

## Classic Voyage Bergen – Kirkenes – Bergen:



The cost of the cruise with accommodation in a cabin with a sea view is from **31 580 NOK/ pers.**

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

Duration - 12 days.

The full round trip with Hurtigruten takes you from Bergen to Kirkenes and back, showing you all that the beautiful Norwegian coast has to offer. Taken at any time of year, this is one of the world's great journeys.

### 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 Bakkland 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 the 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 fishermen'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.

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.

### **Day 7 – Kirkenes, the Voyage South Begins**

Leaving Kirkenes, you've only seen half of what the coast has to offer. Prepare yourself for many new experiences. The ports previously visited by night on the northbound journey are now seen by day. In the afternoon the ship docks in Vardø again, Norway's easternmost port.

### **Day 8 – North Cape, Lyngenfjord and Tromsø**

In the middle of the night we dock at Mehamn, where it is possible to join an unforgettable snowmobile trip through one of Europe's most extreme and exciting natural areas. We continue south to Øksfjord. After crossing open water, we will make a brief stop at the old trading post of Skjervøy before sailing through the beautiful Lyngenfjord in spring. Surrounded by the snowy peaks of the Lyngen Alps. Here you might get a taste of freshly caught prawns on deck.

As we arrive in the charming city Tromsø, known as 'the Paris of the North,' you may choose to book a seat at the Midnight Concert at the Arctic Cathedral, or you could check out one of the town's many friendly pubs.

### **Day 9 – A Full Day in Lofoten**

The daylight sailing through the Lofoten Islands is a highlight for many of our guests. The region is renowned for its natural beauty with steep mountains, wild nature and small, picturesque fishing villages. This day also offers several exciting excursions that will make you feel like a natural born explorer.

Continuing south it looks like we are sailing straight into the mountain wall, but the captain finds an opening and sails through the narrow Raftsund. Now we reach the spectacular Trollfjord, only 2km long and 100m wide and surrounded by mountains. The captain might take a detour in here. The steep cliffs hug the ships side, and the dramatic landscape will take you to a land of trolls and fairy tales. Trollfjord is the realm of the sea eagle.

### **Day 10 – Arctic Circle and Seven Sisters**

Crossing the Arctic Circle at 66°33'N is an important 'rite of passage' today. We celebrate this with a taste of our Arctic traditions out on deck. Another highlight is sailing past the Seven Sisters mountain range. All seven mountains are between 900 and 1,100 m high, and it is easy to understand how these 'ladies' have influenced ancient myths. According to Norwegian folk tales, trolls are turned to stone if they do not hide before the sun rises. This was also the case for these seven beautiful sisters who, still beautiful, are now also mountains.



### **Day 11 – Trondheim and West Coast Cities**

Today gives you another opportunity to explore the city of Trondheim.

Then back on board, the ship heads out of the majestic Trondheimsfjord, which is 170km long and up to 25km wide. Like all other Norwegian fjords it is deep, 577m at most.

After a short sightseeing tour in Kristiansund we continue to Averøy and visit Kvernes Stave Church. As we cross the open sea to Molde, known as the 'city of roses', you will notice the steep, grey, pointed peaks of the Romsdal Alps.

### **Day 12 – Bergen, the Last Chapter of the Ferry Tale**

Before we dock in Bergen there are still a few nautical miles of fascinating scenery ahead of us, such as the picturesque Nordfjord below the enormous Jostedal glacier. The fjord widens to the east and forges 90km inland to Loen and Olden.