

18 DAYS
Escorted
small group
tour

OSLO-HELSINKI

FOLLOW THE LIGHTS

— Experience some of the world's most beautiful landscapes and the wonder of the Northern Lights on this 18-day adventure.

Beautiful views of Bergen

From Norway's capital Oslo, ride the world's most famous train, the Flåm Railway, before joining Hurtigruten's northbound coastal voyage.

Visit charming hamlets, sail through picturesque fjords and see the magnificent Northern Lights on this journey into the heart of Norway.

On arrival into the sleepy town of Kirkenes in Norway's far north, head south into Finnish Lapland where you'll see the night sky from inside your glass igloo. Then discover Finnish Lakeland, where you'll stay in beautiful log accommodation. Take in Helsinki, Finland's capital, and experience a day trip to medieval Tallinn in Estonia.

DAY 1: Oslo
Arrive in Oslo, make your own way from the airport or train station to your hotel. Remainder of the day at leisure. In the evening meet the rest of the group and your guide at our welcome dinner.
Overnight in Oslo.

DAY 2: Oslo
After a leisurely breakfast, meet the group in the lobby of the hotel for an Oslo grand city tour including Vigeland Sculpture Park, Viking Ship Museum, Oslo Opera house, Holmenkollen Ski Jump and more.
Overnight in Oslo.

DAY 3: Flåm
After an early breakfast we will start our "Norway In a Nutshell" tour, catching the morning train to Myrdal where we change trains

for the famous Flåm Railway, with spectacular fjord views all the way to the beautiful, tiny village of Flåm.
Overnight in Flåm.

DAY 4: Bergen
The day starts with the ferry from Flåm to Gudvangen, passing through the narrow Nærøfjord. From Gudvangen the journey continues by bus. Waterfalls line the road as we weave our way through the valley to Voss. There we board a train for the last leg of our "Norway in a Nutshell" journey, arriving in Bergen in the evening.
Overnight in Bergen.

DAY 5: Bergen
(Day 1 of the voyage) After a relaxing morning we take a

walking tour of Bergen, including St Mary's Church, Håkon's Hall and the UNESCO World Heritage listed Bryggen, before heading to Troidhaugen, the home of Norway's most famous composer, Edvard Grieg. Departures on 13.12.20, 16.12.20, 19.12.20 and 25.12.20 will go to Fløien instead of the Grieg Museum because it is closed. The tour ends at Bergen pier, where we board our Hurtigruten ship.
Overnight on board our ship.

DAY 6: Ålesund
(Day 2 of the voyage) We navigate skerries and islands before reaching Ålesund, renowned for its beautiful Art Nouveau architecture. Leaving Ålesund we head north towards Trondheim.
Overnight on board our ship.

DAY 7: Trondheim
(Day 3 of the voyage) Arrive early in the morning at Trondheim, with plenty of time to explore Norway's first capital.
Overnight on board our ship.

DAY 8: Lofoten Islands
(Day 4 of the voyage) As we cross the Arctic Circle in the morning, the hunt for the Aurora Borealis begins. We enter the dramatic and narrow Raftsund, and if the weather and ice conditions allow, we'll sail to the entrance of the famous Trollfjord.
Overnight on board our ship.

DAY 9: Tromsø
(Day 5 of the voyage) After a morning stop in Finnsnes, the ship continues to Tromsø, a major cultural hub above the Arctic Circle, and famed as a viewing point for the Northern Lights. The city's historic centre is distinguished by its centuries-old wooden houses. The 1965 Arctic Cathedral, with its distinctive peaked roof and soaring stained-glass windows, dominates the skyline.
Overnight on board our ship.

DAY 10: Honningsvåg
(Day 6 of the voyage)
Honningsvåg is the nearest port to the North Cape - only 2000km from the geographical North Pole.
Overnight on board our ship.

DAY 11: Kirkenes - Saariselkä
Admire the dramatic coastal vistas as we approach Kirkenes, where we will disembark. Enjoy a short drive through Kirkenes, before arriving at Inari, the Sami capital (traditional nomads of Scandinavia, reindeer herders), where we'll visit the Siida Sami museum and visit a reindeer farm.
Overnight in Saariselkä.

DAY 12: Saariselkä
Today we visit a husky farm and learn about the life and training of these unique Arctic dogs. In the evening there may be optional evening Aurora Borealis tours.
Overnight in Saariselkä.

DAY 13: Sinettä
Today we visit Santa Claus Village, where you will have free time to explore. In the evening, spend the night in a glass igloo.
Overnight in Sinettä.

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DAY 14: Rovaniemi
Arrive in Rovaniemi and enjoy free time or optional extra touring options.
Overnight in Rovaniemi.

DAY 15: Järvisydän
This morning we travel south on a coach journey to Järvisydän, a hotel resort spa in the Finnish wilderness lakes district. With an early evening arrival, check in to your special scenery cabins with views of the surrounding forest.
Overnight in Järvisydän.

DAY 16: Helsinki
Today we leave the Finnish wilderness and head into Helsinki, Finland's capital. Enjoy a half-day city tour before checking into our hotel.
Overnight in Helsinki.

DAY 17: Tallinn
An early start with a full day excursion to the medieval town of Tallinn in Estonia. Take the ferry followed by a combined bus and walking tour of the city. Stops will include the baroque

Kadriorg Park and the seaside district of Piritä. Walk through the winding, cobblestoned streets of the Old Town continuing to Toompea Castle, home to the Estonian parliament. Visit Alexander Nevsky Cathedral and the Dome Church before enjoying some free time before boarding the ferry to return to Helsinki. Tonight, enjoy a special farewell dinner.
Overnight in Helsinki.

DAY 18: Helsinki
After breakfast at the hotel our tour ends.



Gain an insight into Sami culture

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Highlights

- 1 Classic northbound cruise on Hurtigruten's beautiful Coastal Voyage
- 2 A night in a glass igloo
- 3 City tours of Oslo, Bergen, Helsinki and Tallinn
- 4 Norway in a Nutshell journey
- 5 Viking Plank dinner in Flåm
- 6 Husky experience
- 7 Reindeer experience
- 8 Santa Claus Village visit
- 9 Siida museum in Inari
- 10 Multiple opportunities for Northern Lights viewing

Inclusions

- 4 star accommodation standard
- 11 nights' hotel accommodation (1 night in glass igloo) & 6 nights' cruise accommodation
- Daily breakfast, 6 lunches
- 11 dinners & 1 x Viking Plank dinner in Flåm
- City tours of Oslo, Bergen, Helsinki & Tallinn
- Return Ferry ticket to Tallinn
- Norway in a Nutshell, Flåm Railway journey
- First class coach from Kirkenes to Helsinki
- English speaking guide from start to finish
- Reindeer Farm visit (Dec-Mar departures)
- Husky Farm visit (Dec-Mar departures)
- Santa Claus Village visit
- Siida museum visit

Escorted Small Group Tours

(Max 22 adults)

Price from **\$7,950 pp**

Upgrades
Cabin upgrades available on cruise portion, from \$300pp*

Travel
27 Sep;
1, 8, 16, 21, 27 Oct;
1, 7, 12, 17, 23, 29 Nov;
5, 10, 13, 16, 19, 25 Dec 2020;
2, 10, 16, 21, 24 Jan;
1, 7, 12, 18, 23 Feb;
1, 4, 9, 15, 20 Mar 2021

NOTE: The 'from' price shown is in AU\$ per person twin share in an Inside Cabin. Hurtigruten has a flexible pricing system and all prices are capacity controlled and subject to availability. Prices may change at any time before departure date, the applicable price will be quoted at the time of booking.

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