

## A POINT HACKER'S ITINERARY:

# The Northern Lights

There are few natural wonders that come close to the grandeur of the Northern Lights. Watching the lights dance across the night sky is a phenomenon so rare and so unique that it has to be seen to be believed. So, I decided to do just that.

Venturing to one of the northernmost parts of the world from Australia can seem like an arduous trek. But thanks to the power of Qantas Points, you can not only fly there for less, but lap up the comforts of Finnair's newest Business Class seat onboard the Airbus A350.

This itinerary can be replicated end-to-end, and you can view the full experience on [pointhacks.com.au](https://pointhacks.com.au).

### RETAIL PRICE

\$13,103

### WE PAID

\$2,769

PER PERSON

+ 239,200

QANTAS POINTS

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## Fun facts



### Chasing lights

The best spots to view the Northern Lights are Norway, Finland, Iceland and Sweden.



### Chilly nights

During its coldest months, temperatures in Tromsø can drop to -14°C at night.



### Oh deer

Norway has one of the world's largest populations of reindeer.



### North capital

Helsinki is the northernmost capital city in Europe - but not the largest!

## Trip highlights



### The Northern Lights

The ultimate bucketlist item.



### Reindeer sleigh ride

Not solely reserved for Santa!



### Helsinki National Park

Try a traditional Finnish sauna.



### Finnair Business Class

An impressive lie-flat journey.

## Foods to try



### Salmon soup

Piping hot, fresh and delicious.



### Finland's water

It's bottled and exported.



### Puffer jacket

You'll need the insulation!



### Beanie

Keep your ears and head warm.





## Getting there

### SYD-SIN

Qantas (QF81) Airbus A330  
Economy Class (Reward)  
Depart: 12:30 pm | Arrive: 5:50 pm  
25,200 Qantas Points + \$137

### SIN-HEL

Finnair (AY132) Airbus A350  
Business Class (Reward)  
Depart: 10:30 pm | Arrive: 6:10 am<sup>+1</sup>  
90,000 Qantas Points + \$64

### HEL-CPH

SAS (SK1709) CRJ900  
Economy Class (Cash)  
Depart: 11:20 am | Arrive: 12:05 pm  
*connecting to*

### CPH-TOS

SAS (SK4452) Airbus A319  
Economy Class (Cash)  
Depart: 2:10 pm | Arrive: 4:40 pm  
\$299



## Getting home

### TOS-OSL

SAS (SK4411) Airbus A430  
Economy Class (Cash)  
Depart: 10:20 am | Arrive: 12:10 pm  
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### OSL-LHR

SAS (SK805) Airbus A320  
Economy Class (Cash)  
Depart: 1:15 pm | Arrive: 2:35 pm  
\$314

### LHR-SIN

British Airways (BA11) Boeing 777  
Premium Economy Class (Reward)  
Depart: 7:30 pm | Arrive: 4:05 pm<sup>+1</sup>  
81,800 Qantas Points + \$661

### SIN-SYD

Emirates (EK5004) Airbus A380  
Economy Class (Reward)  
Depart: 7:30 pm | Arrive: 5:10 am<sup>+1</sup>  
42,200 Qantas Points + \$156



## Stay

### Crowne Plaza Changi Airport

1 night | \$241 per person

### Hilton Helsinki Strand

3 nights | \$311 per person

### Radisson Blu Hotel Tromso

2 nights | \$459 per person



### Hilton London Heathrow Airport T5

1 night | \$127 per person

We always travel carbon neutral where possible.

## Points earning tips and tricks

Want to earn points towards your own Northern Lights experience? Here are some ways to boost your points balance.



Fancy a unique Airbnb tucked away in the alps? Or perhaps you're eyeing a hotel in the heart of the city. Simply book your accommodation via [Qantas Hotels](#) to pocket Qantas Points on your stay.



The [Qantas Wine](#) store is a speedy and deliciously easy way to earn Qantas Points when you purchase eligible cases. Keep an eye out for bonus point offers!



Shopping online for last minute essentials or gifts before you head off? You'll find plenty of popular brands on [Qantas Marketplace](#), so you can earn Qantas Points when you click through and shop.

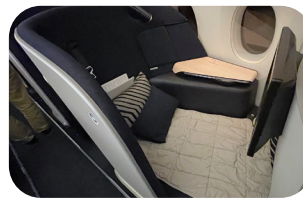


Taking advantage of a [points-earning credit card](#) with a sign-up bonus is one of the best ways to earn a stash of points. Plus, you can enjoy extras like travel insurance, lounge passes, travel credit and more.



Turn your groceries into points by linking your [Woolworths Everyday Rewards](#) card to your Qantas Frequent Flyer account and watch your points soar.

## But wait, there's more...



### Finnair Airbus A350 Business Class (Singapore – Helsinki)

An innovative 'cocoon' design that provides maximum space.



### Qantas International First Lounge, Singapore

This dazzling lounge is the place to be at Changi Airport.



### British Airways Boeing 777 World Traveller Plus

This Premium Economy cabin is well worth the upgrade.



### How to hack your way to Helsinki with points

Our top tips for flying to Helsinki from Australia.