

further in Vestvagoya where you'll find some seabird (eagle, goose, curly, gull, ...) but absolutely no kayak ! You began to think few hour behind when you let the road sign « Reine » on your write with the feeling « lovely place but probably no kayak, I'll try to visit later... », you finally find again E10 and remember a website when you plane your trip two years ago : LofotenAktiv and surprisingly your phone is currently « aware » so you look for a number... desperately... but you get the information that the place to be to go for a kayak ride is Svolvær so you continue your road asking carefully to a tourisme little center and in a small shop if they know something about kayak in Svolvær... one good indication is to stop at Kabelvag, the LofotenAktiv meeting point at 10am to pick up the kayak but you arrive a bit late...

Following the road to Svolvær you arrive to the airport sign and you don't realise that you over pass the city so arrived in Liland you make a break to throw an eye on the map and a tooth to a tuna sandwich, your little finger tell you to go back on your path, a small turn on the airport car park to be sure it was the wrong direction and then finally find the XXLofoten that you have call at 916 555 00 during the lunch after trying to join Reine-Adventure and LofotenAktiv 900 78 896 and using for the first time the norway phone code +47... So well know you've find boats, done the reservation in a group with a group from a



diving suit, his kayak look's great, a red one with two black stripes, he give you the number 93 21 45 96 which is not the bingo result but the phone of the reine-adventure kayak association, you write it at the back of the Schibevaag-adventure kayak (92 07 17 22), surf, kite, snorkeling, ... association the one behind the « blue container », after hoping a good paddling to the red kayak owner, you still have time till 10am the crucial hour for paddling...

You met a ParisCapNord raider, talk a bit, tell your plan to go kayaking and listen their one to go to Haukland... with or without « e »... (nothing to do with U2) because they



have read in the road book it looks like really like Polynesia... seeing the map... well it look's like... but a bit cloudy this morning... you decide to find Aukland avec un « H » de viking (le jeu de mot n'aurais aucun sens en anglais...), bref, you follow your road hoping to find a kayak to rent near Haukland, you find... Haukland, at list a road sign direction indication that you follow like a gentle-cattle-ship who is eager to paddle like a ship viking or maybe a cheap viking or whatever, you finally arrive at Aukland à l'arrache mais sans kayak and moreover that was neither Aukland in the US nor Haukeland in the roadbook but Haukland just like Haukland few kilometers

## Kayak in Lofoten



You've dream to paddle in blue or green water, you come in Lofoten and you realise you need a licence to rent a Kayak, starting your journey from Moskenesoya you arrive too early at Flakstad, you find a campsite which seems to rent some red or yellow kayak, ask the manager how to rent one, « go near the blue container », you start to speek english with a man who seems to go to ride the quiet sea and realise he's french, he explain you as he can what his trip lead him to do while preparing his





Norway High School it seems OK and you'll still have a place to sleep and be a quarter to twelve on the desk for paddling tomorrow, after all this adventure to book three hours of kayak you decide to write this notice for eventual followers they might look for a bit less than you to find their paddle...

After reaching XXLofoten you finally began your daily kayaking trip about twelve O'clock.

A first small group of ten kayak start and you wait the second group to be complete you talk a bit to two norwegian guy from Oslo and then start talking in an awful english to Karine who travel alone from Helsinki where she is a teacher in a french school so she says to you that it will be better if you speak french... vous réglez vos pédales pour diriger le gouvernail essayer votre jupe et attrapez votre rame de 2m30 et une et deux et hop le kayak à l'eau ! C'est parti pour trois petites heures de

pagaye pas triste, on commence par la visite du port, les séchoirs à morues, la petite maison rouge du grand père de notre guide qui nous parle également des montagnes qui entourent le Trollfjord, après la petite pause culturelle ou les dix kayak s'accroche en mode radeau, un peu de sport, on rame jusqu'au phare une photo de l'hydravion qui vient nous dire bonjour, on accoste sur une petite plage de sable au milieu des rochers puis le guide demande "are you in hurry to take a bus or a train ?" D'un non unanime la rando kayak est donc prolongée au delà de quinze heures on pagaye jusqu'à faire le tour d'une petite île à l'ouest du port et puis finalement il faut rentrer doucement au début et pas trop vite à la fin on rentre finalement à bon port et rangeons le matériel, « Good Bye Karine, have a nice trip ! »



### Summary of useful informations :

If you have no licence, you could not rent a kayak, and need a guide in a group, there's 5 known kayak associations in Lofoten :

Reine-Adventures	93 21 45 96
LofotenAktiv	900 78 896
Schibevaag Adventure	920 71 722
Kayak Lofoten Henningsvær	468 05 648
XXLofoten	916 555 00

To choose your one, wonder yourself, how many times you want to paddle, trips are from a few hours to seven days

