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The Original Coastal Express

# Roundtrip Voyage from Bergen | Explore Norway's Coastline

12 DAYS





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Day 9: Tromsø - Stamsund

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Day 11: Trondheim - Ålesund

Day 12: Ålesund - Bergen



### Welcome Aboard!

Your voyage starts in Bergen, Norway's second-largest city and a gateway to the fjords. Founded in 1070 A.D., Bergen boasts architecture influenced by the prosperous 14th-century German trading organization, the Hanseatic League.

If you have time before your ship departs, visit the UNESCO-listed wharfs in the colorful **Bryggen** district, now a neighborhood with artisan's shops, complete with cobblestone streets. Just across the street is the famous **fish market**, which serves delicious seafood. The **Fleibanen funicular** can also take you up to the top of **Mount Fløyen** for views of the city.

Your voyage begins

## Day 2: Florø - Molde



### Time in port:

- Florø: 02:45 a.m. - 03:00 a.m.
- Måløy: 05:15 a.m. - 05:30 a.m.
- Torvik: 08:20 a.m. - 08:30 a.m.
- Ålesund (11/01 to 03/31): 09:45 a.m. - 08:00 p.m.

## Day 3: Kristiansund - Rørvik



### Time in port:

- Kristiansund: 02:45 a.m. - 03:00 a.m.
- Trondheim: 09:45 a.m. - 12:45 p.m.
- Rørvik: 09:40 p.m. - 10:00 p.m.

## Iconic architecture and fantastic fjords

Enjoy early morning in the Nordfjord, near Torvik. Then we'll sail past the West Cape for our approach to Ålesund.

### Art Nouveau city

Ålesund is renowned for its beautiful **Art Nouveau architecture** and Atlanterhavsparken, one of northern Europe's largest saltwater aquariums. If you're traveling with us in spring or winter, you'll have most of the day to explore this picturesque town.

### Into the fjords

In spring\* and in autumn, your ship will sail to **Hjørundfjord**, hidden away in the Sunnmøre Alps. There'll also be a call at the scenic village of Urke to gaze at the view of thousand-year-old farms, the fjord, and the lush mountainsides.

*\*Only on voyages departing in 2025-26.*

### Mountains and roses

The last port of the day is Molde. In summer, there might just enough daylight to see the amazing view of the 222 mountain peaks across the fjord, called the **'Molde Panorama'**.

And from mid-June to late August, the streets and gardens are adorned with roses of all shades and scents, all solidify Molde's nickname as the **'City of Roses'**.

## City of Kings and Palaces

This section of the voyage sees us to the Trøndelag region of Norway, marked by crumpled hills, fields dotted with farmsteads, and low-lying coastal settlements.

### Magical, medieval, and modern

Trondheim was founded by Viking King Olav Tryggvason in 997 A.D. and is now Norway's third-largest city. It features a mix of historic buildings and a vibrant student population.

You'll have three hours to explore Trondheim and its various highlights, either on your own or on one of our optional excursions.

A must-see site of the city is **Nidaros Cathedral**, nicknamed 'Norway's Notre Dame' for its Gothic architectural style. It is considered the most sacred building in all of Norway. Next door to the cathedral is the **Archbishop's Palace**, where Norway's crown jewels are on display.

Nearby, the old city bridge **Gamle Bybro** sits over Nid River, marking the entrance to the old Hanseatic district of **Bakklandet**. The neighborhood's colorful wooden wharves, which are propped up on stilts by the river's edge, now house a variety of restaurants. Up from Bakklandet is **Kristiansten Fort**, which features beautiful panoramic views of the city and fjord.

### Back on board

In the afternoon, the ship will sail northwest, passing the ochre-colored **Kjeungskjær Lighthouse**, islets, and rocky reefs. After that, we'll head towards charming Rørvik.



#### Day 4: Brønnøysund - Svolvær



##### Time in port:

- Brønnøysund: 01:35 a.m. - 01:45 a.m.
- Sandnessjøen: 04:35 a.m. - 04:50 a.m.
- Nesna: 06:00 a.m. - 06:10 a.m.
- Ørnes: 10:00 a.m. - 10:10 a.m.
- Bodø: 01:05 p.m. - 03:20 p.m.
- Stamsund: 07:15 p.m. - 07:40 p.m.
- Svolvær: 09:20 p.m. - 10:15 p.m.

## Into the Arctic

We cross the **Arctic Circle** early in the morning, beginning your Arctic tour of Norway. We mark the moment with a traditional ceremony that's sure to wake you up.

Above the Arctic Circle in summer, you can enjoy the sun 24 hours a day, while in winter, your chances of seeing the Northern Lights greatly improve.

### Forces of nature

At 10 a.m., we'll dock in Ørnes, near Norway's second-largest glacier, **Svartisen**. The pier here is popular for the '**Love Bench**', where sweethearts declare their lasting romance with a padlock.

Then we'll sail to Bodø, Northern Norway's second-largest city, overlooked by the Børvass peaks. Admire fabulous street art or join an optional boat excursion to **Saltstraumen**, the world's most powerful maelstrom.

Stamsund is home to one of the largest fishing fleets in the islands, which is busiest between January and April, when the Arctic cod—known locally as *skrei*—swim from the Barents Sea in the north down to Vestfjord to spawn.

This evening, you'll know you've arrived in the pretty harbor of Svolvær when you see rows of traditional fisherman's huts on stilts, known as *rorbuer*. This is the main town of the Lofoten Islands.

#### Day 5: Stokmarknes - Skjervøy



##### Time in port:

- Stokmarknes: 01:30 a.m. - 01:40 a.m.
- Sortland: 02:55 a.m. - 03:10 a.m.
- Risøyhamn: 04:35 a.m. - 04:50 a.m.
- Harstad: 07:10 a.m. - 07:45 a.m.
- Finnsnes: 11:00 a.m. - 11:30 a.m.
- Tromsø: 2:15 p.m. - 6:15 p.m.
- Skjervøy: 10:10 p.m. - 10:25 p.m.

## Capital of the Arctic

We dock in Harstad just after 7 a.m. Feel free to have 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. Keep your eyes peeled for a variety of seabirds, including puffins, as there are several colonies nearby.

### Gateway to the Arctic

Then we'll sail to the historic Arctic exploration capital of Tromsø, 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. Pop in to one of the many shops and restaurants in the city center, including **Mack Brewery** and the **Ølhallen pub**, a favorite local watering hole. There are also cafés offering delicious cinnamon buns where baristas create innovative coffee-foam art. Across the fjord from where the ship docks, check out the iconic **Arctic Cathedral**, with its beautiful stained-glass mosaic.

Leaving Tromsø in the early evening, we'll head north for the trading post of Skjervøy, founded in 1622. On our way, we'll pass the **Lyngen Alps**, which rise majestically from the sea.

## Day 6: Øksfjord - Berlevåg



### Time in port:

- Øksfjord: 01:50 a.m. - 02:00 a.m.
- Hammerfest: 05:05 a.m. - 05:45 a.m.
- Havøysund: 08:30 a.m. - 08:45 a.m.
- Honningsvåg: 10:55 a.m. - 02:30 p.m.
- Kjøllefjord: 04:40 p.m. - 05:00 p.m.
- Mehamn: 06:55 p.m. - 07:15 p.m.
- Berlevåg: 10:00 p.m. - 10:10 p.m.

## Norway's Northern Frontier

The ship reaches the town of Hammerfest on the island of Kvaløya early in the morning. In the summer, herds of **reindeer** migrate to the island by the thousands.

You'll know we've reached Havøysund when you see the wind turbines of the landmark **Havøygavlen wind farm**, which produces enough electricity to power 6,000 local homes.

### At the top of Europe

In the mid-morning, we'll arrive at Honningsvåg, the portal to the **North Cape**, where a globe monument marks the top of continental Europe. An optional excursion will take you to North Cape from Honningsvåg by bus, passing herds of reindeer on the way, depending on the season.

Near the entrance of the Kjøllefjord village, look out for the striking, building-like rock formation **Finnkirka**, an ancient sacrificial site once used by the indigenous Sámi. You can join an optional summer excursion to meet local Sámi, learn about their reindeer-herding life, and listen to *joik* folk songs.

### Continuing north

We'll reach our northernmost port of call, Mehamn, in the evening. If you're visiting during the months of February and March, you might spot cod drying on outdoor wooden racks, called *hjell*, mainly destined for export.

## Day 7: Båtsfjord - Berlevåg



### Time in port:

- Båtsfjord: 12:00 a.m. - 12:30 a.m.
- Vardø: 03:30 a.m. - 03:45 a.m.
- Vadsø: 06:55 a.m. - 07:10 a.m.
- Kirkenes: 9:00 a.m. - 12:30 p.m.
- Vardø: 04:05 p.m. - 05:00 p.m.
- Båtsfjord: 08:00 p.m. - 08:30 p.m.
- Berlevåg: 10:25 p.m. - 10:35 p.m.

## Norway's Eastern Edge

We call at Båtsfjord and Vardø during the night, before docking at Vadsø early in the morning.

### Look to the skies

The area around Vadsø is one of the most scenic and popular **birdwatching** spots in the Arctic, lying directly under the migration path of birds flying from east to west. Watch for Hooded Crows and Sea Eagles.

### Near the Norwegian border

By the time we reach Kirkenes after breakfast, you'll have traveled farther east than St. Petersburg and Istanbul! You'll have many optional excursions to choose from to explore the area.

### The journey's turning point

Kirkenes is where the Norwegian Coastal Express changes direction and the ship heads south. Several of the places we stopped at during the night we'll now see during the day.

Back in Vardø, visit the solemn **Witches' Monument** and the star-shaped **Vardøhus Fortress**, built in 1737. The northernmost fortification of any kind, it remains in use by the military to this day.

We'll return to the small, bustling port of Båtsfjord and then make for Berlevåg in the late evening, crossing paths with the northbound ship.



## Day 8: Mehamn - Tromsø



### Time in port:

- Mehamn: 01:20 a.m. - 01:30 a.m.
- Kjøllefjord: 03:25 a.m. - 03:35 a.m.
- Honningsvåg: 05:45 a.m. - 06:00 a.m.
- Havøysund: 08:00 a.m. - 08:15 a.m.
- Hammerfest: 11:00 a.m. - 12:45 p.m.
- Øksfjord: 03:50 p.m. - 04:05 p.m.
- Skjervøy: 07:30 p.m. - 7:45 p.m.
- Tromsø: 11:45 p.m. - 01:30 a.m.

## At the top of Europe

We make stops at Mehamn and Kjøllefjord during the night before early-morning visits to Honningsvåg and Havøysund.

### The northernmost city

In the early afternoon, you'll spend time in Hammerfest, which has the largest population on a list of the world's northernmost settlements.

See the UNESCO-listed **Meridian Column**, shop for souvenirs at the **Polar Bear Society**, or take the path behind the town to the viewpoint atop **Mount Salen**.

### Mountains and marine mammals

We'll continue cruising Norway's coastline south to Øksfjord and then continue to Skjervøy, surrounded by mountain peaks. We've been docking at this vital fishing port since 1896.

If you're visiting in the winter, you might spot the 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, stroll the still-busy city in glorious 24-hour daylight.

## Day 9: Tromsø - Stamsund



### Time in port:

- Tromsø: 11:45 p.m. - 01:30 a.m.
- Finnsnes: 04:20 a.m. - 04:40 a.m.
- Harstad: 08:00 a.m. - 08:30 a.m.
- Risøyhamn: 10:45 a.m. - 11:00 a.m.
- Sortland: 12:30 p.m. - 01:00 p.m.
- Stokmarknes: 02:15 p.m. - 03:15 p.m.
- Svolvær: 06:30 p.m. - 08:30 p.m.
- Stamsund: 10:15 p.m. - 10:30 p.m.

## High Peaks and Idyllic Islands

On this day, you'll be exploring the archipelagos of Lofoten and Vesterålen, true highlights of our scenic Norwegian route.

After a call at Finnsnes in the early morning, the ship calls at Harstad. Here lies the world's northernmost medieval stone church on the peninsula: the white-washed **Trondenes Church**.

Next we'll stop at Risøyhamn, our smallest port of call. Then it's off to Sortland, where the landscape slowly transforms from hills to mountains towering over 3,280 feet high.

### Our birthplace

Stokmarknes is where captain Richard With launched The Norwegian Coastal Express in 1893. Visit **Hurtigrutemuseet**, a building resembling a ship in a bottle. It chronicles the Hurtigruten legacy, centered around retired ship MS Finnmarken from 1956.

### A ship-sized fjord

Sailing along **Raftsund**, the Captain may choose to take the ship into the tiny **Trollfjord** if the weather allows. The mountain walls will look so close, you'll think you can reach out and touch them! To exit the fjord, the ship will rotate 180 degrees in a single spot, then sail back out. Remember to look out for **sea eagles** here, too.

### Leaving Lofoten

We'll reach Svolvær in the evening. The huge mountain that sits above the town is named the '**Svolvær Goat**', due to its supposed resemblance. See if you agree!

## Day 10: Bodø - Rørvik



### Time in port:

- Bodø: 02:30 a.m. - 03:30 a.m.
- Ørnes: 06:25 a.m. - 06:35 a.m.
- Nesna: 10:25 a.m. - 10:35 a.m.
- Sandnessjøen: 11:45 a.m. - 12:15 p.m.
- Brønnøysund: 03:00 p.m. - 05:25 p.m.
- Rørvik: 09:00 p.m. - 09:30 p.m.

## A landscape fit for trolls

The ship will call at Bodø in the wee hours of the morning and then at Ørnes at 7 a.m. Then, we'll cross over the **Arctic Circle** just after breakfast. We'll commemorate the moment with the time-honored tradition of tasting a spoonful of good ol' Norwegian cod liver oil!

Next, we'll make a short stop at Nesna before sailing on to Sandnessjøen, the gateway to the magnificent Helgeland Coast.

### Legend has it ...

Admire the stunning landscape of the Seven Sisters mountain range, with peaks stretching up to 3,600 feet. According to legend, seven beautiful troll princesses were caught outside as the sun rose as they fled from an unwanted suitor. The sun turned them into the seven beautiful mountains you see today.

We'll reach Brønnøysund in mid-afternoon. Explore the bustling marina on a walk along **Havnegata**. In the center of town is **Brønnøy Church**, a Neo-Gothic style stone church dating back to 1870.

Our last stop of the day is the cozy fishing port of Rørvik in the picturesque **Vikna Archipelago**.

## Day 11: Trondheim - Ålesund



### Time in port:

- Trondheim: 06:30 a.m. - 09:30 a.m.
- Kristiansund: 04:30 p.m. - 05:30 p.m.
- Molde: 09:15 p.m. - 09:45 p.m.

## Coastal Communities and Klippfisk

We'll 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. Then visit the sacred **Nidaros Cathedral**, the resting place of St. Olav. Walk to the **Gamle Bybro** bridge for a photo opportunity over the **Nid River**.

Perhaps treat yourself to quality coffee and a Nordic patisserie in one of the **Bakklandet** district's many chic cafés. Then walk up to **Kristiansten Fort** for sweeping views of Norway's third-largest city.

### Dealing in dried cod

We dock at Kristiansund's harbor in the late afternoon. The town is spread over three islands and known for being Norway's 'Bacalao Capital' (called *klippfisk* in Norwegian) for the salted cod that's dried out on the surrounding cliffs.

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 lovely panoramic views.

### Peaks and petals

The second-to-last port of the day is Molde, where you can spot the tops of the **Romsdal Alps**. Flowers should be in bloom in this 'City of Roses' between mid-June and late August.

## Day 12: Ålesund - Bergen



### Time in port:

- Ålesund: 00:30 a.m. - 01:20 a.m.
- Torvik: 02:35 a.m. - 02:45 a.m.
- Måløy: 05:45 a.m. - 06:00 a.m.
- Florø: 08:15 a.m. - 08:30 a.m.

## Until next time

At least for this time around, your voyage will reach its end today. During the previous night, we'll have called at Ålesund and Torvik. On our approach to Måløy, you might catch a glimpse of the Norwegian Coastal Express heading north (if you're up early enough).

### Morning highlights

You'll have the chance to glimpse the **Nordfjord**, under the enormous **Jostedal Glacier**, mainland Europe's largest.

The ship then docks at Florø in the morning. There, you can take in the harbor and marina.

### The home stretch

Leaving Florø, you'll see **Stabben Lighthouse**, a favorite subject for photographers. Enjoy stunning views as we cross the mouth of the **Sognefjord**, the longest and widest fjord in all of Norway.

As we reach our final port in the afternoon, the ship will navigate through the last islands and skerries of our scenic route, and sail down the **Hjeltefjord** 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-cruise Post-Programs that you can add to your voyage, including seeing the **Sognefjord** by train or a tour of **Oslo**.

# What's included

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- 12-day voyage in the cabin category of your choice
- Full board (breakfast, lunch, and dinner) from Norway's Coastal Kitchen
- Norwegian- and English-speaking Coastal Experience Team

### Engaging onboard activities and lectures:

- Onboard lectures and presentations on Norway's history, biology, geography, geology and culture
- Introductory photo presentation, camera adjustment and tips and tricks, photo and film footage from the voyage
- A welcome event and daily gatherings to recap the day and prepare for the day to come
- Presentations about the ports we visit
- Presentation of excursion options
- Point of interest presentations on deck
- Captain's dinner and a farewell event

## Not Included

- Flights and transfers
- Travel insurance
- Optional seasonal excursions
- Baggage handling
- Optional hikes with the Coastal Experience Team

## Notes

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- Prices are in USD, per person, based on two people traveling together sharing a cabin
- Not all cabin categories are available for all departures
- Single cabin pricing is available on request
- Hurtigruten has a flexible pricing system and all prices are capacity controlled and subject to availability