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Tromsø, Norway

Come winter, the sun barely peeks above the horizon in Tromsø, Norway, yet every day seems full. Tucked on a small island in the Norwegian Sea, ringed by fjords and mountains, the Capital of the North still charms, even as darkness falls and temperatures hover near freezing. Light, music, and chatter spill from downtown doorways as shoppers browse knitted mittens and dried fish snacks, while friends catch up over aquavit. Nearby, wooden houses—in shades of lemon yellow and brick red—add a homey touch to the city center.

Across the water, the Arctic Cathedral shines, its triangular silhouette echoing the surrounding peaks. Step inside to marvel at the blue-and-gold mosaic windows and the 2,940-pipe organ with bellows made of reindeer hide. Then take the cable car up Mount Storsteinen to

see the city, sea, and hills aglow in the dim light. Once night creeps in, you might catch the elusive aurora borealis, shimmering in electric shades of green and red—the perfect northern show in a truly northern destination.—CHRIS WOOLSTON

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When booking winter air travel, avoid the last flight of the day, says Doreen Loofburrow of AAA Travel. Blizzards, ice storms, and other wild weather events lead to delays and cancellations, meaning night flights can get pushed to the next day. An earlier flight provides a cushion, ensuring that you actually start your trip on the day you intended.