

NORWEGIAN ROUND VOYAGE

Twelve days - a thousand memories Every single nautical mile along the coastal cruise from Bergen to Kirkenes and back is filled with new experiences. The mountains are immutable, but the weather and the light change constantly, transforming the colours and appearance of the landscape. Here, you will encounter the soft grey of the rain, the crackling green of the Northern Lights or the golden glow of the midnight sun. Along the coast, tiny fishing villages shelter from the fierce Atlantic breakers, while larger coastal towns nestle in the narrow space between wild mountains and the seashore. Astronomy Adventures in 2024 In 2024, you can participate in three special cruises to learn about the Northern Lights and star constellations from our experts from the Royal Astronomical Society. The Lecturers Ian Ridpath is a respected writer and lecturer in the fields of astronomy and space, known internationally. He serves as the editor of the esteemed Oxford Dictionary of Astronomy and has penned a popular series of night sky guides tailored for beginners. As a valued member of the Royal Astronomical Society's outreach team, Ian has been guiding enthusiasts to witness the Northern Lights in Norway since 2010. John Zarnecki is a distinguished English space scientist. Zarnecki's expertise has not gone unnoticed; he has been awarded the Royal Astronomical Society's Gold Medal and has served as both its Vice-President and President since 2016. He has held notable positions, including Director of the International Space Science Institute in Switzerland and Professor of Space Science at the Open University. With his extensive involvement in significant space probe missions, he is a leading authority on space debris, cosmic dust, and impacts.

The astronomy program is available on the following Round Voyages: Havila Capella  $\$  departing from Bergen on February 1, 2024 Havila Polaris  $\$  departing from Bergen on March 2, 2024 Havila Polaris  $\$  departing from Bergen on October 30, 2024 PRICE: £265 \_ By including the astronomy program as an add-on in the booking process, you secure a spot in this unique program. \_ \_It can also be added to existing bookings.\_ The lectures will only be given

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in English.

### **ITINERARY**

Day 1 Port: Bergen

The journey starts in Bergen, the capital of western Norway, with the colourful and UNESCO-listed warehouses in Bryggen. Take the funicular railway, Fløibanen, up to one of the lookout points, sample the seafood at the fish market or take a stroll through the narrow streets and along the quays of the lively harbour.

Day 2 Ports: Florø-Måløy-Torvik-Ålesund-Geiranger\*/Hjørundfjorden\*\*-Ålesund-Molde

Bergen is the gateway to the Norwegian fjords and the start of

After the first night on board, you can start your day by waving to the Havila Voyages headquarters just off Torvik. Alesund, is renowned for its art nouveau architecture with beautiful brick houses and warehouses. In the summer, you can continue to the UNESCO World Heritage Site of Geiranger Fjord, which has steep mountainsides and dramatic waterfalls. \*Geiranger visited 01.06-31.08 \*\*Hjørundfjorden/Urke visited 01.09-31.10

#### Day 3 Ports: Kristiansund - Trondheim - Rørvik

your coastal adventure.

It is morning when we dock in the historic city of Trondheim, which was founded over a thousand years ago. Nidaros Cathedral is the landmark of the city; it is Norway's national shrine and one of the largest cathedrals in Northern Europe. After our visit here, the voyage continues out into the fjord, into an abundant archipelago and heads for northern Norway.

Day 4 Ports: Brønnøysund - Sandnessjøen - Nesna - Ørnes - Bodø - Stamsund - Svolvær

On this stretch, we mark crossing the Arctic Circle with a

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ceremony and continue onward into the Arctic regions. It means midnight sun in the summer, while winter days are merely a shade less dark than night-time and, possibly, Northern Lights in the evenings. Nature is powerful with northern Scandinavia's largest glacier, the world's strongest tidal current and encounters with the majestic sea eagle. In the evening, Lofoten's fishing villages, steep mountains and Vikings await.

Day 5 Ports: Stokmarknes - Sortland - Risøyhamn - Harstad - Finnsnes -Tromsø - Skjervøy

The voyage continues on through narrow fjords and past wild mountains to Tromsø, a city characterised by hunting and fishing, polar expeditions and courage. Now you have also reached the land of the Sami, Norway's indigenous people. Meeting the Sami and their reindeer while hearing about the Sami culture is a unique experience you will remember.

Day 6 Ports: Hammerfest - Havøysund - Honningsvåg - Kjøllefjord - Mehamn -Berlevåg

As far north as you can get - by land and sea. For many, the visit to the North Cape is a high point and a goal for voyages along the Norwegian coast. Up here in the polar landscape, nature is at its harshest and most desolate, but between bare plains and rugged cliffs people cling on and reap nature's bounty. You can also have a taste of the catch. How about some king crab?

Dag 7 Ports: Båtsfjord - Vardø - Vadsø - Kirkenes

You are now as far east on your voyage as you can go. The border with Russia is only a few kilometres away, and the road signs in Kirkenes are in Norwegian and Russian. You can go as far as the border on one of our excursions, or how about a visit to the Snowhotel where everything is made of ice and snow?

Day 8 Ports: Mehamn - Kjøllefjord - Honningsvåg - Havøysund - Hammerfest -Øksfjord - Skjervøy - Tromsø

The polar landscape changes as we sail towards the west and south again. The great expanses are replaced by steep peaks, and in the evening we sail into Tromsø. You can take a stroll in the midnight sun or under the Northern Lights and explore the nightlife of the city dubbed "The Paris of the North".

Day 9 Finnsnes - Harstad - Risøyhamn - Sortland - Stokmarknes - Svolvær -Stamsund

We return to the wild, idyllic Lofoten Islands . Beneath the jagged mountains lie chalky white sandy beaches and fishing villages with a vibrant fishing industry and locals using the coastal ships for everyday trips and transport. If the weather permits, we will enter the narrow Trollfjord. There is a strong possibility of spotting sea eagles here.

Day 10 Bodø - Ørnes - Sandnessjøen - Brønnøysund - Rørvik

Now we have come so far south that we're crossing the Arctic Circle and sailing away from the polar night and the sunlit

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nights. But you can still see the Northern Lights in the winter, and it is never completely dark during the summer nights. Here you sail past a myriad of small islands, islets and skerries and past the special mountain, Torghatten, which has a hole in the middle. If you wish, you can also go on the trip to the mountain and enter the hole.

Day 11 Trondheim - Kristiansund - Molde - Ålesund

We sail through the wide Trondheim fjord that is bounded by rolling farmland on both sides and return to the coast and the open sea. You can disembark in Kristiansund and be driven along the Atlantic Ocean Road, which has been called the world's most beautiful drive. The road meanders along islets and skerries, and afterwards you can re-embark in Molde.

Day 12 Torvik - Måløy - Florø - Bergen

Day 12 The last day of the tour takes you through a diverse coastal landscape of bare rocky mountains and a maze of sounds and waterways between many islands. The great fjords and glaciers are situated inland. Bergen awaits at the end of the voyage. We hope you have many good memories from your journey along the Norwegian coast with Havila Voyages, and we look forward to seeing you again.

#### Please Note:

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of hot water in the jacuzzi on the quarterdeck while looking out over the mountains and fjords. Sauna There is a sauna on the ships in the cloakroom area attached to the jacuzzis on Deck 8. Relax chairs Separate room with relax chairs for those who are not travelling far and do not need their own cabin. Cabins and suites Large cabins with Norwegian quality and design, where materials and colours reflect the landscape through which you will be sailing. Caf es and restaurants The ship has two restaurants and a cafe. The menus feature locally sourced food and the best that Norway has to offer. Facts about our Vessels The world's largest battery packs Four hours' sailing with zero emissions Energy-efficient hull design Locally sourced ingredients Heat recovery from the sea and cooling water Charging current from hydropower at the quay Liquid natural gas that cuts Co2 emissions by 25 % NOx emissions



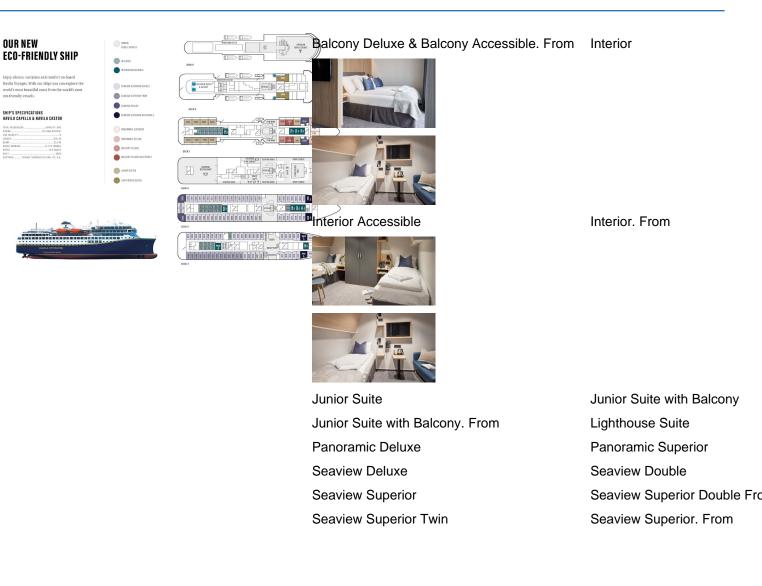
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