

# Ultimate Northern Lights Adventure

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## The Offer

Unwrap the ultimate Arctic adventure as you step into a real-life winter wonderland, where Santa Claus, snow-dusted wilderness and the magical northern lights set the scene for an unforgettable Nordic journey.

Starting in Finland's vibrant capital, Helsinki, you'll travel north into Finnish Lapland to explore Rovaniemi, meet friendly huskies and reindeer, visit Santa Claus Village and cozy up under the stars in a glass igloo or glass-roofed Aurora Cabin at the Northern Lights Village.

Crossing into Norway, feast on fresh Arctic delicacies during an immersive King Crab experience in Kirkenes before boarding an iconic 5-day Hurtigruten coastal voyage. Sail past dramatic frozen peaks, navigate through the narrow Trollfjord, and cross the Arctic Circle en route to historic Bergen.

Continue through Norway's breathtaking fjord country, taking in the spectacular Naeroyfjord and riding the world-famous Flam and Bergen Railways to Oslo. Finally, journey across Sweden to Stockholm, the elegant "Venice of the North", where cobblestone alleys, grand palaces and the iconic City Hall showcase the region's rich culture.

This incredible adventure includes return international full-service flights, a 5-night Hurtigruten Coastal Express voyage, 33 meals, 10 nights of accommodation including a night in a glass igloo and more.

There is also a second itinerary available, travelling from Stockholm to Helsinki including return international full-service flights, a 6-night Hurtigruten Coast Voyage from Bergen to Kirkenes, 11 nights of accommodation including a night in a glass igloo and 38 meals.

**Want more? Arrive Early or Stay Behind in Helsinki, Finland or Stockholm, Sweden.**





# The Itinerary

## Itinerary 1

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

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

**Meals included: In-Flight**

### Day 2 Helsinki, Finland

Upon arrival in Helsinki, make your own way from the airport to your hotel via taxi or use the airport train. The remainder of your day is at leisure. In the evening, meet the rest of the group and your guide at the hotel restaurant for a welcome dinner.

*Please note: Standard check in time is 15:00. If your flight is an early morning arrival the hotel can store your luggage until your room is ready for check in.*

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

### Day 3 Helsinki - Rovaniemi, Finland

Today, after breakfast, transfer from the hotel to Helsinki station for your train journey to Rovaniemi, the capital of Finnish Lapland and the home of Santa Claus.

You'll arrive late in the afternoon, where you'll be transferred to your hotel for check in.

This evening, explore Rovaniemi at leisure or perhaps participate in one of the many optional excursions like an evening safari in search of the northern lights.

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

### Day 4 Husky Experience - Rovaniemi, 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.

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.

*Please note:*

- *For animal welfare reasons, the husky cart tour operates when the temperature is 10°C or colder. When there is enough snow coverage to use sleds the program changes into a 4 km safari with a sled.*
- *The schedule of the program will stay the same with either a cart or sled subject to snow*

Tonight, enjoy the evening at leisure or join one of the many optional excursions.

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






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### Day 5 Santa Claus Village & Reindeer Experience - Rovaniemi - Saariselka, 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 (entry included) 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, Finland**
**Meals included: Breakfast; Dinner**

### Day 6 King Crab Experience - 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 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.

King Crab Experience (3 Hours):

Next, embark on a King Crab Experience starting down at the pier. You will be greeted with an expert-led live presentation featuring the majestic king crab up close, packed with fascinating insights into this Arctic delicacy. Following the introduction, head into the restaurant to indulge in a chef-prepared king crab salad made from freshly harvested meat. The salad is elegantly plated, crowned with generous portions of succulent leg meat, and artfully decorated with split crab shells for an unforgettable visual presentation.

In the evening, enjoy dinner at Laven, the resort's unique farmhouse restaurant. Overnight in traditional Gamme Cabins, inspired by the historic wilderness hunting and fishing huts typical of Lapland.

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

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

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

Your voyage onboard the Coastal Express begins in the Arctic in the town of Kirkenes. After breakfast at your hotel, then at approximately 11:00, 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.

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.





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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 historic wooden city: 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.

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.





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Enjoy a return journey on the furnicular railway, Floibanen, to the top of Mount Floyen, and take in 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, Norway**
**Meals included: Breakfast; Lunch**

### Day 13 Norway in a Nutshell - Bergen - 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, Norway**
**Meals included: Breakfast; Dinner**

### Day 14 Flam Railway - Flam - Oslo, Norway

This morning after breakfast, you'll experience one of the world's most famous rail journeys. You'll ride the scenic Flam Railway up to the mountain station of Myrdal. In Myrdal, change trains and head for Oslo.

Upon arrival in Oslo, check in to your hotel and enjoy the rest of the day at leisure.

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

### Day 15 Oslo, Norway - Stockholm, Sweden

Your journey continues today as you travel from Norway to Stockholm, Sweden's capital.

After a short walk (approx. 100 metres) from the train station to your hotel, check in and enjoy the rest of your day at leisure.

Please Note: Lunch and snacks are available for purchase on board the train.

**Overnight: Thon Hotel Vasa, or similar, Stockholm, Sweden**
**Meals included: Breakfast**

### Day 16 Stockholm, Sweden

Today, after breakfast, meet the group in the lobby of the hotel for a sightseeing tour of Stockholm.

Explore the sights of Sweden's capital and largest city. Thanks to its civic beauty, appealing architecture, clean and open waterways as well as numerous parks, this lovely city is sometimes referred to as the "Venice of the North". Your tour of the city will take you past the impressive buildings of the National Museum, the Royal Theatre, the Grand Hotel, and the Royal Palace before enjoying a walk through Stockholm's picturesque historical city centre, known as Gamla Stan.





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A visit to the City Hall is included, where you will see the Blue & Golden Halls, the venue where the Nobel Peace Prize banquet is held each year. The hall is one of Sweden's most famous buildings, and one of the capital's most visited tourist attractions.

In the evening, meet for a farewell dinner at the hotel restaurant.

**Overnight: Thon Hotel Vasa, or similar, Stockholm, Sweden**
**Meals included: Breakfast; Dinner**

### Day 17 Stockholm, Sweden - 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.

**Meals included: Breakfast**

### Day 18 Arrive Australia (or New Zealand)

Welcome home!

**Meals included: None**





# The Map

**Itinerary 1**








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## Itinerary 2

### Day 1 Australia (or New Zealand) - Stockholm, Sweden

Today make your own way to the airport for your outbound flight to Stockholm, Sweden.

**Meals included: In-Flight**

### Day 2 Welcome to Stockholm, Sweden

Upon arrival in Stockholm, make your own way from the airport to your hotel.

The remainder of your day can be enjoyed at leisure. In the evening, meet the rest of the group and your Tour Manager at the welcome dinner at the hotel restaurant.

*Please note: Standard check in time is 15:00. If your flight is an early morning arrival the hotel can store your luggage until your room is ready for check in.*

**Overnight: Thon Hotel Vista or similar, Stockholm, Sweden**
**Meals included: Dinner**

### Day 3 Stockholm, Sweden

Today, meet the group in the lobby of the hotel for a city sightseeing tour of Stockholm.

Explore the sights of Stockholm, Sweden's capital and largest city. Thanks to its civic beauty, appealing architecture, clean and open waterways as well as numerous parks, this lovely city is sometimes referred to as the "Venice of the North". Your tour of the city will take you past the impressive buildings of the National Museum, the Royal Theatre, the Grand Hotel, and the Royal Palace before enjoying a walk through Stockholm's picturesque historical city centre, known as Gamla Stan.

A visit to the City Hall is included, where you will see the Blue & Golden Halls, the venue where the Nobel Peace Prize banquet is held each year. The hall is one of Sweden's most famous buildings, and one of the capital's most visited tourist attractions.

After the tour, enjoy the rest of day at leisure.

**Overnight: Thon Hotel Vista or similar, Stockholm, Sweden**
**Standard room.**
**Meals included: Breakfast**

### Day 4 Stockholm, Sweden- Oslo, Norway

Enjoy breakfast in your hotel then meet with your group and guide for a short walk (approximately 100 metres) to the train station where you will begin your journey to Oslo, Norway.

Upon arrival in Oslo, walk to your hotel with your guide (approximately 270 metres). Once checked in, enjoy the rest of your evening at leisure.

Please Note: Lunch and snacks are available for purchase on board the train.

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

### Day 5 Oslo, Norway

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





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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 (entrance fee not included).

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

### Day 6 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 iconic 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, Norway**
**Meals included: Breakfast; Dinner**

### Day 7 Flam - Bergen, Norway

Today, you'll depart Flam for a fjord cruise along the narrow and dramatic UNESCO-protected Naeroyfjord, ending in Gudvangen.

From Gudvangen, travel by coach through a valley where waterfalls line the road as we weave our way to Voss, where you change to the train to Bergen. Arriving in Bergen, you'll transfer to your hotel where you can enjoy the remainder of the evening at leisure.

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

### Day 8 Begin 6-Night Norwegian Coastal Express Voyage - Bergen, Norway

After breakfast, meet your local guide for a walking tour of Bergen. Stroll the historic town and see UNESCO World Heritage-listed Bryggen, St Mary's Church, and Hakon's Hall.





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At the conclusion of the tour, enjoy a return journey on the funicular railway, Floibanen, to the top of Mount Floyen, and enjoy the incredible view over Bergen.

This afternoon, 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 9 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.

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

*Please note: Departures in September and October your ship will sail into the peaceful Hjorundfjorden.*

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

### Day 10 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 AD 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**





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### Day 11 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**

### Day 12 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 13 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.





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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 14 Disembark Coastal Express Voyage - Kirkenes, Norway - 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 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 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 or similar, Saariselka, Finland**
**Meals included: Breakfast; Lunch; Dinner**

### Day 15 Inari Sami Village Tour - Saariselka, Finland

After a delightful breakfast, you will visit Inari Sami village — the parish village that serves as the heart of Finland's Sami culture, captivating visitors with its unique wild nature and vibrant traditions. Upon arrival, you will meet your local guide, who will accompany you throughout the day.

First, you will head to the Janiskoski rapids along the Juutua River to admire their natural beauty. In winter, the rapids are an impressive spectacle as they flow thunderously through the snow-covered landscape. The stark contrast between the icy





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water, thick layers of ice, and snow-laden forests creates a remarkable photo opportunity, often bathed in picturesque sunlight.

You will also explore Siida, the Sami Museum, featuring both indoor and outdoor exhibits packed with insights into Sami culture, history, and nature. In the evening, you will set off on a snowmobile ride out onto Lake Inari to try your hand at ice-fishing.

**Overnight: Wilderness Hotel or similar, Saariselka, Finland**
**Meals included: Breakfast; Lunch**

### Day 16 Aurora Hike - Saariselka, Finland

Today is yours to explore the small village of Saariselka at leisure, or why not try the toboggan near the hotel, or one of the many optional excursions on offer.

This evening, after an included dinner at the hotel, enjoy a gentle guided hike into the beautiful Urho Kekkonen National Park. The trail is easy to walk, making it a relaxing start to our northern lights adventure. We arrive at the cozy Aurora Hut, where our guide hosts an inspiring aurora workshop.

We 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 our side, we may even step outside to witness the aurora shimmering across the night sky.

**Overnight: Wilderness Hotel or similar, Saariselka, Finland**
**Meals included: Breakfast; Dinner**

### Day 17 Santa Claus Village & Glass Igloo - Rovaniemi - Sinetta, Finland

Today, after breakfast, you'll travel south towards Rovaniemi, the home of Santa Claus. En-route, stop at the small town of Sodankyla, and view the historic Sodankyla Old Church before continuing to Santa Claus Village.

Tick the big one of your childhood bucket list when you visit the Santa Claus Village and meet the jolly old man in the red suit. You'll have ample time to explore before travelling on to Sinetta and a big adult bucket list experience, a night at the Arctic Snowhotel with its glass igloos.

Enjoy the evening at leisure, with optional tours like an Aurora Photography excursion, snowshoeing or an e-snowmobile ride (all weather permitting).

**Overnight: Arctic Snowhotel & Glass Igloos, Sinetta, Finland**
**Meals included: Breakfast; Dinner**

### Day 18 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





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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.

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.

*Please note:*

- *For animal welfare reasons, the husky cart tour operates when the temperature is 10°C or colder. When there is enough snow coverage to use sleds the program changes into a 4 km safari with a sled.*
- *The schedule of the program will stay the same with either a cart or sled subject to snow coverage.*

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

### Day 19 Train Journey - Rovaniemi - Helsinki, Finland

This morning, you'll transfer from the hotel to Rovaniemi station for your train journey to Helsinki. Travel through Finnish Lapland and arrive in Helsinki in the late afternoon.

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 or similar, Helsinki, Finland**
**Meals included: Breakfast; Dinner**

### Day 20 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.*

**Meals included: Breakfast**

### Day 21 Arrive Australia (or New Zealand)

Welcome home!

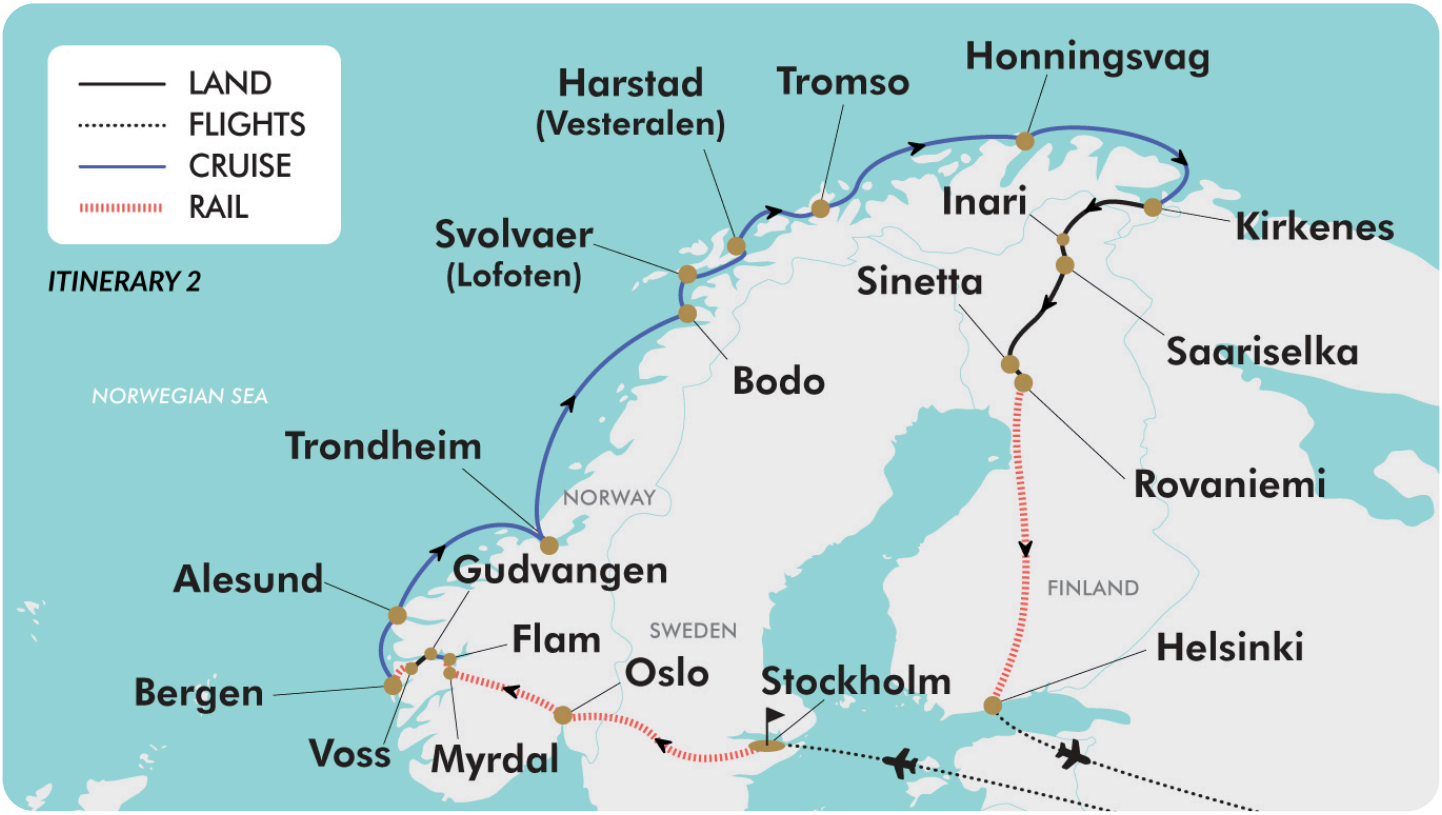
**Meals included: None**





# The Map

**Itinerary 2**







# Tour Inclusions

## HIGHLIGHTS - ITINERARY 1

### Helsinki to Stockholm

- Enjoy vibrant Helsinki and a warm group welcome dinner
- Journey by scenic train to Rovaniemi – the gateway to Finnish Lapland
- Experience an exhilarating husky safari through the wilderness and meet the sled dogs
- Visit the Santa Claus Village and enjoy a magical reindeer experience
- Discover fascinating Sami culture and savour a King Crab experience
- Embark on a spectacular Hurtigruten voyage from Kirkenes to Bergen
- Cruise past dramatic coastal landscapes around Hammerfest
- Explore the Lofoten region, renowned for its picturesque fishing villages
- Experience beautiful coastal scenery and discover the charming seaside town of Bronnoysund
- Discover historic Trondheim
- Sail through Norway's stunning coastal scenery and peaceful fjord landscapes
- Explore Bergen's historic sights and enjoy panoramic views from Mount Floyen
- Experience the iconic Flam Railway through dramatic mountain scenery before travelling to Oslo
- Travel by train from Oslo to Stockholm
- Explore beautiful Stockholm, from historic Gamla Stan to the magnificent Royal Palace and City Hall

## HIGHLIGHTS - ITINERARY 2

### Stockholm to Helsinki

- Explore stunning Stockholm then enjoy a group welcome dinner
- Journey by scenic train to Oslo
- Discover Oslo's iconic sights, including Vigeland Sculpture Park, the Opera House and Holmenkollen
- Experience the famous Flam Railway and breathtaking mountain scenery
- See the spectacular UNESCO-listed Naroyfjord
- Explore historic Bergen and enjoy panoramic views from Mount Floyen
- Discover picturesque Alesund and explore historic Trondheim
- Admire the breathtaking Lofoten Islands, renowned for their charming fishing villages
- Discover vibrant Tromso, the Arctic capital
- Experience the remote beauty of Norway's far north and the atmospheric coastal town of Honningsvag
- Savour a King Crab experience before crossing into Finland and the serene Lapland wilderness
- Discover Sami culture and explore the snowy landscapes, frozen rapids and tranquil beauty of Inari
- Wander through peaceful Saariselka and embrace an enchanting evening beneath the northern skies
- Visit the Santa Claus Village then spend the night under the stars in a glass igloo
- Experience an exhilarating Arctic husky safari and meet the sled dogs
- Journey by scenic train to Helsinki and enjoy a farewell dinner





# Tour Inclusions

## FLIGHTS

Return international full-service flights (economy class), surcharges may apply (Excludes Trip Only Package)

## CRUISE

### Itinerary 1

Enjoy a 5-night Hurtigruten Coastal Voyage from Kirkenes to Bergen

### Itinerary 2

Enjoy a 6-night Hurtigruten Coast Voyage from Bergen to Kirkenes

### Limited Time Offer: Bonus $500 per person in Onboard Credit

Receive a bonus $500 per person in onboard credit when you book your Ultimate Northern Lights Adventure between 6 November and 17 December 2026.

Please note: The currency on Hurtigruten ships is Norwegian krone (NOK). Onboard credit will be loaded to your onboard account in the ship's currency.

## ACCOMMODATION

### Itinerary 1

8 nights of 4-star hotel accommodation

1 night in an Aurora Cabin (glass igloo)

1 night at the iconic Snowhotel in Kirkenes in a traditional Gamme cabin

### Itinerary 2

11 nights of 4-star accommodation

1 night in an Aurora Cabin (glass igloo)

## DINING

Itinerary 1: 33 meals, including all while cruising

Itinerary 2: 38 meals, including all while cruising

Indulge in authentic Norwegian cuisine with Hurtigruten's "Norwegian Coastal Kitchen" featuring local, seasonal ingredients sourced from suppliers along the route each day, promising fresh "farm & fjord to fork" dining.

Enjoy a unique King Crab demonstration and dining experience in Kirkenes





# Tour Inclusions

## ESSENTIALS

English-speaking tour guides

Airline taxes and surcharges

Airport and cruise port charges plus taxes

Entrance to the Santa Claus Village in Rovaniemi

Entrance to the SIIDA Museum in Inari

Reindeer Safari (sled ride depending on weather, approximately from December to March) (Itinerary 1 only)

Husky Safari (cart or sled ride depending on weather

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approximately from December to March)

## TRANSPORT

Private air-conditioned coach

2nd-class train between Rovaniemi and Helsinki

Flam Railway journey

City tours in Bergen and Stockholm (itinerary 1)

City tours in Stockholm, Oslo and Bergen (itinerary 2)

First class touring coach from Kirkenes to Rovaniemi

## TRANSFERS

Return cruise port transfers

# 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

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**General Terms and Conditions**

By placing your booking with us, you acknowledge and agree to our

Terms & Conditions

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Privacy Policy

and

Cancellation Policy

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## Offer Essentials

This Travel Offer is valid for travel on selected dates until the 11 March, 2028
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 1:

Polar Inside (Twin Bed): $9,000
Polar Outside (Double Bed): $10,000
Polar Outside (Twin Bed): $10,000
Arctic Superior (Double Bed): $11,000

Itinerary 2:

Polar Inside (Twin Bed): $10,000
Polar Outside (Double Bed): $11,000
Polar Outside (Twin Bed): $11,000
Arctic Superior (Double Bed): $12,000

*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: $100 per person
Adelaide: $100 per person
Auckland: $500 per person

**International Flight(s)**

Full-service airline(s) used

# Important Information

- 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.*

*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: $200 per person
- Emirates: $500 per person

*Please note:*

- *Preferred airlines are subject to availability. If we are unable to fulfil your request, the above extra cost will be refunded.*
- *On any upgrade purchase, short-haul flights and domestic flight sectors are not guaranteed.*
- *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**

Fly out and return home up to 60 days pre and post your tour dates.

Arrive Early

Helsinki, Finland - from $300 per person, subject to availability. (itinerary 1 only)
Stockholm, Sweden - from $300 per person, subject to availability. (itinerary 2 only)

Stay Behind

Stockholm, Sweden - from $300 per person, subject to availability.(itinerary 1 only)
Helsinki, Finland - from $300 per person, subject to availability. (itinerary 2 only)

*Please note:*

This option incurs a fee for adjusting the departure or return dates. This fee does not include extra nights' accommodation, meals and/or airport transfers, which will be at your own cost.
In addition, airport transfers listed as an inclusion on the Travel Offer are considered void in the event that you select an Arrive Early/Stay Behind option. As such, you will need to arrange your own transfers at your cost.
We strongly advise against booking any pre or post-tour travel arrangements/ accommodation until TripADeal confirms your flight details. If you choose to book before confirmation, we recommend opting for refundable reservations or having backup plans in case the tour does not proceed.

**Internal Flights: I**

f you select to Arrive Early or Stay Behind into a city other than the one where the tour begins or concludes (where applicable), the package will include an internal flight to your destination. This offer applies only to the cities listed in our Arrive Early & Stay Behind Options. If you wish to forfeit this flight, please advise our friendly team at the time of purchase. Please note that the package's cost does not change when you choose to forfeit your connecting flight.

*Please note: If you request to fly into cities not listed in our "Arrive Early & Stay Behind Options", we may be able to customise your itinerary. If possible, the flight's cost will be charged as an extra.*

**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:

- 3rd April 2026 - 20th April 2026
- 26th June 2026 - 17th July 2026
- 18th September 2026 - 9th October 2026
- 12th December 2026 - 26th January 2027
- 19th March 2027 - 28th April 2027
- 19th June 2027 - 18th July 2027
- 11th September 2027 - 10th October 2027
- 10th December 2027 - 31st January 2028
- 1st April 2028 - 30th April 2028
- 1st July 2028 - 23rd July 2028
- 16th September 2028 - 15th October 2028
- 9th December 2028 - 3rd January 2029

**Stopover Packages**

* Doha, Qatar
* Dubai, UAE

Includes:

- 2, 3 or 5 nights in 4-star accommodation
- Daily breakfast
- Return airport transfers

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

- When a pre and post-tour stopover is chosen, the same stopover location must be chosen each way, due to the airline used.

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- When selecting to Arrive Early for your tour in conjunction with a Stopover Package, your fly out date from home will take place before the stopover.
- When selecting to Stay Behind after your tour in conjunction with a Stopover Package, your stopover will take place before your final flight home.
- 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.

Stopover not available during the following dates:

2027

Doha Grand Prix: 30 November - 05 December 2027
Abu Dhabi Grand Prix (for Dubai): 07 - 15 December 2027
Christmas and New Years Eve - 20 December 2027 to 3 January 2028

2028

Doha Grand Prix: end November 2028 (dates are tbc)
Abu Dhabi Grand Prix (for Dubai): early December 2028 (dates are still tbc)
Christmas and New Years Eve - 22 December to 2 January 2029

**Flight Class Upgrades**

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

*Please note:*

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

**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.

**Limited Time Offer: Bonus $500 per person in Onboard Credit**

Receive a bonus $500 per person in onboard credit when you book your Ultimate Northern Lights Adventure between 6 November and 17 December 2026.

*Please note: The currency on Hurtigruten ships is Norwegian krone (NOK). Onboard credit will be loaded to your onboard account in the ship's currency.*

Bookings must be confirmed with full payment, or the first instalment paid by the 17th December 2026 to be eligible.

**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, prioritising 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 maximise 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

**Cabins:**

Polar Inside (Twin Bed) 8-9m²

These comfortable, refurbished standard inside cabins for up to two people on have

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twin beds, a chair, TV, hair dryer and private bathroom with shower.

Polar Outside (Twin Bed) 11m

2

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

Polar Outside (Double Bed) 11m

2

These stylish outside cabins, 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.

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.

*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 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.
- 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) (March)

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.

Autumn (multiple layers) (September - November)

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) (December - February)

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.

## Hurtigruten's Northern Lights Promise

The beautiful Aurora Borealis is Mother Nature's ultimate light show. 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 20 September 2027 and 31 March 2028.

**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.
Hurtigruten hopes that you will experience seeing the northern lights while on your Classic Roundtrip Voyage, Voyage of Discovery or North Cape Express, although they 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.

- For sailings departing between 20 September 2027 – 31 March 2028 you will receive a 6-day southbound Coastal Express Classic Voyage, departing between 20 September 2028 and 31 March 2029.

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- Hurtigruten promise that in the event of there being no northern lights occurrence as defined above, you will receive a Original Coastal Express Classic Voyage, departing between 20 September and 31 March of the following year in an unspecified inside twin cabin on a full-board basis free of charge. You may upgrade to another grade of cabin subject to additional costs and availability. Please note that upgrading to suites with this offer may not be available.
- This offer applies to all new bookings of voyages of 11 days or more along the Norwegian coast aboard The Coastal Express and The North Cape Line, departing between 20 September 2027 and 31 March 2028.
- Hurtigruten announce occurrences of the Northern Lights on board the ship and you have the option of announcements direct to your cabin or suite. We hope that you will experience seeing the Northern Lights whilst on your voyage with us of 11 days or more, but we cannot be held responsible if you don't.
- Hurtigruten reserves the right to withdraw or amend the offer at any time. Please check at the time of booking as to the current status of the offer. The offer must be claimed and booked within 28 days from your return date. A choice of departure dates will be given.
- The complimentary voyage includes accommodation in an unspecified inside twin cabin on a full-board basis. Cabin upgrades are available at an additional cost and subject to availability. Suite upgrades are not available with this offer.

**Exclusions**

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

## Accommodation

**Accommodation Used:**

ITINERARY 1

4-Star Properties (Self-Rated)

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

ITINERARY 2

3 & 4-Star Properties (Self-Rated)

Stockholm, Sweden: Thon Hotel Vista (or similar)
Oslo, Norway: Radisson Blu Scandinavia (or similar)
Flam, Norway: Flamsbrygga Hotel (or similar)
Bergen, Norway: Clarion Admiral Hotel (or similar)
Saariselka, Finland: Wilderness Hotel (or similar)
Sinetta, Finland: Arctic Snow Hotel & Glass Igloo
Rovaniemi, Finland: Original Soko Vaakuna (or similar)
Helsinki, Finland: Radisson Blu Plaza Hotel (or similar)

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

**Extra Nights**

Not available.

*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

*Please note:*

- *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 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

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## Gratuities / Tipping

**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 onboard the ship.

*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.*

## Other Important Information

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 September to March is characterised by a gradual transition from mild autumn conditions into a long, cold winter, with temperatures becoming increasingly colder from the south toward the northern regions. September generally sees average temperatures around 5°C to 15°C, depending on location, before temperatures drop significantly in October and November. By December, winter is well established, with temperatures in southern Finland often ranging from around -2°C to 2°C, while temperatures in Lapland can fall well below freezing. The coldest months are typically January and February, when temperatures in southern cities such as Helsinki often average around -2°C to -7°C, while in Finnish Lapland, average temperatures can fall to around -10°C to -15°C or colder, with occasional extreme lows reaching -30°C or below. By March, temperatures begin to rise gradually, reaching around -1°C to 5°C in the south, although northern Finland can remain well below freezing.

**Norway**

The weather in Norway from September to March is characterised by a gradual transition from cool autumn conditions into a cold and snowy winter, with temperatures varying significantly between the coastal south, inland areas, and northern Norway. September generally sees average temperatures around 7°C to 15°C in southern Norway, while northern regions are cooler, before temperatures drop noticeably through October and November. By December, winter is well established, with southern coastal cities such as Oslo and Bergen often experiencing temperatures around 0°C to 5°C, while inland and northern areas can fall well below freezing. The coldest months are typically January and February, when temperatures in Oslo can average around -3°C to 2°C, while northern and inland Norway can experience averages around -10°C to -15°C or colder, with occasional extreme lows below -30°C. By March, temperatures begin to rise gradually, reaching around 1°C to 6°C in southern Norway, although northern and mountainous regions can remain well below freezing, with snow continuing well into spring.

**Sweden**

The weather in Sweden from September to March is characterised by a gradual transition from cool autumn into winter, with temperatures becoming increasingly cold toward January and February, particularly in the north. September generally sees mild autumn conditions, with temperatures around 8°C to 17°C in southern and central Sweden, before temperatures drop significantly in October and November. By December, winter is established, with temperatures in southern Sweden often hovering around -2°C to 3°C, while northern regions can experience much colder conditions. The coldest months are typically January and February, when temperatures in Stockholm often average around -4°C to 1°C, while in northern Sweden, particularly Lapland, averages can fall to around -10°C to -15°C or colder, with occasional extreme lows below -30°C. By March, temperatures begin to rise gradually, reaching around -2°C to 5°C in the south, although northern Sweden can remain well below freezing.

**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

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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.

**Dietary Requests:**

Meal options and availability differ between airlines and routes therefore not all dietary requests can be accommodated. If your flight includes meals we will select the most suitable option available based on the dietary requirements you have specified. All meal requests are subject to airline approval and are not guaranteed, therefore we recommend preparing for your flight by bringing appropriate food for yourself, as required.

**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.

**Cruise Loyalty Discounts:**

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

COACH TOUR

**Meals:**

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

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

**Luggage:**

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

OTHER

**Mobility:**

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

**Fitness Level Required:**

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.*

**Yellow Fever:**

A valid international certificate of vaccination against Yellow Fever is required in many countries. You may need to present this on arrival at the airport or border crossing. Some countries will refuse entry if you are unable to present your certificate. It's also common for your home country to request a Yellow Fever certificate upon arrival.
You must check with your doctor well before leaving home about the Yellow Fever requirements for the countries you'll be visiting.

**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).*

**Wildlife sighting:**

TripADeal cannot guarantee animal sightings on tour. Wildlife are unpredictable and factors such as weather conditions, predatory fear and animal movements can impact sightings.

**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

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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 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 in 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.gov.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.*

## 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.