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THE COASTAL EXPRESS – SOUTH: KIRKENES - BERGEN

The Lofoten islands are considered one of the most picturesque places in Norway. On the Helgeland Coast, look for the Seven Sisters mountain range and the distinctive Torghatten mountain with a hole through it. To get the most out of your Norwegian coastal cruise, have a look at the selection of available optional seasonal excursions too.



ITINERARY

DAY 1 : Kirkenes

All Aboard! Your voyage begins in the Arctic in the town of Kirkenes, just a few miles from the Russian border, but further east than St. Petersburg and Istanbul. You'll likely notice the area has many influences from Norway's neighbour; road signs in both Norwegian and Russian, a monthly Russian market, and the WWII Russian Monument. WWII history For those interested in history, the Varanger Museum in Kirkenes has exhibits about



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the town's ordeal during WWII; bombed a total of 328 times in four years, making it the most bombed place during the war after Malta. For more insights into this sombre period, visit the Andersgrotta WWII Bomb Shelter which can house up to 2,500 people underground. Norway's northern frontier In the port of Vardø, you'll find the star-shaped Vardøhus Fortress, built in 1737. The northernmost fortification of any kind, it remains a part of the military to this day. We 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 Kjølnes Lighthouse blinking atop a cliff overlooking the Barents Sea. TIME IN PORT: Kirkenes: 09:00 - 12:30 Vardø: 16:05 - 17:00 Batsfjord: 20:00 - 20:30 Berlevag: 22:25 - 22:35

Day 2: Mehamn - Tromsø

From the Top of Europe We make stops at Mehamn and Kjøllefjord during the night before early morning visits to Honningsvag and Havøysund. Almost the northernmost In the early afternoon, you'll spend time in Hammerfest, once the northernmost town in the world until Longyearbyen in Svalbard claimed the title. Check out the UNESCO-listed Meridian Column, shop for souvenirs at the Polar Bear Society, or take the path behind the town to the viewpoint on Mount Salen. Mountains and marine mammals We continue cruising Norway's coastline south to Øksfjord and then to Skjervøy, surrounded by mountain peaks. We've been docking at this vital fishing port since 1896. If you're visiting in winter, you might spot orcas and humpback whales that gather here to feed on herring. As we make our way to Tromsø, you might also glimpse views of the Lyngen Alps which boast some of the highest peaks in all of Norway. Midnight magic We dock at Tromsø just before

midnight. In the summer months, you can stroll around the still busy city in glorious 24-hour daylight. There are also optional excursions for a midnight boat ride around the city or a candlelit classical concert at the Arctic Cathedral. TIME IN PORT: Mehamn: 01:20 - 01:30 Kjøllefjord: 03:25 - 03:35 Honningsvag: 05:45 - 06:00 Havøysund: 08:00 - 08:15 Hammerfest: 11:00 - 12:45 Øksfjord: 15:50 - 16:05 Skjervøy: 19:30 - 19:45 Tromsø: 23:45 - 01:30

DAY 3 : Tromsø - Stamsund

High Peaks and Idyllic Islands Today, you'll be exploring the archipelagos of Lofoten and Vesterålen, real highlights of our Norway scenic route. After Finnsnes early in the morning, the ship calls at Harstad where the white-washed Trondenes Church, the world's northernmost medieval stone church, sits on the peninsula. Next is our smallest port of call Risøyhamn and then Sortland where the landscape slowly transforms from hills to 1,000-metre-high mountains. Our birthplace Stokmarknes is where Captain Richard With began The Coastal Express in 1893. Visit Hurtigrutemuseet, a ship-in-a-bottle building that chronicles our legacy, centred around retired ship MS Finnmarken from 1956. A ship-size fjord Sailing along Raftsund, the Captain may choose to take the ship into tiny Trollfjord. The mountain walls will look so close you'll think you can reach out and brush them! To exit the fjord, the ship will rotate 180 degrees on the spot, then sail back out. Remember to look out for sea eagles here too. Leaving Lofoten We reach Svolvaer in the evening. The huge mountain that sits above the town is named the Svolvaer Goat due to its supposed resemblance. See if you agree! The ship then sails for Stamsund, eventually passing the giant granite cliffs of the Lofoten Wall. TIME IN PORT: Tromsø: 23:45 - 01:30 Finnsnes: 04:20 - 04:40 Harstad: 08:00 - 08:30 Risøyhamn:



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10:45 - 11:00 Sortland: 12:30 - 13:00 Stokmarknes: 14:15 - 15:15 Svolvaer: 18:30 - 20:30 Stamsund: 22:15 - 22:30

Day 4: Bodø - Rørvik

A Landscape of Trolls The ship calls at Bodø in the small hours of the morning and then Ørnes at 7am. We then cross over the Arctic Circle just after breakfast. Commemorate the moment with a tradition of tasting a spoonful of good ol' cod liver oil! We make a short stop at Nesna before sailing on to Sandnessjøen, gateway to the magnificent Helgeland Coast. Legend has it... Admire the stunning landscape of the Seven Sisters mountain range, with peaks up to 1,100m high. The tale goes that seven beautiful troll princesses, fleeing from an unwanted suitor, got caught out as the sun rose, turning them into the seven beautiful mountains you see today. You'll also not want to miss views of Torghatten Mountain, with the distinctive hole in it. 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! We reach Brønnøysund mid-afternoon. Explore the bustling marina on a walk along Havnegata. In the centre of town is Brønnøy Church: a stone church in the Neo-Gothic style dating back to 1870. Our last stop of the day is the cosy fishing port of Rørvik in the picturesque Vikna archipelago. TIME IN PORT: Bodø: 02:30 - 03:30 Ørnes: 06:25 - 06:35 Nesna: 10:25 - 10:35 Sandnessjøen: 11:45 - 12:15 Brønnøysund: 15:00 - 17:25 Rørvik: 21:00 - 21:30

Day 5: Trondheim - Ålesund

Coastal Communities and Klippfisk Spend the morning in Trondheim, then sail past beautiful island scenery and some of Norway's smallest communities before exploring Kristiansund and Molde. Capital of the Viking Age Stroll around Trondheim in the early morning as the city wakes. Visit the sacred Nidaros

Cathedral, resting place of St. Olav. Then, walk to Gamle Bybro bridge for a photo opportunity over Nid River. 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. Dealing in dried cod We dock at Kristiansund's harbour in the late afternoon. The town is spread over three islands and known for being Norway's "Bacalao Capital" for the salted cod that's dried on the surrounding cliffs, called klippfisk in Norwegian. Take a walk around the cobblestone streets of the old town and tour the lively port. You can also head up to the old watchtower at Varden viewpoint for a lovely panorama. Peaks and petals The penultimate port of the day is Molde where you can spot the tops of the Romsdal Alps. Nicknamed "The City of Roses", flowers should be in bloom between mid-June and late August. TIME IN PORT: Trondheim: 06:30 - 09:30 Kristiansund: 16:30 - 17:30 Molde: 21:15 - 21:45

Day 6: Ålesund - Bergen

Until Next Time Our Norwegian coastal cruise together, at least this time, will reach its end later today. During the previous night, we'll call at Ålesund and Torvik. On our approach to Maløy, you might catch a glimpse of the northbound Coastal Express if you're up early enough. Morning highlights You'll have a chance to glimpse Nordfjord, under the enormous Jostedal Glacier, mainland Europe's largest. The ship then docks at Florø in the morning where you can take in the harbour and marina. The home stretch Leaving Florø, you'll spot Stabben Lighthouse, a favourite subject for photographers. There's also stunning views to enjoy as we cross the mouth of Sognefjord, the longest and widest fjord in the whole of Norway. As we reach our final port in the afternoon, the ship will navigate through the last



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islands and skerries of our Norway scenic route, and sail down Hjeltefjord to arrive into Bergen. Explore more of Norway Sadly, it's time to say farewell to the Captain, crew, and fellow guests. But your journey doesn't have to stop after disembarkation. We offer a Bergen sightseeing tour as well as a range of post-voyage programmes that you can add to your trip, including seeing Sognefjord by train or a tour of Oslo. TIME IN PORT: Ålesund: 00:30 - 01:20 Torvik: 02:35 - 02:45 Maløy: 05:45 - 06:00 Florø: 08:15 - 08:30 Bergen: 14:45

Please Note:

The day-by-day programme will give you a few ideas about what you can see and do on your coastal voyage in Norway, but bear in mind that this itinerary is just an indication of what you can experience. After all, this is a sailing where the elements rule and weather conditions might vary, which is why every voyage is unique.



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All of our ships include large lounges and deck space affording perfect views to the changing scenery, creating a proximity to nature throughout the ship. This atmosphere give you the energy to participate on our on board activities and excursions, that take you even closer to the coast. On all our ships you will find a wide range of comfortable cabins, from exclusive suites to cosy inside cabins. We have divided them into four categories; Expedition Suite, Arctic Superior, Polar Outside and Polar Inside with different amenities and extras. MS TROLLFJORD Flagship of Hurtigruten's Signature voyages, MS Trollfjord takes its name from a small but spectacular fjord in the Vesterålen archipelago. Freshly refurbished in 2023, MS Trollfjord is an homage both to Norwegian nature and our 130-year heritage sailing the Norwegian coast. Locally sourced natural materials such as wood and stone feature prominently throughout the ship's furnishings, reflecting the beauty of the fjords we sail through. The style of decor is classic, timeless, and unique in our fleet. **SPECIAL FEATURES:** Two-storey panoramic lounge, 1893 Bar, sauna, fitness room, lecture rooms, 3 restaurants (main dining Flora, Brasserie Årran & a la carte Røst), library, shop, observation deck. MS RICHARD WITH MS Richard With is named

after Captain Richard With. His establishment of the Norwegian Coastal Express back in 1893 had an enormous impact on life along the Norwegian coast. In 2022, MS Richard With was upgraded to a greener hybrid ship. **SPECIAL FEATURES:** Sauna, fitness room, Explorer Lounge & Bar, 2 outdoor hot tubs, 3 restaurants (main dining Torget, Brygga bistro and a la carte Kysten), Multe bakery, shop, lecture hall, observation deck. MS KONG HARALD Norway's reigning monarch, a seasoned sailor, lends his name to this remarkable hybrid vessel. The vessel features a modern, Arctic-inspired interior. **SPECIAL FEATURES:** Sauna, fitness room, Explorer Lounge & Bar, 2 outdoor hot tubs, 3 restaurants (main dining Torget, Brygga bistro and a la carte Kysten), Multe bakery, shop, lecture hall, observation deck. MS NORDNORGE Nord-Norge means the northern part of Norway, mostly situated north of the Arctic Circle. The interior decor is modern and Arctic-inspired. **SPECIAL FEATURES:** Sauna, fitness room, Explorer Lounge & Bar, 2 outdoor hot tubs, 3 restaurants (main dining Torget, Brygga bistro and a la carte Kysten), Multe bakery, shop, lecture hall, observation deck. MS NORDKAPP MS Nordkapp is named after one of the highlights of the Hurtigruten voyage, the northernmost point of mainland Europe, the North Cape (71°N). The ship features a modern, Arctic-inspired interior. **SPECIAL FEATURES:** Sauna, fitness room, Explorer Lounge & Bar, 2 outdoor hot tubs, 3 restaurants (main dining Torget, Brygga bistro and a la carte Kysten), Multe bakery, shop, lecture hall, observation deck. MS POLARLYS Polarlys is Norwegian for 'polar light', and refers to the natural Arctic phenomenon we pursue in winter. The ship features a modern, Arctic-inspired interior. **SPECIAL FEATURES:** Sauna, fitness



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room, Explorer Lounge & Bar, 2 outdoor hot tubs, 3 restaurants (main dining Torget, Brygga bistro and a la carte Kysten), Multe bakery, shop, lecture hall, observation deck. MS NORDLYS The name of this ship as well as the art, decor and colours employed aboard are all inspired by the Northern Lights. The delicate aesthetic creates a distinct and unique on-board ambience. **SPECIAL FEATURES:** Sauna, fitness room, Explorer Lounge & Bar, 2 outdoor hot tubs, 3 restaurants (main dining Torget, Brygga bistro and a la carte Kysten), Multe bakery, shop, lecture hall, observation deck. MS MIDNATSOL One of our best-known ships, MS Midnatsol (previously MS Maud) is named after the Midnight Sun, the phenomenon that occurs in northern Norway every summer when the sun doesn't set for 24 hours. The decor on board is inspired by Norway's stunning nature, reflected in many of the pieces of Norwegian modern art on board. Her bright interiors are appointed in a classic Art Deco style. **SPECIAL FEATURES:** Sauna, fitness room, Explorer Lounge & Bar, 2 outdoor hot tubs, 3 restaurants (main dining Torget, Brygga bistro and a la carte Kysten), shop, lecture hall, observation deck. MS VESTER ÅLEN MS Vesterålen is one of the oldest and smallest ships, named after an archipelago in Nordland country and the first Coastal Express steamship from 1893. Fresh and lightly refurbished in 2019 and again in 2022, MS Vesterålen has bright, informal public areas and lounges throughout. The last refurbishment included upgrading 32 outside cabins to Arctic Superior standard with double beds, rebuilding 4 cabins into 2 mini suites, upgrading the restaurant, the cafe, the reception area, and the gym, in addition to giving Trollfjord lounge a new look and feel. On a journey with MS Vesterålen, we will have a "behind the scenes" focus where the guests will get an opportunity to get closer to the Hurtigruten heritage, emphasizing maritime operations, logistics and hotel

operations. With a focus on edutainment and engaging activities, we will provide guests with an in-depth knowledge of the different departments and the interaction between them. **SPECIAL FEATURES:** Panorama lounge & bar, smaller lounges in the front and back of the ship, cafe, 1 main restaurant, shop, fitness room, observation deck. Please Note : the deckplan below is MS Nordkapp and the

deckplans vary.



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Expedition Suite. From	£2838 GBP pp
Polar Outside. From	£1395 GBP pp

22-Mar-2026 to 27-Mar-2026

Expedition Suite. From	£2959 GBP pp
Polar Outside. From	£1381 GBP pp
Polar Inside. From	£1233 GBP pp
Arctic Superior. From	£1862 GBP pp

18-Apr-2026 to 23-Apr-2026

Expedition Suite. From	£2975 GBP pp
Arctic Superior. From	£1875 GBP pp
Polar Inside. From	£1269 GBP pp
Polar Outside. From	£1389 GBP pp

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Arctic Superior. From	£2229 GBP pp
Polar Outside. From	£1655 GBP pp
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13-Jun-2026 to 18-Jun-2026

Expedition Suite. From	£3609 GBP pp
Arctic Superior. From	£2215 GBP pp
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Polar Outside. From	£1725 GBP pp

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Polar Inside. From	£1539 GBP pp
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Expedition Suite. From	£3349 GBP pp
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17-Sep-2026 to 22-Sep-2026

Polar Outside. From	£1449 GBP pp
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Arctic Superior. From	£1915 GBP pp
Polar Inside. From	£1269 GBP pp

19-Dec-2026 to 24-Dec-2026

Polar Outside. From	£1009 GBP pp
Arctic Superior. From	£1359 GBP pp
Polar Inside. From	£905 GBP pp
Expedition Suite. From	£2749 GBP pp

08-Jan-2027 to 13-Jan-2027

Arctic Superior. From	£1589 GBP pp
Polar Inside. From	£1079 GBP pp
Polar Outside. From	£1209 GBP pp
Expedition Suite. From	£2595 GBP pp

12-Feb-2027 to 17-Feb-2027

Expedition Suite. From	£3709 GBP pp
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Arctic Superior. From	£1839 GBP pp

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