



MAJESTIC LOFOTEN NORWAY



Join Gill Fry and David Williams for a photography adventure of a lifetime in majestic Lofoten, Norway.

Norway, often referred to as the **land of the northern lights**, is a photographer's paradise nestled within the Arctic Circle. Its location at 68 degrees north makes it one of the most captivating places on earth to capture the natural world.

Norway's natural beauty is amplified by its distinctive scenery, including:

- Majestic mountain peaks that rise sharply from the ocean.
- Serene, sheltered bays that offer moments of reflection and tranquility.
- Pristine beaches that juxtapose the wild ocean against the backdrop of imposing cliffs.

The untouched wilderness that whispers stories of a land unchanged by time.

**Is Norway on your bucket list?
Don't dream it! Do it!**



*Price excludes International and domestic flights, lunch and dinner (apart from dinner on the last night), alcohol, extra drinks, room service, laundry, gifts, souvenirs or any extras purchased. Travel insurance is a compulsory condition of booking. Camera or other optional insurances are not included. Camera equipment not supplied.

View the complete list of inclusions and exclusions at:
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YOUR PHOTOGRAPHY GUIDES

Join Gill Fry and David Williams for a photography trip of a lifetime of spectacular Lofoten, Norway.



Gill Fry

Globally recognized for her skill, Gill has won NASA's Astronomy Photo of the Day twice and was a finalist in the Sony World Photography Awards.

Her expertise extends beyond capturing stunning images to teaching. Join her photographic tours in Norway and Iceland for practical learning experiences.

These tours offer photographers at all levels the chance to improve their skills and capture beautiful landscapes.

"I love taking people on these awesome adventures, which are so much fun. It's incredible to help photographers nail the shot, and to bring them to amazing places to help tick off their bucket list. Each journey is a story waiting to be told through the lens, and I am here to guide you in capturing those timeless moments."

David Williams

As a passionate Melbourne based Photographer, David has been enthusiastic about photography since his youth, integrating it with his love for travel and outdoor adventures.

He focuses on the play of light in photography, especially in landscapes. David's work highlights the natural drama and beauty found in light across various photography genres.

Embark on a journey with David, where each photo captures a unique perspective of the world.



"Photography is about learning to have confidence in what you can achieve with your camera rather than a camera's features or prevailing landscape conditions. It is this continuous learning process that I enjoy sharing."





AURORA BOREALIS & STUNNING LANDSCAPES



Breathtaking Scenery at Every Turn

Norway's landscapes are a photographer's dream, offering a vast array of spectacular settings. Our journey will take us to:

- Reine: A picturesque fishing village known for its classic Norwegian scenery, including traditional red and white fishermen's huts against a backdrop of rugged peaks.
- Hamnøy: The oldest fishing village in the stunning Lofoten archipelago, offering iconic views of the surrounding mountains and waters.
- Flakstad: Known for its historical significance and stunning beach, framed by dramatic landscapes.
- Skagsanden & Maervollspollen: These locations offer unique perspectives of Norway's natural beauty, from serene beaches to dramatic mountain vistas.
- Utakleiv and Haukland Beaches: A short drive away, these beaches provide stunning coastal scenes and are perfect for capturing the Northern Lights.

Additionally, if conditions allow, we may extend our exploration to Svolvær and beyond, ensuring a diverse photographic experience. The flexibility of our itinerary allows us to adapt to the weather, ensuring the best possible photographic outcomes.



Chasing the Northern Lights

One of the highlights of this tour is the pursuit of the elusive and mesmerising Aurora Borealis. Depending on cloud cover and aurora activity, we will venture into the night to capture this natural wonder. The experience of witnessing and photographing the northern lights is truly a once-in-a-lifetime opportunity, and we aim to be in the right place at the right time to make the most of it.



Embrace the Unpredictable

Norway's weather is as varied as its landscapes, offering an array of conditions that can add drama and uniqueness to your photographs. From sudden showers to brilliant sunshine, each day presents new opportunities to capture the raw beauty of this extraordinary country.

Join us on this extraordinary journey to photograph the awe-inspiring Aurora Borealis and the magnificent landscapes of Norway. Whether you're a seasoned photographer or just starting, this tour offers unparalleled opportunities to expand your portfolio and experience the wonders of the Arctic.





Join us for this unforgettable experience, where every day is an opportunity to capture the essence of Norway's extraordinary landscapes and to grow as a photographer.



Arrival and First Impressions

Day 1 starts with a pick up from Leknes Airport or your accommodation in Leknes on Monday morning.

The adventure then begins in this amazing location. You will be blown away by how stunningly beautiful the Lofoten landscape is.



A Flexible Approach to Photography

Recognising the unpredictable nature of weather and light conditions, especially within the Arctic Circle, our daily itinerary remains flexible. We will make decisions on shooting locations on a day-to-day basis, adapting to the weather and auroral forecasts.

This approach ensures that we maximise our photographic opportunities, capturing the best of Norway's natural beauty under optimal conditions.



Ready for Adventure

Each day brings new possibilities and discoveries. Whether we venture out to capture the early morning light, chase the Aurora Borealis in the depths of the night, or find those perfect compositions during the day, you will be part of a unique photographic journey, guided by Gill Fry's expertise and local knowledge.

ACCOMMODATION



The Perfect Base for Exploration

Your stay will be at Solsiden Brygge - Rorbuhotell in Ballstad.

Each guest has a private bedroom and bathroom, ensuring privacy and comfort.

The cottages provide easy access to Lofoten's diverse photographic spots, making them an ideal base for exploration and a charming subject for photography.





WHY SEPTEMBER

In September, Lofoten welcomes the arrival of autumn, creating a unique and captivating ambiance.

A Canvas of Colours and Light

September in Lofoten is a period of remarkable transformation, where the archipelago wears a palette of spectacular autumn hues. The blend of reds, oranges, and yellows against the backdrop of dramatic peaks and serene fjords creates a photographer's paradise.

This time of year offers the ideal balance of daylight and darkness in Lofoten, crucial for diverse photographic explorations. Days in September can be warm or crisp with occasional showers, presenting dynamic lighting conditions for capturing the unique landscapes. The longer nights increase chances of witnessing the magical Aurora Borealis, especially around the equinox.

Lofoten's unique topography, from jagged mountain ranges to tranquil fishing villages and pristine beaches, is at its most picturesque during this season. The shifting weather patterns add an element of drama to the already stunning vistas, providing opportunities for both landscape and nightscape photography.

Under the expert guidance of Gill Fry, you'll learn to capture the stunning contrasts of Lofoten's landscapes. This tour is more than a journey through scenic locations; it's a comprehensive learning experience. Gill will share insights and techniques tailored to harness the unique qualities of Lofoten's September scenery.

Join us for a mesmerising experience in Lofoten this September. It's an opportunity to immerse yourself in the beauty of the Arctic, capturing the vivid autumn colours by day and potentially the Northern Lights by night, all in the extraordinary setting of Lofoten.

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LOFOTEN FACTS

Did you know?

1. Lofoten lies within the Arctic Circle, lending it unique climatic conditions and phenomena such as the Northern Lights.
2. The archipelago has a rich fishing history, particularly famous for its traditional cod fisheries, which have been a way of life for centuries.
3. Originally built to house fishermen, Rorbu cabins are a signature feature of Lofoten, now repurposed as charming accommodations for visitors.
4. Lofoten is renowned for its dramatic scenery, featuring towering mountains, deep fjords, and pristine beaches.
5. The islands are a haven for birdwatchers, with a diverse array of bird species, including sea eagles, and cormorants.
6. The archipelago is dotted with picturesque villages such as Reine and Henningsvær, each boasting a unique blend of history and natural beauty.
7. The stunning landscapes of Lofoten have long inspired artists and photographers, making it a popular destination for creative pursuits.
8. Lofoten has a rich Viking history, evident in its historical sites like the Lofotr Viking Museum, which showcases a reconstructed Viking longhouse and offers insights into Viking culture and life.





BE PREPARED

Tour Inclusions

- Benefit from the expertise of two experienced guides, catering to all skill levels, from phone camera enthusiasts to seasoned photographers.
- Enjoy the convenience of all travel and transfers provided during the tour, ensuring seamless movement throughout your journey.
- Relax in accommodations offering private bathrooms on a single basis, designed for your comfort and privacy.
- Daily breakfast is included, along with a special farewell celebratory dinner to mark the conclusion of your adventure.
- Receive a comprehensive guide to enhance your photography skills. This digital booklet covers everything from capturing various scenes to post-processing tips, making it a valuable resource for your ongoing photography journey.



Excluded from the tour

- International and domestic flights to and from Lofoten are not covered.
- Lunch and dinner are generally not included, except for the farewell dinner.
- Any alcohol, extra drinks, room service, laundry, gifts, and souvenirs are extra costs.
- Travel insurance is mandatory for all participants and must include COVID coverage.
- Participants need to bring their own camera gear.
- Any additional insurance for camera equipment or other items is not included.

The learning doesn't stop there!

An online editing session is included in the package, with Gill teaching post-tour how to edit the magical photos you have taken.

Tour Merchandise

- Merchandise will be available to purchase on Gill's website prior to the tour. Merchandise is still under development, but could include; caps, beanies, T-shirt, polo shirts and jumpers





IMPORTANT DETAILS

To get you started on your journey, please see below. Full details will be provided upon booking.

What to bring

- Your phone and a DSLR Camera with lens/lenses
- Spare batteries and lots of memory cards.
- A sturdy tripod.
- Remote shutter release.
- Filters if you have them (Polarizer/Graduated/Neutral Density).
- Good walking boots.
- Wet weather gear (rain will not hold us back).
- A sense of fun and adventure.

What to wear

- Expect four seasons in one day! The weather can change very quickly in Lofoten. Showers one minute and sunshine the next.
- Layering your clothing is best!
- Comfortable warm and waterproof clothing.
- Good supportive walking boots.
- We will supply a suggested "What to bring" list.

Meals

Breakfast will be provided each day and a celebratory dinner at the end of our tour.

Meeting location

The tour begins at Leknes Airport, where we will meet you on the morning of the first day. Alternatively, we can arrange a pickup from your accommodation in Leknes if you arrive a day earlier.

Fitness level requirements

- A moderate level of fitness is required.
- All participants should be able to hike short distances to locations on uneven surface with their camera gear.
- Some areas have uneven ground, slopes, rocks and require extra due care and diligence.
- A lot of the places have reasonably easy access.
- Check with me before leaving and I can give you a better idea of any special fitness requirements you may need to complete the Tour.

Travel Insurance

Travel insurance is a compulsory part of booking our photography tours. Evidence of your travel insurance must be presented. Basically – if you don't have it, you cannot participate on the tour. Travel insurance must also cover you for COVID.

Terms and Conditions

Please read our [terms and conditions](#) for more information.

How to secure your spot

Your deposit of \$2,000 AUD along with your registration form will secure your spot!

Final payment is due 60 days before the start of the tour. Contact by emailing Gill to obtain your registration form:
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Please note: your spot is not secured until we have received your filled out registration form with your deposit.

