CLASSIC VOYAGE NORTH: BERGEN — KIRKENES

Enjoy the atmosphere and culture in cities like Bergen, Ålesund and Tromsø—all filled with coastal history. We sail from Bergen to Kirkenes on this seven day trip, where you will see one landscape more dramatic than the other. This adventure will give you spectacular experiences you will never forget.

Dense in attractions
Your ship sets sail from Bergen harbour in the evening, heading for the Arctic. As we sail along the coast, a wealth of experiences await—the Jugend town of Ålesund and a summer detour into one of the world’s most beautiful fjords, Geirangerfjord. We continue north to the medieval town of Trondheim, where the Nidaros Cathedral is a highlight for many. Experience the excitement as we cross the Polar Circle and visit Tromsø, before we continue even further north and arrive Kirkenes. This city is right on the Russian border. We are actually as far east as St. Petersburg.

Travel through seasons
No matter what time of the year you travel with us, you will be surrounded by beautiful nature wherever you turn. Still, every season has its own charm.

Winter is perhaps the most special time to explore the wild and untamed Norwegian scenery. The landscape is a magical winter wonderland covered in white snow, and perfect for action-filled winter excursions like dog sledging, whale watching or snowmobiling. On deck the air is fresh and crisp. Clusters of cosy houses glow on the shores like embers. The stunning backdrop of snow-clad mountains reflect the polar twilight. Hopefully you
will experience the mesmerising Northern Lights.

During spring time, the contrast between southern and northern Norway is huge. From Bergen to Trondheim you will sail through a lush and green landscape in blossom in close to summer temperatures. Further north in the Arctic region, winter struggles to maintain its grip. As you cross the Arctic Circle sailing towards the North Cape and Finnmark – it is usually full winter, and from mid May the midnight sun offers 24 hours of daylight, even if the temperature and weather is more like winter. It is just like experiencing three seasons in one journey.

Summer is the most popular time of year for exploring Norway’s coast. The long, light days during the summer months seem to energise both nature and people. Even as far south as Bergen, you can experience 19 hours of daylight. Flowers bloom, rivers fill with fish and giant waterfalls cascade towards the ocean, creating a picture-perfect setting for a summer holiday.

As summer fades, the first cool evenings summon the colours of autumn. The fresh and clear coastal air enhances the intense red and yellow that fills mountainsides, hilltops and woods. From the deck, you may see the sharp profiles of the highest peaks sprinkled with the first snow, against the backdrop of an ice blue sky. Gradually, the evenings get darker and the days shorter. With a bit of luck, the Northern Lights will appear and give you a magic experience.

No matter which season you choose, a trip with us from south to north will create memories for life, and you will most definitely long back for this adventure.

Please note: additional excursions are available, please inquire for more details.

**ITINERARY**

**Day 1: Bergen**
Our expeditions start in Bergen, a city surrounded by its famed seven mountains. Before departure you may wish to explore this cultural gateway to the fjords. After embarkation we invite you to enjoy our tasty dinner buffet, based on the best ingredients from the coast. We sail north from Bergen along the Hjeltefjord, the same route the Vikings once sailed to the Shetland Islands and beyond – we are heading to the high north. Spend the rest of the evening relaxing as you take in the spectacular landscapes, either from deck or in our panorama lounges.

**Day 2: Flørø - Molde**
If you wake up early the next day you have the chance to enjoy the breathtaking beauty of the Nordfjord, followed by a delicious breakfast. As we sail past the West Cape, we experience a rare venture into open sea. Then the ship navigates through skerries and islands before reaching Ålesund. In the summer months we set course for the spectacular UNESCO-listed Geirangerfjord, passing sheer, 800m cliffs and impressive waterfalls en route. In autumn we explore Hjørundfjord, situated amidst the majestic Sunnmøre Alps. In addition to the excursion “A taste of Norway”, we offer 2 new mountain hikes here. Its seclusion and unspoiled natural landscape earn this fjord its special character. In winter you can enjoy a colourful and enlightening presentation about the Aurora Borealis on board.

**Day 3: Kristiansund - Rørvik**
Today you wake up in beautiful Trondheim. The architecture and surroundings in Trondheim create a beautiful and almost mythical setting for any outing, whether you prefer a guided tour
of the Nidaros Cathedral, kayaking on the river Nid and the city’s smaller channels, or a casual walk or by bicycle through the Bakkland district. In autumn you can join the trip out to Munkholmen. Originally an ancient place of execution, it became a Benedictine monastery around the year 1000. In 1658 it was made into a fortress and prison, and later a customs station. In the afternoon the ship sets a northwest course, passing the beautiful Kjeungskjær lighthouse and numerous charming islets and rocky outcrops. In autumn you can learn more about navigation and lighthouses along the Norwegian coast during the Captain’s talk. After passing through the narrow Stoksund, the ship arrives at charming Rørvik.

Day 4: Brønnøysund - Svolvær
The Arctic Circle marks the entry into the Arctic region. In summer this means 24-hour daylight - often referred to as the ‘Midnight Sun’. During autumn and winter, being above this degree of latitude gives you the best chances of experiencing the Northern Lights. We continue sailing along the beautiful coast of Helgeland up to Bodø. In spring there will be a presentation on board where you can learn more about the millions of migrating birds returning to the Arctic Coast during the nesting period. Later this afternoon the 1,000m high Lofoten Wall will appear on the horizon. The charms of the Lofoten Islands are revealed in all the small, picturesque fishing villages with their bohemian atmosphere. In winter, crossing the Arctic Circle is when the hunt for the Arctic light begins. We celebrate this with a presentation of ‘The Magic Light, Aurora Borealis’, where you can experience this phenomenon via pictures, words and music. After sailing through the narrow Raftsund, we stop at the entrance to Trollfjord. Here we serve freshly made fish cakes out on deck. You will also hear the story of ‘The battle of Trollfjord’, which took place here in the winter of 1890.

Day 5: Stokmarknes - Skjervøy
In summer, early birds can go ashore in Risøyhamn for our whale-watching excursion. The ship continues to Tromsø for a prolonged stay. In winter and spring you can complete your stay in Tromsø with a thrilling husky dog sledge ride. If you want to experience the peace and tranquillity of the sea in summer, why not join us on a kayaking excursion, or participate on a mountain hike on one of the mountains close to the city. The air up here is fresh and clear, and we get a beautiful view of the city and the impressive mountain chains around. After an exhilarating day in Tromsø, we continue our northbound journey. In winter the Captain invites guests to taste stockfish on deck. The ship is now sailing into the area along the coast where you have the best chance of seeing the Northern Lights between September and March, and we gather on deck to search for this breathtaking phenomenon.

Day 6: Øksfjord - Berlevåg
Enjoy the magnificent sub-Arctic landscape as we cross the 71st parallel on our journey towards the North Cape, the northernmost point on the European continent. In summer, you might see herds of grazing reindeer and small camps belonging to the indigenous Sámi people. After brief early stops in Hammerfest and Havøysund we arrive in Honningsvåg, the gateway to the spectacular North Cape. Close to the Cape you find one of the world’s most exciting nature reserves, Gjesværstappen. Join the bird-watching safari during spring and summer to experience Finnmark’s largest flock of puffins, together with large numbers of kittiwakes. Our ship continues north, sailing in the heartland of the indigenous Sámi people.
We pass their ancient sacred site, the rock formation Finnkirka, and as we approach our next stop, the fishing village Kjøllefjord, local fishermen visit us ever so often during winter and spring to share their catch of the day (king crab and cod) with us out on deck. Here you have the opportunity to learn more about the Sámi people, as well as exploring the wonderful scenery all year on our different excursions. In winter you can join us on a snowmobile trip to one of Europe’s most extreme and exciting natural areas. Unforgettable.

Day 7: Båtsfjord - Kirkenes
Early birds can see Vadsø and just after breakfast we arrive in Kirkenes, putting us at 30° East, further east than Istanbul and St. Petersburg. This is where your voyage ends. Should you like to have some extra Arctic experiences while you are here, we offer several exciting tours, experiences and excursions in our pre and post programme.
YOUR SHIP: HURTIGRUTEN SHIPS

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All of our ships include large lounges and deck space affording perfect views to the changing scenery, creating a proximity to nature throughout the ship. This atmosphere give you the energy to participate on our on board activities and excursions, that take you even closer to the coast.

On all our ships you will find a wide range of comfortable cabins, from exclusive suites with their own balcony and extras, to cosy inside cabins. We have devided them into four categories; Expedition Suite, Arctic Superior, Polar Outside and Polar Inside with different amenities and extras.

**MS MIDNATSOL** The name Midnatsol (Midnight Sun) is something to live up to, and this ship is dedicated to the Norwegian summer. The interior's bright, colourful decor is inspired by the warm sunny climate, a motif also reflected in the many pieces of Norwegian modern art on display. SPECIAL FEATURES: • Two-story panorama lounge • 3 bars • Cafe • Library • Restaurant • Separate À la Carte dining room • Playroom • Sauna • Jacuzzi • Fitness room

**MS TROLLFJORD** The ship is named after the famous Trollfjord, and has a comfortable interior, with an extensive use of Norwegian wood and stone. SPECIAL FEATURES: • Two-story

**MS FINNMARKEN** On board MS Finnmarken you find the relaxed Hurtigruten atmosphere combined with a bit of luxury. The ship is beautifully appointed and decorated in the Art Deco style. She is the only ship with both a swimming pool and Jacuzzi on deck. A special feature on the MS Finnmarken is the bow; from deck 5 you can actually go all the way to the tip. SPECIAL FEATURES: • Top deck features a panorama lounge • Fitness room • Sauna with a view • Deck 8 has a cafe with sitting space both inside and outside • Bar • Playroom • Cafe • Restaurant on deck 5 and separate À la Carte dining room

**MS NORDNORGE** Nord-Norge means the northern part of
Norway, mostly situated north of the Arctic Circle. The interior decor reflects an Art Nouveau and Art Deco influence. MS Nordnorge is one of our three expeditions ships, meaning she take guest on more active voyages along the coast. SPECIAL FEATURES: • Sun deck • Expedition ship • Expedition team • Extra lectures • Extra activities • Extra excursions • Large panorama and observation lounge with great views • Restaurant • Cafe • Library
MS NORDKAPP MS Nordkapp is named after one of the highlights of the Hurtigruten voyage, the northernmost point of mainland Europe, the North Cape (71ºN). She is one of our expedition ships. There will be interesting lectures inside the ship, and out on the sun deck. Topic will depend on season and waters we sail in. SPECIAL FEATURES: • Sun deck • Expedition ship • Expedition team • Extra lectures • Extra activities • Extra excursions • Large panorama and observation lounge with great views • Restaurant • Cafe • Library
MS POLARLYS Polarlys is the Norwegian word for polar light. MS Polarlys is a stylish and furnished with mahogany panelling, polished brass, and a selection of Norwegian contemporary art. SPECIAL FEATURES: • Sun deck • Large panorama and observation lounge with great views • Restaurant • Cafe • Library
MS NORDLYS Expedition ship MS Nordlys is named after spectacular natural phenomena; the Northern Lights (or Aurora Borealis). The ships art, decor and colours are all inspired by the Northern Lights phenomenon. SPECIAL FEATURES: • Expedition ship • Expedition team • Extra lectures • Extra activities • Extra excursions • Large panorama and observation lounge with great views • Restaurant • Cafe • Library
MS RICHARD WITH MS Richard With is named after Captain Richard With. His establishment of the Norwegian Coastal Express back in 1893 had an enormous impact on life along the Norwegian coast. SPECIAL FEATURES: • Sun deck • Large panorama and observation lounge with great views • Restaurant • Cafe • Bar • Fitness room
MS KONG HARALD Although this ship is named after King Harald of Norway, you will find other famous Norwegians on board as well: The bar is named after the Norwegian polar pioneer Fridtjof Nansen and the cafe is named after explorer Roald Amundsen. SPECIAL FEATURES: • Sun deck • Large panorama and observation lounge with great views • Fitness room • Restaurant • Cafe • Library
MS VESTERÅLEN MS Vesterdalen is characterised by her bright, cheerful public areas and lounges. SPECIAL FEATURES: • Panorama lounge • Smaller lounges in the front and back of the ship • Cafe • Restaurant
MS LOFOTEN MS Lofoten, our old time favourite, was launched in Oslo in 1964, and provides you a voyage of real nostalgia and intimate informal atmosphere. SPECIAL FEATURES: • Special programme that enhances the heritage of Hurtigruten and the feeling of the 60s • Four-course special made dinners • Activities specially made for voyages with MS Lofoten • Two sun decks • Panorama lounge • Bar and Cafe • Extra lounge in the aft.

Please Note: the decklap below is the Nordcapp and the deckplans vary.
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