



Inspire Your Soul Travel

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The Original Coastal Express

Astronomy Voyage | Bergen – Kirkenes – Bergen

12 DAYS



Itinerary

Day 1: Bergen

Day 2: Ålesund

Day 3: Trondheim

Day 4: Arctic Circle and Lofoten Islands

Day 5: Stokmarknes

Day 6: Honningsvåg

Day 7: Kirkenes

Day 8: Hammerfest and Tromsø

Day 9: Vesterålen and Lofoten Islands

Day 10: Arctic Circle, Seven Sisters

Day 11: Trondheim and Kristiansund

Day 12: Bergen



The hunt begins

The adventure begins in Bergen, the cultural gateway to the fjords. Enjoy the relaxed ambiance and take the opportunity to meet your fellow astronomers.

Get unique insight and knowledge about the Arctic sky and the greatest lightshow on Earth, the Aurora Borealis, on this popular voyage along the mesmerising Norwegian Coast. This limited voyage is accompanied by special lecturers - experts on astronomy and expeditions to see the Northern Lights.

Day 2: Ålesund



A day for masterpieces

An early arrival at the Art Nouveau town of Ålesund gives you an opportunity to go ashore and explore this pretty town.

Through the **series of lectures** and a guided tour of the night sky from the deck of the ship, your lecturer will bring the world of stars, planets and meteors closer whilst also exploring the numerous myths and legends linked to the constellations in our skies.

Here are some examples of what you can expect:

- Fantastic Lights - an introduction to the Northern Lights
- Exploring the Solar System - Travel through the solar system from Mercury to Neptune and view the planets up close as seen by space probes
- Stories of the stars - Relive the Greek mythology of the constellations and learn about stellar discoveries by modern astronomers

Day 3: Trondheim



The Royal City of Trondheim

Continuing north you head for the medieval city of Trondheim, whose colourful history is reflected in its handsome civic architecture.

Day 4: Arctic Circle and Lofoten Islands



Welcome to the Arctic!

Crossing the Arctic Circle you continue to the modern town of Bodø. After crossing the Vestfjord you are amidst the glorious Lofoten Islands and their capital, Svolvær.

Day 5: Stokmarknes



Expand your Northern Lights knowledge

A relaxing morning on board precedes your arrival in Tromsø, the Capital of Arctic Norway. Here a visit to the Northern Lights Planetarium is included especially for this tour.

Day 6: Honningsvåg



The Northern Lights and the North Cape

Following an early call at Hammerfest you arrive in Honningsvåg, the portal to the wonders of the spectacular North Cape (optional excursion).

Day 7: Kirkenes



To the top and back again

The vistas and sea life become more dramatic as you approach Kirkenes, just a few kilometres from the Russian border, and you can join one of our exciting excursions here. As you return south the northbound ports visited by night are now seen by day.

Day 8: Hammerfest and Tromsø



The extreme north

Hammerfest, the world's most northerly town is your first major stop, before continuing to Tromsø.

Day 9: Vesterålen and Lofoten Islands



Welcome to Lofoten

Passing through the legendary Lofoten Islands the ship negotiates an intricate network of inlets and isles. This is one of the most beautiful stretches of the Norwegian coast for many it is the most stunning part of your journey south.

Day 10: Arctic Circle, Seven Sisters



A date with the Seven Sisters

Cross the Arctic Circle and sail past the famed peaks of the Seven Sisters as you enter a world of legends and folklore.

Day 11: Trondheim and Kristiansund



The old cities and the sea

An early morning arrival in Trondheim, where you have time to explore the city.

Day 12: Bergen



The final chapter of the fairytale

A few nautical miles are left between you and Bergen today as your Astronomy Voyage draws to a close.

What's included

- 12-day Bergen - Bergen Round Voyage in the cabin grade of your choice
- Full-board (breakfast, lunch and dinner)
- English-speaking tour leader on board
- Tour Manager and lectures from a renowned Astronomer
- Exclusive excursion to the Planetarium in Tromsø
- Complimentary Wi-Fi

Your lecturers on board:

Dr John Mason, MBE - On Astronomy Voyages departing:

- 4 March 2024

An Applied Physicist by profession, Dr John Mason is currently the Principal Lecturer at the South Downs Planetarium in Chichester. He has been a Fellow of the Royal Astronomical Society since 1976, and is a full member of the International Astronomical Union. He has appeared many times with Sir Patrick Moore on BBC TV's 'The Sky at Night.'

- Interview with Dr John Mason

Dr Sadie Jones - On an Astronomy Voyage departing:

- 6 November 2023
- 17 January 2024

Dr Sadie Jones is the Astronomy Public Engagement Leader at the University of Southampton. In January 2020, she assisted members of the Space Environment Physics group on an expedition to Svalbard, Norway to observe the aurora and collect research data. She also runs talks and school workshops on aurora research to promote 'The Aurora Zoo', a citizen science platform where the public analyze short videos of aurora displays.

Tom Kerss - On an Astronomy Voyage departing:

- 6 December 2023
- 2 February 2024

Tom Kerss F.R.A.S. is an astronomer, astrophotographer, author and consultant. Having previously worked at the Royal Observatory Greenwich, he is the founder of Stargazing♦London, which delivers world-class online astronomy courses. Tom has authored numerous best-selling astronomy books for adults and children, including Northern Lights: The Definitive Guide to Auroras, which offers a complete introduction to nature's most magical sky-illuminating phenomenon.

Not Included

- Return flights and transfers - you can book these with Hurtigruten during the booking process
- Optional excursions
- Luggage handling
- Travel insurance

Notes

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- All prices are shown in local currency per person based on two people traveling together sharing an inside twin cabin,
- Suites are available on request
- Booking Terms and Conditions apply