



QUALITY EXPERIENCE

Andenes, located in the Vesterålen region in Northern Norway, is the prime location for whale watching. The waters around Andenes are highly productive, attracting a great variety of both baleen and toothed whales. Our proximity to the whales' feeding grounds allow us to frequently spot multiple whale species during our trips.

Whale2Sea and Whalesafari Andenes are among the few companies worldwide that combine whale watching with research. This commitment forms the foundation of our high-quality, knowledge-based experiences. We operate responsibly in the whale grounds, always prioritizing the well-being of the animals.

The Crew

Our crew is an international team of administration, captains and guides with high training to give our guests a quality experience. The guides speak among them several different languages. Our research activity contributes to the recruitment of highly qualified guides and captains genuinely interested in whales and Arctic wildlife, many of whom are actively involved in the research projects.

Our boats

Large traditional boat (MS Reine): rebuilt in the early 1990s, specially adapted for whale-watching tours. It has a capacity of 80 people, with a saloon, 3 toilets and several seats outside. Two hydrophones placed under the boat to listen for whales.

RIB boats: Each boat has two outboard engines, each with all necessary safety equipment. We also have a hydrophone on our tours so that we can listen for the whales. The capacity per boat is 12 people. Our RIB boats have hydraulic seats to reduce unnecessary pressure on your back. This is also an advantage for those with reduced leg mobility or back problems.

Weather conditions

There may be cancellations even on short notice due to strong wind or big waves - safety on board has the highest priority. We therefore recommend that you plan for more than one day in the area. Regardless of the weather, bring warm clothes and good shoes.



TRAVEL TO US

Andenes is located furthest north of the island group of Vesterålen. There are several options for traveling to us.

Andenes has an airport five-minutes drive from the town centre. The airline Widerøe operates year-round flights to Andenes from Tromsø and Bodø. In addition, Norwegian has a direct summer route from Oslo. The nearest major airports are Tromsø and Evenes. From Evenes, you can either rent a car, or there's an airport bus to Sortland. Sortland is a hub for local buses.

From Tromsø, you can either fly or rent a car and drive to Andenes. From May to September, there is a ferry connection from Senja to Andenes. Please note that there is often a waiting time for this ferry in high season, and it is not possible to book a spot. Arctic Bus also offers bus service from Tromsø.

If you have guests who want to travel by train, the two closest stations are Narvik (about 4.5 hours away) and Fauske (6.5 hours away) with bus connections to Vesterålen.



WHALE WATCHING

SUMMER SEASON WITH RIB

We offer unforgettable whale watching trips. In our RIB boats, you remain close to the water and have a specular view of these beautiful animals. Andenes in Northern Norway is the prime location for whale watching.

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The waters of Andenes are highly productive, attracting a great diversity of both baleen and toothed whales! One of the sightings in summer are Sperm whales, who stay here the whole year-round. In addition, we can observe other species such as killer whales, pilot whales, humpback whales and fin whales.

If we don't see whales, we offer a free trip on the next available departure or during the guests next visit to Andenes. However, please remember that whales are wild animals, and sightings cannot be guaranteed.

SEASON: May - September

CAPACITY: 8 X RIB-boats á 12 pax

DURATION: This trip duration is about 1,5 - 2,5 hours. Depending on the location of the whales and the time needed to find them. We aim to spend as much time as possible with the whales on each trip.

SAFETY & CLOTHING: We have life-/floating suits, gloves and goggles. You're in the arctic. Wear warm and windtight clothes and shoes.

PROCEDURE:

Check-in 45 min before the trip
Safety and briefing from the guide
Boarding the boats - follow the guide's instructions

Price & Cancellation policy: See attached file for our terms- and cancellation policy, and our prices.

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SUMMER SEASON WITH LARGE TRADITIONAL BOAT

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Our boat, MS Reine is an old seal schooner, that also gives our guests a sense of our northern Norwegian coastal cultural heritage. The area off Andøy is rich in nutrients and an attractive food dish for 10 whale species throughout the year.

If we don't see whales, we offer a free trip on the next available departure or during the guests next visit to Andenes. However, please remember that whales are wild animals, and sightings cannot be guaranteed.

SEASON: May - September

CAPACITY: MS Reine; 80 pax

DURATION: 3-4 hours.

SAFETY & CLOTHING:

You're in the arctic. Wear warm and windtight clothes and shoes.

PROCEDURE:

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WHALE WATCHING

WINTER SEASON WITH RIB

We offer whale watching in Andenes also during wintertime. Due to less light, there are fewer departures in the off-season.

Winter in Northern Norway is colourful and beautiful. It can also be unpredictable, with challenging weather conditions. We recommend that all our guests plan for a few days in the area so that they have the option to reschedule to another day if the weather prevents us from going out on a particular day.

DURATION: A boat trip usually lasts between 1.5 to 2.5 hours. But you must take into account that the trip may be longer or shorter depending on factors such as where we find the whales, weather, and sea conditions.

WILDLIFE: If we don't see whales, we offer a free trip on the next available departure or during the guests next visit to Andenes. However, please remember that whales are wild animals, and sightings cannot be guaranteed even if we have a very high percent of sightings overall.

MORE WINTER ACTIVITIES:

If the weather is too challenging for us to go whale watching, or if you're staying in Andøy for a few days, we can offer both eagle safaris and Northern Lights tours.

SEASON: October - April

CAPACITY: 2 X RIB-boats á 12 pax

DURATION: This trip duration is about 1,5 - 2,5 hours. Depending on the location of the whales and the time needed to find them. We aim to spend as much time as possible with the whales on each trip.

SAFETY & CLOTHING: We have life-/floating suits, gloves and goggles. You're in the arctic. Wear warm and windtight winter-clothes and shoes.

PROCEDURE:

Check-in 45 min before the trip
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PUFFIN & EAGLE SAFARI

SUMMER

Experience the thrill of watching puffins dive and soar, showcasing their vibrant beaks and playful antics. We offer a unique opportunity to see these fascinating birds up close, allowing for great photo opportunities. We will get close to the birds without disturbing them, and give you all the time you need to take pictures and enjoy the scenery.

Join us for an unforgettable puffin and eagle safari, where we stop by the island Bleiksøya, one of the most famous puffin colonies in Norway, with about 50.000 nesting puffins. This off course attract the large white-tailed eagle!

Our expert guides will take you to the best spots to observe these charming seabirds in their natural habitat, inform about the birdlife on the island and answer all questions. You might also spot other birds on this trip, such as gannets, guillemots, auks, cormorants and more.

SEASON: May - August

CAPACITY: 2 X RIB-boats á 12 pax

DURATION: This trip duration is about 1,5 hours.

SAFETY & CLOTHING: We have life-/floating suits. You're in the arctic. Wear warm and windtight clothes and shoes.

PROCEDURE:

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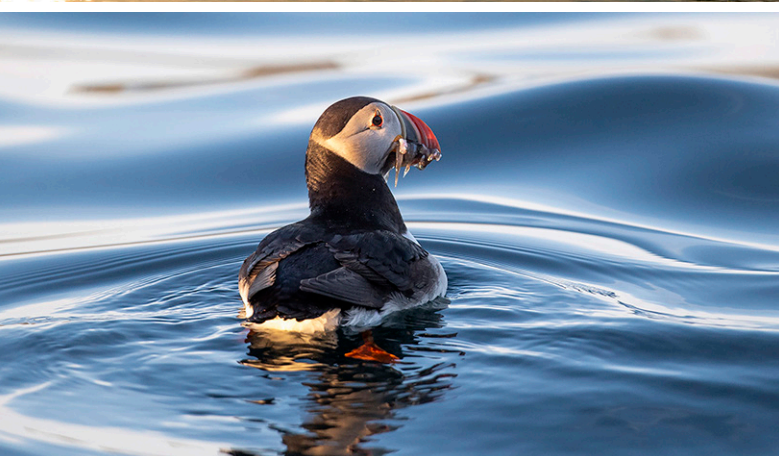
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MIDNIGHT TRIP

WITH RIB

WHALE- & BIRDWATCHING If you are fascinated by both birds and whales then our midnight trip is the perfect choice as it is a combined whale- and bird watching set at the late of the evening. We always go for the whales first and end the night by the island of Bleik to spot the puffins and other sea birds circling around the island. A common friend as well is the white tailed eagle which shows a similar affection for the puffins and can appear in big numbers in their search for food.

This has become one of our most popular trips. With 24 hours of light there is no reason not to enjoy the evening at sea experiencing the beautiful light as well as experiencing the big whales off the coast of Andenes. It is also an opportunity to see more of the landscape when returning from the whales to end the trip in search for the birds at the island of Bleik.

SEASON: May - mid August

CAPACITY: 4 X RIB-boats á 12 pax

DURATION: This trip duration is about 2,5 - 3,5 hours. Depending on the location of the whales and the time needed to find them. We aim to spend as much time as possible with the whales on each trip.

SAFETY & CLOTHING: We have life-/floating suits. You're in the arctic. Wear warm and windtight clothes and shoes.

PROCEDURE:

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EAGLE SAFARI

EXPLORE THE WHITE-TAILED EAGLE OUTSIDE ADØYA WINTER

Experience the breathtaking beauty of nature on a white-tailed eagle safari just outside of Andenes

Departing from Andenes, we set out to sea in a comfortable RIB boat, where you'll have the incredible opportunity to observe these majestic birds in their natural habitat around Andøya.

The white-tailed eagle, a magnificent bird of prey known for its impressive wingspan and striking appearance, can be seen throughout the year. Join us for an unforgettable experience as we glide through the waters, offering you the chance to witness the power and grace of the white-tailed eagle soaring above.

Capture stunning photographs and enjoy the beauty of the rugged coastline—all while learning about these fascinating birds and their environment. Whether you're an avid bird watcher or someone looking for a unique outdoor activity, our white-tailed eagle safari promises to be a highlight of your visit. Book your adventure today and immerse yourself in the wild wonders of Andøya!

We will get close to the birds without disturbing them, and give you all the time you need to take pictures and enjoy the scenery.



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SEASON: January - April

CAPACITY: 2 X RIB-boats á 12 pax

DURATION: 2 hours.

SAFETY & CLOTHING: We have life-/floating suits and lifewest. You're in the arctic. Wear warm and wind-tight clothes and shoes.

PROCEDURE:

Check-in 45 min before the trip

Safety and briefing from the guide

Boarding the boats - follow the guide's instructions

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WHALE WATCHING

WINTER AT SKJERVØY, TROMS COUNTY

WHALE WATCHING WITH RIB

In winter our companies offer trips at Skjervøy in Troms when the whales are following the herrings hunting for food. Join us on this fantastic experience!

From November till January, we offer trips from Skjervøy due to the change of the herring migration. You will be able to experience orcas and humpbacks up close as they are following the spawning herring, one of the world's largest fish stocks. Orcas feeding on herring show a very specific behaviour, which includes very active «carousel-feeding».

Fin whales, the second largest whale species may also be seen. The winter herring season in Skjervøy is unique globally, attracting large whales to feed side by side during the winter months. There is also a possibility to go snorkeling from the RIB-boats.

SEASON: November - January

CAPACITY:

4 RIB-boats á 12 pax

Snorkeling: 2 RIB-boats á 12 pax

TIME: Duration: 2-3 hours.

SAFETY & CLOTHING: We have warm-suits life-/floating suits, gloves and goggles for the RIB. You're in the arctic. Wear warm and windtight clothes and shoes.

PROCEDURE:

Check-in 1 hour before the trip

Safety and briefing from the guide

Boarding the boats - follow the guide's instructions

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WHALE EXHIBITION

There are 10 species of whales outside of Andøy and Vesterålen. We made a new exhibiton that opened June 2024. Research has been a large part of our whale watching for several years. This unique collaboration between the biologists and the whale watching companies give our guests a close encounter with the lives of our whales.

Overview & Briefing room (The euphotic zone 0-200 m)

We position ourselves on the map and have a look at the unique geographical surroundings that make the island such a hot spot for marine life.

The Deep Sea (The Twilight zone – The dysphotic zone 200-1000 m)

This room is dedicated to life in the deep sea and the adaptations that flourish among life in the dark. Sound and bioluminescence are useful traits in a world where eyesight is not very effective.

Enlightenment Room

We explore the different animals through artifacts, facts and photos. We look at what we can learn from them and receive an insight into the ongoing local research on them. Feel free to let the kids enjoy the children's corner while you explore the animals.

The Skeleton Room

Our room highlighting marine mammal anatomy includes complete skeletons of three different species. Formerly a room utilized by local whaling endeavors, this room is now dedicated to providing a fascinating insight into anatomy and evolution of whales.



SEASON: All year

CAPACITY: 100 pax

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CHASING THE AURORA

Join us for an unforgettable evening where nature, culture, and magic come together. At Andenes Camping, just a short walk from the town center, you will find the perfect location to chase the Northern Lights – far from light pollution, yet close to the sea and breathtaking Arctic scenery.

Your guide welcomes you inside the campsite's reception where toilets and facilities are available. Here you'll be introduced to the history and science of the aurora, and get practical tips on how to capture it – whether with a camera or just your phone. Depending on the conditions, we provide ice grips or snowshoes to make exploring the winter landscape safe and easy.

We then gather around the fire, where you can relax, enjoy simple grilling, and warm up with hot drinks while waiting for nature's light show to appear.

Even on windy days, the experience is unique – watching the waves crash against the shore is a powerful reminder of the Arctic's raw beauty. And when the sky opens up and the aurora dances above you, it's a moment you'll never forget.

SEASON: January - March*

* outside of the season on request

CAPACITY: Groups of min. 8 pax

MEETING POINT: Andenes Camping, Bleiksveien 31, 8480 Andenes at 18:00 (6 pm).

DURATION: This trip duration is about 3 - 3,5 hours.

CLOTHING: You're in the arctic. Wear warm and wind-tight clothes and shoes, with warm underwear.

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HARBOUR WALK

Andenes Harbour has a rich birdlife and coastal history! Join us on a walk in the harbour for both a nature and coastal culture encounter.

Discover the «hidden treasures» of Andenes Harbour with our guides. Join an educational nature and culture walk in Andenes, a fishing village in Northern Norway. This way, you will get to know hidden corners and spots of the harbour area. The trip ends with a guided tour in the exhibition.

Immerse yourself in the rich coastal culture, and have the opportunity to observe wildlife such as seals, otters, sea eagles, and many more.

As you stroll through the harbour, our experienced guides will provide fascinating insights into the traditional fishing industry that has shaped the community, as well as the history of Andenes.

SEASON: All year

CAPACITY: Groups of max 30 pax, min. 8 pax. For larger groups, please contact us.

DURATION: This trip duration is about 2,5 hours.

CLOTHING: You're in the arctic. Wear warm and windtight clothes and shoes, with warm underwear.

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