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## VOYAGE OF DISCOVERY | BERGEN TO KIRKENES & TRONDHEIM

While cruising Norway's coastline, many of the ports we visit by night northbound are revisited by day southbound, allowing you to discover various fjords, mountains, cities, towns, and villages. Bear in mind you also have as many as 70 optional seasonal excursions to customise each day of your journey the way you want. Northern Lights Promise The beautiful Aurora Borealis is Mother Nature's ultimate light show. We know that no trip to the Arctic Circle is quite complete without experiencing this highlight at least once on your journey. If the Northern Lights do not appear on your voyage to Norway, we will give you another 6 or 7-day Classic Voyage FREE OF CHARGE.

### DAY 1 : Bergen

All Aboard! Your voyage starts in Bergen, the second largest city in Norway and gateway to the fjords. Founded in 1070 AD, Bergen boasts architecture influenced by prosperous 14th century German trading organisation, the Hanseatic League. If you've time before your ship departs, visit the UNESCO-listed wharfs of the colourful Bryggen district, now an artisan quarter complete with cobblestone streets. Just across the street is the famous Fish Market which serves delicious seafood. There's also the Fløibanen funicular which whisks you up Mount Fløyen for lovely views of the city. To get the most out of your visit to Norway, don't forget that we can also help you to arrange tours before or after your voyage, such as the Norway in a Nutshell programme. Your voyage begins Before boarding, you can relax in our comfortable guest lounge at the terminal. Once aboard, enjoy the first of many delicious meals made from fresh coastal produce as we depart Bergen and sail the old Viking route along Hjeltefjord. You'll also meet your ship's Coastal Experts who will be your guides as we cruise Norway's coastline, organising lectures, onboard activities, and optional hikes.

### DAY 2 : Florø - Molde

Iconic Architecture and Fantastic Fjords Enjoy early morning in the breathtaking Nordfjord near Torvik. We then sail past West Cape for our approach to Ålesund. Art Nouveau city Ålesund is renowned for its beautiful Art Nouveau architecture and Atlanterhavsparken, one of Northern Europe's largest saltwater aquariums. If you're travelling with us in spring or winter, you'll have most of the day to explore this picturesque town. Into the fjords In the summer, we set our course for the spectacular

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UNESCO-listed Geirangerfjord, passing some of the most magnificent scenery Norway has to offer. Once in the fjord, you might get to see the famous Seven Sisters waterfalls cascading down the cliffs. In autumn, we explore Hjørundfjord, hidden away in the Sunnmøre Alps. There'll also be a call at the scenic village of Urke to gaze at the view of thousand-year-old farms, the fjord, and the lush mountainsides. Mountains and roses The last port of the day is Molde. In summer, there might just be enough daylight to see the amazing view of 222 mountain peaks across the fjord, called 'the Molde Panorama'. From mid-June to late August, the streets and gardens here will be adorned with the sight and scent of roses of all shades, living up to Molde's nickname as 'The City of Roses'.

### DAY 3 : Kristiansund - Rørvik

City of Kings and Palaces This section of the voyage lets us enter the Trøndelag region of Norway, marked by crumpled hills, fields dotted with farmsteads, and low-lying coastal settlements. Magical, medieval, and modern Founded by Viking king Olav Tryggvason in 997, Trondheim today is Norway's third largest city and a mix of historic buildings and a buzzing student population. You'll have three hours to explore Trondheim and its array of highlights, either by yourself or on one of the optional excursions we offer. A must-see site of the city is Nidaros Cathedral, nicknamed "Norway's Notre Dame" for its Gothic style and considered the most sacred building in all of Norway. Next door to the cathedral is the Archbishop's Palace where Norway's crown jewels are on display. Nearby, the old city bridge Gamle Bybro sits over Nid River, marking the entrance to the old Hanseatic district of Bakklandet. The neighbourhood's colourful wooden wharves propped up on stilts by the river's edge now house trendy eateries. Up from Bakklandet is

Kristiansten Fort which affords beautiful panoramas of the city and fjord. Back on board In the afternoon, the ship sails northwest, passing the ochre-coloured Kjeungskjaer Lighthouse, islets, and rocky reefs. After that, we head towards charming Rørvik.

### DAY 4 : Brønnøysund - Svolvær

Into the Arctic We cross the Arctic Circle early in the morning, beginning your Arctic tour of Norway. We mark the moment with a traditional ceremony that's sure to wake you up! Above the Arctic Circle, you can see the sun 24 hours a day in summer, while in winter, your chances of seeing the Northern Lights greatly improve. Forces of nature At 10am, we call into Ørnes, near to Norway's second-largest glacier, Svartisen. The pier here is popular for the Love Bench where sweethearts have declared their lasting romance with a padlock. We then sail to Bodø, the second largest city in Northern Norway, overlooked by the Børvass peaks. Admire fabulous street art or join an optional boat excursion to Saltstraumen, the world's most powerful maelstrom. Welcome to Lofoten That afternoon, the ship enters the Lofoten archipelago. The 1,000 metre-high Lofoten Wall is a stunning sight on the horizon, as if there to welcome us. Stamsund is home to one of the largest fishing fleets in the islands and busiest between January and April when Arctic cod, known locally as skrei, swim from the Barents Sea in the north down to Vestfjord to spawn. Come evening, when you see rows of traditional fisherman's huts on stilts, known as rorbuer, you've arrived in the pretty harbour of Svolvær, the main town of the Lofoten Islands.

### DAY 5 : Stokmarknes - Skjervøy

Capital of the Arctic We dock into Harstad just after 7am. You can go for a peaceful early morning stroll around town. The ship

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will then continue to Finnsnes which connects the beautiful island of Senja via the impressive Gisund Bridge. Keep on the lookout for a variety of seabirds with several colonies nearby, including puffins. Whales can also be spotted in the waters here, especially during the winter season. Gateway to the Arctic We then sail to the historic Arctic exploration capital of Tromsø where you'll have four hours to explore the city or join an optional excursion. You'll find Polaria, the world's northernmost aquarium, on the waterfront. Take your pick from the many shops and restaurants in the city centre, including Mack Brewery and favourite local watering hole Ølhallen pub. There are also trendy cafes plying delicious cinnamon buns and where baristas create innovative coffee art. Across the fjord from where the ship docks, you should be able to see the iconic Arctic Cathedral with its beautiful stained-glass mosaic. Leaving Tromsø in the early evening, we head north for the trading post of Skjervøy, founded in 1622. On our way, we'll pass the Lyngen Alps which rise majestically from the sea.

### DAY 6 : Øksfjord - Berlevåg

Norway's Northern Frontier The ship reaches the town of Hammerfest on the island of Kvaløya early in the morning. In summer, the island has herds of reindeer migrating here in their thousands. You'll know we've reached Havøysund when you see the wind turbines of the landmark Havøyglaven wind farm which produces enough electricity to power 6,000 local homes. At the top of Europe We arrive at Honningsvåg mid-morning, portal to the North Cape where a globe monument marks the top of continental Europe. The optional excursion up to the dramatic promontory is very popular, so you'll want to book early. Sami heartlands Near the entrance of Kjøllefjord village, look out for the striking, building-like rock formation Finnkirka, an ancient

sacrificial site once used by the indigenous Sami. You can join an optional excursion to meet local Sami, learn about their life reindeer herding, and listen to joik folk songs. Continuing north We reach our northernmost port of call, Mehamn, in the evening. If visiting in the months of February and March, you might spot tons of cod drying on outdoor wooden racks called hjell, mainly destined for export. The ship then sets off for Berlevåg. On the way, we pass the tall Slettnes Lighthouse, the northernmost mainland lighthouse on Earth.

### DAY 7 : Båtsfjord - Berlevåg

Norway's Eastern Edge We call at Batsfjord and Vardø in the night, before docking at Vadsø early in the morning. Looking to the skies The area around Vadsø is one of the most scenic and popular birdwatching spots in the Arctic, lying directly under the migration path of birds flying from east to west. Watch for hooded crows and sea eagles. Next door neighbours By the time we reach Kirkenes after breakfast, you'll have travelled further east than St. Petersburg and Istanbul. You'll have a choice of optional excursions to explore the area. Located just a few miles from the Russian border, Kirkenes has many influences from Norway's neighbour; from road signs in both Norwegian and Russian, a monthly Russian market, and the WWII Russian Monument. Journey's turning point Kirkenes is where your Norwegian coastal cruise changes direction and the ship heads south. Several of the places we sailed to during the night we'll now see during the day. Back in Vardø, you can visit the solemn Witches' Monument and the star-shaped Vardøhus Fortress, built in 1737. The northernmost fortification of any kind, it remains a part of the military to this day. We return to the small, bustling port of Batsfjord and then make for Berlevåg for late evening, crossing paths with the northbound ship.

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### DAY 8 : Mehamn - Tromsø

From the Top of Europe We make stops at Mehamn and Kjøllefjord during the night before early morning visits to Honningsvåg and Havøysund. Almost the northernmost In the early afternoon, you'll spend time in Hammerfest, once the northernmost town in the world until Longyearbyen in Svalbard claimed the title. Check out the UNESCO-listed Meridian Column, shop for souvenirs at the Polar Bear Society, or take the path behind the town to the viewpoint on Mount Salen. Mountains and marine mammals We continue cruising Norway's coastline south to Øksfjord and then to Skjervøy, surrounded by mountain peaks. We've been docking at this vital fishing port since 1896. If you're visiting in winter, you might spot orcas and humpback whales that gather here to feed on herring. As we make our way to Tromsø, you might also glimpse views of the Lyngen Alps which boast some of the highest peaks in all of Norway. Midnight magic We dock at Tromsø just before midnight. In the summer months, you can stroll around the still busy city in glorious 24-hour daylight. There are also optional excursions for a midnight boat ride around the city or a candlelit classical concert at the Arctic Cathedral.

### DAY 9 : Tromsø - Stamsund

High Peaks and Idyllic Islands Today, you'll be exploring the archipelagos of Lofoten and Vesterålen, real highlights of our Norway scenic route. After Finnsnes early in the morning, the ship calls at Harstad where the white-washed Trondenes Church, the world's northernmost medieval stone church, sits on the peninsula. Next is our smallest port of call Risøyhamn and then Sortland where the landscape slowly transforms from hills to 1,000-metre-high mountains. Our birthplace Stokmarknes is where Captain Richard With began The Coastal Express in 1893. Visit Hurtigrutemuseet, a ship-in-a-bottle building that chronicles

our legacy, centred around retired ship MS Finnmarken from 1956. A ship-size fjord Sailing along Raftsund, the Captain may choose to take the ship into tiny Trollfjord. The mountain walls will look so close you'll think you can reach out and brush them! To exit the fjord, the ship will rotate 180 degrees on the spot, then sail back out. Remember to look out for sea eagles here too. Leaving Lofoten We reach Svolvær in the evening. The huge mountain that sits above the town is named the Svolvær Goat due to its supposed resemblance. See if you agree! The ship then sails for Stamsund, eventually passing the giant granite cliffs of the Lofoten Wall.

### DAY 10 : Bodø - Rørvik

A Landscape of Trolls The ship calls at Bodø in the small hours of the morning and then Ørnes at 7am. We then cross over the Arctic Circle just after breakfast. Commemorate the moment with a tradition of tasting a spoonful of good ol' cod liver oil! We make a short stop at Nesna before sailing on to Sandnessjøen, gateway to the magnificent Helgeland Coast. Legend has it... Admire the stunning landscape of the Seven Sisters mountain range, with peaks up to 1,100m high. The tale goes that seven beautiful troll princesses, fleeing from an unwanted suitor, got caught out as the sun rose, turning them into the seven beautiful mountains you see today. You'll also not want to miss views of Torghatten Mountain, with the distinctive hole in it. There is a local legend as to why and how this mountain came to have such a hole. Make sure you ask your Coastal Expert about it! We reach Brønnøysund mid-afternoon. Explore the bustling marina on a walk along Havnegata. In the centre of town is Brønnøy Church: a stone church in the Neo-Gothic style dating back to 1870. Our last stop of the day is the cosy fishing port of Rørvik in the picturesque Vikna archipelago.

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### DAY 11 : Trondheim

Until Next Time The ship arrives in Trondheim early in the morning. It'll then be time to say your goodbyes to the new-found friends you made on board, including the Captain, crew, and fellow guests. Capital of the Viking Age If you've time before your flight home or next adventure, why not stroll around Trondheim in the early morning as the city wakes or even extend your stay here by a night or two? Visit the sacred Nidaros Cathedral, resting place of St. Olav. Then, walk to Gamle Bybro bridge for a photo opportunity over Nid River. Treat yourself to quality coffee and a Nordic patisserie in one of the Bakklandet district's many chic cafes then walk up to Kristiansten Fort for great views of Norway's third largest city. A top train trip Your journey doesn't have to end in Trondheim either. We offer a range of post-voyage programmes that you can add to your trip, including a tour of Oslo. One advantage of disembarking in Trondheim is being able to make the seven-hour 548-kim Norway scenic route on the Dovre Railway to Oslo. The line passes through the stunning Gudbrandsdalen Valley and across the mighty Dovrefjell mountain range. It's a really nice way to round off your Norwegian coastal cruise.

#### 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 is unique.

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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 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 Vesteralen 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



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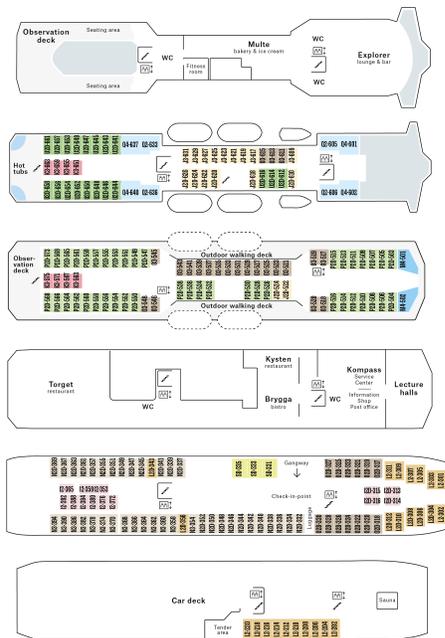
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