

Bliss Mobil North Cape Expedition travel information

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# EXPEDITION THROUGH SWEDEN, NORWAY AND FINLAND

#### make the most of your BLISS MOBIL

Experience the ultimate freedom of independence thanks to your Bliss Mobil. From the 19th of February until the 7th of March we'll organize our North Cape expedition for a select number of adventurers (max. 8 participating trucks).

The 17-day expedition will take you straight through the coldest area of Scandinavia at the end of February/beginning of March. The Bliss Mobil North Cape Expedition is a journey of extremes, packed with challenges and adventure. But, of course, there's also time to defrost in the sauna or exchange some tales sitting beside the fireplace, while sipping a glass of bränvinn. In short: a true Bliss Mobil-worthy journey of about 3,800 kilometres, with 12 days of hard work behind the wheel and 5 days to catch your breath.

Feel free to contact Overland Travel if you have any questions. You can reach us by phone (+31 578 700 277) or e-mail (bliss@overland.travel). Start your Bliss Mobil and get ready for a goose bumpspacked trip through Sweden, Norway and Finland. It's not just the weather that'll give you goose bumps – even though temperatures drop to about -20 degrees Celsius in February/early March – but also the unique experiences on this adventure full of natural wonders and unforgettable moments. This not-for-the-faint-heartedexpedition is literally and figuratively cool, with extreme temperatures, rough landscapes, colourful fisherman's villages, clear skies and – if you're lucky – the spectacular northern lights.



Get an idea of what our expeditions are all about and watch the videos at <u>www.overland.travel/video</u>.

# EXPEDITION TO THE NORTHERNMOST POINT OF EUROPE

We're starting this cold, yet heart-warming adventure in Oslo, after which your intensive northern-bound adventure begins. It goes without saying that we'll travel the most gorgeous roads in the area. Via a beautiful route, also partly used during the World Rally Championships, we'll be braving the rough wintery conditions on the road up North.



# good chance of northern lights

Statistically speaking, chances are good we'll be able to witness the northern lights with our very own eyes. During February/March there are relatively a lot of explosions on the sun and chances are significant that you'll be able to see the aurora borealis dancing in the sky.

The spectacular show of colours varying from neon green to fuchsia purple is a mystical and extraordinary experience that is bucket list material for many a traveller. That's why, before we'll be heading up the coast across the peninsulas, we'll also be crossing the area that gives us the highest chance of seeing the northern lights. So if we're lucky enough, we might bear witness to this exceptional natural phenomenon several times during our expedition.

### extraordinary wintery activities

There's more on our to-do-list filled with special activities: from spending the night on the high plains to high speed driving on a frozen lake, ice fishing and spotting the northern lights. Weather permitting, we will board a rib boat in one of the pretty villages of Vesterålen in search of whales. These giants of the sea swim between the fjords in wintertime, searching for delicious snacks to regain their strength after their trek of thousands of kilometres. We will also sail with an icebreaker for an unforgettable boat trip straight through the ice. Are you brave enough to take a plunge in the ice cold waters? As you can see, this expedition is comprised of highlights only. Not just as far as experiences go, but that includes the route and challenges as well. After all, we're on our way to the northernmost point of the European continent, and that means you can't just sit back and relax all the time. Don't underestimate how taxing this expedition is for man and machine alike.

If the weather allows, we'll actually be able to drive towards the North Cape to park our Bliss Mobils and treat ourselves to views until infinity. The only thing left between you and the North Pole is the archipelago Svalbard. But, rest assured, after the North Cape, our polar adventure isn't at its end just yet. Dozens of wintery adventures await you during the last leg of the expedition. We'll continue over the winterv roads towards Finland, where we'll be filling our days with various unexpected winter activities. After a challenging and unforgettable polar adventure, the time has come to finish it in style: on the Arctic Circle in a beautiful log cabin in the wilderness near Rovaniemi. At this truly extraordinary location, we'll be toasting a successful expedition.



## **START IN OSLO**

Because at the end of February/the beginning of March we get more daylight to enjoy the fabulous surroundings (and glistening snow). We'll be driving north, where the days are shorter in winter. In March, there are more hours of daylight and the weather is more beautiful compared to the preceding months. During the expedition, we can count on about 9 to 10 hours of daylight.

#### WHY MARCH?

Our journey starts in Oslo. This means you'll have to get to the starting point of the expedition on your own. Of course, Overland Travel offers the option of transporting your truck to Oslo. If you choose to do so, your Bliss Mobil will be ready and waiting for your near the starting point. Price on request.

If you're driving to the starting point, you can take the ferry from Northern Germany to Oslo, or you can drive across the bridge near Malmö. The ferry can be booked on request by Overland Travel.

# vehicle, papers & insurance

This adventure is geared toward drivers of 4x4, 6x6 and 8x8 Bliss Mobil trucks. Insurance is mandatory for both person and vehicle. Please contact your insurance intermediary before departure to check if the vehicle is insured in Norway, Sweden and Finland, and adjust your insurance if necessary. Also, do not forget your travel insurance. If you use a vehicle that's not registered on your own name the owner must authorize you. You have to be able to provide a statement stating that the legal owner of the vehicle gives you permission to drive the car. Often this authorization must be legalized. Contact Overland Travel if you need any assistance.

In order to always have your papers available during the trip we advise you to make copies of all documents. Think of vehicle registration, green card, technical inspection, etc. Store these copies with your travel documents in your document bag.

#### visa

As a resident of the EU you do not need a visa for this expedition. Your passport or EU identity card is sufficient. If you are a resident of another country, please contact Overland Travel. We will gladly assist you with the visa application if desired.

## personal documents

We also advise you to include copies of important personal documents in your document bag. Think of copies of your passport, your driving license, insurance papers, etc.

## NAVIGATING

We navigate using the road book and the which you'll receive on arrival in Oslo. In addition, we use GPS to navigate. Garmin's devices are most suitable. We use the Garmin Overlander.

During this trip we will have to drive as one convoy a number of times. Think of departure and arrival, but also in difficult offroad terrain. That's exaclty why we do these expeditions in small groups. This way we car help each other with challenging passages and any recovery (if needed). That makes it possible to get to beautiful places where you won't go alone.

In many cases you can decide yourself whether you would like to travel independently (based on coordinates) or will join us/the other adventurers. At the end of each day you will meet each other at the bivouac/campsite for the night. Of course, you will also meet regularly en route. Support and help is always nearby.

## FEEL. SMELL. TASTE. SEE. EXPERIENCE THE FREEDOM OF INDEPENDENCE.

# intensity

The actual intensity of the trip will partly be determined by factors like weather conditions and physical condition. The adventure demands a lot of man and machine. A healthy body and mind, as well as a well-prepared vehicle ensure that you will be able to enjoy this trip to the fullest. The travel pace guarantees that a sufficient number of sights can be visited. The expedition has been planned in such a way that daily travel distances can be covered during daylight.

## accommodation

You will spend the night in your Bliss Mobil unit at the most unique locations.

"A 3,800kilometre long polar adventure through winter wonderland"

## guidance

Overland Travel has over 10 years of experience in planning, organizing and guiding the most adventurous trips imaginable. Our professional guides have above-average technical knowledge and have had first aid training.

As expected from a professional travel company, we also have all required tools always at hand.

## health

Of course, you must make sure to travel well insured. This applies to both your health and vehicle insurance. In case you cannot continue your trip due to technical or medical problems, Overland Travel will assist wherever possible with repatriation.

## communicating with each other

We use VHF devices to communicate with each other on the way. For a good device, we refer you to the equipment list. Ask Overland Travel for the best device recommendations and more information about regulations.

## photos & video

It is forbidden to film or photograph militaryprotected roads and areas. Of course, it is not appreciated if you film or photograph religious places. Always ask permission if you want to capture locals. Never do so unsolicited.

For drone's, other guidelines apply. Please inform yourself of the regulations.

## contacting home

In general, mobile telephone coverage is reasonable to good. Your telephone subscription determines which countries are covered within your bundle. Most European travelers can call, text and use the internet from their regular bundle in Norway, Sweden and Finland.

Our travel guides are equipped with a satellite device in case of emergency. You can choose to take a similar device with you yourself. Overland Travel can provide you with the right device.

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# driving & shipping

Transport of your Bliss Mobil to the starting point of the expedition in Oslo can be taken care of, however, is not included in the price of the expedition.

Overland Travel also has the right partners to take care of the arrangements when it comes to transport. Meaning we can facilitate and coordinate, so that you can fully enjoy the journey. Prices are based on open calculation and depend e.g. on your starting location.

Please send an email to bliss@overland.travel for more information and a customized offer.





#### included in the price

- Professional organization: you won't have to worry about a thing
- All overnight stays (bivouac at unique locations)
- Meals at selected locations
- 24/7 professional travel guidance
- A number of excursions
- Extensive adventurous road book
- Offroad guidance
- Technical backup and support
- A lot of fun and unforgettable adventures

#### additional costs

- Vehicle, fuel and liability insurance
- Tolls and custom duties
- Equipment (available at Overland Travel)
- Spare parts (available at Overland Travel)
- Meals (except for a number of meals at selected locations)

- Additional casco insurance for the vehicle, if desired
- Other personal expenses
- Transport of your vehicle to the starting location and from the finish location back home (can be arranged by Overland Travel)

# price & registration



The price of  $\in$  6.945,- per Bliss Mobil truck is based on two people per team. Half of the total travel sum must be paid upon registration. The total travel sum, including any additions such as extra participants, extra nights or additional wishes, must be paid one month before departure.

Fill in the registration form (which you can find on our website, request via e-mail or have received with this brochure) to join the North Cape Expedition. Send the form to bliss@overland.travel to claim your spot. After registration you will receive a preparation package with an expedition manual and several checklists to prepare for the expedition.



# JOIN US ON AN UNFORGETTABLE EXPEDITION TO THE MOST NORTHERN PART OF EURÓPE.

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