

ultima thule

A journey to the High North

Preliminary programme
2–9 September 2007

Sunday 2 September

Arrival in Tromsø
Accommodation: Rica Ishavs Hotel

20:00–22:30 Welcome dinner (buffet)

Monday 3 September

Breakfast

09:45 *Transfer to the airport via*

10:00–10:40 Tromsø University Library: the Ultima Thule Collection

12:15–13:55 *Flight: Tromsø–Longyearbyen*
Accommodation in Longyearbyen: Radisson SAS Polar Hotel

15:00 Lunch at Brasserie Nansen

17:00 Cultural and historical meeting with Longyearbyen (bus tour)
Meeting point: The hotel lobby. Within walking distance

17:10 - 17:40 Longyearbyen Public Library
The Polar Collection. By bus to

17:50-18:20 Svalbard Arts Gallery
By bus to

18:30-19:30 Svalbard Museum
And we walk back to the hotel

20:00 Dinner at Brasserie Nansen

Tuesday 4 September

07:00 Breakfast

08:45 Boat trip
The *MS Langøysund* will take us to the Nordenskiöld Glacier, Pyramiden, Billefjorden, the majestic Tempelfjellet and Brucebyen (Bruce Town), the remnant of a Scottish mining adventure. We will be served a warm lunch before taking part in a guided walk through the Russian mining town of Pyramiden, which was closed down in 1998. On our way home, we will pass Svenskehuset (the Swedish House) at Kapp Thordsen. The trip is expected to take between nine and ten hours.

21:00 Dinner at Brasserie Nansen

Wednesday 5 September

- 07:00–08:00 Breakfast
- Check-out before 11:00.
- 09:00 Visit to Mine 7 (an operational mine)
The visit to Mine 7 will include a presentation of Longyearbyen, its coalmining history and modern coalmining techniques. We will be kitted out with miners' outfits before being escorted five kilometres into the mountain. To reach the operative inner area of the mine, we will have to use a special vehicle called an "Ohlemann", in which the driver and passengers have to lie down because of the low tunnel roofs. The visit is expected to last around three hours.
- 12:00 Lunch at Brasserie Nansen
- 13:20 *Transfer from the hotel to the airport*
- 14:55–16:55 *Flight: Longyearbyen–Tromsø*
- 20:10–20:53 *Flight: Tromsø–Hammerfest*
Accommodation in Hammerfest: Rica Hotel Hammerfest
- 21:30 Dinner

Thursday 6 September

- Breakfast
- 09:20 Departure from hotel
- 09:30–10:00 "Syvstjerna" Art Gallery
Visit to the artist Eva Arnesen, who designed the Nobel Peace Prize Diploma in 1997, taking inspiration from the Northern Lights.
- 10:00–11:30 City sightseeing by bus and foot
Visit to the Polar Bear Club of Hammerfest, the northernmost city in the world.
- 11:30–12:15 Lunch at Energihuset (the Energy House)
- 12:15–14:15 Introduction to the oil and gas activities at Melkøya
This event will be hosted by StatoilHydro, and will focus on oil and gas activities both at Melkøya (Milk Island) off Hammerfest and in the region in general.
- 14:15–15:00 Fisheries – past and present
Visit to the Aker Seafoods facility in Hammerfest
- 15:15–16:00 Visit to the Reconstruction Museum
Hammerfest and the rest of Finnmark County were almost totally destroyed during WW II. This museum tells the story of the reconstruction of the area in the post-war period.
- 18:00–19:30 Visit to Hammerfest Library
- 20:00–22:30 Informal dinner at "Mikkelgammen", where we will be experiencing Sami food and culture in Sami surroundings.

Friday 7 September

	Breakfast
08:00	<i>Transfer to Hammerfest Airport</i>
09:08–09:50	<i>Flight: Hammerfest–Tromsø</i>
10:25–11:34	<i>Flight: Tromsø–Kirkenes</i> Accommodation in Kirkenes: Rica Hotel Kirkenes
13:00	Luncheon at the <u>Norwegian Barents Secretariat</u> , with an introduction to Kirkenes
14:15–16:30	<u>Walking tour of Kirkenes centre</u> accompanied by local people. The tour will include a visit to the Russian/Norwegian library. We will be meeting representatives from various cultural institutions, as well as artists engaged in cross-border cultural activities.
17:30–18:30	Visit to Kirkenes Library
18:40	Departure from hotel
19:30	Dinner with guests at Gapahuken (close to the Norwegian/Russian border)
22:00	Return to hotel by bus

Saturday 8 September

	Breakfast
10:00–17:00	<u>Bus trip</u> We will be visiting the Norwegian/Russian border station, Grense Jakobselv (the Jacob's River border). Outdoor lunch. There will also be a "roundtable discussion" (hosted by the Norwegian Broadcasting, NRK).
19:00 (approx.)	Dinner in Gabba, outside Kirkenes

Sunday 9 September

	Breakfast
10:00	<i>Transfer to the airport</i>
11:30–13:40	<i>Flight: Kirkenes–Oslo</i>