



The Norway Winter Wildlife Expedition 2026

Mon 30th Nov - Fri 4th Dec 2026



*Nestled among the dramatic fjords of northern Norway, Skjerøy is one of the **very best whale-watching destinations in the world**. Each winter, millions of herring gather in these Arctic waters to spawn, attracting an incredible concentration of marine life. This natural spectacle draws some of the ocean's greatest giants—including **Orca, Humpback Whales**, and with luck, the mighty **Fin and Sperm Whales**.*

*Beyond the whales, the surrounding fjords and wild landscapes are home to a rich variety of wildlife, from **White-tailed and Golden Eagles** soaring overhead to the possibility of spotting **Moose** along the coastline. And of course, as night falls, you may be treated to one of nature's most unforgettable displays—the **Northern Lights** dancing across the Arctic sky.*

Throughout the trip, you'll explore alongside Dervola Adventure's expert skippers and local guides, who are dedicated to offering world-class experiences while always putting the welfare of the wildlife first. With private boat tours, spectacular scenery, and bucket-list encounters with both whales and the Northern Lights, this journey promises to be nothing short of extraordinary.

- *A small group experience, 5-7 guests with 2 Nature Scotland guides (Ewan & second guide)*
- *Target species - Orca, Humpback Whale, Fin Whale, Sperm Whale, Moose, Little Auk, Northern-hawk Owl, White-tailed Eagle, Golden Eagle*
- *4 private charter boat trips with Dervola Adventure*
- *4 nights, dinner, bed and breakfast at the hotell-maritim in Skjervøy*
- *Bus journey from Tromsø to Skjervøy included along with the return Hurtigruten ferry from Skjervøy to Tromsø*

Monday 30th November - Day 1

Meet the group bright and early at **Tromsø Havn Prostneset at 5:00 am**. Our bus **departs promptly at 5:30 am**, taking you on a scenic journey north to Skjervøy. We'll arrive at **Maritim Hotell around 9:45 am**, where you can safely store your luggage before heading out to explore.

The rest of the day is ours to settle in and enjoy the charm of Skjervøy. Wander along the harbour and through the town, where the adventure begins with opportunities to spot our first wildlife highlights—**Common Eider, Long-tailed Duck**, and the magnificent **White-tailed Eagle**.

Later in the afternoon, we'll officially check in at the Maritim Hotell. Enjoy a relaxed evening meal, unwind, and get ready for the excitement of our first boat trip tomorrow.

Day 2

This morning marks the start of your whale-watching adventure! After our hotel breakfast, we will all meet outside **Maritim Hotell at 8:30 am** for a short two-minute walk to the **Dervola Adventure office**, where you'll be fitted with a warm flotation suit and prepared for the day ahead.

With our experienced skipper and local guide leading the way, we'll set out on our **private whale-watching excursion** in search of some of the ocean's most iconic giants — **Orca, Humpback Whales, Fin Whales, and possibly even Sperm Whales**. Keep your eyes on the skies too, as the fjords are home to incredible birdlife, including

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The boat returns in the early afternoon, leaving you plenty of time to unwind, review your photos and videos, or simply relax after an exhilarating morning on the water. In the evening, our guides will be on standby to share updates and insights about any potential **Aurora Borealis (Northern Lights)** activity.

Day 3

This morning marks our second day of our whale-watching adventure! Meet the group outside **Maritim Hotell at 8:30 am** for a short two-minute walk to the **Dervola Adventure office**, where you'll be fitted with a warm flotation suit and prepared for the day ahead.

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Day 4

Our third day whale-watching! After breakfast, meet the group outside **Maritim Hotell at 8:30 am** for a short two-minute walk to the **Dervola Adventure office**, where you'll be fitted with a warm flotation suit and prepared for the day ahead.

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Friday 4th December - Day 5

After breakfast, we'll **check out of Maritim Hotell** and securely store our luggage before heading out for our final day on the boat.

This day is designed to be flexible and tailored to the group. With a private booking, we can shape the experience to your interests: if everyone's cameras and memories are already full of whale encounters, we may choose to explore the coastline in search of **Moose, Golden Eagle, and White-tailed Eagle**, while drifting through the stunning Arctic fjords. Alternatively, if previous outings were impacted by weather—or if the group is eager for more—there's always the option to spend another full day whale watching.

On returning to shore, we'll collect our luggage and enjoy some time to relax before taking a short five-minute walk to the Hurtigruten ferry. **Departure from Skjervøy is at 19:45**, with arrival back in **Tromsø (Prostneset Hurtigbåtkai) at 23:45**, where we'll say our farewells after an unforgettable Arctic adventure.

* No dinner included this evening

£2595 per person

WHAT TO BRING

- VERY warm clothes and waterproofs
- Outdoor footwear (outdoor trainers / walking boots / wellington boots)
- Anti-slip shoe spikes to go on your footwear
- Binoculars & camera

WHAT IS NOT INCLUDED

- Flights to and from Norway
- Travel insurance for the duration of its holiday in respect of cancellation and curtailment, injury, death, lost baggage and money, liability, medical expenses and repatriation.
- Bar drinks with evening meals at the hotel.
- Any food required during the middle of the day, breakfast and early evening meal included if staying at the hotel.