

Iconic Northern Lights Rail & Sail

HELSINKI ● LAPLAND ● LOFOTEN ● OSLO

The Offer

Embark on a once-in-a-lifetime adventure across the magic of Finland and Norway. Look for the northern lights as they dance across the sky and tick off bucket-list moments from Helsinki to Kirkenes, Tromso, Oslo and beyond.

Start in Helsinki, Finland, walking through this city's historic heart, admiring iconic architecture, Temppeliaukio - a unique "Church of Rock", and more. Jump aboard a train to Rovaniemi, in Finnish Lapland, crossing the Arctic Circle along the way. Experience the joy of Christmas among elves and reindeer at Santa's Village - you might even meet the man himself! Then, hold on tight for a husky sled ride through the snowy wilderness (subject to availability). Continuing north to Saariselka, connect with a local Sami family to learn about their nomadic way of life as reindeer herders. Sleep under the stars in a luxe glass igloo (or aurora cabin), hoping to catch sight of the magical northern lights.

Travel on to Inari and then board a Hurtigruten ship in Kirkenes for five incredible nights cruising Norway's impressive coastline. Dock in charming fishing villages like Batsfjord and Berlevag, and embark on late-night optional excursions to ride a snowmobile across the tundra, or perhaps an evening concert in Tromso's Arctic Cathedral (charges apply).

Admire the dramatic beauty of the Lofoten Archipelago and view Bergen's UNESCO-listed Bryggen dock. Sail through the UNESCO-listed glacial scenery of Naeroyfjord then board the Flam Railway for one of the world's most beautiful rail journeys. Enjoy a celebratory farewell dinner in Norway's capital city, Oslo, before your homeward flight.

This incredible adventure includes return international full-service flights, a 5-night Hurtigruten cruise, 9 nights of hotel accommodation, including a night in a glass igloo, plus 30 meals and more.

Want more? Extend your adventure with a 19-day Northbound Itinerary, Arrive Early or Stay Behind options in Helsinki or Oslo.



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Itinerary 1 - Finland to Norway 2026 - 2027

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

Today, fly to Helsinki, Finland. Please make your own way to the airport for your flight.

Meals included: In-Flight

Day 2 Arrive in Helsinki, Finland

Welcome to Finland! Helsinki is often dubbed one of the world's most liveable cities due to its vibrant nature and delicate balance of historic architecture and contemporary living. Make your own way to the hotel and spend the afternoon at your own pace exploring the city and discovering 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 tour leader for an included welcome dinner as you prepare to follow the Northern Lights through Finland and Norway.

Please note:

- *Some flights may arrive in Helsinki early in the morning. Luggage can be stored at the hotel until your room is available for check in.*

Optional Upgrade: Private Arrival Transfer - Airport to Hotel

Add a private vehicle transfer from the airport to your hotel. After clearing customs & collecting your luggage, meet your driver in the arrivals terminal and transfer to your hotel. Please see current pricing in Important Information.

Overnight: Radisson Blu Plaza Hotel or similar, Helsinki
Meals included: Dinner

Day 3 Helsinki City Tour

Today you'll embark on a coach tour of the city and learn more about Helsinki's past and present from your guide. Highlights include the City Hall, the Parliament buildings, Finlandia Hall, the Opera House and, weather permitting, the popular Sibelius monument. Another iconic stop on the tour is a visit to the Tempeliaukio Church, built into the bedrock of the city it has also become known as the 'Church of Rock' and a nod to the city's modern culture.

Enjoy the rest of your afternoon at leisure.

Overnight: Radisson Blu Plaza Hotel or similar, Helsinki
Meals included: Breakfast

Day 4 Helsinki - Rovaniemi (Lapland), Train Journey

This morning, set out from Helsinki and start your journey towards Finnish Lapland and the Arctic wilderness. After an early breakfast, a private coach will pick you up at the hotel to take you to the train station. Travelling by rail, you'll head to Rovaniemi - the reputed home of Santa Claus. Gaze upon snow-capped forests and a true winter wonderland as the train makes its way north.

Arriving in Rovaniemi, you are now in the capital of Finnish Lapland, where you will have the afternoon to explore this quaint town at your leisure. At night, keep your eyes on the skies as you are above the Arctic Circle, the chances of spotting the Northern Lights increase.

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- *Optional excursions and activities can be purchased from the suppliers on site at the hotel.*

Overnight: Original Sokos Vaakuna or similar, Rovaniemi
Meals included: Breakfast

Day 5 Husky Experience - Rovaniemi (Lapland)

Wake up in the heart of Lapland and prepare for your first authentic experience, a meeting with 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. After getting to know these animals, enjoy a light lunch before joining a thrilling husky-drawn cart or sled ride through the Lapland wilderness with your new furry friends. After spending the day living like a local, warm up with a hot drink at Lappish Kota, a traditional wooden hut dawned with reindeer hides and a roaring fire.

Overnight: Original Sokos Vaakuna or similar, Rovaniemi
Meals included: Breakfast; Lunch

Day 6 Santa Claus Village & Reindeer Experience - Rovaniemi - Saariselka

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

In the afternoon continue your journey north making a short stop to see the Sodankyla Old Church before continuing to the Northern Lights Village of Saariselka. Upon arrival, be wowed at your accommodation for the night – your very own Aurora Cabin or Glass Igloo where you can watch the Northern Lights from your bed whenever they appear.

Following the included dinner at the hotel, you'll be welcomed into the traditional tent of a local Sami family who'll share their unique culture and lifestyle. Feed the family's reindeer in the nearby paddock or practise your lasso skills under your host's expert tutelage. Weather permitting, enjoy an enchanting reindeer sleigh ride. If you are really lucky, you may even catch a glimpse of the Northern Lights during this authentic Arctic experience.

Please note:

- *Due to weather conditions, the reindeer sleigh ride is exclusively available from December through March.*
- *The sleigh ride experience lasts approximately 25-45 minutes.*

Overnight: Northern Lights Village – Aurora Cabin (Glass Igloo), Saariselka
Meals included: Breakfast; Dinner

Day 7 Saariselka - Inari, Finland - Kirkenes, Norway

As you continue north through Finnish Lapland, arrive in the small township of Inari, the Sami capital (traditional nomads of Scandinavia, reindeer herders). While in Inari, visit the newly renovated SIIDA museum - home to a collection featuring the spiritual and material culture of the Finnish Sami through exhibitions and publications.



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In the afternoon, cross into Norway and arrive at the iconic Snowhotel 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 known as 'gamme' which are typically found in the Lapland wilderness. Enjoy a unique dinner experience tonight in the farmhouse restaurant, Laven.

Please Note:

- *Optional excursions and activities can be purchased on site at the hotel.*

Snow Hotel Kirkenes - Gamme Cabin, Kirkenes
Meals included: Breakfast; Lunch; Dinner

Day 8 Kirkenes - Begin 5-Night Norwegian Coastal Express Voyage - Berlevag

Your voyage onboard the Coastal Express begins in the Arctic in the town of Kirkenes. After breakfast at your hotel, a transfer will take you to the Kirkenes port to embark on your Hurtigruten ship. The first port of call is Vardo and its iconic star-shaped Vardohus Fortress, built-in 1737. The northernmost fortification of any kind, it remains a part of the military to this day. Weather permitting, brave swimmers may want to take a dip in the icy Arctic Ocean (strictly optional of course!).

Cruise Norway's coastline to arrive in the small port of Batsfjord in the evening and then on to Berlevag. You might be able to make out Mount Tanahorn to the west, or see Kjolnes 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. Through the night, your ship will stop at Mehamn, where there is the option to join 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.

Optional Activity: Snowmobile Trip in the Polar Night

Join an unforgettable snowmobile trip in one of Europe's most pristine natural areas. For a safe and enjoyable ride, listen closely to your expert instructors as they give you snowmobile training before you begin. Tavel from Mehamn, the world's northernmost mainland town, over the mountains and halfway to the old trading post and fishing village of Kjollefjord. A short bus ride will take you down to the port, where you'll rejoin the ship. Along the way, your guides will tell you about the local lifestyle and customs. Learn about the geographic and climatic conditions of the area, and find out more about the indigenous Sami people. Experience the snow-clad valleys and the fresh winter air, perhaps under the mesmerising northern lights should they occur in the skies above. During springtime, you might still see the aurora borealis, and possibly the soft glow of the sun towards the end of your ride, along with a milder climate.

- *Available period: 15 Dec - 30 Apr (excluding 25 Dec and 1 Jan)*
- *Transportation: Bus and snowmobile*
- *Duration: 2 hours 15m minutes*
- *Fitness level: Active - good mobility needed*
- *Meals: Warm drink*
- *Clothes: Comfortable shoes, warm and windproof clothing. Thermal clothing is provided*



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- *Subject to weather and snow conditions*
- *Minimum age: 6 years old when accompanied by an adult*
- *Valid driving license required*
- *Excursion is subject to a minimum number of participants*

Overnight: Hurtigruten Coastal Express Ship
Meals included: Breakfast; Lunch; Dinner

Day 9 Honningsvag - Hammerfest - Tromso

During the day, pass through various ports including Honningsvag and Hammerfest where you can visit the UNESCO-listed Meridian Column, erected in 1854 to honour the first precise geographic measurement of the globe.

Late in the evening, arrive at Tromsø, in time to enjoy a magical northern lights concert at the Arctic Cathedral in winter (optional).

Optional Activity: Midnight Concert in the Wooden Cathedral

Step inside Tromso's splendid wooden cathedral for an unforgettable musical performance. Hear traditional Norwegian folk songs and hymns performed by professional musicians and experience the cathedral's breathtaking acoustics and enchanting ambience.

- *Transportation: On foot*
- *The concert is approximately 45 minutes long*
- *No filming or photography is permitted during the concert*
- *Excursion is subject to a minimum number of participants*

Overnight: Hurtigruten Coastal Express Ship
Meals included: Breakfast; Lunch; Dinner

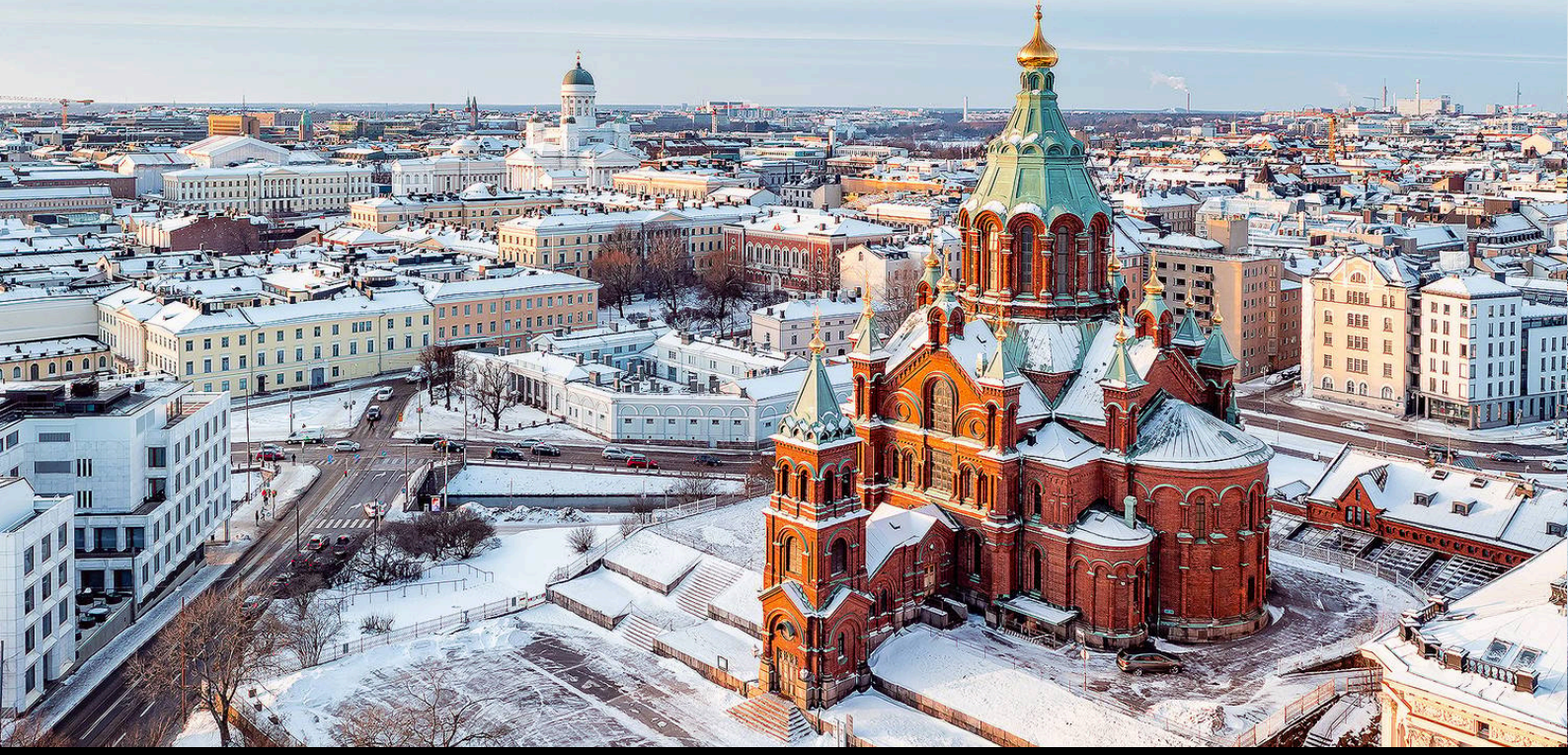
Day 10 Islands of Lofoten and Vesteralen

This morning, arrive at Harstad, where you can join the optional excursion - A Taste of Vesteralen. Discover the history, beautiful scenery, and cultural heritage sites of this iconic and breathtaking landscape. Those who stay on the ship experience the passage through the Risoyrenna, a shallow channel built for Hurtigruten in the 1920s. Prepare for some amazing scenery as you sail through the world-famous islands of Lofoten and Vesteralen.

Lofoten is known for its natural beauty, steep mountains, wilderness and picturesque fishing villages. After a short stop at the tiny village of Risoyhamn, you'll continue to Stokmarknes, where Hurtigruten began in 1893. Continuing south, it will look like you're headed straight into a mountain, you are in fact sailing through a passage into the narrow Raftsund, flanked by peaks rising 1000 metres out of the sea. Arrive at amazing Trollfjord, where if conditions allow, you will sail between sheer cliffs that seem close enough to reach out and touch. It's an unforgettable experience!

Optional Activity: A Taste of Vesteralen

Begin your excursion with a short sightseeing tour of the streets of Harstad. This is the third largest community in Northern Norway with a history connected to herring fishing, the military, and in more recent times, offshore oil. On a clear day, you should be able to spot Trondenes peninsula to the north of the town. Visit a white 13th century medieval stone church, the northernmost of its kind in the world. Drop in at the Trondenes Historical Centre, displaying objects discovered in the region throughout history, from the early Stone Age through to Viking



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times, the Middle Ages, and the present day. The museum also has a reconstructed farmstead dating from around 1200 with a granary, forge and stave church. From Trondenes, the bus will take us for a scenic drive across Hinnoya Island to meet a ferry at Gullesfjord. On board, savour a hot drink and freshly made waffles and lefse, along with the views. Continues by bus along Sigerfjord to Sortland to rejoin the ship.

- *Available: 2 January - 31 December (except 25 December)*
- *Duration: 4 hours 15 minutes*
- *Transportation: Bus/ferry*
- *Meals: Coffee or tea and cakes*
- *Clothes: Comfortable shoes, warm and windproof clothing*
- *Excursion is subject to a minimum number of participants.*

Overnight: Hurtigruten Coastal Express Ship
Meals included: Breakfast; Lunch; Dinner

Day 11 Bronnoysund

After breakfast, cross over the Arctic Circle as your journey continues south. Commemorate the moment with a tradition of tasting a spoonful of good ol' cod liver oil! Sailing along the Helgeland coast, you see the strange mountain, Torghatten, famous for the distinctive hole through its centre. 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! Another highlight is sailing past the Seven Sisters mountain range. It is easy to see how the peaks influenced ancient legends. The story goes that seven beautiful troll sisters were caught out at sunrise and turned to stone, thus creating the seven beautiful mountaintops. Even though we're south of the Arctic Circle, there may still be good opportunities to see the northern lights.

Overnight: Hurtigruten Coastal Express Ship
Meals included: Breakfast; Lunch; Dinner

Day 12 Trondheim

Today you have a chance to explore the wooden city of history: 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 cafes 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. Through the night, the ship calls at Alesund, Torvik and Maloy, as our voyage draws to a close.



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Meals included: Breakfast; Lunch; Dinner

Day 13 Bergen - Disembark Coastal Express Voyage

Before docking in Bergen, there is fascinating scenery to experience, including picturesque Nordfjord beneath Jostedal Glacier. A few nautical miles south of Floro, cross the mouth of the mighty Sognefjord, taking in superb views of the magnificent island-studded coastline en route. In the early afternoon, arrive in the Hanseatic city of Bergen, and after disembarkation, join the private coach for a city tour including a walking tour of the UNESCO World Heritage listed Bryggen, St Mary's Church, and Hakon's Hall, before heading to Troldhaugen, the home of Norway's most famous composer, Edvard Grieg.

After arrival at the hotel the evening is yours to enjoy and explore this vibrant city. One recommendation is to take the Floibanen funicular to the top of nearby Mount Floyen to enjoy views of Bergen and the surrounding mountains.

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

Day 14 Flam Railway - Bergen to Oslo

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, then travel by coach to Gudvangen - where waterfalls line the road as you weave your way through the valley. In Gudvangen, board a ferry and enjoy a fjord cruise along the narrow and dramatic UNESCO protected Naeroyfjord, ending in the quaint village of Flam. As you ascend three thousand feet to the mountain train station of Myrdal, you will understand why this is considered one of the world's most scenic rail journeys. Continue south to your final stop in Oslo.

Please Note:

- *Your large luggage will be transferred for you to your hotel in Oslo.*
- *Please be sure to keep all valuables and important items in hand luggage that you take with you during the 'Norway in a Nutshell' route.*
- *Lunch and snacks are available for purchase on the train.*
- *During the winter months (November to March), Norway experiences shorter daylight hours. Please be aware that visibility may be limited during some parts of your journey.*

Overnight: Radisson Blu Scandinavia Hotel or similar, Oslo
Meals included: Breakfast

Day 15 Oslo City Tour

Enjoy breakfast in the hotel, then join a coach tour to learn more about this vibrant European city, as you 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 your to continue exploring before joining your fellow travellers and tour leader for a farewell dinner in a local restaurant.

Overnight: Radisson Blu Scandinavia Hotel or similar, Oslo
Meals included: Breakfast; Dinner



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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*

Optional Activity: Private Departure Transfer - Hotel to Airport

Add a private vehicle transfer from your hotel to the airport. Meet your driver at your hotel and be transferred to the airport, ready to check in for your flight. Please see current pricing in Important Information.

Meals included: Breakfast; In-Flight

Day 17 Arrive in Australia (or New Zealand)



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Day 1 Australia (or New Zealand) - Oslo, Norway

Today, fly to Oslo, Norway. Please make your own way to the airport for your flight.

Meals included: In-Flight

Day 2 Arrive in Oslo, Norway

Welcome to Norway! First stop: Norway's thriving capital, Oslo. The city has a sheltered position deep inside Oslofjord and is surrounded by glistening lakes. Upon arrival in Oslo, make your own way to your hotel, then enjoy the rest of your day at leisure exploring the many charms the cosmopolitan capital has to offer.

Why not make your way to the city centre, taking snaps of the architecturally distinct Radhuset town hall, Royal Palace, and Oslo Cathedral. Along the waterfront, there's Aker Brygge, a popular area to eat out at, the imposing Akershus Fortress, and the gleaming new buildings around Bjorvika waterfront. The latter is where you'll find modern attractions such as the landmark new Edvard Munch museum.

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

Optional Upgrade: Private Arrival Transfer - Airport to Hotel

Add a private vehicle transfer from the airport to your hotel. After clearing customs & collecting your luggage, meet your driver in the arrivals terminal and transfer to your hotel. Please see current pricing in Important Information.

Overnight: Radisson Blu Scandinavia Hotel or similar, Oslo
Meals included: Dinner

Day 3 Oslo City Tour

After breakfast, enjoy an Oslo grand city tour that may include some of the attractions you might have had time to see yourself on your first day, and a few sights located further away. The Oslo Opera House is perhaps the capital's most iconic building, resembling a gleaming glacier floating in the water. Wander along its clean lines, admire the dramatic angles, and marvel at the white marble that covers its exterior. Vigeland Sculpture Park is located at the centre of splendid Frogner Park. There, you'll find more than 200 visually striking sculptures in bronze, granite, and cast iron by prolific Norwegian artist Gustav Vigeland. The highlight of the sculptures is the monolith that rises several metres high.

Further north from Vigeland, just outside of Oslo, is Holmenkollen Ski Jump. You won't be doing any jumping yourself, but the impressive building enjoys panoramic views over the city, lakes, and fjord. Beneath the ski jump is also the world's oldest ski museum featuring 2,500 pairs of skis and 4,000 years of skiing history.

After the tour, return to your hotel. Enjoy the rest of the afternoon at leisure.

Overnight: Radisson Blu Scandinavia Hotel or similar, Oslo
Meals included: Breakfast



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Day 4 Flam Railway - Oslo - Flam

After breakfast, be transferred to the train station to take the train from Oslo to Myrdal station over 850 metres high in the mountains. This is the boarding point for the Flam Mountain Railway. The vintage train will weave its way down from the mountains and into the valley towards the village of Flam. The scenic journey takes about an hour and includes a brief stop at Kjosfossen Waterfall for you to take photos. The small power station on the waterfall is actually what powers the Flam Mountain Railway.

Arrive in the village of Flam where you'll spend the night at a hotel. You can visit Flam Railway Museum to learn more about the history and the engineering that brought about the railway with time at leisure. Enjoy your included dinner at the hotel tonight.

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

Day 5 Flam - Bergen

Following breakfast and checking out of your hotel, it's time to enjoy a two-hour boat cruise of Aurlandsfjord and narrow UNESCO-listed Naeroyfjord, ending at Gudvangen. A short bus ride through Naeroydalen valley, usually fringed by waterfalls, leads you to the village of Voss where you will catch the train to Bergen, a beautiful city on the west coast of Norway. Check in to your hotel in Bergen before heading out to explore Norway's third largest city at your leisure. One recommendation is to take the Floibanen funicular to the top of nearby Mount Floyen to enjoy views of Bergen and the surrounding mountains.

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

Day 6 Bergen - Begin 6-Night Norwegian Coastal Express Voyage

After a relaxing morning, take a walking tour of Bergen, including St Mary's Church, Hakon's Hall and the UNESCO World Heritage listed Bryggen district. Bryggen is made up of a colourful age-old wooden wharves which now house boutique shops selling handicrafts, art, and souvenirs. Across the cobblestone street from Bryggen is the Fish Market, a place of sights, sounds, and smells. Freshly caught seafood is cooked on the spot here and served to salivating visitors. You'll then head to Troldhaugen, the home of Norway's most famous composer, Edvard Grieg.

The tour ends at Bergen pier, where you can relax in Hurtigruten's exclusive guest lounge before boarding our Coastal Express ship for your voyage along Norway's beautiful coast.

Optional Activity: Shore Excursion Bundle

Enhance your voyage with a shore excursion bundle including three unique experiences during your voyage:

- *Day 8: Trondheim with Nidaros Cathedral*
- *Day 10: The Arctic Capital*
- *Day 11: The North Cape*
- *Bonus: Receive 500 NOK Onboard Credit per person when you pre-book the Shore Excursion Bundle*

Please see further details of each activity on the relevant itinerary days.



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Overnight: Hurtigruten Coastal Express Ship
Meals included: Breakfast; Dinner

Day 7 Alesund - Molde

Enjoy early morning in the breathtaking Nordfjord near Torvik. We then sail past West Cape for our approach to Alesund. You'll have most of the day to explore this picturesque town. Alesund is renowned for its beautiful Art Nouveau architecture. Enjoy wandering around pastel-coloured buildings, picking up details such as semi-circular windows and charming rounded fairy-tale-like towers. For a lovely panorama over the town, head up to Mount Askla. There's also Atlanterhavsparken, one of Northern Europe's largest saltwater aquariums. The port of the day is Molde which has an amazing view of 222 mountain peaks across the fjord, called 'the Molde Panorama'.

Overnight: Hurtigruten Coastal Express Ship
Meals included: Breakfast; Lunch; Dinner

Day 8 Trondheim

Arrive early in the morning at Trondheim, with plenty of time to explore Norway's first capital either on your own or on an optional excursion.

Founded by Viking king Olav Tryggvason in 997, Trondheim today is Norway's third largest city and a mix of historic buildings and a vibrant student population. 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. 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 a variety of eateries. Up from Bakklandet is Kristiansten Fort which offers beautiful views. In the afternoon, the ship sails northwest, passing the ochre-coloured Kjeungskjaer Lighthouse towards charming Rorvik.

Overnight: Hurtigruten Coastal Express Ship
Meals included: Breakfast; Lunch; Dinner

Day 9 Cross the Arctic Circle - Bodo - Svolvaer (Lofoten)

Today you'll cross the Arctic Circle early in the morning, beginning your Arctic tour of Norway. Mark the moment with a traditional ceremony that's sure to wake you up! Above the Arctic Circle in autumn, winter, and spring, your chances of seeing the northern lights greatly improve. At 10:00, call into Ornes, near to Norway's second-largest glacier, Svartisen. Then sail to Bodo, the second-largest city in Northern Norway, overlooked by the Borvass peaks.

This afternoon, the ship enters the Lofoten archipelago. The 1,000 metre-high Lofoten Wall is a stunning sight stretching for miles on the horizon. Stamsund is 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, when you see rows of traditional fisherman's huts on stilts, known as rorbuer, you've arrived in the pretty harbour of Svolvaer, the main town of the Lofoten Islands.

Overnight: Hurtigruten Coastal Express Ship
Meals included: Breakfast; Lunch; Dinner



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Day 10 Harstad - Tromso

Dock into Harstad just after 07:00.

Here you can go for a peaceful early morning stroll around town. The ship will then continue to Finnsnes which connects the beautiful island of Senja via the impressive Gisund Bridge. Then, sail to the historic Arctic exploration capital of Tromso where you'll have four hours to explore the city or join an optional excursion. Along the waterfront you'll find Polaria, a centre exhibiting environmental research in the Arctic with a small aquarium. Take your pick from the many shops and restaurants in the city centre, including Mack Brewery and favourite local watering hole Olhallen pub. There are also cafes offering delicious cinnamon buns 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 Tromso in the early evening, you head north for the trading post of Skjervoy, founded in 1622. On the way, pass the Lyngen Alps which rise majestically from the sea.

Overnight: Hurtigruten Coastal Express Ship
Meals included: Breakfast; Lunch; Dinner

Day 11 Norway's Northern Frontier - Honningsvag

The ship makes early morning stops in the town of Hammerfest and at Havoysund before arriving at Honningsvag mid-morning. This is the portal to the North Cape where a globe monument marks the top of continental Europe. An optional excursion will take you to North Cape from Honningsvag by bus, passing herds of reindeer on the way, depending on the season. The ship continues north. Near the entrance of Kjollefjord village, look out for the striking, building-like rock formation Finnkirka, an ancient sacrificial site once used by the indigenous Sámi. You reach 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 Berlevag. On the way, we pass the tall Slettnes Lighthouse, the northernmost mainland lighthouse on Earth.

Overnight: Hurtigruten Coastal Express Ship
Meals included: Breakfast; Lunch; Dinner



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Day 12 Kirkenes, Norway - Disembark Coastal Express Voyage - Saariselka (Lapland), Finland

Arrive at Vardo in the morning, then continue south towards your next port, Kirkenes. You'll be treated to dramatic coastal vistas as we approach the shore. Here, you'll leave our ship behind as you continue your journey south toward Finland on land. Board a coach and enjoy a scenic drive through the town of Kirkenes, and after crossing the border into Finland, you'll begin heading south through Lapland. Stop at Inari, a village in Finland's largest municipality. The area is famous for its large Sami population and is seen as the centre of Finnish Sami culture. At the newly renovated SIIDA Sami Museum, see exhibits and artefacts that document the rich culture of the Finnish Sami. You will enjoy lunch in a local restaurant before continuing to Saariselka, a small skiing village in the middle of the Finnish Lapland wilderness.

After a day of travelling, learning, and exploring, you'll spend your first night in Finland. Enjoy the included dinner at your hotel.

Please Note:

- *Optional excursions and activities can be purchased from the suppliers on site at the hotel.*

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

Day 13 Reindeer Safari - Saariselka

Waking up in Saariselka, you have another day in Finland's winter wonderland to look forward to. Today you have a day at leisure to explore the small village, or why not try the toboggan near the hotel, or one of the many optional excursions available from the hotel.

This evening enjoy a Reindeer Safari, with the chance of experiencing the northern lights. A short transfer to a local reindeer farm and here you have the opportunity to get to know a local Sami family. During your visit, you will feed the reindeers in the paddock and learn about reindeer husbandry. Then it´s time to take the Lappish lasso and practice, with the guidance of the host, throwing the lasso. You will also have a peek into the dim Lappish hut. In the idyllic old cottage, you can enjoy some coffee and chat more about reindeers and Sami. Weather permitting, enjoy an enchanting reindeer sleigh ride.

Return to your hotel in the evening, where you'll spend your second night in Saariselka.

Please note:

- *Due to weather conditions, the reindeer sleigh ride is exclusively available from December through March*
- *The sleigh ride experience lasts approximately 25-45 minutes*

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



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Day 14 Santa Claus Village & Glass Igloo - Rovaniemi - Sinetta

Today, journey towards the commercial centre of Lapland, Rovaniemi. Along the way you will make a short stop to visit the Sodankyla Old Church. Experience Santa Claus Village, where you can see herds of reindeer and might even meet the jolly bearded man himself. This Christmas-themed park will surely bring out your inner child, and if you're lucky, seeing the northern lights dancing above will make your visit even more special.

In the evening, you'll check into an Arctic snowhotel in Sinetta, where you can unwind and enjoy the hotel's spa and sauna facilities. Tonight, enjoy dinner at the hotel before you spend the night in a toasty glass igloo, looking out for the Aurora through the 360 degree glass roof.

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

Day 15 Husky Experience - Rovaniemi (Lapland)

Today you will be transferred to your hotel in Rovaniemi. This Arctic city has an intriguing history, having grown to prominence in the 19th century due to the Lapland gold rush. The city was rebuilt after World War II, and its footprint was redesigned in the shape of a reindeer's head. Besides reindeer, another iconic Lapland animal is the husky. In the afternoon, take a tour of a husky dog kennel and meet the friendly, furry residents. Enjoy lunch at the kennel. Learn about the long relationship these dogs have with the local people, and find out how they're reared to become as fit and as hardy as they are. After spending some time with the dogs, enjoy a thrilling husky-drawn cart or sled ride through the Lapland wilderness. Once it's over, you can enjoy a snack and a hot drink around the roaring fire.

Overnight: Original Sokos Vaakuna or similar, Rovaniemi
Meals included: Breakfast; Lunch



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Day 16 Rovaniemi Free Day

After breakfast enjoy a day to yourself to explore more of Rovaniemi. Your tour leader can recommend a range of exciting additional excursions or things to see and do in the area. Why not make a visit to Jatkankynttila bridge to take photos of Finland's first suspension bridge. It stands prominently over Kemijoki river with the lamps at the top of its two pillars resembling glowing braziers. You'll also not want to miss the Aalto Centre, a complex of public buildings designed by famous Finnish modernist architect Alvar Aalto. 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. Similarly, Ranua Zoo is home to various Arctic fauna, but all bow in respect to the resident polar bears and Finnish brown bears.

Overnight: Original Sokos Vaakuna or similar, Rovaniemi
Meals included: Breakfast

Day 17 Rovaniemi - Helsinki

Today, leave Rovaniemi and 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, and offers 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 the many hidden gems dotted around the centre. 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 or similar, 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.

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.*

Optional Activity: Private Departure Transfer - Hotel to Airport

Add a private vehicle transfer from your hotel to the airport. Meet your driver at your hotel and be transferred to the airport, ready to check in for your flight. Please see current pricing in Important Information.

Meals included: Breakfast; In-Flight



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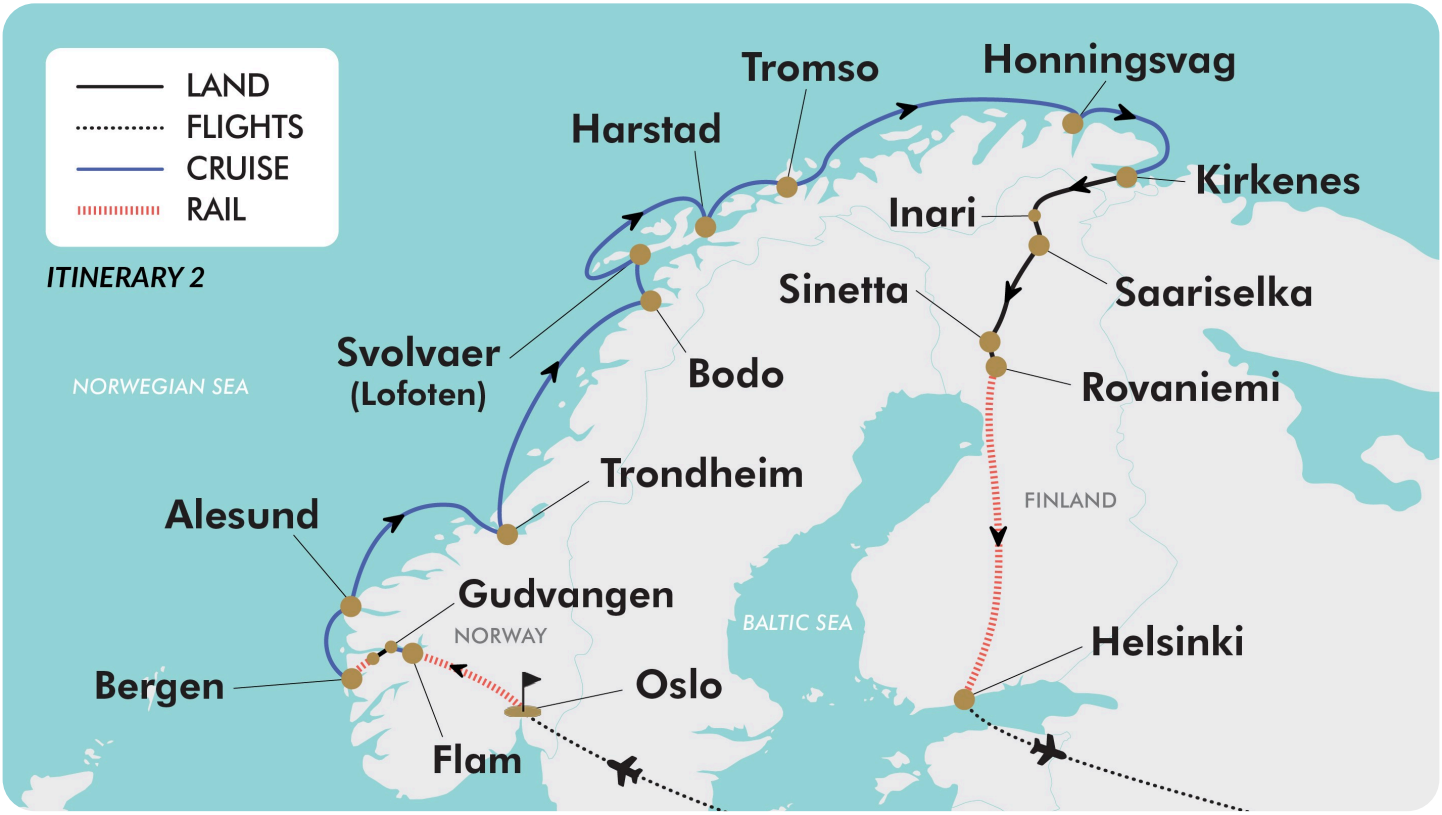
Day 19 Arrive in Australia (or New Zealand)



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

Today, fly to Helsinki, Finland. Please make your own way to the airport for your departing flight.

Meals included: In-Flight

Day 2 Arrive in Helsinki

Welcome to Finland!

Helsinki is often dubbed one of the world's most liveable cities due to its vibrant nature and delicate balance of historic architecture and contemporary living. Make your own way to the hotel and spend the afternoon at your own pace exploring the city and discovering 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 tour leader for an included welcome dinner as you prepare to follow the northern lights through Finland and Norway.

Please note:

- *Some flights may arrive in Helsinki early in the morning. Luggage can be stored at the hotel until your room is available for check in.*

Optional Upgrade: Private Arrival Transfer - Helsinki Airport to Hotel

Add a private vehicle transfer from the airport to your hotel. After clearing customs and collecting your luggage, meet your driver in the arrivals terminal and transfer to your hotel. Please see current pricing in Important Information.

Overnight: Radisson Blu Plaza Hotel or similar, Helsinki
Meals included: Dinner

Day 3 Train Journey - Helsinki - Rovaniemi (Lapland), Finland

This morning, set out from Helsinki and start your journey towards Finnish Lapland and the Arctic wilderness.

After an early breakfast at your hotel, take a short walk to the train station with your guide. Travelling by rail, you'll head to Rovaniemi - the reputed home of Santa Claus. Gaze upon snow-capped forests and a true winter wonderland as the train makes its way north. Arriving in Rovaniemi, you are now in the capital of Finnish Lapland, where you will have the afternoon to explore this quaint town at your leisure. At night, keep your eyes on the skies as you are above the Arctic Circle, the chances of spotting the Northern Lights increase.

Please Note:

- *Optional excursions and activities can be purchased from the suppliers on site at the hotel.*

Overnight: Original Sokos Vaakuna or similar, Rovaniemi
Meals included: Breakfast

Day 4 Husky Experience - Rovaniemi (Lapland), Finland

Wake up in the heart of Lapland and prepare for your first authentic experience, a meeting with 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.

After getting to know these animals, enjoy a light lunch before joining a thrilling husky-drawn cart or sled ride through the Lapland wilderness with your new furry friends.



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Enjoy the rest of your afternoon and evening at leisure. You may wish to participate in one of the many excursions or just relax and keep your eyes on the skies.

Overnight: Original Sokos Vaakuna or similar, Rovaniemi
Meals included: Breakfast; Lunch

Day 5 Santa Claus Village & Reindeer Experience - Rovaniemi - Saariselkä, Finland

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

In the afternoon, continue your journey north making a short stop to see the Sodankyla Old Church before continuing to the Northern Lights Village of Saariselka. Upon arrival, be wowed at your accommodation for the night – your very own Aurora Cabin or Glass Igloo where you can watch the northern lights from your bed whenever they appear.

Embark on an unforgettable adventure at Northern Lights Village's reindeer paddock. Meet a knowledgeable reindeer herder who will share captivating stories about reindeer and the rich culture of Lapland. Return to Northern Lights Village for an included dinner, then spend a magical night in a private Aurora Cabin, where you have the chance to witness the northern lights from your very own bed. The hotel is on the outskirts of the small village of Saariselka, and is well away from any light pollution, a great place for witnessing the northern lights.

Please note:

- *Due to weather conditions, the reindeer sleigh ride is exclusively available from December through March.*
- *The sleigh ride experience lasts approximately 25 to 45 minutes.*

Overnight: Northern Lights Village – Aurora Cabin (Glass Igloo), Saariselka
Meals included: Breakfast; Dinner

Day 6 King Crab Experience - Saariselkä - Inari, Finland - Kirkenes, Norway

As you continue north through Finnish Lapland, arrive in the small township of Inari, the Sami capital (traditional nomads of Scandinavia, reindeer herders). While in Inari, visit the SIIDA museum - home to a collection featuring the spiritual and material culture of the Finnish Sami through exhibitions and publications.

In the afternoon, arrive at the Snow Resort Kirkenes. Enjoy a short tour of the property, with its resident reindeer and husky farm, where you can visit the dogs at any time. Entrance and a drink in the SnowResort are included.

Your adventure continues down at the pier, where you'll be greeted with a live presentation of the majestic King crab — up close, expert-led and filled with fascinating insights about this Arctic delicacy. After this immersive introduction, you'll return to the unique farmhouse restaurant, Laven where you'll indulge in a chef-prepared King crab salad made from the freshest crab meat — harvested just moments before your arrival. The salad is elegantly plated and crowned with generous portions of succulent King crab leg meat. For an unforgettable visual and



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culinary impact, the crab shells are split and artfully arranged on top for display. Get ready for a taste experience that celebrates freshness, craftsmanship, and seafood at its very best.

Stay overnight in the unique Gamme Cabins, which are inspired by the traditional hunting and fishing hut, also known as "gamme", which are typical in the wilderness of Lapland.

Please Note:

- *Optional excursions and activities can be purchased on-site at the hotel.*

Snow Resort Kirkenes - Gamme Cabin, Kirkenes
Meals included: Breakfast; Lunch; Dinner

Day 7 Begin 5-Night Norwegian Coastal Express Voyage - Kirkenes - Berlevåg, Norway

Your voyage onboard the Coastal Express begins in the Arctic in the town of Kirkenes. After breakfast at your hotel, a transfer will take you to the Kirkenes port to embark on your Hurtigruten ship.

The first port of call is Vardo and its iconic star-shaped Vardohus Fortress, built-in 1737. The northernmost fortification of any kind, it remains a part of the military to this day. Weather permitting, brave swimmers may want to take a dip in the icy Arctic Ocean (strictly optional, of course!).

Cruise Norway's coastline to arrive in the small port of Batsfjord in the evening and then on to Berlevag. You might be able to make out Mount Tanahorn to the west, or see Kjolnes 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. Through the night, your ship will stop at Mehamn, where there is the option to join 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 Express Ship
Meals included: Breakfast; Lunch; Dinner

Day 8 Honningsvag - Hammerfest - Tromso, Norway

During the day, pass through various ports including Honningsvag and Hammerfest where you can visit the UNESCO-listed Meridian Column, erected in 1854 to honour the first precise geographic measurement of the globe. Late in the evening, arrive at Tromso, in time to enjoy a magical northern lights concert at the Arctic Cathedral in winter (optional).

Overnight: Hurtigruten Coastal Express Ship
Meals included: Breakfast; Lunch; Dinner

Day 9 Lofoten Islands and Vesteralen, Norway

This morning, arrive at Harstad, where you can join the optional excursion - A Taste of Vesteralen. Discover the history, beautiful scenery and cultural heritage sites of this iconic and breathtaking landscape.

Those who stay on the ship experience the passage through the Risoyrenna, a shallow channel built for Hurtigruten in the 1920s. Prepare for some amazing scenery as you sail through the world-famous islands of Lofoten and Vesteralen.



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Lofoten is known for its natural beauty, steep mountains, wilderness and picturesque fishing villages. After a short stop at the tiny village of Risoyhamn, you'll continue to Stokmarknes, where Hurtigruten began in 1893. Continuing south, it will look like you're headed straight into a mountain, you are in fact sailing through a passage into the narrow Raftsund, flanked by peaks rising 1000 metres out of the sea. Arrive at amazing Trollfjord, where 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 Express Ship
Meals included: Breakfast; Lunch; Dinner

Day 10 Bronnoysund, Norway

After breakfast, cross over the Arctic Circle as your journey continues south. Commemorate the moment with a tradition of tasting a spoonful of good ol' cod liver oil!

Sailing along the Helgeland coast, you see the strange mountain, Torghatten, famous for the distinctive hole through its centre. 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!

Another highlight is sailing past the Seven Sisters mountain range. It is easy to see how the peaks influenced ancient legends. The story goes that seven beautiful troll sisters were caught out at sunrise and turned to stone, thus creating the seven beautiful mountaintops. Even though we're south of the Arctic Circle, there may still be good opportunities to see the northern lights.

Overnight: Hurtigruten Coastal Express Ship
Meals included: Breakfast; Lunch; Dinner

Day 11 Trondheim, Norway

Today you have a chance to explore the wooden city of history: 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 cafes, then walk up to Kristiansten Fort for great views of Norway's third-largest city.

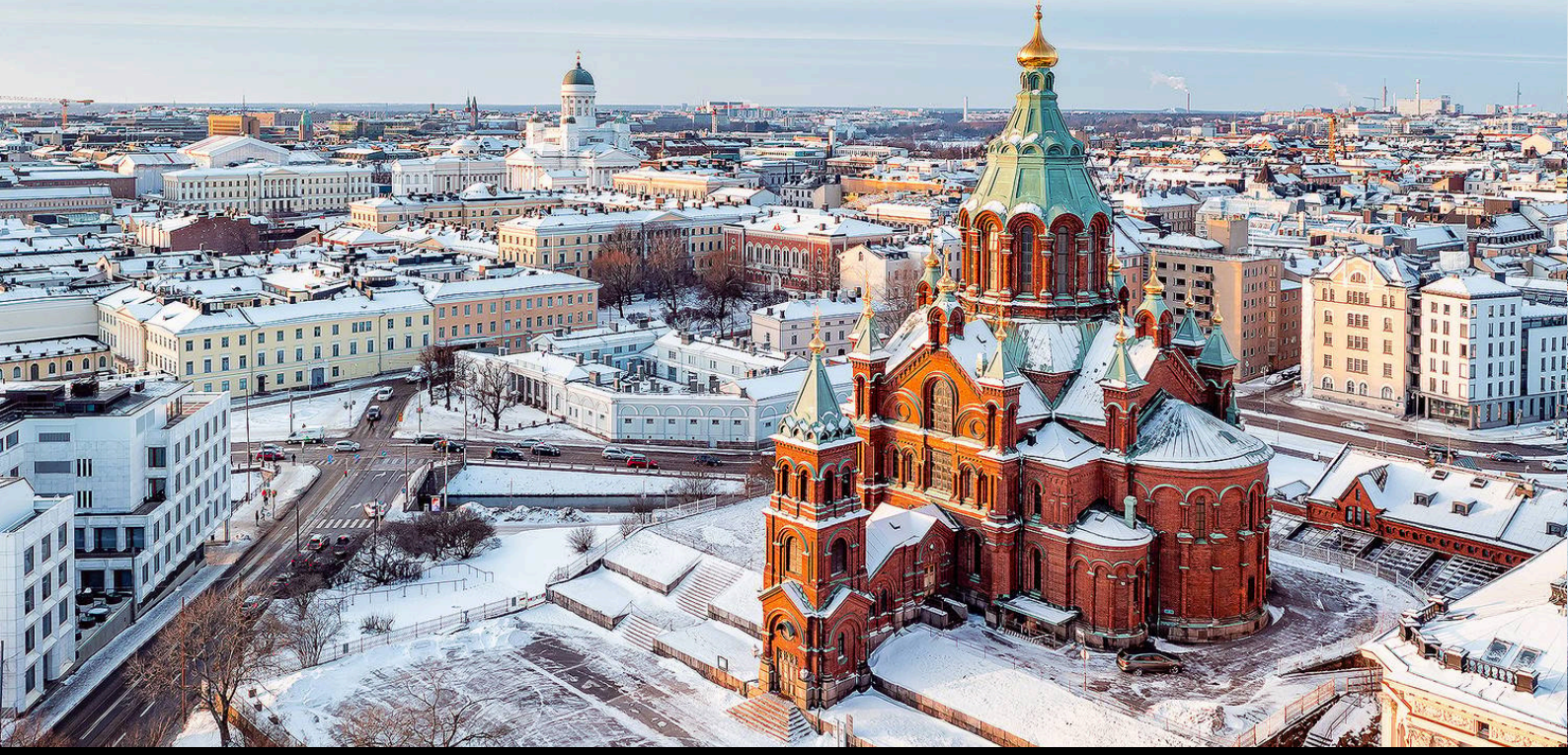
As you sail along the coast, you will realise the importance of fishing to Norway's coastal communities. Kristiansund is regarded as Norway's 'dried cod capital' because of its long-time export of salted dry fish. Through the night, the ship calls at Alesund, Torvik and Maloy, as our voyage draws to a close.

Overnight: Hurtigruten Coastal Express Ship
Meals included: Breakfast; Lunch; Dinner

Day 12 Bergen, Norway - Disembark Coastal Express Voyage

Before docking in Bergen, there is fascinating scenery to experience, including picturesque Nordfjord beneath Jostedal Glacier.

A few nautical miles south of Floro, cross the mouth of the mighty Sognefjord, taking in superb views of the magnificent island-studded coastline en route.



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In the early afternoon, arrive in the Hanseatic city of Bergen, and after disembarkation, join the private coach for a city tour including a walking tour of the UNESCO World Heritage listed Bryggen, St Mary's Church, and Hakon's Hall. Enjoy a return journey on the furnicular railway, Floibanen, to the top of Mount Floyen, and enjoy the incredible view over Bergen. The day tour ends at the hotel and the evening is yours to enjoy and explore this vibrant city.

Overnight: Clarion Admiral Hotel or similar, Bergen
Meals included: Breakfast; Lunch; Dinner

Day 13 Bergen to Flam, Norway

Today enjoy an amazing journey by rail, coach and ferry on the famous 'Norway in a Nutshell' route between Bergen and Flam. Start with a coach transfer from your hotel to the Bergen railway station for a rail journey from Bergen to Voss. Then, travel by coach to Gudvangen - where waterfalls line the road as you weave your way through the valley.

In Gudvangen, board a ferry and enjoy a fjord cruise along the narrow and dramatic UNESCO protected Naeroyfjord, ending in the quaint village of Flam. Upon arrival in Flam, take a short walk with your guide to the hotel to check in, then enjoy an included dinner at the hotel.

Overnight: Fretheim Hotel or similar, Flam
Meals included: Breakfast; Lunch; Dinner

Day 14 Flam Railway - Flam - Oslo, Norway

After breakfast at your hotel, travel by the Flam Railway, taking you up to the mountain station of Myrdal. As you ascend three thousand feet to the mountain train station of Myrdal, you will understand why this is considered one of the world's most scenic rail journeys. In Myrdal, change trains and head to your final stop in Oslo.

From the train station in Oslo it's a short walk to your hotel. Once checked in, join your group for an included farewell dinner at the hotel restaurant.

Overnight: Hon Hotel Opera or similar, Oslo
Meals included: Breakfast; Lunch; Dinner

Day 15 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*

Optional Activity: Private Vehicle Transfer - Hotel to Airport

Add a private vehicle transfer from your hotel to the airport. Meet your driver at your hotel and be transferred to the airport, ready to check in for your flight. Please see current pricing in Important Information.



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Day 16 Arrive in Australia (or New Zealand)
Please note: Some flights may arrive +1 day later.



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Day 1 Australia (or New Zealand) - Oslo, Norway

Today, fly to Oslo, Norway. Please make your own way to the airport for your flight.

Day 2 Arrive in Oslo, Norway

Welcome to Norway! First stop: Norway's thriving capital, Oslo.

The city has a sheltered position deep inside Oslofjord and is surrounded by glistening lakes. Upon arrival in Oslo, make your own way to your hotel, then enjoy the rest of your day at leisure exploring the many charms the cosmopolitan capital has to offer.

Why not make your way to the city centre, taking snaps of the architecturally distinct Radhuset town hall, Royal Palace and Oslo Cathedral?

Along the waterfront, there's Aker Brygge, a popular area to eat out at, the imposing Akershus Fortress, and the gleaming new buildings around Bjorvika waterfront. The latter is where you'll find modern attractions such as the landmark new Edvard Munch museum.

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

Optional Upgrade: Private Arrival Transfer - Airport to Hotel

Add a private vehicle transfer from the airport to your hotel. After clearing customs & collecting your luggage, meet your driver in the arrivals terminal and transfer to your hotel. Please see current pricing in Important Information.

Overnight: Thon Hotel Opera or similar, Oslo
Meals included: Dinner

Day 3 City Tour - Oslo, Norway

After breakfast, enjoy an Oslo grand city tour that may include some of the attractions you might not have had time to see yourself on your first day, and a few sights located further away.

The Oslo Opera House is perhaps the capital's most iconic building, resembling a gleaming glacier floating in the water. Wander along its clean lines, admire the dramatic angles, and marvel at the white marble that covers its exterior. Vigeland Sculpture Park is located at the centre of splendid Frogner Park. There, you'll find more than 200 visually striking sculptures in bronze, granite and cast iron by prolific Norwegian artist Gustav Vigeland. The park's centrepiece is a monolith that rises several metres high.

Further north from Vigeland, just outside of Oslo, is Holmenkollen Ski Jump. You won't be doing any jumping yourself, but the impressive building enjoys panoramic views over the city, lakes and fjord. Beneath the ski jump is also the world's oldest ski museum, featuring 2,500 pairs of skis and 4,000 years of skiing history.

Overnight: Thon Hotel Opera or similar, Oslo
Meals included: Breakfast

Day 4 Flam Railway - Oslo - Flam, Norway

After breakfast, it's a short walk to the train station to take the train from Oslo to Myrdal station over 850 metres high in the mountains. This is the boarding point for the Flam Mountain Railway.



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The vintage train will weave its way down from the mountains and into the valley towards the village of Flam. The scenic journey takes about an hour and includes a brief stop at Kjosfossen Waterfall for you to take photos. The small power station on the waterfall is actually what powers the Flam Mountain Railway.

Arrive in the village of Flam where you'll spend the night at a hotel. You can visit Flam Railway Museum to learn more about the history and the engineering that brought about the railway with time at leisure. Enjoy your included dinner at the hotel tonight.

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

Day 5 Flam - Bergen, Norway

Following breakfast and checking out of your hotel, it's time to enjoy a two-hour boat cruise of Aurlandsfjord and narrow UNESCO-listed Naeroyfjord, ending at Gudvangen.

A short bus ride through Naeroydalen valley, usually fringed by waterfalls, leads you to the village of Voss where you will catch the train to Bergen, a beautiful city on the west coast of Norway. Check in to your hotel in Bergen before heading out to explore Norway's third largest city at your leisure.

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

Day 6 Begin 6-Night Norwegian Coastal Express Voyage - Bergen, Norway

After a relaxing morning, take a walking tour of Bergen.

Meet the group in the lobby of the hotel for a walking tour of historical Bergen, which includes the UNESCO World Heritage listed Bryggen, St Mary's Church, and Hakon's Hall.

At the conclusion of the tour, enjoy a return journey on the furnicular railway, Floibanen, to the top of Mount Floyen, and enjoy the incredible view over Bergen. Transfer to the Bergen pier, where you can relax in Hurtigruten's exclusive guest lounge before boarding our Coastal Express ship for your voyage along Norway's beautiful coast.

Overnight: Hurtigruten Coastal Express Ship
Meals included: Breakfast; Dinner

Day 7 Alesund, Norway

Enjoy early morning in the breathtaking Nordfjord near Torvik. Then sail past West Cape for your approach to Alesund. You'll have most of the day to explore this picturesque town.

Alesund is renowned for its beautiful Art Nouveau architecture. Enjoy wandering around pastel-coloured buildings, picking up details such as semi-circular windows and charming rounded fairytale-like towers.

For a lovely panorama over the town, head up to Mount Askla. There's also Atlanterhavsparken, one of Northern Europe's largest saltwater aquariums.



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The port of the day is Molde, which features 'the Molde Panorama', an amazing view of 222 mountain peaks across the fjord.

Overnight: Hurtigruten Coastal Express Ship
Meals included: Breakfast; Lunch; Dinner

Day 8 Trondheim, Norway

Arrive early in the morning at Trondheim, with plenty of time to explore Norway's first capital either on your own or on an optional excursion.

Founded by Viking king Olav Tryggvason in 997, Trondheim today is Norway's third largest city and a mix of historic buildings and a vibrant student population. 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. 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 a variety of eateries. Up from Bakklandet is Kristiansten Fort which offers beautiful views. In the afternoon, the ship sails northwest, passing the ochre-coloured Kjeungskjaer Lighthouse towards charming Rorvik.

Overnight: Hurtigruten Coastal Express Ship
Meals included: Breakfast; Lunch; Dinner

Day 9 Cross the Arctic Circle - Bodo - Svolvaer (Lofoten), Norway

Today you'll cross the Arctic Circle early in the morning, beginning your Arctic tour of Norway. Mark the moment with a traditional ceremony that's sure to wake you up! Above the Arctic Circle in autumn, winter and spring, your chances of seeing the northern lights greatly improve.

At 10:00, call into Ornes, near to Norway's second-largest glacier, Svartisen. Then sail to Bodo, the second-largest city in Northern Norway, overlooked by the Borvass peaks.

This afternoon, the ship enters the Lofoten archipelago. The 1,000 metre-high Lofoten Wall is a stunning sight stretching for miles on the horizon. Stamsund is 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, when you see rows of traditional fisherman's huts on stilts, known as rorbuer, you've arrived in the pretty harbour of Svolvaer, the main town of the Lofoten Islands.

Overnight: Hurtigruten Coastal Express Ship
Meals included: Breakfast; Lunch; Dinner



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Day 10 Tromso, Norway

Dock into Harstad just after 07:00. Here you can go for a peaceful early morning stroll around town. The ship will then continue to Finnsnes which connects the beautiful island of Senja via the impressive Gisund Bridge. Then, sail to the historic Arctic exploration capital of Tromso where you'll have four hours to explore the city or join an optional excursion. Along the waterfront you'll find Polaria, a centre exhibiting environmental research in the Arctic with a small aquarium. Take your pick from the many shops and restaurants in the city centre, including Mack Brewery and favourite local watering hole Olhallen pub. There are also cafes offering delicious cinnamon buns 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 Tromso in the early evening, you head north for the trading post of Skjervoy, founded in 1622. On the way, pass the Lyngen Alps which rise majestically from the sea.

Overnight: Hurtigruten Coastal Express Ship
Meals included: Breakfast; Lunch; Dinner

Day 11 Norway's Northern Frontier - Honningsvag, Norway

The ship makes early morning stops in the town of Hammerfest and at Havoysund before arriving at Honningsvag mid-morning. This is the portal to the North Cape where a globe monument marks the top of continental Europe.

An optional excursion will take you to North Cape from Honningsvag by bus, passing herds of reindeer on the way, depending on the season. The ship continues north. Near the entrance of Kjollefjord village, look out for the striking, building-like rock formation Finnkirka, an ancient sacrificial site once used by the indigenous Sami.

You reach 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 Berlevag. On the way, pass the tall Slettnes Lighthouse, the northernmost mainland lighthouse on Earth.

Overnight: Hurtigruten Coastal Express Ship
Meals included: Breakfast; Lunch; Dinner

Day 12 Kirkenes, Norway -Disembark Coastal Express Voyage -Saariselkä (Lapland), Finland

Arrive at Vardo in the morning, then continue south towards your next port, Kirkenes. You'll be treated to dramatic coastal vistas as you approach the shore.

After disembarkation, travel by coach to the Snowhotel in Kirkenes for a unique King Crab Experience. Your adventure begins down at the pier, where you'll be greeted with a live presentation of the majestic king crab — up close, expert-led, and filled with fascinating insights about this Arctic delicacy. After this immersive introduction, you'll return to the restaurant to indulge in a chef-prepared king crab salad made from the freshest crab meat — harvested just moments before your arrival. The salad is elegantly plated and crowned with generous portions of



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succulent king crab leg meat. For an unforgettable visual and culinary impact, the crab shells are split and artfully arranged on top for display.

Get ready for a taste experience that celebrates freshness, craftsmanship, and seafood at its very best.

After lunch, continue your journey south toward Finland on land.

After a day of travelling, learning, and exploring, you'll arrive in Saariselka, where you'll spend your first night in Finland. Enjoy the included dinner at your hotel.

Overnight: Wilderness Hotel Kieppi or similar, Saariselka (Kieppi)
Meals included: Breakfast; Lunch; Dinner

Day 13 Inari Sami Village Tour - Saariselka, Finland

After a delightful breakfast at the hotel, it's time to head to Inari Sami Village. The parish village of Inari is the heart of Finland's Sámi culture, captivating visitors and locals alike with its unique wild nature and diverse cultures.

After arrival to Inari, will meet your host who will guide us throughout the day. You'll visit the Jäniskoski rapids at Juutua river and admire it's beauty. The Jäniskoski rapids in winter are an impressive natural spectacle in Inari, Lapland, where the Juutua River flows thunderously through a snow-covered landscape. The contrast between the ice-cold water, thick layers of ice and snow-covered forests offer a unique photo opportunity, often complemented by picturesque sunrises.

You'll also explore the Siida - Sami Museum, which features both indoor and outdoor exhibits full of information about Sámi culture, history, and the northern nature.

Please note:

If you are travelling after the 18th of November 2027, you'll enjoy a nice snowmobile sleigh ride to Lake Inari and try your luck with ice-fishing.

Overnight: Wilderness Hotel Kieppi or similar, Saariselka (Kieppi)
Meals included: Breakfast; Lunch

Day 14 Aurora Hike - Saariselka, Finland

Enjoy your day at leisure to explore the small village, or why not try the toboggan near the hotel, or one of the many optional excursions on offer (charges apply).

This evening, your guide will lead you on a gentle hike into the beautiful Urho Kekkonen National Park. The trail is easy to walk and suitable for everyone, making it a relaxing start to your northern lights adventure. Arrive at the cozy Aurora Hut, where the guide hosts an inspiring aurora workshop. You'll get to admire stunning photographs of the northern lights and listen to fascinating stories and facts about this magical phenomenon. And if luck is on your side, you may even step outside to witness the aurora shimmering across the night sky.

Overnight: Wilderness Hotel Kieppi or similar, Saariselka (Kieppi)
Meals included: Breakfast; Dinner



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Day 15 Santa Claus Village & Glass Igloo - Rovaniemi - Sinettä, Finland

Today, journey towards the commercial centre of Lapland, Rovaniemi. Along the way you will make a short stop to visit the Sodankyla Old Church. Experience Santa Claus Village, where you can see herds of reindeer and might even meet the jolly bearded man himself. This Christmas-themed park will surely bring out your inner child, and if you're lucky, seeing the northern lights dancing above will make your visit even more special. In the evening, you'll check into an Arctic snowhotel in Sinetta, where you can unwind and enjoy the hotel's spa and sauna facilities. Tonight, enjoy dinner at the hotel before you spend the night in a toasty glass igloo, looking out for the Aurora through the 360 degree glass roof.

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

Day 16 Husky Experience - Sinetta -Rovaniemi (Lapland), Finland

Today you will be transferred to your hotel in Rovaniemi. This Arctic city has an intriguing history, having grown to prominence in the 19th century due to the Lapland gold rush. The city was rebuilt after World War II, and its footprint was redesigned in the shape of a reindeer's head.

Besides reindeer, another iconic Lapland animal is the husky. In the afternoon, take a tour of a husky dog kennel and meet the friendly, furry residents. Enjoy lunch at the kennel. Learn about the long relationship these dogs have with the local people, and find out how they're reared to become as fit and as hardy as they are.

After spending some time with the dogs, enjoy a thrilling husky-drawn cart or sled ride through the Lapland wilderness.

Overnight: Original Sokos Vaakuna or similar, Rovaniemi
Meals included: Breakfast; Lunch

Day 17 Train Journey - Rovaniemi - Helsinki, Finland

Today, leave Rovaniemi and 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, and offers a delicate balance of historic architecture and contemporary living. The city is also known for its incredible natural scenery, with countless nature trails nearby.

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 Helsinki, or similar
Meals included: Breakfast; Dinner



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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. 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.*

Optional Activity: Private Departure Transfer - Hotel to Airport

Add a private vehicle transfer from your hotel to the airport. Meet your driver at your hotel and be transferred to the airport, ready to check in for your flight. Please see current pricing in Important Information.

Meals included: Breakfast; In-Flight

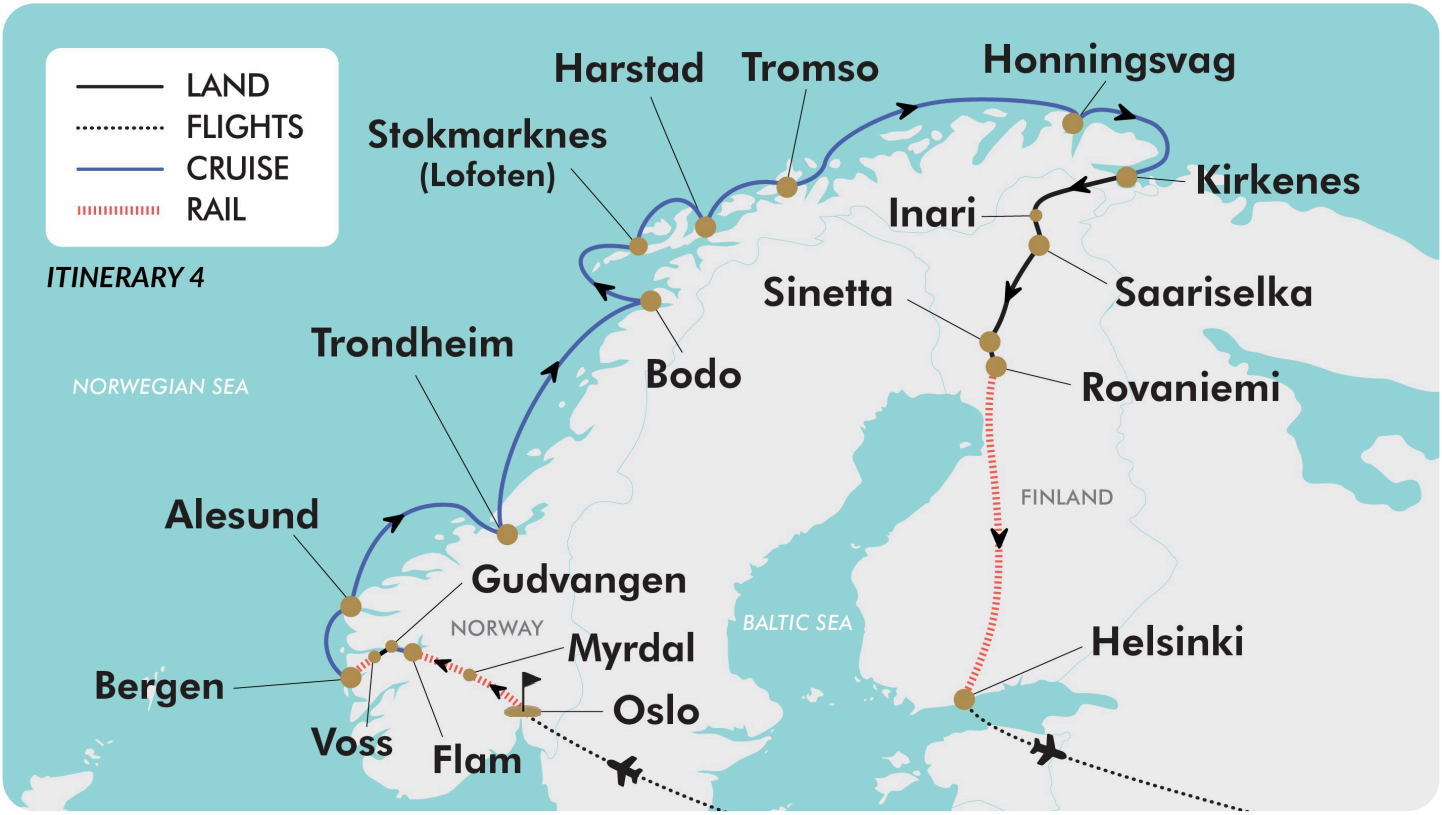
Day 19 Arrive in Australia (or New Zealand)

Please note: Some flights may arrive +1 day later.



The Map

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16-DAY CRUISE PACKAGE | ICONIC NORTHERN LIGHTS RAIL & SAIL

Tour Inclusions

HIGHLIGHTS

Seek out the famed northern lights by land, rail & sea through Finland and Norway

Enjoy a magical night under the arctic sky in a glass igloo (or aurora cabin) in Finland

Visit a husky kennel and enjoy a husky safari (cart or sled ride subject to weather conditions)

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, excludes Itinerary 4)

Experience stunning scenery onboard the famous Flam Railway

Enjoy scenic rail journey through Finland's Arctic wilderness

Explore the sub-arctic wilderness of Finnish Lapland

Visit the 'home of Santa Claus' and enjoy overnight stays in breathtaking Arctic settings

Discover remote fjords, mountains and fishing villages on a 5 or 6-night Coastal Express Voyage

Cruise to the Lofoten Islands Archipelago, known for its dramatic scenery

Catch a ferry from Flam to Bergen via the UNESCO listed Naeroyfjord

Enjoy guided city tours in Helsinki (Itinerary 1 only) & Oslo (Itineraries 1, 2 & 4)

Enjoy a guided city tour of Bergen

Watch an immersive King crab presentation by expert fishermen, then enjoy a chef-prepared King crab lunch in Kirkenes (Itinerary 3 & 4)

FLIGHTS

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

CRUISE

Itinerary 1 & Itinerary 3: 5-night Hurtigruten Coastal Express Voyage from Kirkenes to Bergen

Itinerary 2 & 4: 6-night Hurtigruten Coastal Express Voyage from Bergen to Kirkenes

ACCOMMODATION

Itinerary 1: 9 nights of accommodation in Scandinavia including overnight in a Glass Igloo (or Aurora Cabin) & a Gamme Cabin at the Snowhotel

Itinerary 2: 10 nights of accommodation in Scandinavia including overnight in a Glass Igloo (or Aurora Cabin)

Itinerary 3: 8 nights of accommodation in Scandinavia including overnight in a Glass Igloo (or Aurora Cabin) & a Gamme Cabin at the Snowhotel

Itinerary 4: 10 nights of accommodation in Scandinavia including overnight in a Glass Igloo (or Aurora Cabin)

DINING

Itinerary 1: 30 meals, including all while cruising - SOLD OUT

Itinerary 2: 34 meals, including all while cruising - SOLD OUT

Itinerary 3: 33 meals, including all while cruising

Itinerary 4: 35 meals, including all while cruising



Tour Inclusions

ESSENTIALS

- English-speaking tour guides
- Airline taxes and surcharges
- Cruise port taxes & surcharges
- Entrance to the Santa Claus Village in Rovaniemi
- Entrance to the SIIDA Museum in Inari
- Hurtigruten's Northern Lights Promise (See Important Information for further details)

TRANSPORT

- Private air-conditioned coach
- 2nd-class train between Rovaniemi & Helsinki
- Flam Railway journey

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.

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 25th March 2027.
This Travel Offer is priced per person based on a twin share.
Maximum group size, 26 per vehicle.

Departure Dates & Surcharges

See checkout for live dates and availability.

Single Traveller Supplement

For solo travellers, a mandatory single supplement applies.

Itinerary 3

:
Polar Inside (Twin Bed): $8,300
Polar Outside (Double Bed): $9,100
Polar Outside (Twin Bed): $9,300
Arctic Superior (Double Bed): $9,700

Itinerary 4

:
Polar Inside (Twin Bed): $9,600
Polar Outside (Double Bed): $10,500
Polar Outside (Twin Bed): $10,600
Arctic Superior (Double Bed): $10,700

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

Child Policy

- No child discounts are offered. 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.

Flights

Departure Cities

Sydney, Melbourne, *Brisbane, *Adelaide, *Perth, *Auckland

Departure City Surcharges

Brisbane: $200 per person
Adelaide: $450 per person
Perth: $100 per person
Auckland: $600 per person

International Flight(s)

Full-Service Airline(s)
- Cabin Class: Economy Class

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.

Important Information

Please note: From Australia, the flying journey to your destination may take up to 34 hours, with up to 2 stops. This is provided as a guide only - actual flight duration can vary depending on availability and airline schedules. Your booking's final details will be confirmed to you via email once available.

Preferred Airline Surcharge

- Cabin Class: Economy Class
- Qatar: $400 per person
- Emirates: $400 per person
- FinnAir: $250 (This airline or its codeshare partners may be used on one or more sector/s.)

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.*
- *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:

Exclusions:

This fee does not include extra nights' accommodation, meals or airport transfers.

Cancellations & Changes:

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.

High-Season:

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.

+ 60 days:

You can fly out up to 60 days before your package's start date, and/or return home 60 days after your package's end date. Should you wish to fly out or return home for more than 60 days from the tour, please contact us to request availability. Additional costs may apply.

Estimated dates:

Your estimated departure, return, and arrival dates are all subject to availability and may vary. The confirmed schedule for all flights will be provided when you receive your flight tickets.
High season surcharges apply to flights departing between the below date ranges:

- 1st December 2025 - 19th December 2025
- 20th December 2025 - 4th January 2026
- 5th January 2026 - 31st January 2026
- 3rd April 2026 - 20th April 2026
- 26th June 2026 - 17th July 2026
- 18th September 2026 - 9th October 2026
- 12th December 2026 - 18th December 2026
- 19th December 2026 - 3rd January 2027
- 4th January 2027 - 26th January 2027
- 19th March 2027 - 28th April 2027
- 19th June 2027 - 18th July 2027
- 11th September 2027 - 10th October 2027
- 10th December 2027 - 19th December 2027
- 20th December 2027 - 3rd January 2028

Stopover Packages

* Doha, Qatar
* Dubai, United Arab Emirates

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:*

2026

Doha Grand Prix: 26 November - 02 December 2026
Abu Dhabi Grand Prix (for Dubai): 03 December - 09 December 2025
Christmas and New Years Eve - 18 December 2026 to 3 January 2027

2027

Doha Grand Prix: end November 2027 (dates are tbc)
Abu Dhabi Grand Prix (for Dubai): 21 - 26 October 2027 (dates are still tbc)
Christmas and New Years Eve - 20 December 2027 to 3 January 2028

Flight Class Upgrades

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

Please note:

Important Information

- *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.*

Outbound Flights

Please note: Due to flight scheduling and availability, some departures may occur on Day 0. Affected customers must be available to depart the day before. Flight times will be indicated on your final documents, issued 4-6 weeks before departure.

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

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.

Hurtigruten Coastal Express: Ship Overview

Your voyage will be aboard a vessel from Hurtigruten's Coastal Express fleet, which operates year-round as an authentic lifeline for Norway, transporting local passengers, freight, and cars along 34 ports. This unique role provides a non-traditional, immersive travel experience focused on the destination.

Key Features Common to All Coastal Express Ships:

Authentic Working Vessels: Unlike a traditional cruise ship, the Coastal Express is a vital part of Norwegian infrastructure. This means you will experience a relaxed, informal atmosphere alongside local life, prioritizing the culture and scenery of the coast.

Optimal Northern Lights Viewing: All ships are perfectly equipped for viewing the Aurora Borealis. They feature expansive observation decks, large windows, and panorama lounges to maximize visibility. To ensure you don't miss a display, an Aurora Alert service is available in your cabin to notify you of sightings, even late at night.
Focus on Scenery and Education: A dedicated Hurtigruten Guide Team is onboard every ship to provide lectures, presentations, and activities that enrich your journey with insights into the geography, history, and wildlife of the region.
Norway's Coastal Kitchen: Dining is a highlight, featuring local, seasonal ingredients sourced from suppliers along the route each day, offering an authentic taste of Norway.
The ships in this fleet (including MS Nordnorge, MS Nordkapp, MS Nordlys, MS Richard With, Ms Kong Harald, Ms Polarlys, Ms Vesteralen, and Ms Midnatsol) vary slightly in their interior design and the date of their latest refurbishment, but all deliver the same authentic Coastal Express experience.

Onboard currency:

Norwegian Kroner (NOK)

Cabins/Staterooms:

Polar Inside (Twin Bed) 8-9m^2

These comfortable, refurbished standard inside cabins for up to two people on have twin beds, a chair, hair dryer and private bathroom with shower.

Polar Outside (Double Bed) 8-11m^2

These stylish outside cabins have a porthole or a window, perfect for up to two guests, feature a cosy double bed, a comfortable chair and a TV for your enjoyment along with a private bathroom with shower.

Polar Outside (Twin Bed) 8-11m^2

These comfortable, refurbished outside cabins for up to two people have twin beds, a porthole or a window, a chair and a TV for your enjoyment along with a private bathroom with shower.

P2D Arctic Superior (Double Bed) 10-11m^2

These comfortable, refurbished outside cabins for up to two people have a double bed, a chair, TV and coffee and tea facilities along with a private bathroom with shower.

U2D Arctic Superior (Double Bed) 10-11 m^2

These inviting, refurbished outside cabins for up to two people have a double bed, chair, TV, and coffee and tea facilities along with a private bathroom with shower

Please note:

- *All cabins are subject to availability; some cabins may have restricted views.*
- *Cruise cabins are booked on a guaranteed basis and are assigned by the cruise line prior to departure.*

Cruise Arrival and Departure Times:

Please keep in mind that the provided cruise arrival and departure times are an 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 under layers 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.

Important Information

- 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:

ITINERARY 1

4-Star Properties (Self-Rated)

Helsinki, Finland: Radisson Blu Plaza Hotel
Rovaniemi, Finland: Original Sokos Vaakuna
Saariselka, Finland: Northern Lights Village - Aurora Cabin
Kirkenes, Norway: Snow Hotel Kirkenes - Gamme Cabin
Bergen, Norway: Clarion Admiral Hotel
Oslo, Norway: Radisson Blu Scandinavia

ITINERARY 2

3 & 4-Star Properties (Self-Rated)

Oslo, Norway: Radisson Blu Scandinavia
Flam, Norway: Flamsbrygga Hotel
Bergen, Norway: Clarion Admiral Hotel
Kirkenes, Norway: Snow Hotel Kirkenes
Saariselka, Finland: Santa's Hotel Tunturi
Sinetta, Finland: Arctic Snow Hotel & Glass Igloo
Rovaniemi, Finland: Original Soko Vaakuna
Helsinki, Finland: Radisson Blu Plaza Hotel

ITINERARY 3

4-Star Properties (Self-Rated)

Helsinki, Finland: Radisson Blu Plaza Hotel
Rovaniemi, Finland: Original Sokos Vaakuna
Saariselka, Finland: Northern Lights Village - Aurora Cabin
Kirkenes, Norway: Snow Hotel Kirkenes - Gamme Cabin
Bergen, Norway: Clarion Admiral Hotel
Flam, Norway: Fretheim Hotel
Oslo, Norway: Thon Hotel Opera

ITINERARY 4

3 & 4-Star Properties (Self-Rated)

Oslo, Norway: Thon Hotel Opera
Flam, Norway: Flamsbrygga Hotel
Bergen, Norway: Clarion Admiral Hotel
Saariselka, Finland: Wilderness Hotel Kieppi
Sinetta, Finland: Arctic Snow Hotel & Glass Igloo
Rovaniemi, Finland: Original Sokos Vaakuna
Helsinki, Finland: Radisson Blu Plaza Hotel

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.

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 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.

Triple Share

Not available.

Bedding Configuration

Twin or double (subject to availability).

Optional Tours/activities

Itinerary 1

- SOLD OUT
- Day 2: Private Transfer Helsinki Airport to Hotel - $75 per person (twin share), $150 per person (solo)

Important Information

- Day 8: Snowmobile Trip in the Polar Night - $620 per person | Available period: 15 Dec - 30 Apr (excluding 25 Dec and 1 Jan)
- Day 9: Midnight Concert in the Wooden Cathedral - $91 per person
- Day 10: A Taste of Vesteralen - $231 per person
- Day 16: Private Transfer Oslo Hotel to Airport - $155 per person (twin share), $310 per person (solo)

Itinerary 2

- Day 2: Private Transfer Oslo Airport to Hotel - $155 per person (twin share), $310 per person (solo)
- Day 18: Private Transfer Helsinki Hotel to Airport - $75 per person (twin share), $150 per person (solo)

Itinerary 3

- Day 2: Private Transfer Helsinki Airport to Hotel - $75 per person (twin share), $150 per person (solo)
- Day 15: Private Transfer Oslo Hotel to Airport - $155 per person (twin share), $310 per person (solo)

Itinerary 4

- Day 2: Private Transfer Oslo Airport to Hotel - $155 per person (twin share), $310 per person (solo)
- Day 18: Private Transfer Helsinki Hotel to Airport - $75 per person (twin share), $150 per person (solo)

Shore excursions will be available to purchase approximately 180 days prior to departure.

Please note:

- *Optional private arrival or departure transfers cannot be booked when an arrive early or stay behind has been arranged.*
- *The optional tours listed above must be purchased on checkout or over the phone before submitting your passenger information form (subject to availability).*
- *Some tours or shore excursions require minimum numbers to operate.*
- *Shore excursions can be booked whilst onboard (subject to availability).*
- *Shore excursion programmes and itineraries are subject to availability and 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.*

Exclusions

- Visa fees and requirements
- Domestic 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
- Any costs associated with an interruption to your tour as a result of an airline schedule change or cancellation
- Mandatory city tax

Please note: A daily City Tourist Tax (or a Docking Tax for cruise visitors) is charged in some European destinations. They are paid directly to the hotel or cruise company, and cannot be prepaid. Further details will be included in your travel.

Gratuities / Tipping

Please note: Tipping for services provided is always a matter of personal discretion; however, please be aware that many locals consider tipping part of their normal remuneration, and they may approach you for payment; there's 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.

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 from Hurtigruten. 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.
Hurtigruten does, however, promise that in the event of there being no Northern Lights Occurrence as defined above on these voyages, they will invite you back to cruise with them 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.

Important Information

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 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

The weather in Finland from October to April is dominated by winter, with temperatures consistently dropping well below freezing, especially in the north. October sees average temperatures hovering around the 0°C to 6°C range in the south, before winter officially begins in November, pushing temperatures across the country to or below the freezing point. The coldest months are typically January and February, when mean temperatures in southern cities like Helsinki often average −1°C to −7°C, while in Finnish Lapland, the averages plunge to −11°C to −14°C or colder, with occasional extreme lows dropping to −30°C or more. By March, temperatures slowly begin to rise, reaching around 0°C to −6°C (south to north), and by April, the transition to spring is evident, with the south seeing daytime averages rise to about 4°C to 8°C, though northern regions may still hover near freezing.

Norway

The weather in Norway from October to April is dominated by a long, cold winter, with significant variation between the milder, coastal south and the Arctic north. October is an autumnal transition month, where average temperatures in the south drop toward freezing. From November through March, much of the country experiences winter, with mean temperatures below 0°C. In southern cities like Oslo, average temperatures from December to February often hover between - 1°C and - 7°C. Further north, the climate varies greatly. Coastal cities like Tromsø have winter averages around - 4°C, while inland regions like Karasjok are far more extreme, with averages often falling between - 12‡C and - 20°C and cold snaps potentially reaching - 40°C. By April, the south begins to thaw with temperatures rising to around 2°C to 9°C, while the north typically maintains its winter conditions.

Polar Nights:

During the winter months, Arctic regions experience a phenomenon known as polar night, where the sun remains below the horizon for extended periods, resulting in significantly shorter daylight hours. These prolonged hours of darkness create the best conditions for viewing opportunities of the Aurora Borealis, or 'Northern Lights'.

Weather

We always suggest referring to an online source for the most up-to-date weather information for your destination/s.

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 90 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.

Important Information

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:

Adventure (and spontaneity) create some of the best travel memories. Bear in mind, your home schedules and timings might not be adhered to on tour - it's all part of the fun!
A moderate level of fitness will be required.
Expect a moderate pace of touring with a focus on guided tours that may include full days with extended activity, guided city tours or nature walks. You will require a general level of fitness for unassisted navigation of stairs and inclines, longer distances with possible periods of standing when visiting sites, walking on sloping, uneven ground or elevations. You will be responsible for your own luggage and have the ability to board all modes of transport without assistance. Please note: Many areas may be inaccessible to wheelchairs or mobility scooters, where the unassisted use of personal walking sticks and other aids may be required. Although some assistance may be available, every traveller should be self-reliant during all aspects of their travel.

Please note: It is expected that every traveller must be self-reliant and able to undertake all aspects of their own travel. Please speak to your booking agent about your personal circumstances and any assistance requirements to ensure this tour is right for you.

Please note: If you have any concerns, please consult your healthcare provider prior to purchase/travel.

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).

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.

European Union (EU) Entry/Exit System (EES)

From October 12, 2025, a new European Entry System (EES) replaced the manual passport-stamping process for non-EU travellers. Upon arrival in the Schengen area, Australian and New Zealand passport holders will have their fingerprints recorded and a photograph taken. Their entry and exit dates will be electronically registered. No previous action is required, but please be aware of longer wait times at border entry. From 10 April 2026, the EES will be fully operational at all external border crossing points of all the European countries (Schengen area) using the system.

European Travel Information & Authorisation System (ETIAS)

As an extension of the EES implementation introduced from 2025, ETIAS travel authorisation is a mandatory entry requirement for visa-exempt nationals travelling to any of these 30 European countries, including Australian and New Zealand citizens, that will be introduced in 2026. We advise you to monitor smartraveller.com.au closer to your departure to ensure you are up to date on the requirements at the time of entry.

Important:

- *Please start arranging your visa three weeks before departure to account for any delays due to consulate operating hours.*
- *Visa rules are subject to change. Please check with the nearest embassy, consulate or immigration department of the destination/s you are visiting once you receive your travel documentation to ensure you have the most up to date information.*
- *It is your responsibility to be travel-ready and ensure that you are aware and comply with any destination or travel requirements, including the validity of all required travel documents.*
- *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.*

Important Information

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 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 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.