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HURTIGRUTEN
Norwegian Coastal Express

15-17 Follow the Lights

DAYS For escorted small-group enthusiasts

Norway - Finland or reverse

starting from
RM 25,310
per person

**Northern
Lights
Promise**

Oslo - Helsinki

On this fully escorted small-group tour from Norway's capital Oslo, ride one of the world's most famous trains, the Flåm Railway, before joining The Coastal Express northbound voyage.

Visit charming hamlets, sail through picturesque fjords and hopefully see the magnificent Northern Lights on this journey up into Arctic Norway.

From Kirkenes in Norway's far north, you'll then head south into Finnish Lapland and enjoy gazing up at the night sky inside your glass igloo.

Then discover Rovaniemi, the official home town of Santa Claus and explore the contemporary and historic architecture of Helsinki.

Northern Lights Promise

If the Aurora Borealis doesn't appear on your Northern Lights season cruise, we'll give you a FREE 6- or 7-day voyage next season to try again.*



*T&Cs apply. The price shown is based on promotional rates dated October 30, 2024 (Northbound, as displayed on the website, converted from AU\$8,986. person on twin share. This is subject to currency fluctuation and availability.

Follow the Lights Northbound & Southbound Highlights

- Escorted small-group journey
- Search for the magical Northern Lights
- Traverse Norway and Finland,
- Optional Estonia extension

Range of excursions included :

- Norway in a Nutshell,
- Flåm Railway journey,
- fjord cruise on UNESCO-listed Nærøfjord,
- Reindeer & Husky Safaris,
- Santa Claus Village visit,
- Overnight stay in Glass igloo

15D Southbound Finland-Norway

[2024] 12,16 Oct | 10,14 Dec
[2025] 30 Jan, 08, 19Feb, 12Mar

17D Northbound Norway-Finland

[2024] 11,13,17, 19, 21, 22, 24, 30 Dec
[2025] 01,12,19,21,23,30 Jan
03, 23 Feb | 08,11 Mar

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17D Northbound (Oslo, Norway - Helsinki, Finland)

Included :

- 4-star accommodation
- 10 nights' hotel (1 night in glass igloo) & 6 nights' cruise accommodation
- Daily breakfast, 7 lunches (5 on Hurtigruten)
- 10 dinners (6 on Hurtigruten) & 1 farewell dinner in Helsinki including a glass of beer, wine, soft drink
- Norway in a Nutshell : Flåm Railway journey and fjord cruise on UNESCO listed Nærøysfjord
- First-class coach from Kirkenes to Rovaniemi
- Second-class rail from Rovaniemi to Helsinki
- English-speaking tour manager from start to finish
- City tours of Oslo and Bergen
- Reindeer Safari (sled ride, depending on weather)
- Husky Safari (cart or sled ride, depending on weather)
- Santa Claus Village visit
- Siida Museum visit in Inari
- Internet Access WIFI

Excluded

- International flights
- Optional shore excursions & Optional small-group adventures
- Travel insurance
- Luggage handling other than those specified
- Alcoholic Beverages with meals



DAY 1 : Arrive in Oslo

Independently travel from the airport or train station to your hotel. In the evening meet the rest of your group and guide at our welcome dinner.

DAY 2 : Oslo

An Oslo grand city tour including Vigeland Sculpture Park, Oslo Opera house, Holmenkollen Ski Jump and more awaits.

DAY 3 : Flåm

Begin your 'Norway in a Nutshell' tour with a morning train to Myrdal, where we transfer onto the famous Flåm Railway. Watch spectacular fjord views all the way to the beautiful, tiny village of Flåm.

DAY 4 : Bergen

We take the ferry from Flåm to Gudvangen, then continue by bus. Waterfalls line the road as we weave through the valley to Voss. For the last leg of your 'Norway in a Nutshell' journey, we travel via train to Bergen.

DAY 5 : Bergen, embarkation

Enjoy a walking tour of Bergen, including St Mary's Church, Håkon's Hall and the UNESCO World Heritage listed Bryggen, before heading to Troidhaugen, home of Norwegian famous composer Edvard Grieg. Later, relax in our exclusive guest lounge before embarking your Hurtigruten Norwegian Coastal Express ship.

DAY 6 : Ålesund

Navigate skerries and islands before reaching Ålesund, renowned for its beautiful Art Nouveau architecture

DAY 7 : Trondheim

Trondheim greets us today, with plenty of time to explore Norway's first capital. A must-see is Nidaros Cathedral, nicknamed 'Norway's Notre Dame'.

DAY 8 : Lofoten Islands

Cross the Arctic Circle, beginning your Arctic tour of Norway. The stunning Lofoten Wall welcomes us in the afternoon, as the ship sails into the archipelago.

DAY 9 : Tromsø

Uncover Tromsø, a major cultural hub above the Arctic Circle and famed viewing point for the Northern Lights. The city's historic centre is distinguished by its centuries old wooden houses and the distinctive 1965 Arctic Cathedral.

DAY 10 : Honningsvåg

The nearest port to the North Cape and only 2000km from the geographical North Pole.

DAY 11 : Kirkenes - disembarkation - Saariselkä

Discover Inari, an area famous for its large Sámi population and also visit the newly renovated Siida Sámi museum.

DAY 12 : Saariselkä

Enjoy an evening Reindeer Safari with the chance of experiencing the Northern Lights. Here you'll also have the opportunity to meet a local Sámi family.

DAY 13 : Sinettä

Explore Santa Claus Village and in the evening, check into an Arctic SnowHotel where you'll slumber in a toasty glass igloo.

DAY 14 : Sinettä - Rovaniemi

Take a tour of a husky dog kennel and enjoy a thrilling husky sled ride through the Lapland wilderness.

DAY 15 : Rovaniemi

Spend the day at your own leisure, with a range of exciting additional excursions to choose from.

DAY 16 : Rovaniemi - Helsinki

Trade the capital of Lapland for Finland's capital, Helsinki. Explore the city's contemporary and historic architecture and discover the many hidden gems dotted around the center.

DAY 17 : Helsinki

Enjoy breakfast at the hotel before the tour's end.

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- English-speaking tour manager from start to finish
- City tours of Helsinki, Bergen and Oslo
- Reindeer Safari (sled ride, depending on weather)
- Husky Safari (cart or sled ride, depending on weather)
- Newly renovated Siida Museum visit
- Welcome Drink at Snow Hotel
- Entrance to Troidhaugen (Edvard Grieg home – Bergen)
- Internet Access WIFI

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DAY 2 : Helsinki

Helsinki walking tour include visit to the Tempeliaukio Church. Spend the afternoon and evening on own.

DAY 3 : Helsinki - Rovaniemi

Travel from Helsinki to Finnish Lapland, boarding the train to Rovaniemi, Santa Claus's hometown. Enjoy scenic views of snow-capped forests during the journey. Explore the charming town at your leisure upon arrival, and keep an eye out for the Northern Lights since we're above the Arctic Circle.

DAY 4 : Rovaniemi

Begin your day with a visit to a husky kennel and learn about their bond with the local Sami people. Enjoy lunch before embarking on a thrilling husky-drawn cart or sled ride through the Lapland wilderness. Later, cozy up with a hot drink at Lappish Kota, a traditional wooden hut adorned with reindeer hides and a crackling fire.

DAY 5 : Rovaniemi - Saariselkä

In the morning, explore Santa Claus Village and meet Santa himself! Afternoon, journey north with a stop at Sodankylä Old Church before reaching Saariselkä's Northern Lights Village. Stay in an Aurora Cabin or Glass Igloo for Northern Lights views from your bed. After dinner at the hotel, experience Sámi culture at a local family's tent. weather permitting, enjoy a reindeer sleigh ride, with a chance to glimpse the Northern Lights.

DAY 6 : Saariselkä – Kirkenes

First stop visit SIIDA museum in Inari. Later cross into Norway and arrive at the iconic Snowhotel in Kirkenes. Tonight dinner is in the unique farmhouse restaurant, Låven.

DAY 7 : Kirkenes (Embarkation) – Berlevåg

Onboard the Coastal Express. First port of calls is Vardø and its iconic star-shaped Vardøhus Fortress. Continue cruise Norway's coastline to arrive in the small port of Båtsfjord in the evening and then on to Berlevåg.

DAY 8 : Mehamn – Tromsø

At Mehamn, opt for a late-night snowmobile trip through the vast Arctic wilderness. During the day we pass through various ports including Honningsvåg and Hammerfest where you can visit the UNESCO-listed Meridian Column. Late in the evening, we arrive at Tromsø

DAY 9 : Finnsnes – Stamsund

This morning, we arrive at Harstad. Choose to optional tours or stay on the ship experience passage through the Risøyrenna. Prepare for some amazing scenery as we sail through the world-famous islands of Lofoten and Vesterålen.

DAY 10 : Bodø – Rørvik

We then cross over the Arctic Circle just after breakfast. Sailing along the Helgeland coast and past the Seven Sisters mountain range.

DAY 11 : Trondheim – Ålesund

Explore the wooden city of history: Trondheim. Next stop Kristiansund known as Norway's 'dried cod capital'. A Bergtatt marble mine, where you venture inside a mountain, cross an illuminated subterranean lake, and enjoy a meal in the mine's 'Grand Hall.'

DAY 12 : Ålesund – Bergen (Disembarkation)

Cross the Sognefjord, offering stunning views of the island-studded coastline. By early afternoon, we reach Bergen. After disembarking, we tour Bergen by private coach, visiting UNESCO World Heritage-listed Bryggen, St Mary's Church, and Håkon's Hall. Later, we explore Troidhaugen. Enjoy the evening exploring this vibrant city upon arriving at the hotel.

DAY 13 : Bergen – Oslo

We begin with a rail journey from Bergen to Voss, then travel by coach to Gudvangen, passing picturesque waterfalls along the valley. In Gudvangen, board a ferry for a fjord cruise along the UNESCO-protected Nærøfjord, ending in the charming village of Flåm. Finally, we head south to Oslo.

DAY 14 : Oslo

Enjoy a coach tour of Oslo including the Vigeland Sculpture Park and Holmenkollen Ski Jump. Join the group for tonight's farewell dinner at a local restaurant.

DAY 15 : Oslo

Our journey ends after breakfast.

Our Cabins

Polar Inside

These comfortable inside cabins for up to two people on the lower deck have twin beds, a chair, TV and a hairdryer.



- 8-11 sqm or 86-118 sqft
- Twin or Tripe
- No window

Polar Outside

Situated mostly on middle or lower deck. Some have double beds, while others offer separate beds, one of which is a sofa bed, or upper and lower berths.



- 11 sqm or 118 sqft
- Double bed
- Window

Arctic Superior

Relaxation and comfort cabins on the upper and middle decks. Equipped with tea and coffee-making facilities. Most cabins have double beds



- 11 sqm or 118 sqft
- Double bed
- Window

Expedition Suite

Most luxurious cabins on the ship. Situated on the upper deck. The cabins feature seating areas with TV, All of the suites provide complimentary cabin kits, with bathrobe, slippers and more.



- 22-30 sqm or 226- 322 sqft
- Double bed
- Window

Our Ships

We're proud to introduce our family of ships, each one dedicated to sailing our home of the Norwegian coast.



We have several ships in the fleet that we travel with.

- MS Nordnorge
 - 11,384 Tonnage
 - 590 capacity
- MS Nordkapp
 - 11,386 Tonnage
 - 590 capacity
- MS Nordyls
 - 11,204 Tonnage
 - 590 capacity
- MS Richard With
 - 11,201 Tonnage
 - 590 capacity
- MS Polarlys
 - 11,241 Tonnage
 - 619 capacity
- MS Vesterålen
 - 6,261 Tonnage
 - 490 capacity
- MS Kong Harald
 - 11,204 Tonnage
 - 590 capacity