



**WHALE
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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.

A core value for Whale2Sea Whalesafari Andenes is knowledge-based tourism, where scientific insights are shared with our guests. On board and in our exhibition, guides share what scientists have learned about behaviour, migration and more. 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 training to give our guests a good experience. The guides speak among them several different languages. Our research activity contributes to the recruitment of highly qualified guides and captains that are 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 ANDENES

YEAR ROUND WITH RIB

No two days at sea are ever the same. Every journey begins with the search, as we scan the horizon together for the first whale blow or dorsal fin. Travelling close to the water aboard one of our RIB boats offers a unique and immersive way to experience the Arctic Ocean, where every trip is shaped by nature and every encounter is different.

The waters off Andenes are among Northern Norway's most recognised whale watching areas, with seasonal opportunities to encounter different species. Every departure is shaped by natural conditions, making each tour a unique wildlife experience that can be presented to guests as both memorable and authentic.

Experienced captains, guides and researchers combine local expertise, field experience and active scientific knowledge to deliver a high-quality guest experience. The tour is conducted with respect for the animals' natural behaviour, while informative guiding gives visitors insight into whale biology, marine research and the rich ecosystem created by the underwater canyon and nutrient-rich waters off Andenes. Admission to the Whale Exhibition is included, adding further value and giving guests a deeper understanding of the species and research connected to the area.

SEASON: All year

CAPACITY: 8 X RIB-boats á 12 pax. During winter the capacity varies due to our tours in Alta and Skjervøy.

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

Experience whale watching aboard M/S Reine, our traditional vessel and a symbol of Northern Norway's rich maritime heritage.

Travelling at a slower pace allows you to fully appreciate the Arctic Ocean, the dramatic coastline and the wildlife that calls these waters home. The journey itself is an essential part of the experience, inviting you to slow down, observe and connect with nature.

Every journey begins with the search. Together with our experienced crew, you will scan the horizon for the first whale blow or dorsal fin while learning about the whales, seabirds and marine ecosystem that make the waters off Andenes so unique. Whether you are on the open deck, the upper viewing deck or relaxing in the indoor lounge, you will always be part of the experience.

We also have regular lectures in the Whale Center about the ongoing research, every evening during peak summer season. Registration upon arrival at our Whale Centre, here we have an exclusive souvenir shop, café and whale exhibition.

Please remember that whales are wild animals, and sightings cannot be guaranteed.

SEASON: May - September

CAPACITY: MS Reine; 80 pax. No animals on the boat.

DURATION: 3-4 hours.

SAFETY & CLOTHING:

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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.

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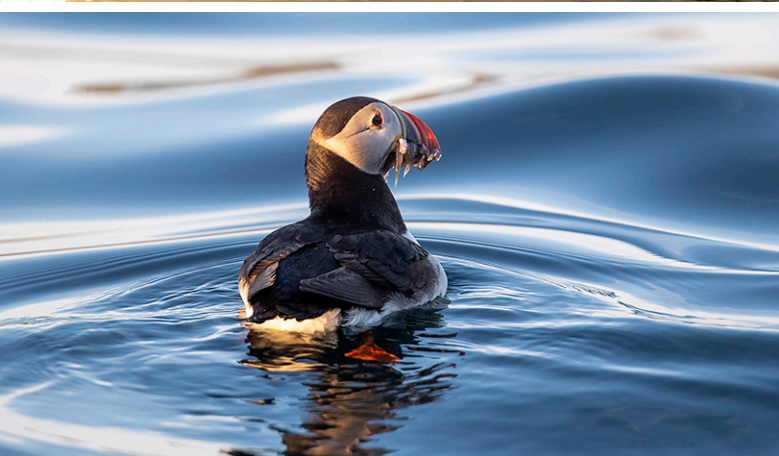


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MIDNIGHT TRIP

COMBINATION TOUR 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.

This combination tour is also offered daytime from 2026.

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.

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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.

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:

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WHALE WATCHING

WINTER AT SKJERVØY, TROMS COUNTY AND ALTA IN FINMARK COUNTY

WHALE WATCHING WITH RIB

In winter our companies offer trips at Alta in Finmark and 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 Alta and 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 the areas up north is unique globally, attracting large whales to feed side by side during the winter months. There is also a possibility to go snorkling from the RIB-boats.

SEASON: October - January

CAPACITY:

Skjervøy: 4 RIB-boats á 12 pax

Alta: 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 dysphotoc 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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UPCOMING LANDBASED TOURS

We are launching several year-round, land-based offerings from autumn 2026. Detailed product information is available on request.

Moose safari from Andenes - all year

Andøya has a surprisingly large moose population and good chances of seeing them if you know where and when to look.

A long the Scenic Route of Andøya's westcoast - all year

Our Norwegian scenic route at the westcoast offers stunning views, local food and space ports.

Hike beautiful Andøya - summer / fall

Advanced: Hike Andøya's most iconic mountain Måtind and get the best scenic views.

Easy: a beautiful round hike through the moraine and along the famous Bleik beach.

Birdies - for those with special interest in birds

Andøya is one of Norway's best areas for birdwatching because of its location and wetlands.

SEASON: All year, some seasonal

CAPACITY: Groups of max 8 pax, min. 4 pax.

DURATION: half day excursions: 4 - 6 hours

CLOTHING: You're in the arctic: Wear warm and windtight clothes and hiking shoes. Snow shoes are provided

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