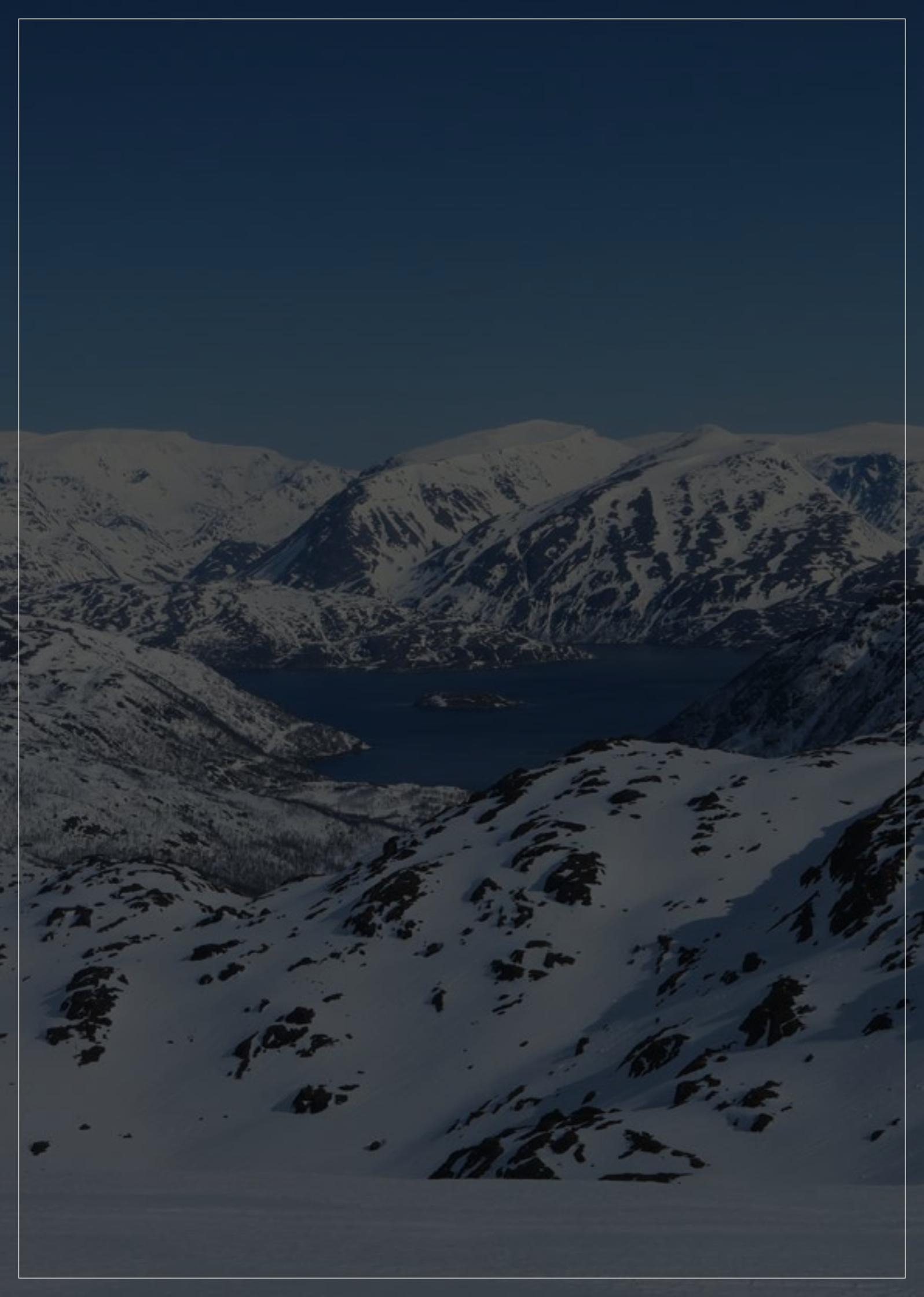




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## 2022 TRIP DETAILS

**Dates:** Trip 1: March 26–April 2 (ex Tromsø)  
Trip 2: April 2–9 (ex Alta)  
Trip 3: April 9–16 (ex Tromsø)

**Duration:** 8 days

**Departure:** ex Alta or Tromsø, Norway

**Price:** From US\$2,450 per person

▲ Sail through the rugged Norwegian fjords. Photo: Massimo Candolini

Our Alpine Peaks of North Norway expedition will take you to ski beautiful remote peaks whilst spotting whales, seals and a wide variety of seabirds along the way. This expedition incorporates skiing and mountain climbing, reaching exquisite peaks with deep snow cover in stunning and seldom visited alpine terrain.

## EXPEDITION OVERVIEW

Sailing between the historic town of Tromsø and the picturesque surrounds of Alta, both famous for their grandstand views of the Northern Lights, this adventurous voyage lets you ski some of the biggest and best off-the-beaten track slopes in northern Norway.

Our Alpine Peaks of North Norway expedition gives you not only the chance to see some of Earth's wildest areas and animals, but also to engage in exhilarating polar activities as we sail through the fascinating Arctic world. Take in the splendour of the rugged and secluded northern fjords, enjoying new and unique ski excursions each day before returning to our comfortable vessel each night. Summits such as Trolltinden (850m/2,789ft), Arnøyhøgda (1,171m/3,839ft) and Øksfordjökelen (1,175m/3,855ft) are all possibilities on this exhilarating expedition-style cruise.

## THE VESSEL

The *Rembrandt Van Rijn* was originally built as a herring lugger in 1947 before being remodelled as a three-mast passenger sailing schooner in 1994. The vessel underwent an additional rebuilding and refurbishment programme in 2011, including a complete renewal of communication and navigation systems.

The ship is well suited for expedition cruising through small islands and offers fantastic open deck viewing areas. The two inflatable rubber crafts (Zodiacs) enable landing and wildlife viewing opportunities in otherwise inaccessible areas.

With space to accommodate 33 passengers, the ship's cabins all enjoy ensuite facilities and include one Triple Private cabin with porthole, six Twin Private Interior cabins and nine Twin Private cabins with porthole.



▲ Wild and remote ski mountaineering. Photo: Massimo Candolini

## PRE-REQUISITE EXPERIENCE

This program is designed for experienced ski mountaineers who have mastered techniques both for ascent and descent in challenging, snow-covered alpine terrain. Skiers must be in good physical condition, as a typical day involves climbs on mountaintops averaging heights of 800–1,100m/2,600–3,600ft) and downhill skiing from those points. The accumulated altitude you might climb over a given day can exceed 1,000m/3,300ft.

Skiers will be asked to fill out a questionnaire highlighting ski mountaineering experience.

An accurate route cannot be determined in advance due to variable weather, sea, wildlife, and avalanche considerations.

## TEAM SIZE

The *Rembrandt Van Rijn* can accommodate 33 passengers with an experienced crew of 12 personnel, including 2 tour guides.

## 2022 EXPEDITION DATES

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## ITINERARY

Following is a typical itinerary for Trips 1 and 3, embarking in Tromsø and disembarking in Alta. This itinerary is reversed for Trip 2.

Day 1	Arrive in Tromsø, Norway, board the vessel.
Days 2–5	Set sail, outings in Akkarfjord.
Day 6–7	Continue sailing through the fjords with daily ski excursions to surrounding peaks.
Day 8	Disembark in Alta, trip ends.

### DETAILED ITINERARY (TROMSØ–ALTA)

#### Day 1

The adventure begins in Tromsø, Norway, nicknamed the “Paris of the North” and located in an area rich with Norse and Sámi history. We arrive and make last-minute preparations before boarding our sailing vessel by 5pm.

#### Days 2–3

In the morning, we prepare for our first outing in Akkarfjord. If conditions permit, we start skiing up to the summit of Trolltinden (850m/2,789ft). From here we can enjoy an expansive view of the beautiful northern Norway coastline.



▲ The Rembrandt van Rijn, a comfortable base from which to launch your adventure. Photos: Rolf Stange

The vessel stays in this area for another day in order to find more ski possibilities, such as the summit of Arnøyhøgda (1,170m/3,839ft).

### Days 4–7

The ship becomes our base for daily ski trips in areas that can hardly be reached any other way. Possible stops include Frakkfjorden (Stoltind, 962m/3,156ft), Langfjorden, Øksfjord (Øksfordjøkelen, 1,175m/3,855ft), Stjernøya (Nordmannsfjellet, 844m/2,769ft) and Seiland.

### Day 8

The adventure ends in the picturesque surrounds of Alta, located at the head of Alta Fjord. We disembark at 9am, beginning our homeward journey (or other post-cruise program) with memories that will accompany us wherever our next adventure lies.

**NOTE:** A specific route cannot be determined in advance due to variable weather, sea, wildlife and avalanche considerations.

## OTHER ACTIVITIES

The two inflatable rubber crafts (Zodiacs) enable landing and wildlife viewing opportunities in otherwise inaccessible areas. Every day there will be excursions on land, weather and ice permitting.

The landings will take three to six hours per day over untracked area. According to conditions (the weather, the ice condition or the passengers' wishes), the program can sometimes be adjusted.

Ample time will be devoted to wildlife, vegetation, geography and history. Our knowledgeable guides assist on these outings, providing detailed information. This is supplemented by lectures on board which cover topics such as wildlife, nature and history.

## THE ADVANTAGES OF EXPEDITIONING WITH ADVENTURE CONSULTANTS

Adventure Consultants is renowned for the quality of its service and strategy applied to expeditions. Our reputation is attributed to meticulous planning and experienced logistics coordination.

We have a philosophy of investing in every expedition to offer our members the best possible chance of success.

We employ strong and specialised Expedition Leaders and support staff, who are some of the most pre-eminent in the industry. We pride ourselves on operating with small teams, with the best back-up and support available. This includes nutritious and ample quantities of food, comfortable facilities, reliable communications systems and the necessary medical back up.

Many of our expedition members come to us because they have seen us in action on a previous trip and decide to opt for our level of service and proven experience. Others return because they know we do our very best to make expeditions safe and successful.

## EQUIPMENT

A full clothing and equipment checklist will be sent to all expedition members once their booking is confirmed. However, members are expected to provide personal equipment for specific activities such as skis with touring bindings, ski boots, crampons, skins, poles, avalanche equipment and climbing equipment.

## MEDICAL EXAMINATION

Members will be provided with pre-trip medical advice and a medical questionnaire. They will be asked to visit their family physician to receive a full medical examination. This information will be treated with full confidentiality.

## FOOD

All meals, including snacks, coffee and tea are provided onboard and most dietary requirements can be catered for if notified in advance.

## THE EXPEDITION FEE

Several ship berth options are available, please advise your preference at the time of booking. The price of the expedition ex Alta or Tromsø, Norway is as follows:

### SHIP BERTH OPTIONS

#### Triple Porthole Cabin

Single berth in a shared cabin	US\$2,450
Private cabin with 3 passengers	US\$7,350



▲ Ski with like-minded adventurers. Photo: Massimo Candolini



▲ Access remote areas by sea. Photo: Massimo Candolini



▲ Capture seldom-seen landscapes. Photo: Massimo Candolini

## Twin Interior Cabin

Single berth in a shared cabin	US\$2,650
Private cabin, sole occupancy	US\$4,505
Private cabin with 2 passengers	US\$5,300

## Twin Porthole

Single berth in a shared cabin	US\$3,050
Private cabin, sole occupancy	US\$5,185
Private cabin with 2 passengers	US\$6,100

This is an inclusive cost and covers the following:

- Voyage aboard the Rembrandt van Rinjin as indicated in the itinerary
- All meals throughout the voyage aboard the ship including snacks, coffee and tea
- All shore excursions and activities throughout the voyage by Zodiac
- Program of lectures by noted naturalists and leadership by experienced expedition staff
- Free use of snowshoes
- All miscellaneous service taxes and port charges throughout the programme
- AECO fees and governmental taxes
- Comprehensive pre-departure material

The expedition fee does not include the following:

- Any airfare, whether on scheduled or charter flights
- Transfers to/from the ship
- Pre- and post-trip land arrangements
- Passport and visa expenses
- Government arrival and departure taxes
- Meals ashore
- Ski mountaineering equipment
- Baggage, cancellation and personal insurance
- Excess baggage charges and all items of a personal nature such as laundry, bar, beverage charges and telecommunication charges
- Customary gratuity at the end of the voyages for stewards and other service personnel aboard (guidelines will be provided)

## PAYMENT DETAILS

All payments should be made by bank transfer to the following bank and account:

Bank of New Zealand  
Offshore Branch  
42 Willis Street  
Spark Central  
Wellington  
New Zealand

for the account of Adventure Consultants Limited

**Account Number:** 1000-594771-0000  
**Account Type:** US Dollars  
**Swift Address:** BKNZNZ22



▲ Planning with experienced guides. Photo: Massimo Candolini



▲ Wilderness as far as the eye can see. Photo: Massimo Candolini



▲ Relax in style in the onboard lounge. Photo: Monica Salmang



▲ Great viewing opportunities from the deck. Photo: Rolf Stange



**NOTE:** All bank transfer charges are for the remitter's account.

We also accept your deposit and balance payment by credit card (Visa, Mastercard and Amex) plus a 3% card charge.

## DEPOSIT

To confirm place on one of our courses, we require a completed registration form with a deposit of 25% of the expedition fee.

## BALANCE

The balance payment is due 120 days prior to the course start date.

## CANCELLATION & REFUND POLICY

- Cancellations outside of 120 days will result in the loss of the trip deposit.
- For cancellations made within 120 days of the trip commencement date we reserve the right to retain 50% of the balance payment fee.
- For cancellations within 90 days of the departure date a cancellation fee of 100% of the full fee applies.

We recommend you take out trip cancellation insurance via your travel agent if you wish to be covered against cancellation due to medical or personal reasons.

## HOW TO JOIN THIS EXPEDITION

If you would like to join one of our Alpine Peaks of Norway Ski & Sail Expeditions, please book online booking at <https://www.adventureconsultants.com/expeditions/arctic/alpine-peaks-of-north-norway-ski-and-sail/book-now> and return your completed booking form to us along with your deposit.

## CONTACT US

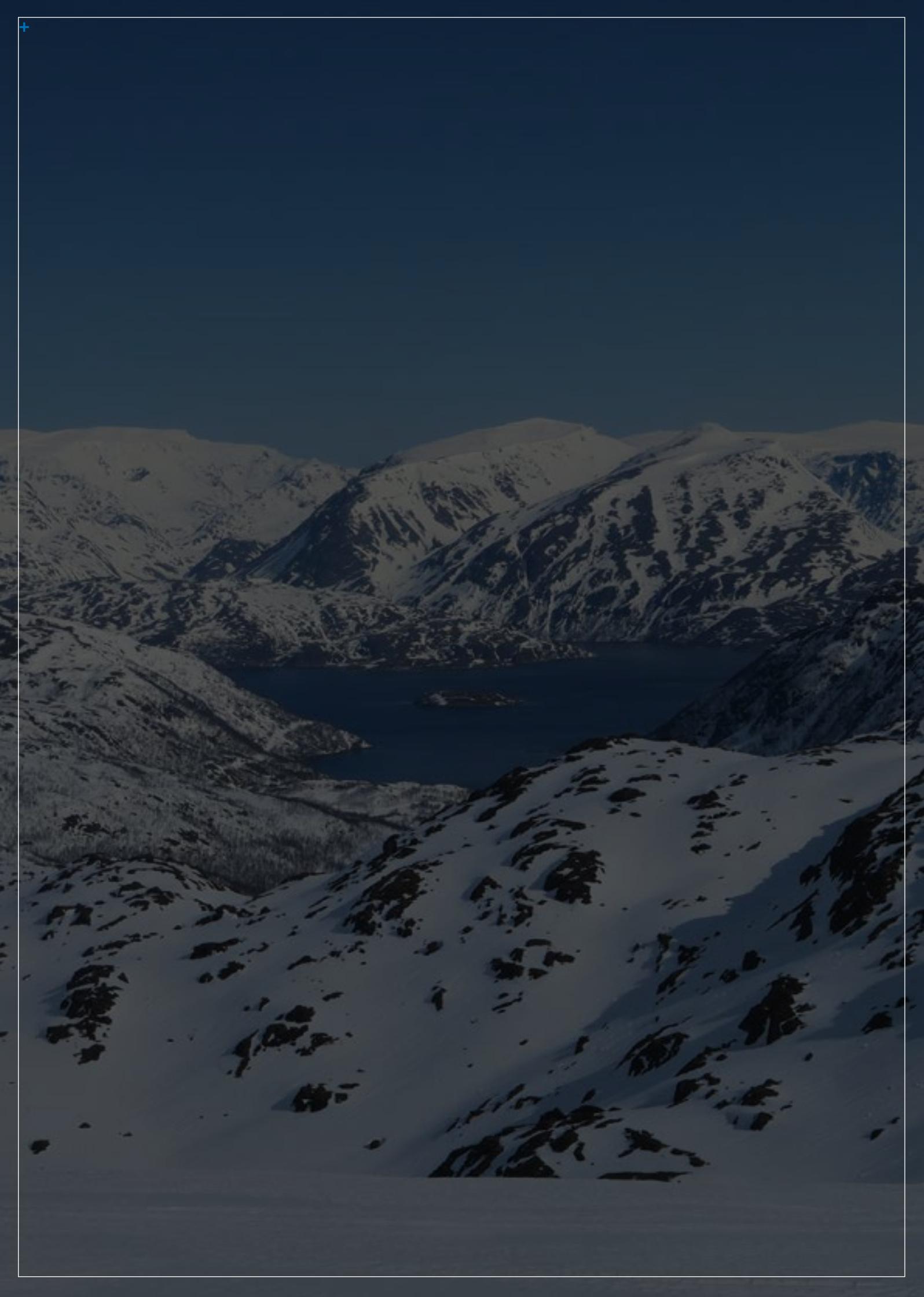
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▲ Engage with an Arctic wonderland. Photo: Massimo Candolini



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