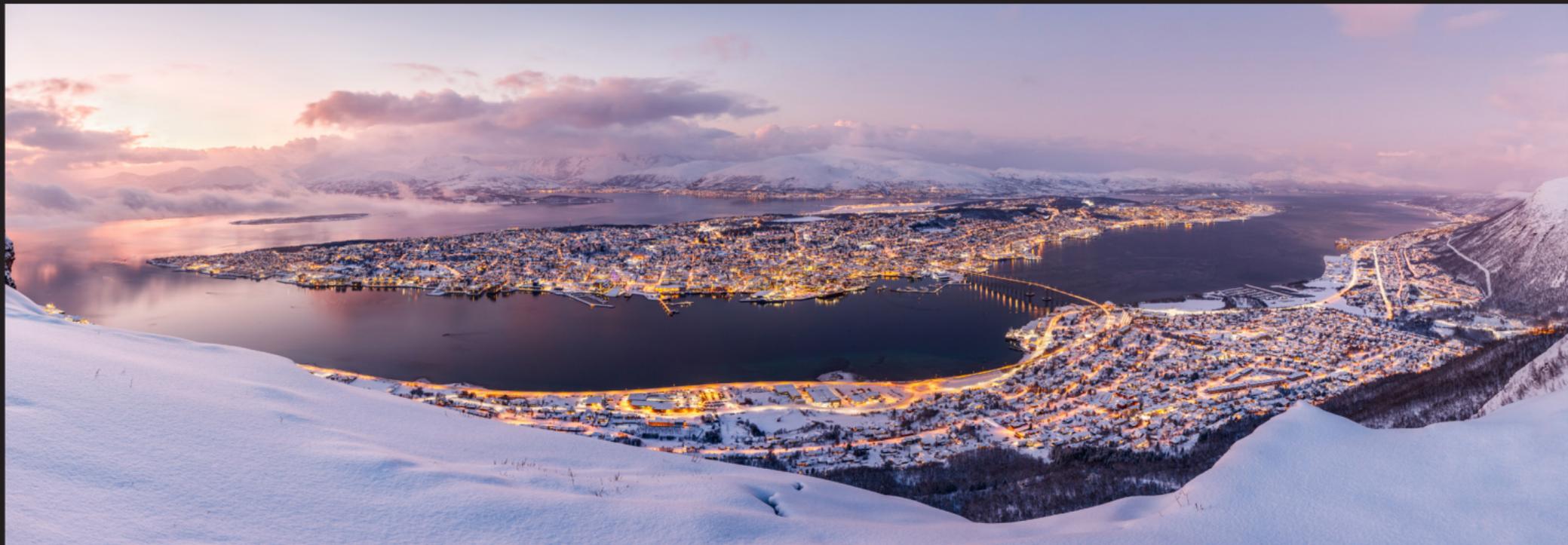
To get the best out of the locations we visit, most photographers will use Mirrorless or D-SLR camera, with interchangeable lenses. This doesn't preclude medium format digital, film SLR's, hybrid or even compacts. It really comes down to what you find comfortable using.

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.

Essential additional items include batteries, as the cold conditions reduce battery performance. Spare memory cards, because you'll shoot far more than you expect. Plus having a way to backup your images is highly recommended. For clothing, refer to our recommendations on the booking form.





# Vital Information

Date:

Departure: 23 January - 11 February, 2025

Cost:

NZD \$ 13,490.00 (Twin Share) Ex Leknes, Norway

NZD \$ 3,250.00 Single Supplement

Minimum Group Size:

6 people - 4 person departure available (with additional levy)

Maximum Group Size:

1st Departure: 8 people

Inclusions:

18 Nights; 3.5 - 4 Star Hotel & Cabin Accommodation (5 Star & Boutique Room Upgrade Options)

1 Night; 1st Class Overnight Train (Rovaniemi - Helsinki)

19 Days; Ground Transport while on the Photo Tour

Welcome and Departure Dinners

Tromsø Cable Car Entry

Polar Park Entry

Ice Hotel Tour

Sami Reindeer Experience

Dog Sled Day Tour

Snow Mobile Day Tour

Tree Hotel Tour

Tour & Photography Guiding by Paul Daly

Local Abisko Aurora Photo Guide

Entries Santa Claus Village Day including Local Museum

Breakfast, plus other meals as detailed in the itinerary

Exclusions:

Domestic and International Airfares

Travel Insurance

Lunches and Dinners as detailed in the itinerary

Rovaniemi free day optional activities

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 phone 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.

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# Trees That Count

You may or may not know, that we work with Trees That Count, to try and help mitigate, some of our Photo Tour related carbon footprint. Plus, the added bonus of funding Trees That Count, is that we are helping protect New Zealand's threatened biodiversity.

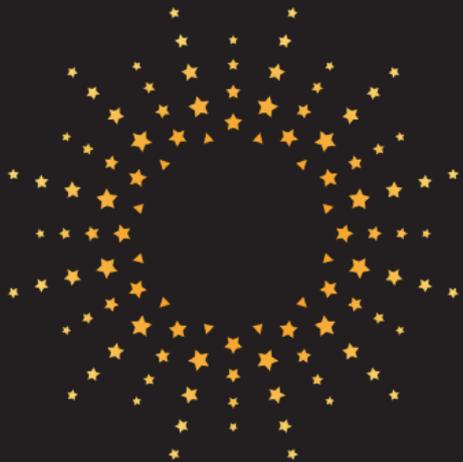
So Who Are Trees That Count? - Trees That Count is a programme of the Project Crimson Trust, a conservation charity that has proudly been at the heart of conservation efforts in New Zealand for close to three decades. Working with New Zealand businesses and communities, to plant millions of native trees across the country. Trees That Count are supported by some big name partners, such as The Tindall Foundation, Forestry New Zealand, Tourism New Zealand, Department of Conservation, Mazda, plus many more. We're obviously a very small cog, in this very big problem. But we do believe that we need to do what we can, to try and mitigate our carbon footprint.

The challenge for us is that every Photo Tour is different. With the tour length, number of clients per tour, plus other factors, making it difficult to calculate exact CO2 figures. So we decided the most transparent method, of funding is; For every Confirmed Nomadic Planet Tour Booking, we will be funding 1 Tree per \$1000 spent. With a policy of rounding up, to the nearest \$1000. (EG \$13 490.00 tour will equal 14 Trees)

Plus we will of course be funding additional trees, for our business air travel, to and from tour start / end points. This is our little way, of taking the first steps towards mitigating some of our carbon footprint. And we encourage clients to take similar steps, when booking their air travel.



Visit The Trees That Count Website  
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