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Hiking the seashore – from one hut to the next

Experience Tamsøya and its varied and magical nature. Cliffs, colourful vegetation, the ripples of the waves on the beach, seagulls calling and the wind in your hair. This is a twoday hike suitable for parties of 2-4. If you want to experience a break from the stresses of civilization and exchange it for the serenity of the wild, this trip is perfect for you.



Kobbevika, with a view to Magerøya



Surfing waves on the northern end

# Practical info and pricing

The trip with us to Tamsøya begins at 18:00 (6pm) on the old ferry peer in Repvåg. You can park your car for free along the fence of the large blue house with a red barn. From there, you'll be a passenger on our 600 horsepowered, 35 feet RIB boat, and it'll take about 15 minutes to reach the island. The boat has a passenger capacity of 12, and everyone will be equipped with regatta (floatation) suits and life vests.

Once on the island, the hosts will inform you all about the hike over a cup of coffee or tea in the old berry shed. The first night is spent in one of our cosy, 1950's style cabins right by the peer and the seashore. Here you'll make your own food in the fully-equipped kitchen with gas cookers, and you can light the fire with the birch wood provided by us. Each room in

these cabins can accommodate 4 people. We do not have electricity or running water here, and the toilets are in the form of outhouses. We do have a well, but the drinking water is carried by boat from the mainland. So, there is no need to bring your own. The rooms are equipped with quality duvets and fresh linens.



The southern end

Colourful Photos: *Erica Haugli* 

Hellemolla

The next day starts with a shoreline hike from the peer. If spending the night in Hellemolla, you'll head northwest. If you're spending the night in Kobbevika, you'll head northeast. There are campfire sites with firewood along the way in both directions, and also drinking water available. In 2019, most of our guests visited us during the weekends, so we recommend you book weekdays for your own convenience.

### Spending the night in Kobbevika

First lap: most people spend 5-7 hours from the south end to Kobbevika, even though it's only about a 10km hike. According to the feedback from our guests, people spend extra time taking photographs and breaks. It's all about the journey, not getting there as fast as possible. We recommend you take a longer lunch break in Hellemolla. When you reach Kobbevika, you'll spend the night in a simple, yet cosy hut with big windows and a view of the ocean and the surrounding area. The hut is small, but equipped with the necessary tools to make your stay pleasant. Maximum capacity is 4 people. Adjacent to the hut, there is an outhouse.

Second lap: the third and last day of your trip is spent walking southbound towards where you arrived with the boat two days earlier. You'll follow the beach on the eastern side of the island, with a splendid view of the Sværholt peninsula and Kjæsklubben. Distance: 6km. Most people walk it in 2-3 hours.

Return to Repvåg departs at 16:30 (4:30pm).

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Second lap: the third and last day of your trip is spent walking southbound towards where you arrived with the boat two days earlier. you'll follow the beach on the western side of the island, with a lovely view of western side of the Porsanger fjord. Distance: 5km. Most people walk it in 2-3 hours.

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# **August and September**

During the cloudberry season in august, all our huts and houses are occupied, so for about 2 weeks these trips are not available. We will not know exactly when these 2 weeks will be, so for the time being we're only accepting bookings for the following periods: 19<sup>th</sup> of June to 2<sup>nd</sup> of august, and 31<sup>st</sup> of august to 27<sup>th</sup> of September. If you in addition to this 3-day hike want to want to participate in the berry-picking, this is of course possible, but then you'll have to sign up for that separately.

July is the most popular month for these trips, but autumn is also a beautiful time of year here. Fall colours will cover the landscape, and blueberries are ripe and available to pick for those who may want to. If you're very lucky, you'll come upon batched of newly ripened cloudberries too! Every season has its charm, here.

# Other

*"Is this a guided tour?",* is a question we often get. And no, it isn't, but that's a part of the idea behind this concept – you're supposed to make it on your own, while of course being advised by our team. There is no need for a guide, because the risk of getting lost or walking into dangerous areas is so low. But for your own safety, we recommend you wear proper hiking boots.

It's a simple life on Tamsøya, so you should be cognizant of the type of standard we have here – it's not a modern place with dishwashers and showers. We can promise you that this is something else – something other than everyday life. The hike will be an exciting and different experience than what you're used to, and it is our belief that you'll appreciate and enjoy it for just that.

Excerpt from one of our guests:

Take this trip to Tamsøya and experience something unique. The nature is varied and special, the bird life rich, and the vast cloudberry mires... However, I'd like to emphasize the notable

atmosphere that Anne and Olaf facilitate! It made this trip into the trip above all other trips. From the very first moment you feel so welcomed and well-taken care of, and this mood sticks with you for the remainder of your days there. I have walked and biked many trips – and the only thing close to this one was on Malta, Greece.

We were greeted so warmly with info, homemade pikelets and fresh coffee, before being guided to the little red-painted houses, that were so cozy with newly-picked flowers and beautiful views from the windows. And the beds were made nicely, too. It's such a good feeling of fatigue you get from the hike, the weather and all the experiences along the way. It all begins and ends with refreshing RIB rafting. I'm impressed. THANK YOU, from a highly satisfied southerner.

- Torhild H. Melås

# Price: 3500 NOK per person.

This includes the RIB rafting to and from the island, accommodation for two nights with fresh linens, breakfast the first morning, dry firewood, gas for cooking, drinking water from the mainland and facilitating, campfires along the route and more. Additionally, you'll get a great opportunity to experience lovely nature in authentic surroundings without a hint of mass tourism.

