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NORDIC SEA TREASURES - LUXURY CRUISE FROM BREST TO TROMSO

Set off on a unique journey at the crossroads of history, modernity and wild nature, along the shores of the North Sea and the Norwegian Sea, and cross the mythical Arctic Circle. At each port of call from Brest to Tromsø, the cities will reveal their cultural and architectural treasures, as well as the unique history that shaped them. The Norwegian coast will offer up its marvellous landscapes, a jagged coastline where the fjords are emerging from their winter coast to join the sea, and superb sailing experiences amidst narrow passages, where the history of the Vikings seems ubiquitous.



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Day 1 - Brest

Built around a magnificent harbour, Brest opens onto the Iroise Sea and the river Penfeld that runs through the city. Its port was used by the French navy for centuries before becoming an important commercial port and marina appreciated by the great navigators. As you stroll along Quai Commandant Malbert, you may catch a glimpse of the superb schooner La Recouvrance and, in the distance, a few lighthouses along the chiselled coastline. You will be able to discover the marine ecosystems at the Oceanopolis centre and visit the naval museum housed in Chateau de Brest. Officially recognised as a city of art and history, Brest will also charm you with its architectural



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eclecticism, mingling modernism, neoclassicism, art nouveau and art deco.

Day 2 - At sea

During your journey at sea, make the most of the many services and activities on board. Treat yourself to a moment of relaxation in the spa or stay in shape in the fitness centre. Depending on the season, let yourself be tempted by the swimming pool or a spot of sunbathing. This journey without a port of call will also be an opportunity to enjoy the conferences or shows proposed on board, depending on the activities offered, or to do some shopping in the boutique or to meet the PONANT photographers in their dedicated space. As for lovers of the open sea, they will be able to visit the ship's upper deck to admire the spectacle of the waves and perhaps be lucky enough to observe marine species. A truly enchanted interlude, combining comfort, rest and entertainment.

Day 3 - Ostend

Located on the Flemish coastline, half way between France and the Netherlands, the elegant city of Ostend is a favourite summer destination for Belgians. You can enjoy the "queen of beaches", a stretch of fine white sand punctuated by breakwaters, covered by the North Sea at high tide. The seafront boasts sumptuous facades from the Belle Epoque, such as Villa Maritza, which stands witness to this seaside town's rich past. Art amateurs will enjoy the excellent Kunstmuseum aan Zee, where a retrospective of Belgian art dating from 1830 is on display.

Day 4 - Rotterdam

Rotterdam, a dynamic and modern city in the Netherlands, is an architectural gem and a major shipping hub in Europe. This

constantly evolving metropolis offers a combination of futuristic skyscrapers, innovative museums and preserved historical heritage. Discover this fascinating urban destination from its picturesque canals and admire the famous bridges and edgy buildings that make Rotterdam a must-see for lovers of architecture and culture. Surrounded by Dutch countryside dotted with tulips and windmills, Rotterdam will also be a gateway to experiences outside of the city.

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Day 6 - Stavanger

At the far end of the country, stands the harbour town of Stavanger, with its warm, friendly atmosphere. A friendliness you'll notice in the little old town cobbled streets, which has some 170 old wooden houses, as well as in its modern city centre, always bustling. Strategic place during the Viking era, you will be able to discover a recreated traditional village as well as the famous Swords in Rock, three granite swords standing 10 metres (33 ft) tall, symbolising the last victory of the King of



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Norway Harald I, in 872.

Day 7 - Bergen

Located at the end of Byfjord, Bergen was the capital of Norway in the 12th and 13th Centuries and has preserved some very beautiful monuments from the time when it was home to royalty. Wandering through Bergen's streets means going back in time, in search of the hidden treasures that have been listed as World Heritage Sites by UNESCO. A veritable openair museum, Bergen is home to a thriving artistic community of painters, potters, jewellers. The Bergen cable car offers you a splendid panorama over the port and the surrounding fjords. Do not miss the visit to the old quarter with its narrow streets, a testimony of the power of the hanseatic League that controlled trade in Northern Europe at the end of the Middle Ages.

Day 8 - Ålesund

Surrounded by a multitude of islands, fjords and majestic mountains, the town of Ålesund surprises many visitors. In fact, it is internationally renowned for its Art nouveau architecture. After the terrible fire of 1904 which reduced a large part of the town to ashes, Norwegian architects inspired by the Art nouveau style contributed to its reconstruction, with a very picturesque result. Not far from Ålesund, you will also discover Giske, the native island of Rollon, the great Viking leader who commanded the Norse expeditions to Normandy, or the beautiful island of Godoy and the village of Alnes, which offers a grandiose panorama over the Atlantic Ocean and the surrounding islands.

Day 9 - Trondheim

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will be captivated by the natural and cultural riches offered by Norway's third city, which was founded by the Viking King Olaf I in the 10th century. As you stroll the cobbled streets of its old town, you will discover atypical architecture. An example is its emblematic Nidaros Cathedral, an architectural jewel of the 11th century and an interesting blend of Gothic and Roman influences.

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Day 10 - Crossing the Arctic Circle

On board your ship, cross the mythical line of the Arctic Circle. This famous parallel runs at around 66° 33' latitude north. Often considered the gateway to the Arctic, it is simply the latitude from which it is possible to observe the midnight sun at least once in the year. Once over the Circle, during the summer months, you will therefore be able to sail in permanent daylight and the low light that is so particular to the polar regions. A unique moment, which will doubtless remain one of the highlights of your cruise.

Day 11 - Leknes, Lofoten



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Way beyond the Arctic Circle, Lofoten Islands are truly considered to be in "another world". A jewel of nature in its most pristine state, this archipelago with its jagged coastline offers you majestic settings of high alpine summits, sandy beaches, green prairies and fjords of a deep blue, where countless bird colonies make their nests. Whether you visit Å, or Nusfjord, listed by UNESCO, enjoy authentic and memorable moments.

Day 12 - Tromsø

In the north of the Arctic circle you'll discover Tromsø, a secluded town located in the county of Troms. Norwegians call it the "Paris of the north". You'll soon see why when you discover its extensive neoclassical architectural heritage. A stunning example is the Arctic cathedral, a major monument whose stylistic purity echoes the outline of the mountains surrounding the town.

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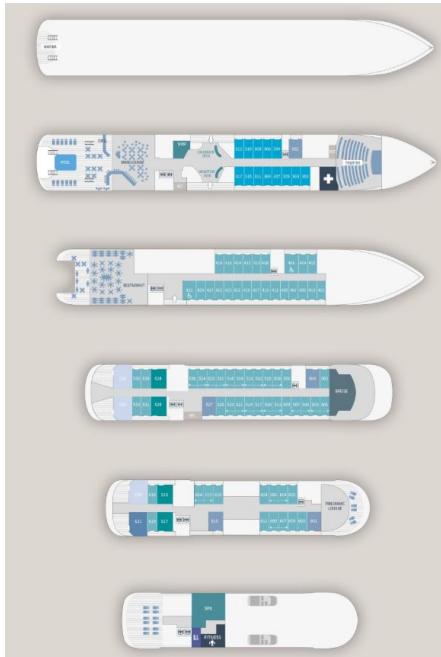
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