



Itinerary

14 Day Northern Lights & Norwegian Fjords Cruise W/Flights

***IMPORTANT NOTE:** This is the default version of the tour itinerary. Any extra nights, optional tours or other amendments, will not be visible on this version. If you have booked extras, Please contact info@myholiday2.com.au for a personalised version of your itinerary*

DAY 1: Depart Australia

Today you will depart Australia on your fully serviced flight to Bergen, Norway. **NOTE:** Some flights schedules may depart on DAY 0

MEALS: In-Flight

OVERNIGHT: In-Flight

DAY 2: Arrive Bergen, Norway ~ Embark Cruise

This morning or afternoon (depending on flight schedules) you will arrive in Bergen, Norway. There are no transfers included with this package so you will need to make your own way to the cruise terminal to embark on your ship. The Hurtigruten cruise terminal is 17km from the airport and a 20 minute drive in a taxi. We can book transfers for you for an extra cost if you prefer. Change your arrival flight for \$100 per person to spend more time in Bergen before the cruise. The ship arrives into Bergen at 14:45 and departs at 20:30. So you will need to check in to the ship within plenty of time. More details on embarkation procedures will be sent to you along with your travel documentation prior to travel

MEALS: In-Flight, Dinner

OVERNIGHT: Norwegian Coastal Cruise Ship

DAY 3: Florø ~ Molde

Enjoy early morning in the breathtaking Nordfjord, followed by a delicious breakfast. We then sail past West Cape for our approach to Ålesund.

Art Nouveau city - Ålesund is renowned for its beautiful Art Nouveau architecture and famed Atlanterhavsparken aquarium. Our tour to the aquarium includes a visit to see resident penguins before we continue to nearby Mount Aksla for an amazing view.

Into the fjords - In the summer, we set our course for the spectacular UNESCO-listed Geirangerfjord, passing sheer, 800 metre-high cliffs and dramatic waterfalls. In autumn, we explore Hjørundfjord in the majestic Sunnmøre Alps. The fjord's pristine natural landscape of steep rock walls, lush green meadows, lonely mountain farms and tiny villages is unforgettable.

Mountains and roses - Molde is known as the 'City of Roses' because of its lovely municipal gardens. This attractive coastal town has an amazing view of 222 mountain peaks across the fjord, called 'the Molde Panorama'.

TIME IN PORT

Florø: 02:45-03:00

Måløy: 05:15-05:30

Torvik: 08:20-08:30

Ålesund (01.11-31.05): 09:45-20:00

- Ålesund (01.06-31.10): 09:45-10:00

- Geiranger (01.06-31.08): 14:25-14:45

- Ålesund (01.06-31.08): 19:00-20:00

- Urke (01.09-31.10): 12:15-15:45

- Ålesund (01.09-31.10): 18:00-20:00

Molde: 22:35-23:05

There are a range of optional excursions available for each day. Please contact us for more information.

MEALS: Breakfast, Lunch, Dinner

OVERNIGHT: Norwegian Coastal Cruise Ship

DAY 4: Kristiansund ~ Rørvik

Charming Trondheim is home to great history and a rich cultural life.

Magical, medieval and modern - Founded by Viking king Olav Tryggvason in 997, Trondheim today is a unique mix of the ancient and modern. Join our optional excursion to the soaring Nidaros Cathedral, Norway's only gothic cathedral and the burial place of St. Olav (Haraldsson). Marvel at the cathedral's exquisite works of art, architectural details and medieval statues.

In spring and summer, we continue to Ringve Museum of Musical History, where Norwegian music's past is brought to life in a grand manor with a fantastic view.

Excursions for every taste - From September to May, experience Trondheim with a unique carriage tour on the world's northernmost tram line. You can also explore Trondheim by kayak on the River Nid or experience the city by bicycle. Be sure to ride the world's only bicycle lift, near the quaint Bakklandet neighbourhood, from April to September. You can also join the Hurtigruten Guides for a hike to discover more of the area.

Back on board ~ In the afternoon, the ship sails northwest, passing the Kjeungskjær lighthouse, islets and rocky reefs. After that we head towards charming Rørvik.

TIME IN PORT

Kristiansund: 02:45-03:00

Trondheim: 09:45-12:45

Rørvik: 21:40-22:00

MEALS: Breakfast, Lunch, Dinner

OVERNIGHT: Norwegian Coastal Cruise Ship

DAY 5: Brønnøysund ~ Svolvær: Welcome to the Arctic!

Today we cross the Arctic Circle, marking your best chance to see Northern Lights in winter and experience the Midnight Sun in summer. We mark the occasion with a fun Arctic Circle ceremony on deck.

Forces of nature - Ørnes is the site of Norway's second-largest glacier, Svartisen. In summer, join us for a trip to the Svartisen Tourist Centre to admire this enigmatic world of ice, and visit a moose farm.

We then sail along the beautiful coast of Helgeland to Bodø, where you can experience Saltstraumen, the world's most powerful maelstrom, by small boat.

Majestic Lofoten - That afternoon, the 1,000 metre-high Lofoten Wall looms on the horizon, ushering us towards majestic granite cliffs and white sandy beaches.

Meet the Vikings - At Stamsund, visit the Lofotr Viking Museum, where you are welcomed into the chieftain's house for a real Viking feast.

Going organic - Between Stamsund and Svolvær, you can experience life on an organic herb and cheese farm, or visit the Lofoten's only craft brewery, in Svolvær.

Hunting the Northern Lights - In winter, crossing the Arctic Circle means an intensified hunt for the Northern Lights, and we present a multimedia show, 'The Magic Light, Aurora Borealis'.

As we sail through the narrow Raftsund, we stop at the entrance to Trollfjord, a dramatic natural wonder that should not be missed.

TIME IN PORT

Brønnøysund: 01:35-01:45

Sandnessjøen: 04:35-04:50

Nesna: 06:00-06:10

Ørnes: 10:00-10:10

Bodø: 13:05-15:20

Stamsund: 19:15-19:40

Svolvær: 21:20-22:15

MEALS: Breakfast, Lunch, Dinner

OVERNIGHT: Norwegian Coastal Cruise Ship

DAY 6: Stokmarknes ~ Skjervøy: In the Footsteps of Polar Heroes

We briefly dock at Risøyhamn, Harstad and Finnsnes in the morning.

Polar history and beer - We then sail to the Arctic exploration capital of Tromsø for a prolonged stay. Join our 'Polar History Walk' in winter to learn more about explorers and Arctic hunters, and taste beer from the world's northernmost brewery.

Beyond your imagination - In winter and spring, you can complete your stay in Tromsø with a thrilling dog-sledge ride, as huskies pull you over the frozen landscape past stunning views of the snowy plateaus. The only light during the polar night comes from headlamps, the starry sky, and, if we're lucky, the magical Northern Lights.

Why not have some winter fun by joining a cross-country skiing or snowshoeing adventure, or go deep-sea fishing on an Arctic fjord? All year, you can join the Hurtigruten Guides for hikes and discover more of the Tromsø area.

Get close to marine wildlife - Want to experience serenity on the sea? Join us for a kayaking excursion in summer along Tromsø's coastline - a great way to get close to marine wildlife.

Sailing from Tromsø, we continue to search for the Northern Lights from September to March.

TIME IN PORT:

Stokmarknes: 01:30-01:40

Sortland: 02:55-03:10

Risøyhamn: 04:35-04:50

Harstad: 07:10-07:45

Finnsnes: 11:00-11:30

Tromsø: 14:15-18:15

Skjervøy: 22:10-22:25

MEALS: Breakfast, Lunch, Dinner

OVERNIGHT: Norwegian Coastal Cruise Ship

DAY 7: Øksfjord ~ Berlevåg: Top of the World ~ North Cape

Enjoy magnificent landscapes as we sail to the North Cape, one of the northernmost points on the European continent. In summer, you may see herds of reindeer and small camps of indigenous Sámi people in the area.

Experience the North Cape - After a brief stop in Hammerfest, we arrive in Havøysund. Join a small boat excursion here to see the North Cape from the sea, visit the world's northernmost fishing village and ride by bus to North Cape plateau.

The ship continues to Honningsvåg, from where you can join a bird-watching excursion to Gjesværstappan, home to millions of birds during nesting season.

Sailing north - The ship continues north into the heartland of the Sámi people. Visit Kjøllefjord, where you can learn about the Sámi way of life and hear traditional joiking (song).

Adrenaline and Northern Lights - In winter, you can join an unforgettable snowmobile trip across snowy plains and perhaps spot the Northern Lights in the starry sky.

Sámi traditions - 'Sámi Autumn' is a fall excursion to learn about the Arctic natural 'pantry and pharmacy', sampling dried-reindeer meat, crowberry juice, herbal tea (nettle) and roseroot tincture. You may also feel the presence of the Sámi shaman, Noaidi.

TIME IN PORT:

Øksfjord: 01:50-02:00

Hammerfest: 05:05-05:45

Havøysund: 08:30-08:45

Honningsvåg: 10:55-14:30

Kjøllefjord: 16:40-17:00

Mehamn: 18:55-19:15

Berlevåg: 22:00-22:10

MEALS: Breakfast, Lunch, Dinner

OVERNIGHT: Norwegian Coastal Cruise Ship

DAY 8: Båtsfjord ~ Berlevåg

We arrive early today in Vadsø before docking in Kirkenes - the ship's turning point for the return journey.

Streets with Russian names - The Russian border is a just few kilometers from Kirkenes and you'll notice local road signs in both Norwegian and Russian. There are many ways to visit the Russian frontier:

year-round bus tours

a riverboat safari

via canoe

hiking

ATV/quad-bike trek in summer

You can also join an excursion to catch and eat giant king crab from the Barents Sea.

Winter wonder - Kirkenes offers a wide range of classic winter activities, like dog-sledging, snowshoeing, snowmobiling and visiting an Arctic Ice Dome.

Southbound and down - As the ship starts its voyage south, remember that you've seen only half of what Norway's coastline offers. The ports we visited by night going north are now seen by day.

Ice dipping - Docking again at Vardø, we may invite you to swim in the icy Arctic Ocean in winter. We then cruise along Varanger peninsula to Båtsfjord and Berlevåg, home to a famous male choir of local fishermen.

TIME IN PORT:

Båtsfjord: 00:00-00:30

Vardø: 03:30-03:45

Vadsø: 06:55-07:10

Kirkenes: 09:00-12:30

Vardø: 16:05-17:00

Båtsfjord: 20:00-20:30

Berlevåg: 22:25-22:35

MEALS: Breakfast, Lunch, Dinner

OVERNIGHT: Norwegian Coastal Cruise Ship

DAY 9: Mehamn ~ Tromsø: Unmatched Arctic Scenery

Around midnight we dock at Mehamn with the option to join in winter a snowmobile trip to hunt the Aurora.

North Cape breakfast - We again dock at Honningsvåg, where you can join an excursion that includes eating breakfast at North Cape. The ship continues to Hammerfest, where you can see the UNESCO-listed Meridian Column. You can also join a mini-mountain expedition and learn about local polar hero Adolf Lindstrøm.

We continue south to Øksfjord with a brief stop at the old trading post of Skjervøy.

Midnight adventures - We then dock at Tromsø, just in time to enjoy a midnight concert at the Arctic Cathedral. You can also explore Tromsø under the Midnight Sun by boat in summer. You may want to drop by Ølhallen, a classic pub for a friendly beer.

TIME IN PORT:

Mehamn: 01:20-01:30

Kjøllefjord: 03:25-03:35

Honningsvåg: 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

MEALS: Breakfast, Lunch, Dinner

OVERNIGHT: Norwegian Coastal Cruise Ship

DAY 10: Tromsø ~ Stamsund: Where Nature Amazes

We arrive in Harstad, where you can join the excursion A taste of Vesterålen.

Amazing scenery - The island groups of Lofoten and Vesterålen offer some of the most stunning natural scenery of the entire voyage. Lofoten is renowned for its steep mountains, sandy beaches, wild nature and picturesque fishing villages.

Hurtigruten's birthplace - We make a short stop at Risøyhamn, population 200, to deliver passengers, groceries and mail, and then continue to Stokmarknes, where Hurtigruten was founded more than 125 years ago.

Go ashore and visit the Hurtigruten Museum. Continuing south, we slip through a passage into the narrow Raftsund, past peaks rising 1,000 metres from the sea.

Spectacular Trollfjord - We now reach spectacular Trollfjord, only 2 km long, 100 m wide and surrounded by majestic mountains. If possible, we sail inside, where the dramatic landscape inspires images of fairy tales and trolls. Just north, you can opt to see sea eagles up close by boat.

Heart of Lofoten - At Svolvær, you can select several excursion options, including a sunset horseback ride on a beach, fast boat ride or a guided fishing village walk. We then proceed to Stamsund along the massive Lofoten wall.

TIME IN PORT:

Tromsø: 23:45-01:30

Finnsnes: 04:20-04:40

Harstad: 08:00-08:30

Risøyhamn: 10:45-11:00

Sortland: 12:30-13:00

Stokmarknes: 14:15-15:15

Svolvær: 18:30-20:30

Stamsund: 22:15-22:30

MEALS: Breakfast, Lunch, Dinner

OVERNIGHT: Norwegian Coastal Cruise Ship

DAY 11: Bodø ~ Rørvik: Across The Arctic Circle

Celebrate crossing the Arctic Circle with a 'taste' of Arctic tradition – a fun ceremony highlighted by a spoonful of cod liver oil.

Mountain with a hole - As we sail along the Helgeland coast, you'll see the strange mountain Torggatten, famous for its distinctive hole in the centre. The opening is 160 m long, 35 m high and 20 m wide, and was created during the ice age. If the weather allows, join a hike with your guides up the mountain.

Myths and legends - We also sail past the Seven Sisters mountain range – with peaks up to 1,100 m high. The story goes that seven beautiful troll sisters got caught out at sunrise and turned to stone, thus the seven beautiful peaks.

UNESCO heritage - We next make a short stop at Nesna, before moving on to Sandnessjøen. where you can join an optional excursion in summer to the UNESCO World Heritage site of the Vega Islands.

Charming coastal town - Brønnøysund is a pretty little town that offers a charming high street and marina. You can join an excursion to the Norwegian Aquaculture Centre for an interesting tour and taste of fresh salmon from April throughout October.

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

MEALS: Breakfast, Lunch, Dinner

OVERNIGHT: Norwegian Coastal Cruise Ship

DAY 12: Trondheim ~ Ålesund: Rich History and Living Culture

We revisit Trondheim to further explore it's colourful history. Join our excursion Trondheim with Nidaros Cathedral to learn more.

Fishing, scenery and excursions - Next is Kristiansund, a city spread across four islands with an excellent harbour that has been active since the Stone Age. Today, it is Norway's 'cured cod capital' because of its centuries-old export of dried fish.

Join an excursion to the renowned Atlantic Road - one of the most scenic routes in the world. Another interesting excursion is to Bergtatt marble mine, which includes going inside a mountain and sailing across an illuminated subterranean lake, before enjoying a meal in the mine's 'Grand Hall'.

Norwegian Alps - Those choosing to stay on board at Kristiansund will cross the open sea to Molde, known as Norway's 'City of Roses'. Along the way, you will take in the steep peaks of the Romsdal Alps

on the horizon.

TIME IN PORT:

Trondheim: 06:30-09:30

Kristiansund: 16:30-17:30

Molde: 21:15-21:45

MEALS: Breakfast, Lunch, Dinner

OVERNIGHT: Norwegian Coastal Cruise Ship

DAY 13: Ålesund - Bergen: A Fjord Farewell ~ Departure

During the night, the ship calls at Ålesund, Torvik and Måløy, as our voyage draws to a close. But before we dock in Bergen, there is some fascinating scenery ahead of us.

Glaciers and lush farmland - We sail through picturesque Nordfjord beneath Jostedal Glacier. This rugged coastal region features farms with fruit orchards and glacial fingers that stretch towards glistening lakes.

In the morning, we call at Florø.

Back to Bergen - We navigate the mouth of the mighty Sognefjord and enjoy superb views of the island-studded coastline before you disembark in Bergen.

We hope you will take home memories of stunning nature, wildlife and fascinating culture, and we hope to see you on board again in the near future!

TIME IN PORT:

Ålesund: 00:30-01:20

Torvik: 02:35-02:45

Måløy: 05:45-06:00

Florø: 08:15-08:30

Bergen: 14:45

Once you have disembarked, make your own way to the airport for your homeward flight.

MEALS: Breakfast, Lunch, In-Flight

OVERNIGHT: In-Flight

DAY 14: Arrive Australia

Today you will arrive home to Australia. NOTE: some flights may arrive home on DAY 15 due to flight scheduling.

MEALS: In-Flight