

FOLLOW THE NORTHERN LIGHTS – FINLAND TO NORWAY - 2027/2028

Begin in Helsinki and travel into Finnish Lapland, sleeping in a glass igloo, riding with huskies and visiting the Santa Claus Village. In Arctic Norway, step aboard our classic Coastal Express voyage south heading to Bergen and then onward to Oslo on the iconic Flam Railway.



ITINERARY

Day 1 - Arrive in Helsinki

Welcome to Helsinki, Finland's compact and design-forward capital on the Baltic Sea. Broad boulevards, neoclassical architecture and a strong maritime influence shape the city's character, offering a calm and comfortable introduction to your Nordic journey. From the airport, make your own way to your centrally located hotel and settle in. Depending on your arrival time, you may wish to explore the city centre or stroll along the waterfront before meeting your fellow travellers. This evening, meet your guide and fellow travellers before enjoying a welcome dinner at the hotel. Overnight in Helsinki.

Day 2 - Helsinki to Rovaniemi



After breakfast, we'll start our journey north with a transfer to the city's railway station for your train journey into Lapland. As the train departs Helsinki, the landscape gradually shifts from lakes, farmland and small towns to Arctic forest and open fells, offering a changing view of Finland's scenery. You'll arrive in Rovaniemi in the late afternoon and transfer to your centrally located hotel. The town sits on the edge of the Arctic, where forested landscapes and northern light define the pace of life. This could be your first opportunity to spot the Northern Lights, so make sure to look skyward this evening.

Day 3 - Husky Safari

After breakfast at the hotel, enjoy a relaxed morning at leisure before departing for one of today's highlights - a husky safari in the forests of Finnish Lapland. This "Born to Run" experience includes a guided husky cart or sleigh ride, depending on the snow conditions. At the kennels, learn how the enthusiastic dogs are trained and conditioned to become the remarkable Arctic athletes they are. Gain insight into their care and preparation before setting out along the trail. For animal welfare reasons, husky carts are used when the snow conditions are unfavourable. When there is sufficient snow, the programme changes to a safari by sled. This is not a self-driving experience, allowing you to focus on the scenery and the energy of the dogs as they move through the landscape. A simple soup lunch is included, followed by time to mingle with the dogs. The remainder of the afternoon and evening are at leisure, with optional excursions available locally or time to relax at your hotel.

Day 4 - Santa Claus Village and glass igloo stay

After breakfast at the hotel, check out and meet your long-distance coach for the journey north. A short drive brings you to the Santa Claus Village, located directly on the Arctic Circle. You'll have time to explore this well-known landmark at your own pace - cross the Arctic Circle line, browse the shops or simply take in the atmosphere. Lunch is at your own arrangement. Continuing north towards Saariselka, we pause in Sodankyla for a brief stop to view the town's historic Old Church, a simple wooden structure reflecting Lapland's rural heritage. By late afternoon, arrive at the Northern Lights Village on the outskirts of Saariselka. Here, you'll spend the night in a private Aurora Cabin or Glass Igloo, designed to offer uninterrupted views of the night sky away from light pollution. Dinner is served in the hotel restaurant. In the evening, enjoy a reindeer safari hosted by local Sami guides. Visit the reindeer farm, learn about traditional herding culture and gather inside a wooden kota around the fire for hot berry juice and smoked reindeer meat. If the conditions are right, you can step outside to look for the Northern Lights overhead. Overnight in an Aurora Cabin or Glass Igloo.

Day 5 - Saariselkä to Kirkenes

Today we depart Saariselka and continue north through Finnish Lapland. After around an hour, we arrive in the small township of Inari, where entrance is included to the SIIDA Museum, the national museum of the Sami in Finland. Here, exhibitions present the spiritual and material culture of the Sami people and explore the relationship between community, identity and the Arctic environment. Lunch is included during the visit. Later, we continue north, crossing the border into Norway before arriving in Kirkenes. At the Snowhotel Kirkenes, enjoy a short tour of the property, which is home to resident reindeer and a husky farm. Entrance and a drink are included. You may choose to join the included King Crab Experience, beginning with an



expert presentation at the pier before enjoying a freshly prepared king crab tasting. Dinner is served in the farmhouse restaurant, Laven. You'll overnight in a traditional Gamme Cabin, inspired by hunting and fishing huts typical of the Lapland wilderness. Optional Northern Lights excursions may be available in the evening.

Day 6 - Kirkenes and embarkation

After breakfast at the hotel, the morning is at leisure. Later, transfer by coach to the Hurtigruten pier in Kirkenes for check-in and embarkation procedures. Your voyage on board the Coastal Express begins here in Arctic Norway. Shortly after departure, we call at Vardø, home to the distinctive star-shaped Vardøhus Fortress, built in 1737 and still in military use today. Weather permitting, the hardy may even consider a brief dip in the icy Arctic Ocean. Continuing along Norway's northern coastline, we arrive in Batsfjord in the evening before sailing onward to Berlevag. Along the way, you may glimpse Mount Tanahorn rising to the west or see Kjølnes Lighthouse blinking atop the cliffs above the Barents Sea. These remote fishing communities are also known for their celebrated male choir, formed by local fishermen. Dinner is served on board.

Day 7 - Hammerfest and Arctic ports

During the night, we call at Mehamn, where there is the option to join a snowmobile excursion into the Arctic wilderness. This guided adventure takes you across open snowy plains and through quiet valleys under the vast northern sky. With crisp winter air and minimal light pollution, it can be an excellent opportunity to search for the Northern Lights. As morning breaks, we continue along Norway's far northern coastline, calling at ports including Honningsvag and Hammerfest. In Hammerfest, you may wish to visit the UNESCO-listed Meridian Column, erected in 1854 to commemorate the first precise measurement of the Earth's meridian arc - a landmark in scientific history. Throughout the day, the ship threads between islands and exposed headlands, revealing the scale of this remote region. Late in the evening, we arrive in Tromsø. An optional Northern Lights concert may offer a memorable end to the day, combining Arctic atmosphere with local culture.

Day 8 - Lofoten, Vesterålen and the Trollfjord

This morning, we arrive in Harstad. Here, you may choose to join the optional excursion A Taste of Vesteralen, exploring local history, coastal landscapes and cultural heritage sites that define this northern region. Those remaining on board experience our passage through Risøyrenna, a shallow channel constructed in the 1920s specifically for Hurtigruten, allowing safe navigation through these waters. As we continue south, the scenery becomes increasingly dramatic. We sail through the island chains of Vesteralen and Lofoten, where steep mountains rise sharply from the sea and fishing villages cluster along sheltered harbours. After a brief call at Risøyhamn, we arrive in Stokmarknes, the 19th century birthplace of Hurtigruten. Further south, it may appear as though we are heading directly towards a mountain wall, but soon we enter the narrow Raftsund. Weather and conditions permitting, we detour into Trollfjord, where sheer cliffs rise almost vertically from the water, creating one of the voyage's most memorable moments.

Day 9 - Helgeland Coast and the Arctic Circle

Just after breakfast, we cross the Arctic Circle, marking our exit from Arctic Norway to the mainland regions further south. The moment is traditionally celebrated on board, often with a spoonful of cod liver oil - a light-hearted rite of passage for those on deck. Sailing along the Helgeland coast, you'll soon



spot Torghatten, the distinctive mountain known for the natural hole through its centre. Local legend offers an explanation for this unusual formation, and your Expedition Team will be happy to share the story. Further south, we pass the Seven Sisters mountain range. According to folklore, seven troll sisters were caught by the sunrise and turned to stone, forming the peaks that rise dramatically from the coastline. Although we are now south of the Arctic Circle, winter skies can still offer opportunities to see the Northern Lights, should conditions allow.

Day 10 - Trondheim and coastal traditions

Today, we arrive in Trondheim, offering time to explore Norway's former capital at your own pace. Visit Nidaros Cathedral, built over the burial site of King Olav II, who reigned from 1015 to 1028. Its Gothic façade and intricate stonework make it one of Scandinavia's most significant religious landmarks. Wander through the Bakklandet district, where colourful wooden warehouses now house cafes and small shops. You may wish to pause for coffee and a Nordic pastry before walking up to Kristiansten Fortress for views across Norway's third-largest city and its surrounding fjord. As we continue south, the coastline reveals how closely Norway's communities are tied to the sea. In Kristiansund, long known as Norway's "dried cod capital," fishing traditions remain central to local life. An optional excursion to the Bergtatt marble mine offers a contrasting experience, taking you deep inside a mountain and across an illuminated underground lake before a meal is served in the mine's impressive hall.

Day 11 - Bergen and disembarkation

During the night, we call at Ålesund, Torvik and Maløy as our sea voyage gradually draws to a close. Before docking in Bergen, there is still striking scenery to experience, including Nordfjord beneath the vast Jostedal Glacier. South of Florø, we cross the mouth of the Sognefjord, Norway's longest and deepest fjord, taking in views of the island-dotted coastline. In the early afternoon, we arrive in Bergen, marking the end of your Coastal Express journey. After breakfast on board and disembarkation, meet your private coach and English-speaking local guide for a city sightseeing tour. Explore the UNESCO-listed Bryggen wharf, with its colourful wooden warehouses reflecting Bergen's Hanseatic heritage. Continue to St Mary's Church and Hakon's Hall, reminders of the city's medieval importance. Your city tour concludes with a return journey on the Fløibanen funicular to the top of Mount Fløyen, where wide views stretch across the harbour and surrounding mountains. You'll then be brought back to your hotel where dinner is by your own arrangement.

Day 12 - Norway in a Nutshell to Flåm

After breakfast at the hotel, check out and transfer to Bergen railway station for the start of today's Norwegian fjord journey. Your luggage will be forwarded to your hotel in Oslo, allowing you to travel comfortably with a small day bag. Travel by train from Bergen to Voss, where you change to a coach. The journey continues through a valley landscape shaped by rivers and cascading waterfalls as you make your way to Gudvangen. In Gudvangen, board a ferry for a fjord cruise along the UNESCO-listed Naerøyfjord, one of the narrowest arms of the Sognefjord. Sheer mountain walls rise from the water, waterfalls thread down the rock face and small farms cling to the slopes, offering a sense of scale that is distinctly Norwegian. On arrival in Flam, walk to your hotel and check in. Dinner is included at the hotel restaurant this evening.

Day 13 - Flåm Railway to Oslo



This morning you'll board the Flam Railway, one of the world's most renowned rail journeys. The ascent from the fjord to the mountain station of Myrdal reveals waterfalls, steep valley walls and sweeping views as the train climbs through dramatic terrain. At Myrdal, change trains and continue onward to Oslo. As the journey progresses, the landscape gradually shifts from mountain scenery to farmland, forests and small towns as you approach the capital. On arrival in Oslo in the afternoon, walk to your hotel and check in. The remainder of the afternoon is at leisure, with lunch at your own arrangement. This evening, gather with your fellow travellers for a farewell dinner at the hotel restaurant, marking the conclusion of your journey through Finland and Norway.

Day 14 - The end of the tour

After breakfast at the hotel, your escorted tour comes to an end. Departure transfers are not included, and you will make your own way to the airport according to your onward travel arrangements. If your schedule allows, you may wish to spend a little more time exploring Oslo before departing. A walk along the waterfront promenade offers views across the Oslofjord, while the Opera House invites you to step onto its sloping roof for a final panorama of city and sea. Art enthusiasts might consider a visit to the Munch Museum or the National Museum, home to a wide collection of Norwegian and international works. For a quieter moment, stroll through the Royal Palace gardens or along Karl Johans gate, the capital's main boulevard. From Arctic wilderness and coastal voyages to fjord landscapes and Nordic capitals, your journey now draws to a close. We wish you a safe onward journey.

Please Note:

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YOUR SHIP: KONG HARALD

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VESSEL TYPE:

LENGTH:

PASSENGER CAPACITY:

BUILT/REFURBISHED:



MS Kong Harald is a tribute to Norway's reigning monarch and his lifelong love of the sea. Named after King Harald V, a three-time Olympic sailor, this hybrid-powered ship offers both tradition and innovation. Refitted with advanced green technology in 2023, it now features battery packs and efficient engines that reduce emissions by up to 25%, alongside modern Arctic-inspired interiors that reflect Norway's natural elegance. Life aboard is warm and inviting, embracing the Norwegian spirit of _koselig_. You'll find three restaurants, a bakery and ice cream bar, panoramic lounges, two outdoor hot tubs, a fitness room, sauna, and the Explorer Bar for relaxing with a view. The Expedition Team offers fascinating insights and guided excursions along the Norwegian coast. With its cosy cabins, eco-conscious upgrades, and maritime charm, MS Kong Harald blends sustainability, comfort, and cultural discovery.



INSIDE YOUR SHIP



Arctic Superior



Arctic Superior - P2D



Arctic Superior - U2D



Expedition Suite



Expedition Suite - M4



Expedition Suite - MG4



Expedition Suite - Q2



Expedition Suite - Q4





Polar Inside



Polar Inside - I2



Polar Outside - O2



Polar Outside - O3



Polar Outside



Polar Outside - J2



Polar Outside - SD



Polar Outside - J2D



Polar Outside - L2



Polar Outside - N2



Polar Outside - N3





PRICING

21-Sep-2027 to 04-Oct-2027

Expedition Suite	£6112 GBP pp
Arctic Superior	£4912 GBP pp
Polar Inside	£4285 GBP pp

29-Sep-2027 to 12-Oct-2027

Arctic Superior	£4842 GBP pp
Expedition Suite	£6002 GBP pp
Polar Outside	£4388 GBP pp
Polar Inside	£4237 GBP pp

07-Oct-2027 to 20-Oct-2027

Arctic Superior	£5029 GBP pp
Polar Inside	£4405 GBP pp
Polar Outside	£4559 GBP pp
Expedition Suite	£7149 GBP pp

29-Oct-2027 to 11-Nov-2027

Arctic Superior	£4689 GBP pp
Polar Inside	£4190 GBP pp
Polar Outside	£4314 GBP pp
Expedition Suite	£6373 GBP pp

04-Nov-2027 to 17-Nov-2027

Expedition Suite	£5645 GBP pp
Arctic Superior	£4689 GBP pp

12-Nov-2027 to 25-Nov-2027

Polar Outside	£4479 GBP pp
Arctic Superior	£4869 GBP pp
Expedition Suite	£5865 GBP pp
Polar Inside	£4355 GBP pp

28-Nov-2027 to 11-Dec-2027

Expedition Suite	£5807 GBP pp
Polar Inside	£4530 GBP pp
Polar Outside	£4680 GBP pp
Arctic Superior	£4997 GBP pp

01-Dec-2027 to 14-Dec-2027

Polar Inside	£4755 GBP pp
Polar Outside	£4859 GBP pp
Arctic Superior	£5189 GBP pp
Expedition Suite	£6675 GBP pp



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04-Dec-2027 to 17-Dec-2027

Polar Outside - J2	£4742 GBP pp
Polar Outside - J2D	£4742 GBP pp
Polar Outside - L2	£4680 GBP pp
Expedition Suite - M4	£6423 GBP pp
Polar Outside - O3	£4891 GBP pp
Arctic Superior - P2D	£4997 GBP pp
Expedition Suite - Q2	£5807 GBP pp
Expedition Suite - Q4	£5807 GBP pp
Polar Outside - SD	£4909 GBP pp
Arctic Superior - U2D	£5129 GBP pp
Expedition Suite - MG4	£6863 GBP pp
Polar Inside - I2	£4574 GBP pp
Polar Outside - N2	£4847 GBP pp
Polar Outside - N3	£4847 GBP pp
Polar Outside - O2	£4891 GBP pp

07-Dec-2027 to 20-Dec-2027

Expedition Suite	£6035 GBP pp
Polar Inside	£4755 GBP pp
Arctic Superior	£5189 GBP pp

27-Dec-2027 to 09-Jan-2028

Arctic Superior	£5384 GBP pp
Polar Inside	£4864 GBP pp
Polar Outside	£4994 GBP pp
Expedition Suite	£6381 GBP pp

31-Dec-2027 to 13-Jan-2028

Expedition Suite	£6381 GBP pp
Arctic Superior	£5384 GBP pp
Polar Outside	£5070 GBP pp

06-Jan-2028 to 19-Jan-2028

Arctic Superior	£5595 GBP pp
Polar Outside	£5185 GBP pp
Polar Inside	£5055 GBP pp
Expedition Suite	£6629 GBP pp

12-Jan-2028 to 25-Jan-2028

Arctic Superior	£5474 GBP pp
Expedition Suite	£6553 GBP pp
Polar Outside	£5052 GBP pp
Polar Inside	£4911 GBP pp

20-Jan-2028 to 02-Feb-2028

Expedition Suite	£6553 GBP pp
Arctic Superior	£5474 GBP pp



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29-Jan-2028 to 11-Feb-2028

Polar Outside	£5154 GBP pp
Arctic Superior	£5592 GBP pp
Polar Inside	£5008 GBP pp
Expedition Suite	£6711 GBP pp

02-Feb-2028 to 15-Feb-2028

Polar Outside	£5154 GBP pp
Expedition Suite	£6711 GBP pp
Arctic Superior	£5592 GBP pp

05-Feb-2028 to 18-Feb-2028

Arctic Superior	£5592 GBP pp
Expedition Suite	£7562 GBP pp
Polar Outside	£5154 GBP pp
Polar Inside	£5008 GBP pp

22-Feb-2028 to 06-Mar-2028

Arctic Superior	£5592 GBP pp
Expedition Suite	£6711 GBP pp

01-Mar-2028 to 14-Mar-2028

Polar Inside	£4960 GBP pp
Expedition Suite	£6725 GBP pp
Arctic Superior	£5565 GBP pp
Polar Outside	£5111 GBP pp

09-Mar-2028 to 22-Mar-2028

Polar Outside	£5111 GBP pp
Expedition Suite	£7608 GBP pp
Polar Inside	£4960 GBP pp
Arctic Superior	£5565 GBP pp

15-Mar-2028 to 28-Mar-2028

Expedition Suite	£6725 GBP pp
Arctic Superior	£5565 GBP pp

21-Mar-2028 to 03-Apr-2028

Expedition Suite	£6725 GBP pp
Arctic Superior	£5754 GBP pp
Polar Outside	£5199 GBP pp