



# Iconic Northern Lights Rail & Sail

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## The Offer

Experience the spectacular northern lights on this once-in-a-lifetime adventure to Norway and Finland. Travel through the Finnish wilderness to spend a night in a glass igloo, meet traditional reindeer herders and visit Santa's Village before embarking on a Hurtigruten Norwegian coastline cruise and the beautiful rail journey of the famous Flåm Railway.

Start in Helsinki with a guided walking tour through its historic heart to admire impressive monuments, colourful architecture and the fascinating Temppeliaukio, built into local bedrock and known locally as the 'Church of Rock'. After breakfast, journey to Rovaniemi, above the Arctic Circle in the heart of Finnish Lapland. Here you'll meet the cutest bundles of fur at a local Husky kennel before setting off on a thrilling husky-drawn sled ride through the wilderness. Then, imagine waking up in the 'official' hometown of Santa Claus to experience the true magic of Christmas among elves, and reindeer and maybe even visit the big man himself!

Continue to Saariselkä to encounter a Sami family and learn about their unique traditional Scandinavian culture as nomadic reindeer herders. Experience a night in a glass igloo under starlit Arctic skies as you search for the spectacular

northern lights from your bed before joining a 5-night Hurtigruten cruise in Kirkenes. Discover ports along Norway's magnificent coastline at small fishing villages like Båtsfjord and Berlevåg, with late-night stops for optional excursions to ride snowmobiles through the Arctic wilderness or an evening concert in Tromsø's Arctic cathedral. Enjoy cruising through the remote beauty of the Lofoten Archipelago, view Bergen's glacial scenery and tour the UNESCO-listed Bryggen dock before viewing the UNESCO-listed majesty of Nærøysfjord. Finally, board the Flåm Railway for one of the world's most beautiful rail journeys as your Arctic adventure concludes in Oslo's vibrant city with a farewell dinner.

Your unforgettable adventure includes return international full-service flights, a 5-night Hurtigruten expedition cruise, 8 nights of 4-star hotel accommodation, overnight in a glass igloo, 30 meals and more.

**Want more? Extend your adventure with a 19-day Northbound Itinerary, Arrive Early or Stay Behind in Helsinki or Oslo, and Stopover Packages are available.**

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### The Itinerary

#### Itinerary 1 - 17-day Southbound Itinerary

##### Day 1 Australia (or New Zealand) - Helsinki, Finland

Today, begin your journey to Finland, Europe. Please make your own way to the airport for your departing flight.

**Meals included: In-Flight**

##### Day 2 Helsinki, Finland

Upon arrival, make your own way to the hotel, then the remaining day is spent at your leisure, exploring the many charms this cosmopolitan capital has to offer. Check-in is from 16:00 onwards, and luggage storage will be available for any travellers with an early arrival.

Helsinki is often dubbed one of the world's most liveable cities due to its vibrant nature, historic architecture and contemporary living. Enjoy time to discover the many hidden gems, cafes and restaurants dotted around the city centre.

In the evening, you will have the opportunity to meet your fellow travellers and guide for an included welcome dinner as you prepare to follow the northern lights through Finland and Norway.

**Overnight: Radisson Blu Plaza Hotel, Helsinki**

**Meals included: Dinner**

##### Day 3 Helsinki, Finland

On your first full day, you'll embark on a coach tour of the city to learn about Helsinki's past and present from your English-speaking guide. Highlights include the City Hall, the Parliament buildings, Finlandia Hall, the Opera House and the popular Sibelius monument (weather permitting).

Afterwards, spend the afternoon and evening at leisure. Enjoy time to uncover the many hidden gems of the city including a wide range of bars, restaurants and cafés and more.

**Overnight: Radisson Blu Plaza Hotel, Helsinki**

**Meals included: Breakfast**

##### Day 4 Helsinki, Finland - Rovaniemi, Finland

This morning, set out from Helsinki to start your journey towards Finnish Lapland and the Arctic wilderness. Jump onboard the train from Helsinki to Rovaniemi, the reputed home of Santa Claus. As the train winds its way north, gaze upon snow-capped forests of a true winter wonderland.

Arriving in Rovaniemi, the capital of Finnish Lapland, you'll have the afternoon to explore this quaint town at your leisure. As night falls, keep your eyes on the skies. As you are above the Arctic circle, the chances of spotting the northern lights increases.

**Overnight: Original Sokos Vaakuna, Rovaniemi (or similar)**

**Meals included: Breakfast**

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##### Day 5 Rovaniemi, Finland

Wake up in the heart of Lapland and prepare for an authentic experience when you meet the cute furry locals at a husky kennel. Learn about how huskies are reared to become as fit and as hardy as the local Sami people who have worked with these iconic Arctic heroes for many years. Enjoy lunch before joining a thrilling husky-drawn cart or sled ride through the Lapland wilderness with your new furry friends. Afterwards, warm up with a hot drink at Lappish Kota, a traditional wooden hut dawning with reindeer hides and a roaring fire.

**Overnight: Original Sokos Vaakuna, Rovaniemi (or similar)**

**Meals included: Breakfast; Lunch**

##### Day 6 Rovaniemi, Finland - Saariselkä, Finland

Feel like a child again as you spend the morning exploring the wondrous Santa Claus Village, and even get to meet the man himself!

In the afternoon continue your journey north making a short stop to see the Sodankylä Old Church before continuing to the Northern Lights Village of Saariselkä. You'll be wowed by your accommodation for the night – your very own Aurora Cabin or Glass Igloo, perfect for seeing the Arctic starlit sky and colourful Northern Lights from your bed whenever they appear.

Following an included dinner at the hotel, you'll be welcomed into the traditional tent of a local Sámi family to learn about their unique culture and lifestyle as traditional Scandinavian nomads and reindeer herders. Feed the family's reindeer in the nearby paddock or practise your lasso skills under your host's expert

tutelage. Weather permitting, you will also enjoy a reindeer sleigh ride (December to March departures only). If you are really lucky, you can even catch a glimpse of the Northern Lights on this authentic Arctic experience.

**Overnight: Northern lights Village – Aurora Cabin (glass igloo), Saariselkä (or similar)**

**Meals included: Breakfast; Dinner**

##### Day 7 Saariselkä, Finland - Inari, Finland - Kirkenes, Norway

As you continue North through Finnish Lapland, you'll arrive in the small township of Inari, the Sami capital. On your stop in Inari, you will visit the newly renovated SIIDA museum - home to a collection featuring the spiritual and material culture of the Finnish Sami.

In the afternoon, cross into Norway and arrive at the iconic Snow Hotel in Kirkenes, where you have the opportunity to join an optional excursion, choosing from activities such as king crab or Northern Lights safaris. Spend the night inside a traditional 'gamme' cabin, inspired by the traditional hunting and fishing hut, typically found in the Lapland wilderness. Tonight's included dinner is in the unique farmhouse restaurant, Låven.

**Overnight: Snow Hotel Kirkenes - Gamme Cabin**

**Meals included: Breakfast; Lunch; Dinner**





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### The Itinerary

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##### Day 8 Kirkenes, Norway - Embark 5-Night Norwegian Coastal Cruise

Your voyage aboard the Coastal Express begins in the Arctic in the town of Kirkenes. The first port of call is Vardø and its iconic star-shaped Vardøhus Fortress. This northernmost fortress was built in 1737 and is still in military service. Weather permitting, brave swimmers may want to take a dip in the icy Arctic Ocean (strictly optional of course!). Continue to cruise Norway's coastline to the small port of Båtsfjord and Berlevåg. You might be able to make out Mount Tanahorn to the west, or see Kjølnes Lighthouse blinking atop a cliff overlooking the Barents Sea. These two idyllic ports are home to Norway's most famous male choir, comprising local fishermen. Tonight, make a late-night stop at Mehamn, where you can join an optional snowmobile trip through the vast Arctic wilderness. A great opportunity to experience snowy plains and valleys, crisp winter air under the Northern Lights in the starry sky above.

**Overnight:** Hurtigruten Coastal Expedition Ship

**Meals included:** Breakfast; Lunch; Dinner

##### Day 9 Mehamn, Norway - Tromsø, Norway

Today you'll pass through various ports including Honningsvåg and Hammerfest where you can visit the UNESCO-listed Meridian Column, erected in 1854 to honour the first precise geographic measurement of the globe. Continue cruising to Tromsø, for an optional magical evening Northern Lights concert at the Arctic Cathedral in winter.

**Overnight:** Hurtigruten Coastal Expedition Ship

**Meals included:** Breakfast; Lunch; Dinner

##### Day 10 Finnsnes, Norway - Stamsund, Norway

This morning, you'll arrive at the Arctic town of Harstad, located on Norway's largest island Hinnøya, and gateway to the beautiful remote Lofoten Archipelago. Stay onboard to experience the passage through the Risøyrenna, a shallow channel built for Hurtigruten in the 1920's, or join the optional classic shore excursion - A Taste of Vesterålen to discover the history, beautiful scenery, landscapes and cultural heritage sites of this Viking town. Prepare for some amazing scenery as you sail through the world-famous islands of Lofoten and Vesterålen. Lofoten is known for its natural beauty, steep mountains, wilderness and picturesque fishing villages. After a short stop at the tiny village of Risøyhamn, continue to Stokmarknes, where Hurtigruten began more than 125 years ago. Continuing south through the narrow Raftsund strait flanked by peaks rising 1000m out of the sea, to arrive at amazing Trollfjord. If conditions allow, you will sail between sheer cliffs that seem close enough to reach out and touch. It's an unforgettable experience!

**Overnight:** Hurtigruten Coastal Expedition Ship

**Meals included:** Breakfast; Lunch; Dinner

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### The Itinerary

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##### Day 11 Bodø, Norway - Rørvik, Norway

Today, you'll cross over the Arctic Circle just after breakfast. Commemorate the moment with a tradition of tasting a spoonful of good ol' cod liver oil! Sailing along the Helgeland coast, you'll see the strange Torghatten, a mountain famous for the distinctive hole through its centre. Sail past the Seven Sisters mountain where it is easy to see how the peaks influenced ancient legends of seven beautiful troll sisters who turned to stone when they were caught outside at sunrise, thus creating the seven beautiful mountaintops. You may still see the nighttime glow of Northern Lights, even though you're now south of the Arctic Circle.

**Overnight: Hurtigruten Coastal Expedition Ship**  
**Meals included: Breakfast; Lunch; Dinner**

##### Day 12 Trondheim, Norway - Ålesund, Norway

Today you have the option to explore the historic wooden city of Trondheim. Be sure to visit the majestic Nidaros Cathedral, built over the burial site of King Olav II who reigned from 1015 to 1028. Treat yourself to quality coffee and a Nordic patisserie in one of the Bakklandet district's many chic cafés then walk up to Kristiansten Fort for great views of Norway's third-largest city. As you sail along the coast, you will realise the importance of fishing to Norway's coastal communities. Kristiansund is regarded as Norway's 'dried cod capital' because of its long-time export of salted dry fish. Perhaps embark on an interesting optional excursion to the Bergtatt marble mine that takes you inside a mountain and across an illuminated subterranean lake before serving you a meal in the mine's 'Grand Hall'.

**Overnight: Hurtigruten Coastal Expedition Ship**  
**Meals included: Breakfast; Lunch; Dinner**

##### Day 13 Ålesund, Norway - Bergen, Norway

During the night, the ship calls at Ålesund, Torvik and Måløy, where you'll experience fascinating scenery including picturesque Nordfjord beneath Jostedal Glacier. Further on, a few nautical miles south of Florø, you'll cross the mouth of the mighty Sognefjord, taking in superb fjord views of the magnificent island-studded coastline. In the early afternoon, it's time to disembark in the Hanseatic city of Bergen and join a private coach for a city tour, including a walking tour of the UNESCO World Heritage listed Bryggen dock, St Mary's Church, and Håkon's Hall, before heading to Troidhaugen, the home of Norway's most famous composer, Edvard Grieg. The remaining afternoon and evening is yours to enjoy to explore this vibrant city, perhaps take the Fløibanen funicular to the top of nearby Mount Fløyen to enjoy views of Bergen and the surrounding mountains.

**Clarion Admiral Hotel, Bergen (or similar)**  
**Meals included: Breakfast**

##### Day 14 Bergen to Oslo, Norway via Flåm Railway

Today, enjoy an amazing journey by rail, coach and ferry on the famous 'Norway in a Nutshell' route between Bergen and Oslo. Start with a rail journey from Bergen to Voss, from here you'll travel by coach to Gudvangen, where waterfalls line the road as you weave your way through the valley.

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Board a ferry to enjoy a fjord cruise along the narrow and dramatic UNESCO protected Nærøfjord, ending at the quaint village of Flåm. As you climb three thousand feet onboard the Flåm Railway to the mountain train station of Myrdal, you will understand why this is considered one of the world's most scenically beautiful rail journeys. Afterwards, continue south to Oslo.

**Overnight:** Radisson Blu Scandinavia Hotel, Oslo

**Meals included:** Breakfast

##### Day 15 Oslo, Norway

Enjoy breakfast in the hotel before joining a coach tour to learn about this vibrant European city. Journey through the history of Oslo, from the world's largest sculpture park by a single artist - Vigeland Sculpture Park to the site of the 1952 Winter Olympics and the Holmenkollen Ski Jump.

The afternoon is yours to continue exploring before joining your fellow travellers and tour escort for a final farewell dinner in a local restaurant.

**Overnight:** Radisson Blu Scandinavia Hotel, Oslo

**Meals included:** Breakfast; Dinner

##### Day 16 Oslo, Norway - Australia (or New Zealand)

Say goodbye to your Arctic adventure this morning, and your new travel friends, as you depart with lifelong memories under the dancing Northern Light skies in Norway and Finland.

Make your own way to the airport in time for your return flight check-in.

*Please note: Some flights will depart late in the evening. Luggage storage is available at the hotel (fees may apply).*

**Meals included:** Breakfast; In-Flight

##### Day 17 Arrive Australia (or New Zealand)

Welcome home! Please note: Some flights may arrive +1 day due to flight schedules. Flight times will be indicated on your final documentation, which you will receive 4-6 weeks prior to departure.

**Meals included:** In-Flight

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### The Itinerary

#### Itinerary 2 - 19-day Northbound Itinerary

##### Day 1 Australia (or New Zealand) to Oslo, Norway

Bon Voyage! Today you begin your journey to Norway to begin your 'Iconic Northern Lights Sail & Rail' tour! Please make your own way to the airport for your departing flight.

**Meals included: In-Flight**

##### Day 2 Oslo, Norway

Welcome to Norway and thriving capital, Oslo. The city has a sheltered position deep inside Oslofjord and is surrounded by glistening lakes. Make your own way to the hotel, then the remaining day is spent at your leisure, exploring the many charms this cosmopolitan capital has to offer. Check-in is from 16:00 onwards, and luggage storage will be available for any travellers with an early arrival.

Perhaps stroll through the city centre, taking snaps of the architecturally distinct Rådhuset town hall, Royal Palace, and Oslo Cathedral. Along the waterfront, there's Aker Brygge with its popular eateries, the imposing Akershus Fortress, and the gleaming new buildings around Bjørvika waterfront where you'll find modern attractions such as the landmark Edvard Munch museum.

In the evening, meet the rest of your tour group and guide at a welcome dinner.

**Overnight: Radisson Blu Scandinavia Hotel, Oslo**

**Meals included: Dinner**

##### Day 3 Oslo, Norway

After breakfast, join a grand tour of Oslo to immerse yourself in this vibrant city. Wander along the clean lines of the Oslo Opera House, perhaps the capital's most iconic building, it resembles a gleaming glacier floating in the water. Admire the dramatic angles and marvel at its white marble exterior before moving on to visit Vigeland Sculpture Park at the centre of splendid Frogner Park with more than 200 striking sculptures in bronze, granite, and cast iron by prolific Norwegian artist Gustav Vigeland.

Further north just outside of Oslo, is Holmenkollen Ski Jump with impressive panoramic views over the city, lakes, and fjord. Beneath the ski jump is the world's oldest ski museum, uniquely featuring 2,500 pairs of skis and 4,000 years of skiing history.

After the tour, you have time at leisure to enjoy Oslo's exciting nightlife.

**Overnight: Radisson Blu Scandinavia Hotel, Oslo**

**Meals included: Breakfast**

##### Day 4 Oslo - Flåm (Flåm Railway), Norway

After breakfast, take the train from Oslo to Myrdal station over 850 metres high in the mountains to board the Flåm Mountain Railway for the world's most scenic train journey. The vintage train will weave its way down from the mountains and into the valley towards the village of Flåm. The scenic journey takes about an hour and includes a brief photo stop at Kjosfossen Waterfall. Interestingly, the small power station on the waterfall is actually what powers the Flåm Mountain Railway.





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Arrive in the village of Flåm with free time to visit Flåm Railway Museum to learn more about the history and its intricate engineering. Enjoy an included dinner with your new-found travel buddies.

**Overnight:** Flamsbrygga Hotel, Flam (or similar)  
**Meals included:** Breakfast; Dinner

##### Day 5 Flåm to Bergen, Norway

Following breakfast, it's time to enjoy a two-hour boat cruise of Aurlandsfjord and stunning UNESCO-listed Nærøysfjord. After a short bus ride through the waterfall-fringed valley of Nærøydalen to the village of Voss, you'll catch the train to Bergen, a beautiful city on the west coast of Norway. The remainder of your day is yours to explore Bergen, Norway's third largest city

**Overnight:** Clarion Admiral Hotel, Bergen (or similar)  
**Meals included:** Breakfast

##### Day 6 Bergen, Norway - Embark 6-Night Norwegian Coastal Cruise

After a relaxing breakfast before a walking tour of Bergen, including St Mary's Church, Håkon's Hall and the UNESCO World Heritage listed Bryggen dock district. Bryggen is made up of colourful age-old wooden wharves, now housing boutique shops selling handicrafts, art, and souvenirs.

Across the cobblestone street from Bryggen is the lively Fish Market. Enjoy the sights, sounds, and smells of freshly caught seafood, cooked on the spot and served to eagerly waiting diners.

Finally, arrive at Bergen pier, to relax in the exclusive guest lounge before boarding Hurtigruten's Coastal Express ship to voyage along Norway's beautiful coast.

**Overnight:** Hurtigruten Coastal Expedition Ship  
**Meals included:** Breakfast; Dinner

##### Day 7 Ålesund, Norway

Awake to the breathtaking Nordfjord near Torvik, before sailing past West Cape on your approach to Ålesund to spend most of the day exploring this picturesque town. Ålesund is renowned for its beautiful Art Nouveau architecture and you'll enjoy wandering past pastel-coloured buildings, their semi-circular windows and charming rounded fairy-tale-like towers. For a lovely panorama over the town, head up to Mount Askla or visit the marvellous Atlanterhavsparken, one of Northern Europe's largest saltwater aquariums. Cruise on to the port of the day, Molde for an amazing panorama of 222 mountain peaks across the fjord.

**Overnight:** Hurtigruten Coastal Expedition Ship  
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##### Day 8 Trondheim, Norway

Arrive early at Trondheim, with plenty of time to explore Norway's first capital either on your own or on an optional excursion. Trondheim was founded by Viking King Olav Tryggvason in AD 997 and is Norway's third largest city. A must-see site is Nidaros Cathedral, nicknamed "Norway's Notre Dame" for its Gothic style and considered the most sacred building in all of Norway. Nearby, the old city bridge Gamle Bybro sits over the Nid River, marking the entrance to the old Hanseatic district of Bakklandet. The neighbourhood's colourful wooden wharves by the river's edge, are propped up on stilts and now house trendy eateries. East of the city, visit Bakklandet is Kristiansten Fort that affords a beautiful view of the city. In the afternoon, the ship sails northwest, passing the ochre-coloured Kjeungskjær Lighthouse towards charming Rørvik.

**Overnight:** Hurtigruten Coastal Expedition Ship

**Meals included:** Breakfast; Lunch; Dinner

##### Day 9 Lofoten, Norway

Today, cross the Arctic Circle, truly beginning your Arctic tour of Norway and greatly improves the chance of seeing the magnificent Northern Lights. You'll mark the moment with a traditional ceremony that's sure to wake you up! Call into Ørnes, near Norway's second-largest glacier, Svartisen, before sailing to Bodø, the second largest city in Northern Norway, overlooked by the Børvass peaks. That afternoon, the ship will enter the Lofoten archipelago, where the 1,000 metre-high Lofoten Wall is a stunning sight on the horizon. Next is Stamsund, home to one of the largest fishing fleets in the islands, busy catching Arctic cod called skrei which swim from the Barents Sea in the north down to nearby Vestfjord to spawn. Come evening, you'll see rows of 'rorbuer', traditional fisherman's huts on stilts as you arrive in the pretty harbour of Svolvær, the main town of the Lofoten Islands.

**Overnight:** Hurtigruten Coastal Expedition Ship

**Meals included:** Breakfast; Lunch; Dinner





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##### Day 10 Tromsø, Norway

Dock in Harstad, with time to take a peaceful early morning stroll around town before cruising on to Finnsnes that connects the beautiful island of Senja via the impressive Gisund Bridge. You'll 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. Discover Polaria, the world's northernmost waterfront aquarium, or take your pick from the many shops and restaurants in the city centre, including Mack Brewery and favourite local watering hole Ølhallen pub. Looking across the fjord you should be able to see the iconic Arctic Cathedral with its beautiful stained-glass mosaic. Leaving Tromsø in the early evening, the ship will head north to the trading post of Skjervøy, founded in 1622. On the way, pass by the majestic Lyngen Alps rising from the sea.

**Overnight:** Hurtigruten Coastal Expedition Ship

**Meals included:** Breakfast; Lunch; Dinner

##### Day 11 Honningsvåg, Norway

The ship makes early morning stops in the town of Hammerfest and at Havøysund before arriving at Honningsvåg by mid-morning. This is the gateway to North Cape where a globe monument marks the very top of continental Europe, with an optional excursion to the dramatic promontory available - make sure to pre-book early as this is an extremely popular excursion. The ship will continue north, near the entrance of Kjøllefjord village to view the striking, building-like rock formation Finnkirka, an ancient sacrificial site once used by the indigenous Sámi people. You'll reach Mehamn in the evening, where if you're visiting in the months of February and March, you might spot tons of cod drying on 'hjell', outdoor wooden racks destined for export. Then set off for Berlevåg, passing the tall Slettnes Lighthouse, world's northernmost mainland lighthouse along the way.

**Overnight:** Hurtigruten Coastal Expedition Ship

**Meals included:** Breakfast; Lunch; Dinner

##### Day 12 Kirkenes, Norway - Saariselkä, Finland

You'll arrive at Vardø before the final port of Kirkenes. You'll be treated to dramatic coastal vistas as you approach the shore, ready to disembark and continue the journey south into Lapland and the wilds of Finland.

Enjoy a scenic drive through the town of Kirkenes, and after crossing the border into Finland, you'll stop at the village of Inari. The area is famous for its large Sámi population and is seen as





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the centre of Finnish Sámi culture. At the newly renovated Siida Sámi museum, you can see exhibits and artefacts that document the rich culture of the Finnish Sámi's nomadic lifestyle.

Have lunch in a local restaurant before continuing to Saariselkä, a small skiing village in the middle of the Finnish Lapland wilderness.

**Overnight: Santa's Hotel Tunturi, Saariselka or similar**  
**Meals included: Breakfast; Lunch; Dinner**

#### Day 13 Saariselkä, Finland

Wake up to Finland's winter wonderland in Saariselkä, where your day is at leisure to explore this small village, or perhaps try the toboggan near the hotel, or one of the many optional excursions available.

This evening enjoy a Reindeer Safari, with a chance to view the Northern Lights. Get to know a local Sami family during your visit, feed the reindeers, practice the Lappish lasso and have a peek into a traditional Lappish home. Weather permitting you will also enjoy a reindeer sleigh ride (December to March departures only) before returning to Saariselkä.

**Overnight: Santa's Hotel Tunturi, Saariselka or similar**  
**Meals included: Breakfast**

#### Day 14 Saariselkä, Finland (via Rovaniemi) - Sinettä, Finland

Today, you'll journey towards Rovaniemi and the exciting 'official' home to Santa Claus, with a visit to Sodankylä Old Church along the way. Experience Santa Claus Village, where you can see herds of reindeer and even meet the jolly, bearded man himself. This Christmas-themed village will surely bring out your inner child, and if you're lucky to see the Northern Lights dancing above, it will make your visit even more magical. Enjoy the Arctic snowhotel in Sinettä, where you can relax and unwind in the hotel's spa and sauna facilities. After dinner, spend the night in a toasty glass igloo, looking out for the glowing Aurora through a 360° glass roof before sleeping beneath the starry Arctic skies. Each igloo is extremely well insulated to ensure guests are cosy and warm, even on the coldest of nights. In addition, the igloo has underfloor heating and the beds are motorised to easily adjust to the optimal position for sleeping and viewing the skies. While it can never be guaranteed to see the Northern Lights, the clear open views of the sky will multiply your chances.

**Overnight: Arctic Snow Hotel (Glass Igloo), Sinettä**  
**Meals included: Breakfast; Dinner**





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### The Itinerary

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##### Day 15 Sinetta to Rovaniemi, Finland

Today, discover the city of Rovaniemi, which grew to prominence during the Lapland gold rush of the 19th century. After extensive destruction during World War II, this northern city was rebuilt with the unique footprint in the shape of a reindeer's head, symbolising its nomadic Sami heritage and dependence on reindeer herds. In the afternoon, meet another iconic Lapland animal, the husky. Enjoy cuddles from friendly, furry pups before learning about the local peoples' long relationship with the dogs, and how they've been reared to become as fit and as hardy as they are. Later, enjoy a thrilling husky-drawn cart or sled ride through the Lapland wilderness, then share stories with your travel buddies as you relax with a hot drink around a roaring fire.

**Overnight:** Original Sokos Vaakuna, Rovaniemi (or similar)

**Meals included:** Breakfast; Lunch

##### Day 16 Rovaniemi, Finland

After breakfast the day is yours to explore more of Rovaniemi. Your tour guide can recommend a range of exciting additional excursions or things to see and do in the area, like Jätkänkynttilä bridge for a photo of Finland's first suspension bridge. Discover the Aalto Centre, a complex of public buildings designed by famous Finnish modernist architect Alvar Aalto, where each of the three buildings is inspired by Finnish culture and nature. Even the five arterial roads are arranged in the shape of a reindeer's antlers! There's also the forest-themed Pilke Science Centre and Korundi House of Culture to lose yourself in, or Ranua Zoo, home to various Arctic fauna, including polar bears and Finnish brown bears.

**Overnight:** Original Sokos Vaakuna, Rovaniemi (or similar)

**Meals included:** Breakfast

##### Day 17 Rovaniemi to Helsinki, Finland

Leave Rovaniemi to travel by train to Helsinki, Finland's capital. Widely regarded as one of the world's best cities to live in, Helsinki is vibrant and colourful, offering a delicate balance of historic architecture and contemporary living. The city is also known for its incredible natural scenery, with countless nature trails nearby.

After a late afternoon arrival, spend the rest of the day exploring the city and discovering its many hidden gems. Plus, with a wide range of bars, restaurants and cafés, Helsinki has something to satisfy every taste.

Enjoy a farewell dinner with your tour guide and fellow travellers, as you share stories that will stay with you for a lifetime.

**Overnight:** Radisson Blu Plaza Hotel, Helsinki

**Meals included:** Breakfast; Dinner

##### Day 18 Helsinki, Finland - Australia (or New Zealand)

Today marks the end of your journey, from the far south of Norway up to the northernmost point, then down through Finnish Lapland through the Polar Night over sea and land, seeking out the once-in-a-lifetime spectacle of the Northern Lights. You'll have quite a few experiences, stories and many iconic photos, to share with family and friends.





## 19-DAY CRUISE PACKAGE | ICONIC NORTHERN LIGHTS RAIL & SAIL

### The Itinerary

#### Itinerary 2 - 19-day Northbound Itinerary

After breakfast its time to say a final goodbye to your fellow travellers and make your own way to the airport in time for your flight.

*Please note: Some flights will depart late in the evening. Luggage storage is available at the hotel (fees may apply).*

**Meals included: Breakfast; In-Flight**

#### Day 19 Arrive Australia (or New Zealand)

Welcome home!

*Please note: Some flights may arrive +1 day due to flight schedules. Flight times will be indicated on your final documentation, which you will receive 4-6 weeks prior to departure.*

**Meals included: In-Flight**





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Tour Inclusions

HIGHLIGHTS

- Seek out the famed northern lights on an expedition through Norway and Finland
- Travel with the confidence of Hurtigruten's "Northern Lights Promise" on all departures
- Explore cosmopolitan Oslo in a city tour
- Experience stunning fjord views onboard the famous Flåm Railway
- Spend the night in the tiny village of Flåm
- Catch a ferry from Flåm to Bergen via the UNESCO listed Nærøysfjord
- Enjoy a guided city tour of Bergen
- Explore the fjords of Norway on a 5 or 6-night coastal expedition cruise
- Visit Ålesund, renowned for its beautiful Art Nouveau architecture
- Dock in Trondheim, Norway's first capital
- Cruise to the Lofoten Islands Archipelago, known for its dramatic scenery
- Dock in Tromsø, a major cultural hub above the Arctic Circle, and famed as a viewing point for the northern lights
- Discover Honningsvåg, the nearest port to the North Cape - only 2000km from the geographical North Pole
- Visit Inari, the Sámi Capital of Finland
- Visit the newly-renovated Siida Sámi museum
- Travel to a reindeer farm and enjoy a reindeer sleigh ride (sleigh ride valid for departures in December to March and subject to weather conditions)
- Visit a husky kennel and enjoy a husky safari (cart or sled ride subject to weather conditions)
- Visit a Santa Claus Village in Sinettä
- Enjoy a day at leisure in Rovaniemi

- Take a guided tour of Helsinki, the Finnish Capital
- Visit Tempelaaikio 'Rock' Church

FLIGHTS

- Return international full-service flights (economy class), surcharges may apply

CRUISE

- 5-night Hurtigruten cruise from Kirkenes to Bergen (Itinerary 1)
- 6-night Hurtigruten cruise from Bergen to Kirkenes (Itinerary 2)

ACCOMMODATION

- 8 nights of 4-star accommodation in Scandinavia (Itinerary 1)
- 9 nights of 4-star accommodation in Scandinavia (Itinerary 2)
- Overnight in a glass igloo (Itinerary 1 & 2)

DINING

- 30 meals including all while cruising (Itinerary 1)
- 34 meals including all while cruising (Itinerary 2)

ESSENTIALS

- English-speaking tour guide
- Luggage service during Norway and Finland tour
- Get the "Northern Lights Promise"

TRANSPORT

- Air-conditioned coach
- Flåm Railway journey

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Call our friendly team on 1300 158 912

# Important Information

*\*Please note: All information provided in this brochure is subject to both change and availability. Prior to purchase please check the current deal for up-to-date information. If you have already purchased this deal, the terms and conditions on your Purchase Confirmation apply and take precedence over the information in this brochure.*

## Booking Information

After purchase, you will receive a receipt and a Purchase Confirmation, directing you to an online Passenger Information Form. You must complete the Passenger Information Form within 72 hours of purchase. Any special requests, preferences and optional extras MUST be clearly stated in your Passenger Information Form. Any change requested after submitting your Passenger Information Form cannot be guaranteed, is strictly subject to availability and will incur surcharges as outlined in the Schedule of Fees below.

On purchasing this Travel Offer, you are bound by the [General Terms and Conditions](#) and the specific terms and conditions outlined in this Important Information.

*Please note: All countries and territories have different entry requirements in relation to vaccinations, quarantine/isolation periods and travel restrictions. Due to the evolving nature, we would ask all of our customers to monitor, meet and adhere to the specific requirements of their intended destination(s) in the lead-up to and immediately before travel, as well as any requirements post-travel upon their return.*

## Our Policies

### Cancellation and Refund Policy

By placing a booking with us, you acknowledge the following important information:

- **we act as your booking agent:** TripADeal is a booking services provider, and curates the Travel Offers available on our website. We act as your booking agent, and we receive payment for the Booking Services as part of the booking price, however, we do not provide any of the

Travel Services (flights, accommodation, tours or other products or services) included in your booking – the Travel Services are provided by a number of third party Travel Suppliers.

- **each booking is unique:** our Travel Offers are made up of a variety of different components and are, during the booking process, uniquely tailored to suit your requirements, for example, departure dates and ports, flight and room upgrades, tour inclusions, etc.
- **changes/modifications to your booking may not be possible:** once your booking has been made, changes or modifications may not be possible, and where possible, may incur a fee. It is important to ensure that the information you provide during the booking process is accurate and up to date, and that you read the Travel Offer carefully before placing your order.
- **Travel Offers are a package:** our Travel Offers have been curated into package offerings and must be used as a package – individual components cannot be used independently of the full package offering.
- **our Travel Offers are generally non-refundable:** in order to provide great value Travel Offers, we work with a variety of Travel Suppliers to find the best deals – this often means the Travel Suppliers' offerings are non-refundable to ensure the best price. We recommend that you obtain travel insurance as soon as you make a booking with us.

To read more about our Cancellation and Refund Policy, please click [here](#).

### General Terms and Conditions

By placing your booking with us, you acknowledge and agree to our [Terms & Conditions](#), [Privacy Policy](#) and [Cancellation Policy](#).

## Offer Essentials

This travel offer is valid for travel on selected dates until the 17th November 2025.

This travel offer is priced per person based

on a twin share.

### Single Traveller Supplement

For solo travellers, a mandatory single supplement of applies.

- Itinerary 1: 17-day Southbound Itinerary: \$8,000 per person
- Itinerary 2: 19-day Northbound Itinerary: \$9,000 per person

*Please note: Accommodation for single customers who are travelling on a tour or cruise package may be in a single room, depending on availability.*

### Departure Dates

See checkout for live dates and availability.

## Flights

### Departure Cities

Sydney, Melbourne, \*Brisbane, \*Adelaide, Perth or \*Auckland.

### Departure City Surcharges

- Brisbane: \$100 per person.
- Adelaide: \$350 per person.
- Auckland: \$500 per person.

### International Full-Service Airline(s) Used

- Cabin Class: Economy class.
- Airlines: Lufthansa, Swiss International, Scandinavian Airlines, British Airways, Finnair, Austrian Airlines, Air France, KLM, Malaysian Airlines, Singapore Airlines, Cathay Pacific, Thai Airways, Etihad Airways, Qatar Airways, Emirates, China Southern, ANA plus any codeshare partners (subject to availability).

*Please note: We cannot accommodate one-way flights. Travellers must take all included flights within the package, and any flights intentionally forfeited will result in later flights being subject to cancellation.*

### Missed Flights

If you fail to arrive for your outbound flight, you risk all flight and land arrangements in your destination being automatically cancelled by the airlines and land operator, respectively. Additional fees





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may apply to reinstate these services. If you will miss your flight for whatever reason, please contact us as soon as possible to make arrangements.

## Preferred Airline Surcharge

- Cabin Class: Economy Class.
- Emirates: \$500 per person.
- Qatar: \$500 per person.

*Please note:*

- Preferred airlines are subject to availability. If we are unable to fulfil your request, the above extra cost will be refunded.
- On any upgrade purchase, short-haul flights and domestic flight sectors are not guaranteed, subject to aircraft configuration.
- In the event that a purchased stopover package and a purchased preferred airline upgrade are not compatible, you will have the option to receive a refund for the preferred airline upgrade or be offered an alternative stopover city option, e.g if you choose to fly with Singapore Airlines you cannot stopover in Dubai.
- Preferred airline refers to the marketing carrier and could include codeshare partners.

## Arrive Early and Stay Behind Options

### Arrive Early

Helsinki - From \$300 per person, subject to availability. (Itinerary 1 only)  
Oslo - From \$300 per person, subject to availability. (Itinerary 2 only )

### Stay Behind

Oslo - From \$300 per person, subject to availability.(Itinerary 1 only)  
Helsinki - From \$300 per person, subject to availability.(Itinerary 2 only )

*Please note:*

- This fee does not include extra nights' accommodation, meals or airport transfers.
- Flight booking changes or cancellations after air tickets have been issued are not guaranteed and may incur additional fees and fare difference, subject to the airline cancellation and change policies.

- Flight changes are subject to availability at the time of booking.

- A high-season Arrive Early or Stay Behind can be purchased for an additional charge, subject to availability. For pricing, please refer to the cart.

- You can arrive early, up to 60 days before your package's start date, and/or stay behind until 60 days after your package's end date. Should you wish to arrive earlier or stay behind for more than 60 days, please contact us to request availability. Additional costs may apply.

- High season surcharges apply to flights departing between the below date ranges:

6 December 2024 - 31 January 2025  
28 March 2025 - 27 April 2025  
16 June 2025 - 20 July 2025  
15 September 2025 - 12 October 2025  
1 December 2025 - 31 January 2026  
3 April 2026 - 20 April 2026  
26 June 2026 - 17 July 2026  
18 September 2026 - 9 October 2026  
12 December 2026 - 26 January 2027

## Stopover Packages

- Doha, Qatar
  - Dubai, UAE
- Includes:
- 2, 3 or 5 nights in 4-star accommodation.
  - Daily breakfast.
  - Return airport transfers.

For pricing, please refer to the payment cart at checkout.

*Please note:*

- When a pre and post-tour stopover is chosen, the same stopover location must be chosen each way, due to the airline used.
- When selecting an Arrive Early or Stay Behind in conjunction with a Stopover Package, the stopover will take place after the departure date you select for your Arrive Early or Stay Behind.
- Stopover packages are subject to availability.

- In the event that a purchased stopover package and a purchased preferred airline upgrade are not compatible, you will have the option to receive a refund for the preferred airline upgrade or be offered an alternative stopover city option, e.g if you choose to fly with Singapore Airlines you cannot stopover in Dubai.
- Blackout dates apply to flights departing between the below date ranges:

## 2025

Doha Grand Prix: 27 November - 03 December 2025

Doha MotoGP: 08 April 2025 - 16 April 2025

Abu Dhabi Grand Prix (for Dubai): 04 December - 10 December 2025

Christmas and New Years Eve - 22 December 2025 to 2 January 2026

## 2026

Doha Grand Prix: November to December 2026 (exact dates TBC)

Doha MotoGP: April 2025 (exact dates TBC)

Christmas and New Years Eve - 18 December 2026 to 3 January 2027

## Flight Class Upgrades

Business Class or Premium Economy: For pricing, please refer to the payment cart at checkout.

*Please note:*

- Flight upgrades are subject to availability and pricing changes (if we cannot fulfil your request, the upgrade cost will be refunded).
- On any upgrade purchase, short-haul flights and domestic flight sectors are not guaranteed.

## Cruise

*Please note: Hurtigruten reserves the right to substitute a vessel of similar size and materially the same (or better) quality for the cruise if required.*

## Cabins/Staterooms

### Polar Outside

Polar Outside cabins are mostly situated on the middle or lower decks and all have

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bathrooms with a shower/toilet. Most have double beds, while others offer separate beds (where one is a sofa bed) or upper berths.

## Arctic Superior (P2/PD)

Relaxation and comfort are the hallmarks of these Arctic Superior cabins. Situated on the middle decks, these cabins are fitted with double or twin beds. They all have bathrooms with shower/toilet. They are also equipped with tea- and coffee-making facilities.

## Arctic Superior (U2/U2D)

Relaxation and comfort are the hallmarks of these Arctic Superior cabins. Situated on the upper decks, these cabins are fitted with double beds. They all have bathrooms with shower/toilet. They are also equipped with tea- and coffee-making facilities.

### *Please note:*

- *Cruise timetables are subject to change. Some cruise cabins may have restricted views, based on availability.*
- *Cruise cabins are booked on a guaranteed basis and are assigned by the cruise line prior to departure.*

## **Cruise Arrival & Departure Times**

Please keep in mind that the provided cruise arrival and departure times are approximate and will be finalised upon receipt of your cruise tickets.

## **Dress Code**

You'll be glad to hear that the dress code on this ship is casual and there's no need to pack formal attire for dinner. The weather in Norway can vary during your voyage, even during the day. We recommend you bring multiple layers of clothing, enabling you to adapt to the changes in temperature.

## Clothing

- Warm underlayers and mid-layers: It is much better to wear a number of thin layers than just a few thick ones. The air trapped in between thin layers warms to your body's temperature and acts as valuable insulation.

- Woollen sweater or fleece: This should go over your under and mid-layers.
- Wind and waterproof jacket and trousers: Outer layers should be wind and waterproof to adapt to the changing conditions on the Norwegian coast.
- Footwear: You'll need a pair of worn-in walking boots to use outdoors, as well as some casual shoes for use onboard.
- Cotton socks: Pack an extra pair or two in your rucksack if you're going out snowmobiling or dog sledging and your feet become damp or wet.
- Swimwear: If you intend to use any sauna or hot tub facilities, you will need to pack a swimsuit.

## **Seasonal Packing**

### Spring (cover all bases)

As you are likely to encounter three seasons during one sailing in spring, it's important to pack well and layer up. We advise bringing a woollen jumper, warm socks, a thick scarf, winter boots, warm, waterproof trousers and jacket, a hat and gloves.

### Summer (sunny attire)

Summer weather along the coast can be changeable, so in addition to T-shirts, shorts and sandals, it's wise to pack a warm jumper, light jacket (water-resistant), thin hat and gloves, and hiking shoes. You might also want to pack an eye mask, to help you sleep during the season of the Midnight sun.

### Autumn (multiple layers)

While the sun may be shining, you can also expect cooler weather during the autumn months. Make sure to pack thin layers and some warm clothes – a woolly jumper, wind and waterproof jacket and trousers, a hat, gloves and light hiking boots.

### Winter (wrap up warm)

It can get very cold along the coast during winter, so we recommend you pack base and mid layers, as well as a thick winter jacket, wool or fleece hat, balaclava/buff, gloves, woolly jumper, scarf, winter boots,

and pull-on spikes (for sale on board). And remember the layer principle: it is much better to wear a number of thin layers than just a few thick ones. In very cold weather, it's a good idea to wear two pairs of gloves – one thick pair of mitts (mitts don't separate the fingers so they keep your hands warmer) and a thin pair of gloves underneath that allow you the use of your fingers. If you're prone to cold extremities, you might also want to buy some carbon hand and foot warmers, which are available from most good outdoor shops.

## **Accommodation**

### **Accommodation Used**

#### 4-star Properties (Self-Rated)

- Helsinki, Finland: Radisson Blu Plaza Hotel (or similar)
- Rovaniemi, Finland: Original Sokos Vaakuna (or similar)
- Saariselkä, Finland: Northern Lights Village – Aurora Cabin (or similar)
- Sinettä, Finland: Arctic Snow Hotel (Glass Igloo)
- Kirkenes, Norway: Snow Hotel Kirkenes – Gamme Cabin (or similar)
- Oslo, Norway: Radisson Blu Scandinavia Hotel (or similar)
- Bergen, Norway: Clarion Admiral Hotel (or similar)
- Flåm, Norway: Flamsbrygga Hotel (or similar)

Please note: Accommodation/rooms offered are based on a lead-in room type and are subject to availability based on seasonality. In the instance a property is not available, a similar standard of accommodation will be provided. Properties will be confirmed and included in your travel pack, which you will receive 4-6 weeks before travel.

### **Extra Nights**

Not available at check-out.

*Please note: If you are interested in booking additional nights of accommodation pre or post-tour, please wait until you receive your travel documentation approximately 4-6 weeks before departure for the confirmed list of hotels. If booking your own additional*



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*accommodation directly with the hotel, please be aware that you may be required to change rooms at the start/end of your tour.*

## Maximum Room Capacity

2 people.

## Child Policy

- No child discounts. The full price applies to all children travelling with their parents.
- Valid for children 6 years old and over.

*Please note: Children must be accompanied by a responsible adult 21 years old and over to travel. No unaccompanied minors are allowed.*

## Triple Share

Not available.

## Bedding Configuration

Twin/Double (subject to availability).

*Please note: All Arctic Superior and most Polar Outside cabins are equipped with double beds. Flexible bedding arrangements are available during hotel stays.*

## General Information

### Optional Tours/Activities

Optional shore excursions can be booked between 180-90 days prior to departure or while onboard. You will receive a link with your booking confirmation to view & request optional shore excursions.

*Please note:*

- *Some tours or shore excursions require minimum numbers to operate.*
- *Shore excursions can be booked/reserved with the cruise line onboard (subject to availability).*
- *Shore excursions can also be booked whilst onboard (subject to availability).*
- *Shore excursion programmes and itineraries may vary depending on local conditions and/or any unforeseen events concerning the timing on the day of the tour. Some excursions are very popular, and therefore availability cannot always be guaranteed, it is advisable to book in advance to avoid disappointment.*

Please note: Within 90 days of departure we are unable to pre-reserve shore excursions. After this time, shore excursions must be booked with Hurtigruten onboard your ship.

## Exclusions

- Visa fees and requirements
- Transfers and flights not stated in the deal offer
- Meals/beverages not stated in the deal offer
- Optional gratuities/tipping
- Optional activities/tours
- Personal expenses
- Travel insurance

## Other Important Information

### Hurtigruten 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, you will receive another 6 or 7-day Classic Voyage FREE OF CHARGE. The promise is applicable on departures between 26 September and 31 March.

### Terms & Conditions

A Northern Lights Occurrence is defined as a sighting from the ship which is recorded by the ship's deck officers and which is announced to passengers on board. An occurrence can last anything from a few minutes to a matter of hours, and the ship's decision as to whether the Northern Lights occurred is final.

We hope that you will experience seeing the Northern Lights whilst on your Classic Roundtrip Voyage, Voyage of Discovery or North Cape Express, although we cannot be held responsible if you don't. We do, however, promise that in the event of there being no Northern Lights Occurrence as defined above on these voyages, we will invite you back to cruise with us once more, subject to the Terms and Conditions below.

You will be able to take the 7-day Classic

Voyage North or the 6-day Classic Voyage South, departing the subsequent sailing season from 1 October to 31 March in an unspecified inside cabin with twin beds on a full board basis (you may upgrade to another grade of cabin subject to additional costs and availability). The offer cruise must be booked within 28 days from your return date. A choice of departure dates will be given, and the offer only apply once.

### Exclusions

Offer excludes flights, transfers, all onboard expenses, excursions, and luggage handling. Offer does not apply to re-scheduled or cancelled cruises (including cruises where more than 50% of the sailing has been cancelled). Bookings are non-transferable, non-changeable, have no cash value and no refund can be claimed. Hurtigruten reserves the right to withdraw or amended the offer at any time. Please check at the time of booking as to current status of offer.

## TOUR GUIDE VS. TOUR LEADER

### Tour Guide

Often locals with intimate knowledge of an area, its culture, and history. Their role entails providing commentary, routing the tour, and seeing that people have a good time. They are a licensed, qualified expert who supplies specific information on the history, art, architecture and culture of the city/village/attraction where they are guiding the tour. The guide meets the group at the required place and leaves it at the end of the tour; they do not travel with the group.

### Tour Leader

An experienced person tasked with ensuring the smooth operation of tours, as well as providing practical support to passengers throughout the whole trip. Their role primarily includes assisting with accommodation, transportation between locations, and communication with tour guides at each stop. A tour leader may provide general guidance around a city or village and offer information on the place

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visited on the bus. However, they are not required to have specific art, architecture, or historical knowledge. They are not allowed to provide a guided tour or commentary of a city/village/attraction once there and, if caught doing so, can be fined.

*Please note: Tour leaders/guides are not a standard inclusion in all travel offers. Tour leaders/guides will only be made available when required to enhance the experience of the destination featured.*

## CLIMATE & AVERAGE TEMPERATURES

### Finland & Norway

In winter, much of Finland & Norway usually transforms into a snow-clad paradise. This means ideal opportunities for exciting activities in the snowy landscape. The weather and temperatures vary a lot in this long country. Along the coast temperatures usually stay around 0°C. Inland, the temperatures are usually lower and might reach -10°C to -20°C. A few places you can even experience a chilling -40°C! Winter nights are long in all of Norway, and from the middle of November until the end of January, the sun doesn't rise at all in parts of Northern Norway. However, the northern lights might dance above your head. They are most commonly seen in the north, but can on rare occasions be spotted all over Norway. October to March are the best months if you want to see this magical light show. In southern Norway, you can expect between six and eight hours of daylight during the winter months.

## FLIGHTS

### Seat Selection & Frequent Flyer Points

We do not arrange seat selection. It is essential to highlight that some airlines do not allow pre-selected seats. We strongly suggest you contact the airline directly with seating allocation requirements and/or arrive at the airport earlier to arrange your seating. While we do not add frequent flyer member details to bookings, you can do this directly with the airline once you have your flight information.

## Passport Validity

Customers must provide valid passport details either at the time of purchase or no later than 45 days before the departure date. Failure to do so may result in the cancellation of the booking. Customers will be responsible for any costs and fees incurred in this instance.

## CRUISE

### Embarkation/Disembarkation

- Begins approximately 2 hours after docking.
- Due to security reasons, all guests must be on board 2 hours before sailing.
- Itineraries are subject to change at any time without notice.
- Check your specific sailing for exact departure and arrival times. All times are local to the port.

*Please note: Strict Covid-19 terms may also apply regarding proof of insurance covering Covid-19 and/or vaccination. Please refer to the cruise lines' terms and conditions for further information before boarding.*

### Cruise Loyalty Discounts

*Please note: Travellers must contact the cruise line directly upon receiving their travel documents in order to request any membership benefits they may be entitled to.*

## COACH TOUR

### Meals

For meals not included, the tour leader (when available) will offer assistance with reservations, suggestions and directions to local restaurants. It is your responsibility to notify us of any dietary requests/requirements.

*Please note: We will do our best to meet your requests/requirements; however, we cannot guarantee that we will always be able to.*

### Luggage

You will be responsible for all your personal belongings whilst on tour. You must carry your own luggage from the vehicle to the hotel room and back to the vehicle. The driver will assist with the

uploading and unloading of bags from the vehicle.

## OTHER

### Mobility

If you require wheelchair access please contact our friendly sales and service team to inquire on your behalf.

### Fitness Level Required

A Moderate level of fitness will be required. Moderate is described as involving more physical activity, including biking, longer day hikes or extended walking and standing, low-altitude treks, and water-based activities such as canoeing or low-grade kayaking. Guests using any walking aid other than a walking stick would be advised to reconsider as surfaces may be uneven.

### Gratuities/Tipping

#### Land

Gratuities (tips) are not included in the tour price for services of the tour leader (when available) and driver throughout the tour. Tipping is optional and at the customer's discretion. Tipping for all services provided on tour is always a matter of personal discretion, however, please be aware that tipping is considered by many locals to be a part of their normal remuneration and they may approach you for payment and there is no need to be intimidated by the request.

#### Cruise

It is not common practice to tip on Hurtigruten Coastal Express ships, but if you feel that crew members should be rewarded for providing exceptional service, tip boxes are placed in the restaurant together with envelopes.

### Sightseeing

*Please note: If entry to a site is affected by changes in operating hours or public holiday closures, your itinerary, where possible, may be adjusted, or a similar activity will be offered in its place (subject to availability).*



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## Shopping

Shopping overseas can be a daunting and confusing experience, especially when there is a language barrier. Please be very cautious when foreign currencies and prices are involved. If paying by credit card, please pay close attention to the amount you are being charged and keep all your receipts. Do not make any purchases you are not comfortable with or feel pressured into. If you are uncertain or need assistance with the language barrier, please seek assistance from your Tour Guide/Leader. Please refer to our [Terms and Conditions](#) regarding shopping for further information.

## Visas

A tourist visa is generally not required in Europe for stays of up to 90 days when travelling on an Australian passport.

### Important:

- *Please start arranging your visa three weeks before departure to account for any delays due to consulate operating hours.*
- *Visa rules may have changed since Covid-19. Some countries and airlines may require you to obtain an additional visa before arrival. Please check with the nearest embassy, consulate or immigration department of the destination you're entering.*

### Please note:

- *Passengers who are not Australian citizens must also check with the respective consulate or visa agency to determine what their visa requirements are and what personal identification is required.*
- *It is also important to note that some areas of employment, such as journalism, government authorities and charity organisations, may have additional restrictions in applying for visas. This may, in turn, affect the type of application required.*

## Travel Insurance

Embarking on your next trip is exciting, and while you hope the unexpected does not happen, it is best to be prepared. We

strongly recommend you take out travel insurance when making your booking. Whether it's a potential medical emergency, a flight cancellation, a delayed suitcase, or an unforeseen event, it's important to ensure you're adequately protected. For more information or advice visit <https://www.tripadeal.com.au/travel-insurance>

## Schedule Of Fees

### Voluntary Changes

This includes booking changes requested by you, including but not limited to those changes requiring an airline ticket or a Purchase Confirmation reissue.

- Changes - \$100 AUD per booking and any additional charges applied by the airline/cruise company/accommodation/other travel providers.

### Name Changes Due To Passenger Error

If the incorrect name has been provided, charges of \$100 AUD per booking and any additional charges applied by the airline/cruise company/accommodation/other travel providers.

### Supplier Fees

In the event the tour package you have purchased is unable to proceed, and/or a travel Supplier is unable to fulfil the tour due to external circumstances (Limitation of Liability e.g. a Force Majeure event), there may be a fee or amount of money that is withheld by our Suppliers and is unrecoverable. This may be due to non-refundable airline tickets, cancellation penalties with cruise cabins or unrecoverable payments with our land/accommodation partners. If refunds are not available from Suppliers, we will endeavour to obtain a travel credit on the best terms available and communicate these outcomes to you. In the event we are unable to obtain a refund or travel service credit, or part thereof, this cost is passed on to the customer as a Supplier Fee.