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## THE NORTH CAPE EXPRESS — HALF VOYAGE

Join The North Cape Express on an autumn, winter, or spring trip you'll never forget. See the stunning beauty of the Norwegian coast starting from the Arctic Capital, Tromsø. After taking in the beauty of North Cape, the ship will turn around and begin the journey south towards Bergen.



### ITINERARY

DAY 1 : Tromsø

Welcome to Norway Your Nordic adventure begins in the Arctic Capital, Tromsø. Often called the "gateway to the Arctic", Tromsø is Norway's northernmost city, buzzing with everything from trendy restaurants and cafes to boutique shops selling local crafts and produce. Sitting around 217 miles north of the Arctic Circle, the city usually has a blanket of snow in the spring and winter, giving the surrounding landscapes the look and feel of a winter wonderland that reflects the Northern Lights whenever



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they appear. Once we've welcomed you aboard MS Trollfjord and you've settled into your cabin or suite, you'll meet your Coastal Experience Team. You'll get to know each member of the team well as they give lectures and organise onboard activities for you throughout your voyage.

### DAY 2 : Honningsvåg

The northernmost point Arriving early in the morning, you'll have a full day in Honningsvåg. The northernmost city on the mainland, Honningsvåg's landscape is quite distinctive, with barely any trees or bushes. This far north, winters are long and snowfall is high, so get ready for some fantastic winter scenery and activities. Feel the snow crunching under your snowshoes as you hike across the plains. You might even be able to try your hand at ice fishing, a beloved winter tradition in the far north. Get a taste of the local delicacy, king crab, which is caught in the waters around Honningsvåg and served year-round. Admire local art in the Once Upon a Dream art gallery, and don't miss the Honningsvåg Church. This is the oldest building in the area, dating back to 1885. The highlight of any trip to Honningsvåg is a visit to the North Cape. This is one of the northernmost points of mainland Europe, and as we're visiting in winter, we can get there by snowmobile. Standing near the northern edge of Norway and looking out over the Barents Sea under the polar night sky is a truly special experience. Add the ethereal Northern Lights dancing in the sky above, and you've got a sight you'll never forget. The cape is marked with a famous globe monument, which demands a selfie or two... or five. When you're ready, head inside North Cape Hall to warm up, and learn about life in the High Arctic through a short film and a variety of

exhibits. Having reached the northernmost point of our voyage, we'll turn around and begin going south as we sail away in the evening.

### DAY 3 : Alta

The city of Northern Lights Alta is one of the bigger coastal towns we visit, with a population of over 10,000 people. A particularly famous part of the town is Alta River, one of Norway's best salmon rivers. Here, large salmon are regularly caught, with some even weighing up to 24 kg. You won't regret trying some fresh grilled salmon in one of the local restaurants. At 70 degrees north, this town is still far above the Arctic Circle. The area is known for particularly good Northern Lights visibility, so keep your camera ready. If the skies are clear and the conditions are right, you should be able to get some amazing shots of the lights dancing above you. You can learn more about this incredible natural light show on a guided tour of the town. The Northern Lights Cathedral even has an exhibition showing how Alta became the epicentre for ground-breaking research of the Aurora Borealis between the 19th and 20th centuries. Increased snowfall in the winter allows for some truly authentic Arctic excursions, like dogsledding. The snow and climate of Alta also creates the perfect conditions to build and maintain the Igloo Hotel, located on the banks of river Alta. You'll have the chance to visit and tour the world's northernmost ice hotel, built out of snow and ice every winter and carved with different artistic themes by local sculptors. Head to the hotel's ice bar, decorated with handcrafted ice sculptures and order a drink in an ice glass - no ice cubes needed.

### DAY 4 : Lødingen

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Village life and fjord nature The administrative centre of a municipality with the same name, Lødingen is a village on the southwestern shore of Hinnøya, with a population of under 2,000. This is a port that our ships used to visit on one of our earlier coastal routes and returning here is a kind of homecoming for us. We'll dock at around midday, using Lødingen as a base for a few hours to explore more of Hinnøya island, Norway's largest island south of Svalbard. Wander the streets near the port and admire the traditional red fishing huts, or *rorbuer*, that line the shore. As you walk, you'll likely notice the calming atmosphere that village life brings. The highlight of this visit has to be the breathtaking fjords and mountains that the Norwegian coast is so famous for. Branching off of Andfjord, Gullfjord cuts into the north side of Hinnøya, bordered by pristine mountain ranges. The area is popular among campers, who stay on the campsite or in cabins and fish for cod in the fjord during winter. An optional excursion might take you on a boat safari, giving you the chance to get closer to the fjord. Challenge yourself to a hike in the mountains for the reward of majestic panoramas of the surrounding land and sea.

### DAY 5 : Rørvik

An ancient fishing town Continuing south, we'll leave the land of the Polar Night as we cross the Arctic Circle in the early hours of the morning. The Vikna archipelago is a chain of around 6,000 islands, islets and skerries. The largest of the chain, Inner-Vikna, is where we'll make our next stop. We aim to dock at the port town of Rørvik around midday, remaining there for about a few

hours. The town and its surrounding areas have a long history, with burial mounds found there that date back to ancient times. The area's maritime legacy is well-documented across Rørvik's many museums, particularly The Norwegian Coastal Museum. Similarly, at SalmoNor visiting centre, you can take a tour of a modern salmon farm and find out more about the Norwegian aquaculture industry that supplies the world with tasty Nordic salmon. Another major export is cod, and the town even has an annual Cod Festival in March. This species of fish is especially common in the waters of the archipelago during winter, so why not indulge yourself in some fresh cod cakes while here. Return to the ship in the late afternoon for your penultimate evening on board. Enjoy the ship's facilities, such as the soothing panoramic sauna or sample some warming local aquavit in the top-deck bar.

### DAY 6 : Kristiansund and Molde

Perfect panoramas To round off our journey, we'll visit Molde, the capital and commercial centre of Romsdalen that sits on the southern coast of the Romsdal Peninsula. We've stopped at this port many times before on our Coastal Express route, but this time we'll be making a much longer stop, so you'll have all the time you need to get your fill of the town. There are a number of optional activities organised by your Coastal Experience Team that add to your experience of Molde. Accessible nearby on an optional excursion is the Atlantic Road, an icon of the Norwegian coast that often features in Hollywood movies. To get the best panoramic views of the area, join us on a hike up to Varden viewpoint, following the trail from the town centre. Once you're there, gaze at the town from above at a height of 402 metres

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above sea level and admire the 222 snowy peaks across Moldefjord. If you prefer to stay closer to the ground, you can pop into the Romsdal Museum, one of Norway's largest folk museums about ten minutes away from the town centre. Back on the boat, we'll end our voyage on a high note with an end-of-trip farewell dinner. Take this opportunity to trade photo highlights and experiences with your fellow travellers one last time.

#### DAY 7 : Bergen

Second largest city in Norway This journey has taken you from Tromsø to the top of Europe, then all the way down to Bergen in the south. Reflect on your journey as you watch our approach to the last port of the voyage, Bergen, in the early morning. You've sailed on The North Cape Express, exploring Norway's coastal landscapes, cities, and villages. During the journey, you'll have experienced Norway's varied climate, seen majestic mountains and fjords, and maybe gazed up in awe at the Northern Lights once or several times. We hope you'll cherish each of the memories of The North Cape Express that you'll take home with you. Come sail with us again soon on another iconic voyage of our spectacular home: the Norwegian coast.

#### Please Note:

The day-by-day programme will give you a few ideas about what you can see and do on your coastal voyage in Norway, but bear in mind that this itinerary is just an indication of what you can experience. After all, this is a sailing where the elements rule and weather conditions might vary, which is why every voyage

with The Hurtigruten Coastal Express is unique.





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**VESSEL TYPE:**

**LENGTH:**

**PASSENGER CAPACITY:**

**BUILT/REFURBISHED:**

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 to cosy inside cabins. We have divided them into four categories; Expedition Suite, Arctic Superior, Polar Outside and Polar Inside with different amenities and extras. MS TROLLFJORD Flagship of Hurtigruten's Signature voyages, MS Trollfjord takes its name from a small but spectacular fjord in the Vesterålen archipelago. Freshly refurbished in 2023, MS Trollfjord is an homage both to Norwegian nature and our 130-year heritage sailing the Norwegian coast. Locally sourced natural materials such as wood and stone feature prominently throughout the ship's furnishings, reflecting the beauty of the fjords we sail through. The style of decor is classic, timeless, and unique in our fleet. SPECIAL FEATURES: Two-storey panoramic lounge, 1893 Bar, sauna, fitness room, lecture rooms, 3 restaurants (main dining Flora, Brasserie Árran & a la carte Røst), library, shop, observation deck. 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. In 2022, MS Richard With was upgraded to a greener hybrid ship. SPECIAL FEATURES: Sauna, fitness room, Explorer Lounge & Bar, 2 outdoor hot tubs, 3 restaurants (main dining Torget, Brygga bistro and a la carte Kysten), Multe bakery, shop, lecture hall, observation deck. MS KONG HARALD Norway's reigning monarch, a seasoned sailor, lends his name to this remarkable hybrid vessel. The vessel features a modern, Arctic-inspired interior. SPECIAL FEATURES: Sauna, fitness room, Explorer Lounge & Bar, 2 outdoor hot tubs, 3 restaurants (main dining Torget, Brygga bistro and a la carte Kysten), Multe bakery, shop, lecture hall, observation deck. MS NORDNORGE Nord-Norge means the northern part of Norway, mostly situated north of the Arctic Circle. The interior decor is modern and Arctic-inspired. SPECIAL FEATURES: Sauna, fitness room, Explorer Lounge & Bar, 2 outdoor hot tubs, 3 restaurants (main dining Torget, Brygga bistro and a la carte Kysten), Multe bakery, shop, lecture hall, observation deck. MS NORDKAPP MS Nordkapp is named after one of the highlights of the Hurtigruten voyage, the northernmost point of mainland Europe, the North Cape (71°N). The ship features a modern, Arctic-inspired interior. SPECIAL FEATURES: Sauna, fitness room, Explorer Lounge & Bar, 2 outdoor hot tubs, 3 restaurants (main dining Torget, Brygga bistro and a la carte Kysten), Multe bakery, shop, lecture hall, observation deck. MS POLARLYS Polarlys is Norwegian for 'polar light', and refers to the natural Arctic phenomenon we pursue in winter. The ship features a modern, Arctic-inspired interior. SPECIAL FEATURES: Sauna, fitness



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room, Explorer Lounge & Bar, 2 outdoor hot tubs, 3 restaurants (main dining Torget, Brygga bistro and a la carte Kysten), Multe bakery, shop, lecture hall, observation deck. MS NORDLYS The name of this ship as well as the art, decor and colours employed aboard are all inspired by the Northern Lights. The delicate aesthetic creates a distinct and unique on-board ambience. SPECIAL FEATURES: Sauna, fitness room, Explorer Lounge & Bar, 2 outdoor hot tubs, 3 restaurants (main dining Torget, Brygga bistro and a la carte Kysten), Multe bakery, shop, lecture hall, observation deck. MS MIDNATSOL One of our best-known ships, MS Midnatsol (previously MS Maud) is named after the Midnight Sun, the phenomenon that occurs in northern Norway every summer when the sun doesn't set for 24 hours. The decor on board is inspired by Norway's stunning nature, reflected in many of the pieces of Norwegian modern art on board. Her bright interiors are appointed in a classic Art Deco style. SPECIAL FEATURES: Sauna, fitness room, Explorer Lounge & Bar, 2 outdoor hot tubs, 3 restaurants (main dining Torget, Brygga bistro and a la carte Kysten), shop, lecture hall, observation deck. MS VESTER ÅLEN MS Vesteralen is one of the oldest and smallest ships, named after an archipelago in Nordland country and the first Coastal Express steamship from 1893. Fresh and lightly refurbished in 2019 and again in 2022, MS Vesteralen has bright, informal public areas and lounges throughout. The last refurbishment included upgrading 32 outside cabins to Arctic Superior standard with double beds, rebuilding 4 cabins into 2 mini suites, upgrading the restaurant, the cafe, the reception area, and the gym, in addition to giving Trollfjord lounge a new look and feel. On a journey with MS Vesteralen, we will have a "behind the scenes" focus where the guests will get an opportunity to get closer to the Hurtigruten heritage, emphasizing maritime operations, logistics and hotel

operations. With a focus on edutainment and engaging activities, we will provide guests with an in-depth knowledge of the different departments and the interaction between them. SPECIAL FEATURES: Panorama lounge & bar, smaller lounges in the front and back of the ship, cafe, 1 main restaurant, shop, fitness room, observation deck. Please Note : the deckplan below is MS Nordkapp and the



deckplans vary.



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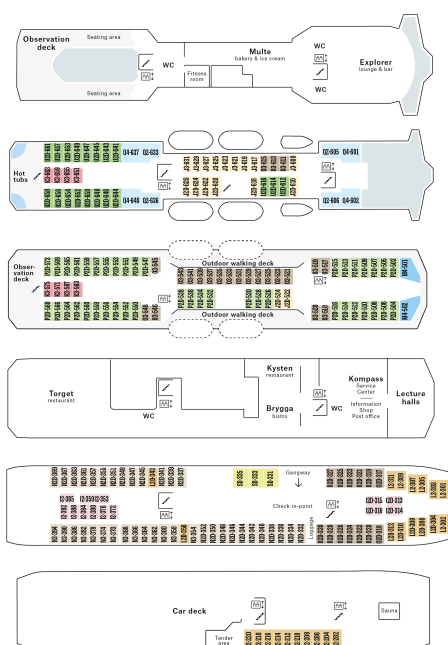
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