

NORWEGIAN FJORDS - LUXURY SMALL SHIP CRUISE

In Norway, nature has shaped its most majestic masterpieces. Carried by the sea spray, you will sail into Viking legends and past villages of colourful wood, and contemplate the brute force of ancient landscapes, such as Geirangerfjord and its roaring waterfalls, or Lysefjorden and its mythical Preikestolen , a vertiginous granite pulpit that eternally defies the void. On shore, the country's history engages with the grandeur of the panoramas: Stavanger 's Old Town, Å lesund's Art Nouveau heritage, Bergen 's Hanseatic district, etc. Discover the sovereign soul of Norway's fjords between the cultural heritage and lush valleys.



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Day 1 - 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 2 - Alesund

Surrounded by a multitude of islands, fjords and majestic mountains, the town of **Å lesund **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 3 - Geiranger

A must-see stopover in Norway, located halfway between Bergen and Trondheim, **Geiranger** offers the stunning beauty of a natural decor, listed as a UNESCO World Heritage site. You will be able to admire the splendour of the sheer cliffs, dark rocks and crystal-clear water that make the place famous, like the **majestic and mythical Seven Sisters waterfall.** The sides of the fjord offer many possibilities for hiking: the **Eagle 's Road** takes you up to a steep stretch offering a gorgeous panoramic view. A visit to **Geiranger** village will immerse you in the rhythm of life in the little local community.

Day 4 - Olden

With its two wooden churches, one red and the other white, plus its breathtaking view of the mouth of the river Oldeelva, **Olden** looks just like a picture post card. Located a few kilometres from the Jostedalsbreen park, home to one of the last **glacier polar icecaps** , this little village is a definite must for exploring the blue languages of the **Briksdal** or Kjennalen **glaciers**. Make sure you find some time to visit the Norwegian Glacier Museum. Absolutely amazing. Another gem is lake Lovatn and its turquoise waters inviting you to quiet contemplation.

Day 5 - Sailing in the Hardangerfjord

In the heart of Norway's natural scenery, to the southeast of Bergen, you will sail the peaceful waters of the **Hardangerfjord** , the second longest fjord in Norway. At the wide mouth of this majestic fjord, gently sloping valleys offer the sight of lush meadows and fruit trees galore. Moreover, it is rightly nicknamed the "fruit orchard of Norway". As you continue sailing and move further inland, the fjord narrows and the rolling surroundings make way for vertiginous walls and high mountainous areas. Enhanced by the reflections of the light on the soft waters, at times clear, at times deep, the landscapes become wilder and reveal an uncut diamond of singular beauty.

Day 6 - Sailing in Lysefjorden

You will sail into the heart of one of Norway's most breathtaking fjords, its marvellous decor dominated by pristine nature, between vertiginous granite cliffs, crystal-clear waters and luxuriant vegetation. Very close to Stavanger, the quiet waters of **Lysefjorden** stretch out over around forty kilometres, beneath impressive rocks. Admire the world-famous site of **Preikestolen** (Pulpit Rock), a majestic cliff in the shape of a pulpit that rises to more than 600 metres above the waters. A bit further on, **Fl ørli**, from the top of its 4,444 steps, is the world's longest wooden stairway, whereas the Kjerag, with its mythical boulder wedged between two rock faces, provides an unusual and unforgettable spectacle.



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 Norway Harald I, in 872.

Day 7 - Arendal

A port**city** located on Norway's southern coast, **Arendal** is considered as the municipality enjoying the best climate in the country. **This town in the****Sorlandet** region has also long been renowned for its **iron ore mines:** their operation in the 19th century produced a particularly resistant magnetite ore. The Raet National Park, the only protected area on the eastern coast of Norway, is not far away; here, you will fall in love with its raw nature, with silver and emerald reflections, dotted with immense coniferous forests and long pebble beaches.

Day 8 - 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 9 - Oslo

Capital of Norway, **Olso** , is a green city. Its many parks and gardens make it the reputedly pleasant city it is. The 80 hectares of **Vigeland** sculpture parks and its 212 open air exhibitions, the **Munch Museum** dedicated to the life and works of the Norwegian artist Edvard Munch, plus the **Akershus fortress** which symbolises **Oslo '**s rich history, are both must-sees. For culture, the national gallery shelters the largest Norwegian collection of paintings, drawings and sculptures open to the public. And, for sports enthusiasts, the **Holmenkollen** district with its Ski museum and famous ski jump offer the most stunning, all-encompassing view of the city.

Please note:

Itineraries are subject to change.



YOUR SHIP: LE BOREAL

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VESSEL TYPE:

LENGTH: 142 metres. Passenger Capacity: 264 (in twin cabins, just 200 in Antarctica). Built: 2011

PASSENGER CAPACITY:

BUILT/REFURBISHED:

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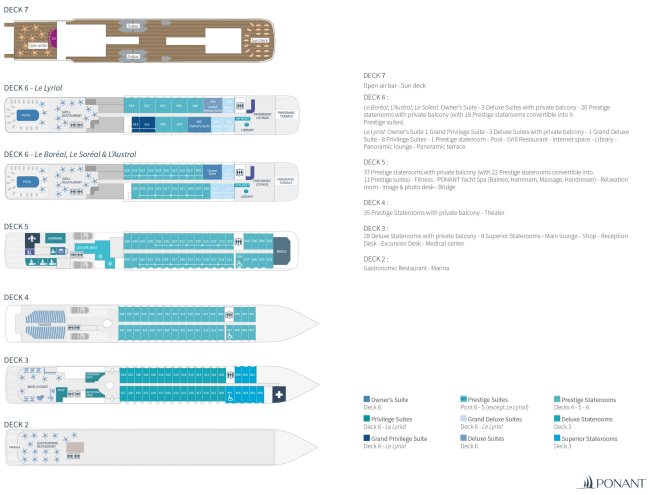
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