



Classic Voyage to North (Bergen - Kirkenes):

Cost of the cruise with the accommodation in the cabin with the window facing out from **19 213 NOK/ pers.**

Cost includes cruise with the chosen type of accommodation, and FB. Additional guided tours, transfers and flight tickets will be charged additionally.

Duration 7 days.

The Voyage North (Bergen - Kirkenes) is perfect for the culture seekers as it includes daytime visits to the cities of Ålesund, Trondheim and Tromsø, as well as a midday call at Honningsvåg, the portal to the windswept North Cape.

Dates of the cruises for 2015:

June: 2, 10, 13, 29

July: 2, 5, 10, 13, 21, 14, 27

August: 1, 4, 7, 12, 15, 18, 23, 26, 29

Day 1 – Bergen, Gateway to the Fjords

Bergen was founded in 1070 AD, and was the capital of Norway for several years. It has retained a great deal of local character and history. One example is the historic UNESCO-listed Bryggen district with colorful wharfs that date back to the 14th century. Take a stroll around this charming and compact city, spend some time in one of the outdoor cafés and restaurants, enjoy a trip on the Fløibanen Funicular or visit the Fish Market.

After embarkation it's time for a tasty dinner buffet, based on the best ingredients from the coast. We sail north from Bergen along the Hjeltefjord, heading to the high north. Spend the rest of the evening relaxing as you take in the spectacular landscapes, either from deck or in our panorama lounges. There are several pre-voyage programs available before departure.

Day 2 – Ålesund, Geirangerfjord/Hjørundfjord

Waking up early gives you chance to admire the breathtaking beauty of the Nordfjord. Sailing past the West Cape, we experience one of the few ventures into open sea during the voyage. Ålesund is a town renowned for its beautiful Art Nouveau architecture. Join the city walk to get a closer look.

In the summer months we set course for the spectacular UNESCO-listed Geirangerfjord. The optional excursion begins with a drive up Ørneveien with its magnificent views. Enjoy a picturesque ferry ride from the beautiful Eidsdalen Lake. Then we head for the stark, wild, high-alpine areas. One of the many highlights is the series of 11 hairpin bends down the winding Trollstigen Pass. The excursion ends with a dinner in Molde before embarking the Hurtigruten ship again.

In autumn we explore Hjørundfjord, situated in the majestic Sunnmøre Alps. The unspoiled natural landscape give this fjord its special character: We sail past steep rock walls, green meadows, lonely mountain farms and small villages far from the tourist bustle.



Day 3 – Trondheim, the Medieval Capital

Few large cities have managed to preserve their intimacy as effectively as Norway's third largest city, Trondheim. The Viking King Olav Tryggvason founded the city in 997 AD. Be sure to enjoy the views from Gamle Bybrua (the Old Town Bridge) dating back to 1861 and the restored wooden buildings of the Bakklund district.

The afternoon is spent sailing past the beautiful Kjeungskjær lighthouse and numerous charming islets and rocky outcrops. After sailing through the narrow Stokksund, the ship arrives at charming Rørvik.

Day 4 – Arctic Circle and Lofoten Islands

If you are sailing in Arctic waters for the first time the captain will make sure that the occasion is a memorable event, when you participate in the Arctic Circle ceremony on deck.

The Lofoten Islands will charm you with its small, picturesque fishing villages and bohemian atmosphere. The nature is an experience out of the ordinary with majestic granite cliffs and white sandy beaches. Take a stroll between the stockfish racks and 'rorbuer', the traditional fisherman's huts. Join an historical journey to the Lofotr Viking Museum in Stamsund on an overland trip between Stamsund and Svolvær. We are invited into the Chieftain's house; a full size reconstruction featuring exhibits of finds dating back to the Viking age.

Day 5 – Tromsø and Arctic Excitement

The ship continues to Tromsø for a prolonged stay. Many epic Arctic expeditions used Tromsø as a starting point. During winter and the polar night, the only lights you'll see come from the headlamps, the starry sky, and if you're lucky; the magical Northern Lights.

After an exhilarating day in Tromsø, we continue our northbound journey. Now we are in the area where you have the best chance of seeing the Northern Lights between October and March, and we gather on deck to search for this spectacular phenomenon.

Day 6 – North Cape, Crossing the 71st Parallel

After brief early stops in Hammerfest and Havøysund we arrive in Honningsvåg, the gateway to the spectacular North Cape. The excursion to the North Cape Plateau puts you at 71°10'21"N, only 2,000km from the Geographical North Pole.

Continuing north, we are sailing in the heartland of the indigenous Sámi people. We pass their ancient sacred site, the rock formation Finnkirka. The trip continues up to the Finnmark plateau, 300m above sea level, where you might also see reindeer in their natural habitat.

Day 7 – Kirkenes and the Arctic Wilderness

The vistas become more dramatic as we approach Kirkenes, just a few kilometres from the Russian border. We arrive in Vadsø early in the morning. This is one of the most attractive and popular bird-watching areas in the Arctic due to it being directly in the path of birds migrating from east to west.

Just after breakfast we arrive in Kirkenes, putting us at 30° East, further east than Istanbul and St. Petersburg. This is Hurtigruten's turning point, known as the capital of the Barents region and the gateway to the east. The Russian border is close by, and all the road signs are written in both Norwegian and Russian.

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