



HURTIGRUTEN

2016-2017 CLOSER TO THE COAST OF

NORWAY





DEAR ADVENTURER

The essence of Norway's appeal is remarkably simple: this is one of the most beautiful countries on earth, and Hurtigruten is an adventure that is unmistakably Norwegian. "The world's most beautiful sea voyage" is often the phrase used to describe the traditional Hurtigruten sailing from Bergen to Kirkenes and back, and we couldn't agree more.

Our ships sail calmly through majestic fjords and call on remote small ports where many larger vessels are unable to enter on a daily basis. We think that ours is the best way to explore Norway. We have sailed along the Norwegian coast since 1893, but we are still exploring and introducing new fjords and excursions along the long and rugged Norwegian coast.

I invite you to join us for an adventure filled with natural and active experiences. On a single voyage you will visit 34 ports where 22 are north of the Arctic Circle, see unparalleled natural wonders and feel what fresh food from local suppliers mean. And along the journey you might discover that disco lights and skylines are quite boring compared to the Northern Lights or the Midnight Sun.

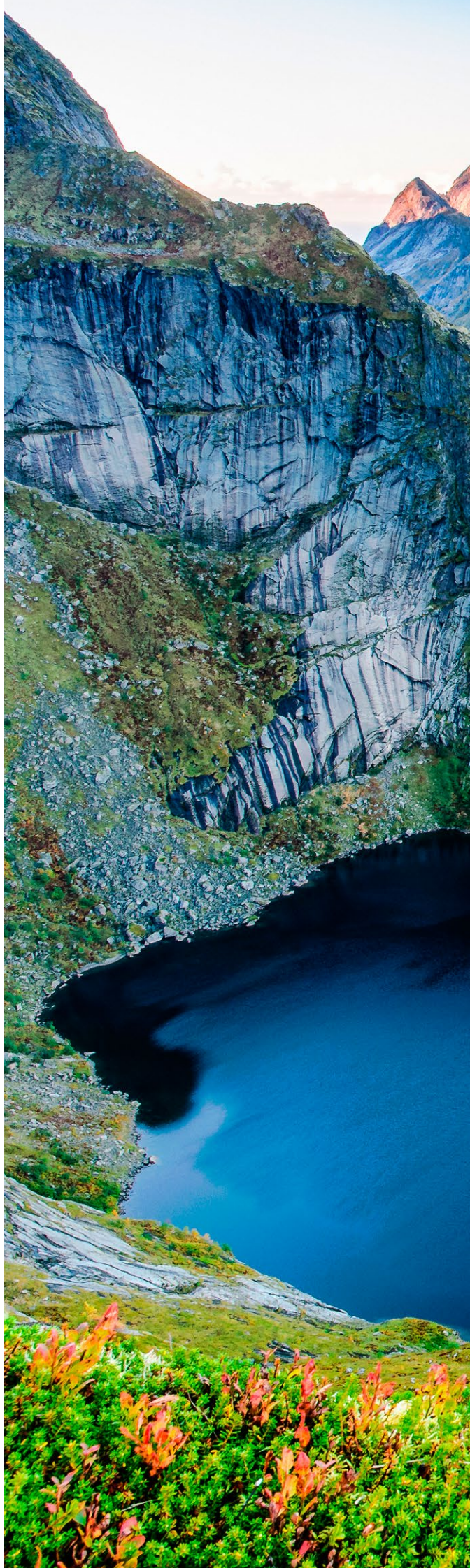
If you're up for it, you can take part in our extensive excursion program, ranging from RIB safaris and whale watching to a Viking feast and sea eagle safari. There's even the chance to sleep out on deck under the polar stars. When you choose to sail with us along the extraordinary coast of Norway, we guarantee you this: On board the Original Coastal Voyage you will not only feel like a Norwegian explorer, you **will be one**.

Welcome on board!



Daniel A. Skjeldam

CEO, Hurtigruten AS
June 2015





NORWAY

RUSSIA

FINLAND

SWEDEN

Oslo

Bergen

Florø

Måløy

Torvik

Alesund

Kristiansund

Trondheim

Rørvik

Brønnøysund

Sandnessjøen

Nesna

Ørnes

Bodø

Stamsund

Svølvær

Trollfjord

Harstad

Finnsnes

Tromsø

Lyngenfjord

Skjervøy

Øksfjord

Hammerfest

Havøysund

Honningsvåg

Kjøllefjord

Mehann

Berlevåg

Båtsfjord

Vardø

Vadsø

Kirkenes

Geirangerfjord

Hjørundfjord

TIMETABLE DAY BY DAY

NORTHBOUND

SOUTHBOUND

DAY		Departure Bergen	
		01.01.-31.05. & 01.11.-31.12	01.06.-31.10.*
1	from BERGEN	22:30	20:00
2	from FLORØ	04:45	02:15
	from MÅLØY	07:30	04:30
	from TORVIK	10:45	07:30
	to ÅLESUND	12:00	08:45
	to GEIRANGER	-	13:25*
	to HJØRUNDFJORD	-	11:30*
	from ÅLESUND	15:00	19:00
	from MOLDE	18:30	22:15
3	from KRISTIANSUND	23:00	02:00
	to TRONDHEIM	06:00	08:30
	from TRONDHEIM	12:00	12:00
	from RØRVIK	21:15	21:15
4	from BRØNNØYSUND	01:00	01:00
	from SANDNESSJØEN	04:15	04:15
	from NESNA	05:30	05:30
	from ØRNES	09:30	09:30
	to BODØ	12:30	12:30
	from BODØ	15:00	15:00
	from STAMSUND	19:30	19:30
	to SVOLVÆR	21:00	21:00
	from SVOLVÆR	22:00	22:00
5	from STOKMARKNES	01:15	01:15
	from SORTLAND	03:00	03:00
	from RISØYHAMN	04:30	04:30
	to HARSTAD	06:45	06:45
	from HARSTAD	08:00	08:00
	from FINNSNES	11:45	11:45
	to TROMSØ	14:30	14:30
	from TROMSØ	18:30	18:30
	from SKJERVØY	22:45	22:45
6	from ØKSFJORD	02:15	02:15
	to HAMMERFEST	05:15	05:15
	from HAMMERFEST	06:00	06:00
	from HAVØYSUND	09:15	09:15
	to HONNINGSVÅG	11:15	11:15
	from HONNINGSVÅG	14:45	14:45
	from KJØLLEFJORD	17:15	17:15
	from MEHAMN	19:30	19:30
	from BERLEVÅG	22:00	22:00
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	from VARDØ	03:30	03:30
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	from VADSØ	-	-
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* 02.06.-31.08. Geirangerfjord incl., 02.09.-31.10. Hjørundfjord (Urke) incl. At Geiranger and Urke embarkation/disembarkation is by small tender.

** Please note for Arctic Awakening period (dep. Bergen 01.04. to 31.05.) departure time from Hammerfest on the southbound will be 11:45 due to diversion into Lyngen.

*** Sailing between Skjervøy - Tromsø is via Lyngen, during Arctic Awakening periode on southbound voyage.

The timetable is valid from 1.1.2016-31.3.2017. We reserve the right to make changes.

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An aerial photograph of a Norwegian fjord. The water is a deep, vibrant blue, surrounded by steep, rocky mountains with patches of green and yellow vegetation. In the foreground, a small village with red-roofed houses and a winding road is visible. The sky is clear and blue.

GET READY TO EXPLORE NORWAY

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JOIN US



A photograph of Captain Brynjard Ulvøy, a middle-aged man with glasses and a mustache, wearing a dark navy uniform with gold stripes on the sleeves. He is standing on the bridge of a ship, with a large window behind him showing a coastal landscape. The bridge is equipped with various electronic displays and control panels.

Captain Brynjard Ulvøy on MS Trollford

WELCOME TO MY OFFICE

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I don't think you'll
find anyone with a
nicer or more varied
office view than me.



Maybe they feel a bit more alive when the forces of Mother Nature are raging around them?



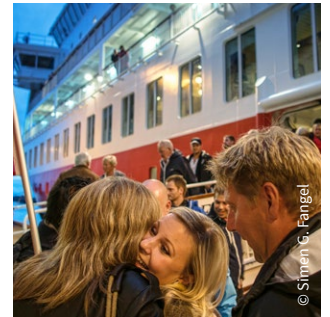
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INTERVIEW WITH CAPTAIN BRYNJARD ULVØY ON MS TROLLFJORD

Every year captain Brynjar Ulvøy steers the MS Trollfjord 18.000 nautical miles along the Norwegian coast.

- Hurtigruten is a vital link along the coast. No one comes closer to the life along the route or to the cities, towns and hamlets than us, he says.

Captain Ulvøy steers the MS Trollfjord safely over the Vestfjord, as he has done many times before. Still he never ceases to get enthused over the view from the "office" on the bridge.

- I don't think you'll find anyone with a nicer or more varied office view than me! With eight round trips a year, each on 2,360 miles,

you can say that I know these waters pretty well. The surroundings change all the time, as do the weather, the nature and the colours, says Ulvøy.

Everyday poetry

Through the large window he is witnessing everything from the most spectacular nature phenomena's to the small moments that make the everyday life along the coast; Whales spouting as they make their way into a fjord, sea eagles flying over deck or northern lights flickering over the sky. Or the 16 year old waiting for his first scooter or the girl running down the gangway to meet her grandparents.

- It's occasionally poetic to see mail and cargo getting loaded on

and off the ship. These are things the coastal people are dependent of. Witnessing this is something you won't see with other ships, says Brynjar Ulvøy.

Loves the forklifts

The captain notices that guests too are fascinated of the unique combination of the ships being the "highway of the coast" as well as offering adventure tourism.

- Our guests find it exotic and intriguing being a part of the everyday life along the coast. This might be one of the reasons why the forklift on the pier is one of the most popular motives on photos.

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1 Locals travelling from port to port one of the things that makes a journey with Hurtigruten so unique.

2 The varied nature and light along the coast is something captain Ulvøy never gets tired of seeing.

3 A lot of our guests like to stand on deck during a bit of rough weather. It makes them feel alive, says the captain.

4 Ulvøy witnesses everything from the most spectacular nature phenomena's to small moments that make up everyday life along the coast. Happy reunions is a common sight every time one of our ships dock in one of our 34 ports of call.



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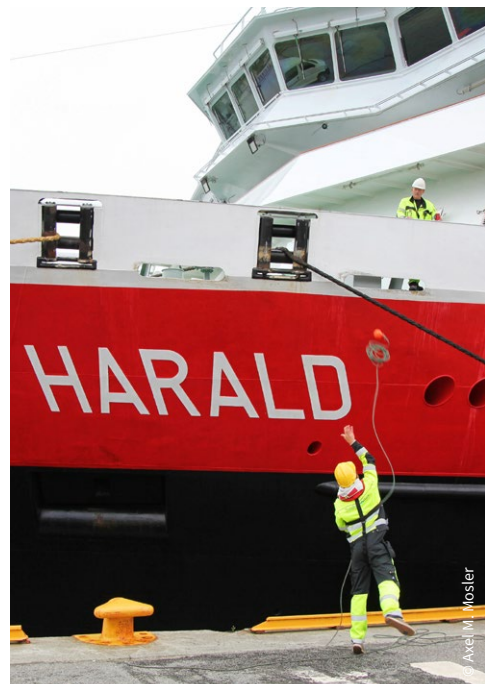


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It's occasionally poetic to see mail and cargo getting loaded on and off the ship.



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1 The Hurtigruten ships have been carrying cargo and mail along the Norwegian coast for more than 120 years.

2 Many of our guests think it is exciting to watch the workers on board and on the dock when we make a stop, the captain says.

3 Maybe the world's most beautiful mail route.

4 We transport a mix of locals, guests and road trip tourists that wants a break from the road.

5 We are proud of our friendly crew, says the captain.

6 From Bergen to Kirkenes, we stop at 34 ports. If you travel from Bergen to Kirkenes and back again, you will see all 34 ports in daylight.

CONTINUED WELCOME TO MY OFFICE

- Of course they don't mind a shot or two of the Northern Lights, midnight sun and scenic fjords when we happen to stumble upon them, as you often do with Hurtigruten. But there is definitely something about the forklifts that our guests love. With our small ships, we are the only one that has vessels that are suitable for visiting all those small ports and getting close to the people living along the coast, says Ulvøy.

Dining with the guests

Throughout the 20 years on board Hurtigruten, he has become well acquainted with his passengers and what they are passionate about. Every single day he fixes his uniform before going down to

the restaurant to dine with the guests. At the captain's table, there is always a possibility to have a small chat - and many do so.

- It is very nice to have this kind of contact with the guests on board. We mostly talk about the weather, especially if it was a little bit rough the day before. Then they are excited about hearing how "bad" it really was. The windier and the higher the waves, the more they smile. I think they like a bit of rough weather, and a lot of people like being out on deck at that time, says the captain.

Indescribably beautiful

He too loves Mother Nature, even when he is steering the MS Troll-

fjord safely into port in stormy weather. He is careful to rank the different nature experiences against each other especially since every season and every fjord offers their own unique experiences.

But when asked directly he reveals a small personal favourite. - I've had some fantastic sailings through Raftsundet in September. The peaks are covered with pure white snow, the mountains are red and the fish jumps in the ocean. Actually it's almost impossible to describe, that's how beautiful it is, Ulvøy says and continues:

- All in all the natural highlights and experiences are lined up

when traveling with us. I guess that's why so many people chooses to sail with us. They are there to experience, both on board and with our excursions.

Forgotten smorgasbord

No cargo is the same for Hurtigruten. - Once we were supposed to deliver a smorgasbord for a formal dinner on an oilrig in the North Sea. Problem was, we forgot to unload it when we arrived at the designated port. It stayed in the cargo. That was a small disaster, the captain remembers, laughing.

We are proud of our maritime tradition

SAILING IN THE WAKE OF GIANTS

In the late 19th Century, the 780-mile coastline from Bergen to Kirkenes was a busy route for all sort of shipping, from steamers to the single sailed jakts. But services were unreliable, infrequent and rarely sailed at night, making the journey from north to south a long and arduous experience.

The government wished to remedy the situation and invited shipping companies to submit tenders to operate an express route between Trondheim and Tromsø or Hammerfest depending on the season. Back then there were only 28 lighthouses north of Trondheim, making nighttime sailing very risky. But the owner of a newly formed company showed an interest for the route despite the dangers. This man was Richard With.

In 1893, Captain Richard With's steamer, DS Vesterdaalen, was brought into regular service along the coast of Norway, and a regular sea link was established. The service offered several weekly departures, first from Trondheim to Hammerfest and later from

Bergen to Kirkenes in only seven days. He called this important connection "hurtigruten," meaning the fast route.

In 1896 Hurtigruten started the sportsman route to Spitsbergen, the beginning of our Explorer voyages that now are expanded to include Spitsbergen, Iceland, Greenland and Antarctica.

Hurtigruten's eleven coastal ships still carry freight and passengers along the coast of Norway, and our captains use their extensive maritime expertise to ensure that guests and goods are safely carried from port to port. Today, as they have been for more than 120 years, our ships are the best way to explore Norwegian coastal life.

Our ships have been a vital link between the cities, towns and hamlets, carrying local passengers, freight and guests since 1893



HISTORY



1893

On 2 July, our first steamship DS Vesterdaalen sailed from Trondheim, docking in nine ports along the way, and arriving in Hammerfest 30 minutes ahead of schedule 5. July.

1896

Hurtigruten's founder, Richard With opened a hotel on Spitsbergen, and the Hurtigruten "Sportsman's Route" was put into operation between Hammerfest and Svalbard.



1898

The route along the Norwegian coast was extended to the south and included Bergen with one weekly departure.

1908

Kirkenes, near the Russian border, became the northern turning point of the coastal voyage.

1922

The Lofoten and Vesterdaalen archipelagos got regular stops.

1925

DS Dronning Maud was the first ship with cabins that had running water and a separate ventilation system.

1936

A ship left Bergen every day. Each year, more than 230,000 passengers travelled onboard the fleet, which comprised 14 ships.

1937

All Hurtigruten ships were equipped with a radio transmitter.

1952

Since 1949, seven new ships had been added to the fleet. The entire fleet transported 500,000 passengers a year. The separation of classes was done away with.



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1968

Hurtigruten started an express route to Spitsbergen in the summer months.

1982/1983

The new vessels MS Vesterålen, MS Midnatsol and MS Narvik replaced older ships. The Midnatsol was the first of our ships to have a side hatch for easier loading and unloading.

1993

Hurtigruten celebrated its 100th birthday. Eleven ships were in regular, permanent service.

2001

MS Lofoten (built in 1964) was given protected status by the Norwegian Directorate of Cultural Heritage.

2002

MS Nordnorge sailed to the Antarctic Peninsula for the first time. Two new ships, MS Trollfjord and MS Finnmarken, commenced their maiden voyages along the Norwegian coast.

2003

The new MS Midnatsol was christened in Hamburg.

2007

The new Hurtigruten expedition ship, MS Fram, was ceremoniously christened by Her Royal Highness Crown Princess Mette-Marit in Oslo before her maiden Hurtigruten voyage to Greenland.

2010

As well as exploring Greenland and the waters of the Antarctic, MS Fram started operating along the coast of Spitsbergen. The customer loyalty programme "1893 Ambassador" was introduced worldwide.

2011

The northbound journey of MS Nordnorge from Bergen to Kirkenes from 15. to 22. June was broadcasted live on Norwegian television. At 134 hours, 42 minutes and 45 seconds in length, it made it into the Guinness Book of World Records as the world's longest live broadcast.

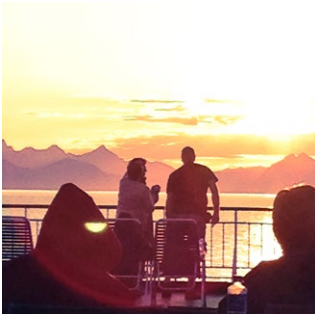
2013

Hurtigruten's 120th anniversary celebrated.

2016

Hurtigruten doubles its capacity in Antarctica. Now both MS Fram and MS Midnatsol spend the winter from October to March in Antarctic waters.

MEET US ON INSTAGRAM



And those endless summer nights
#midnightsun # hurtigruten



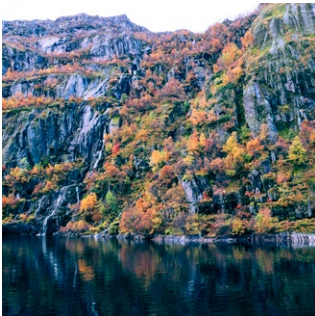
Well, hello there Rudolph!
#sami #northcape #meetings



Fishing in Lofoten
#cod #fishing #Norway



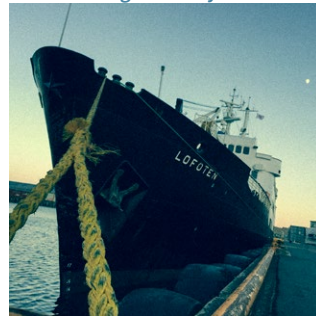
THEY ARE HUGE!!!
#whalewatching #hurtigruten



fjords, colors, eagles. Suffering!
#nofilter #autumn # hurtigruten



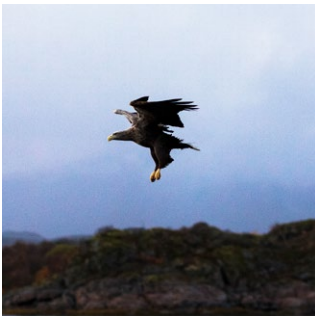
Not a bad ending of the day!
#lofoten #kayak #coastalvoyage



Soon sailing with this beauty
#mslofoten #hurtigruten



Breakfast with a view
#food #coastalvoyage #norway



Seriously: I took this photo!
#myfirsteagle #stunning #yayyy



#msnordnorge #arctic #light
#beautiful #winter



Top of the world, ma!
#northcape #hurtigruten #arctic



meet n' eat
#kingcrab #lovely #foodporn



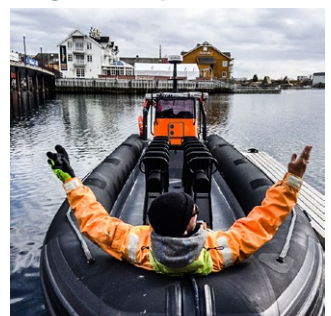
A touch of magic - the northern lights
#amazing #magical #winter



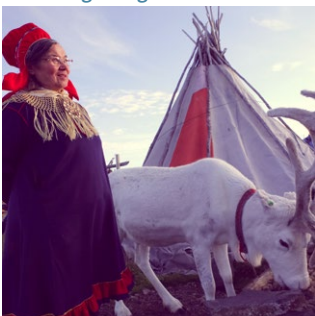
Being outdoors in Finnmark
#hurtigruten #excursion



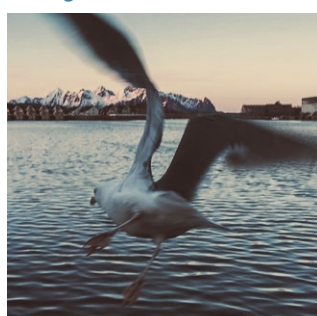
Tromsø today
#christmas #arctic #hurtigruten



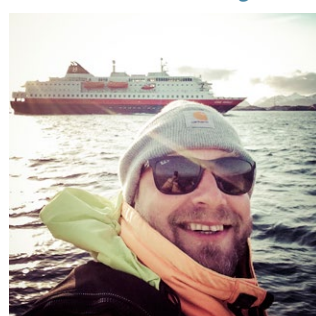
The world is my playground
#ribsafari #lofotenislands



visiting a sami camp
#thenorhcape #71degreesnorth



A seagull ruined my perfect photo!
#seagull #spring #coastalvoyage



Selfie before kayaking
#mrhunk #norway #lofoten



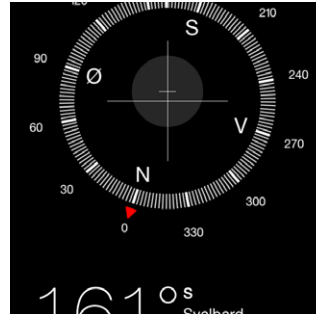
No one is going to bed... Midnight!
#midnightsun #coastalnorway



Cold place, hot bath on deck
#jacuzzi #msfram #antarctica



Camping life :)
#sleepingout #polarhero



Hmmm, we might be lost....
#nexttothenorthpole #svalbard



Meet the locals
#antarktis #pingu #msfram



Christian "on the rocks"
#snowicewhite



#havenoword #wow #OMG
#POLARBEARS!!!!

Share your photos and see what others have experienced with Hurtigruten on Instagram.
#hurtigruten.



Dogsledding in the wilderness
#svalbard #nexttothenorthpole



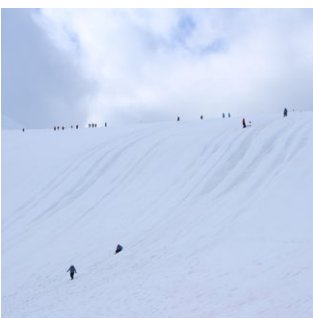
Captain Ice in Antarctica
#antarcticfun #timeofmylife



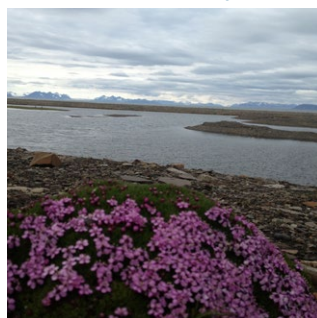
Looking like the locals
#chic #svalbardfashion



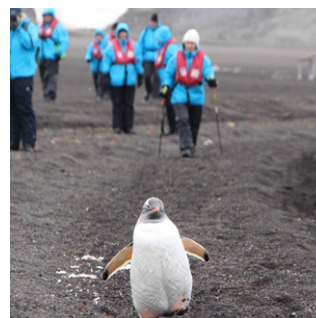
Never missed a dental appointment
#walrus #marinelife #msfram



Sliding is the new walking
#antarctica #landing #msfram



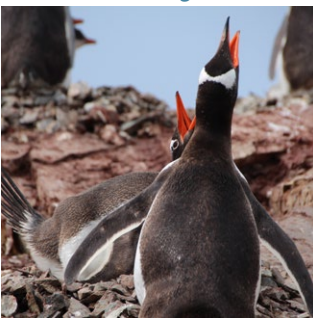
Fauna at Spitsbergen
#nature #flowers #holiday



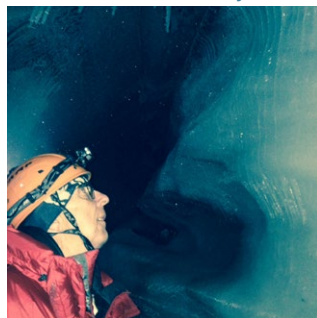
CUUUUTE!
#penguins #landings #antarctica



Team Tutti Frutti has arrived
#goodtimes #antarctica



Noisy but cute! :D
#penguinology #antarctica #fram



Ice caving was superb!!!
#spitsbergen #icecave




Visiting Horseshoe Island
#msfram #antarctica #excursion



More polar bears than humans
#spitsbergen #longyearbyen #fram

**GET
CLOSE.
REAL
CLOSE.**





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Where
the steep cliffs
hug the ship's
sides.





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SEEING IS BELIEVING

The Norwegians have been explorers for as long as they can remember. They had to be. To survive they were forced to climb mountains, row over fjords and sail across oceans.

I did some exploring myself lately. It wasn't one of those long journeys. A three-day voyage from Trondheim to the Lofoten Islands - but the experiences and memories I got was of the eternal sort. For real.

I don't know if it was because of the history within the ship's walls, the spectacular nature that surrounded me 24/7 or the tasty local food - but from the second I embarked something happened to me. All my senses got enhanced in a way. And even if the atmosphere on board was relaxed, there was a level of excitement in the air at all times.

It was like everything that surrounded me suddenly meant something, it felt important somehow. From the changing scenery to the glimpses of everyday life in the ports we visited. I saw fresh fish getting delivered to the restaurant on board, the people working on the dock joking with the crew, people saying good bye or happy reunions. These moments in time

are something I will keep with me forever.



We started with a 50 knots RIB-aww Raftsund, then we slowed down a bit when entering the even narrower Trollfjord.

My destination was Svolvær in Lofoten, where I stayed for two days. And that was some days! We started with a 50 knots RIB-adventure through the narrow Raftsund, then we slowed down a bit when entering the even narrower Trollfjord. In the fjord, close to the extremely steep mountainsides - we enjoyed the sun while pinching ourselves and gazing at the sea eagles that circled 50 meters above us.

In the afternoon we chugged out to the sea in an old fishing boat, and caught some pretty huge cods. The biggest ones were nearly 20 kilos. The sun was still shining and the

sea eagles still kept us company, sometimes they came very close. When we threw them some of the smaller cods, they plunged down to get their part of the meal - just a few meters from the boat. Then they flew back to the mountains with fish in their claws.

The second day was also extremely nice! We started by climbing up to Svolværgaitea. Once on top we took a little break, while enjoying some food and the view. A bit later that day I found myself kayaking in a small fjord surrounded by white sandy beaches, a turquoise ocean and majestic mountains.

Get the picture? If you don't - you should go see it for yourself. Like now!

H.C GRØNN
Oslo, Norway



EMILIE LYSØ GROTH
Navigation officer

There is something about the bright light, the greenery that returns to nature and the warmth that rejuvenates the landscape after the cold winter.

Navigation Officer Emilie Lysø Groth (37) navigates towards spring and the return of the light.

Groth has worked for two years with Hurtigruten, and sets the ship's course from the bridge. If she was to steer towards a season, she prefers spring when the landscape thaws after a cold winter.

- There's something about the light and colours. The most beautiful part of the voyage is the coast along Helgeland at this time. We sail past thousands of mountains and isles and the water is often totally calm. When the sun reaches the top of the mountains and a range of different light is colouring the landscape - that is simply magical, she says.



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1 In spring you can combine a Hurtigruten voyage with a ski expedition on one of the many mountains along the coast.

2 From summer temperatures in south to full winter in the north. This is why we say you can experience three seasons in one journey.

3 One of the spring highlights is when we visit the Lyngenfjord.

4 The onboard activities in spring include cod tongue cutting and a taste of fresh shrimps on deck in the Lyngenfjord.

5 Join us as we celebrate the Norwegian National Day, May 17th.

6 In Kirkenes you can participate in our winter excursions, like snowmobiling and dogsledding in spring.



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EXCURSION HIGHLIGHTS

- RIB-safari
- Dog sledding
- Kayaking
- Birdwatching
- Snowmobile trip
- Sea eagle safari
- Fishing in Lofoten

ON BOARD ACTIVITIES

- Sailing into Lyngenfjord
- Fresh Lyngen prawns on deck
- Cod tongue cutting on deck

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Being able to enjoy a meal outdoors in Bergen, and then six days later drive a snowscooter in Kirkenes - that's why the Norwegian spring is so fascinating.



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STEIN HARALD JOHANSEN
Enthusiastic passenger

I am a devoted fan of Hurtigruten, and I thrive here during summer, with the long light days and when the birds and nature seems to have an extra gear.

Stein Harald Johansen says “I do” both about getting married and the summers on board Hurtigruten.

Johansen is from Skjervøy in Troms. He was only 8 years old the first time he sailed with Hurtigruten. Since then he became so fond of the ship that the most important decisions in life are made there.

- My wife and I got engaged on board the MS Nordkapp a few years ago. And there was never any doubt that the wedding would take place on one of the ships. We embarked MS Trollfjord in Trondheim, got married in the Panorama Lounge south of Svolveær, and disembarked in Tromsø, Johansen says.

This summer they are taking yet another journey, this time for their honeymoon.

-We are going to travel from Bergen to Trondheim so my wife gets to see the fjords, something she has never done before. I am a devoted fan of Hurtigruten, and I thrive here during summer, with the long light days and when the birds and nature seems to have an extra gear.

If you travel far enough north during summer, the day never ends, says Johansen, who never gets enough of the midnight sun.

- Hurtigruten is my second home.

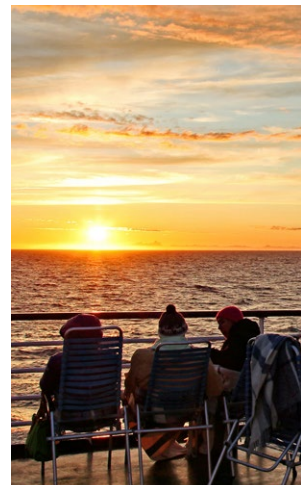


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- 1 Join an action filled RIB-adventure in Lofoten or a RIB-safari to the world strongest tidal current in Bodø.
- 2 We offer kayaking in Tromsø and Trondheim.
- 3 The Midnight Sun provides 24 hours of daylight north of the Arctic Circle.
- 4 Enjoy spending a night on deck.



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The Midnight Sun

SUMMER



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EXCURSION HIGHLIGHTS

- RIB adventure in Lofoten
- Kayaking
- Mountain hikes
- Lofoten by horse
- Whale watching

ON BOARD ACTIVITIES

- Sailing into Geiranger fjord
- Sleep on deck, under the Midnight Sun
- Enjoy Trollsoup in Trollfjord



The Autumn Gold

AUTUMN

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EXCURSION HIGHLIGHTS

- ATV/QUAD-safari to the Russian border
- Sea eagle safari
- Arctic Bushcraft
- Riverboat to the Russian border



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ON BOARD ACTIVITIES

- Sailing into Hjørundfjorden
- We serve reindeer meat on deck
- Taste cloudberries on deck



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tone MOHN

Expedition leader

Expedition leader Tone Mohn's is an enthusiastic fan of autumn, a season that is perfect for active excursions.

- It is a beautiful and dry season, making it perfect for excursions. We offer many excursions throughout the year, all accompanied by experts. Our guests are guaranteed nature experiences they will never forget - no matter what expectations they have in advance, says Mohn

As an expedition leader a part of her job is to recommend and inform guest about all the different excursions. - The Norwegians are known for embracing nature and enjoying the outdoors as a way of life. It is part of our culture, and the word "friluftsliv" (translates to open air life), has become an international word lately. Offering hikes in nature, horseback rides and berry picking, I have noticed that more and more guests love "friluftsliv". And autumn is the greatest season for being outdoors, she says.

- And then you have the colours. Nature is constantly changing. It can be green and warm in Bergen, then more yellow and orange as we approach Trondheim. The coast of Northern Norway is filled with red, and then you get a total explosion of colours in Tromsø and full winter in Kirkenes. Sometimes we witness so many nuances of colours and lights that even a colour-blind person would get tears in their eyes, says Mohn.

Autumn is the season when nature's pantry is full of delicacies. - On one excursion we go pick berries, like cloudberries or lingonberries, and then make jam of it afterwards. We also have associates who know where to find all the different berries, and as a guest you will have a chance to taste nature's own gold, the cloudberry, on deck as well.

1 On a ATV/Quad-safari to the Russian border, you will learn more about the history and culture of the Kirkenes area.

2 In autumn nature's pantry is full of delicacies, like the cloudberry.

3 Enjoy "friluftsliv" along the coast.

4 Join the sea eagle safari to see the majestic king of birds up close.

5 We sail into the beautiful Hjørundfjord in autumn.



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NILS EINAR SKAGTUN
Bartender on Hurtigruten

Bartender Nils Einar Skagtun prefers the winter, and is filled with inner peace when he finds himself under the starlit polar sky.

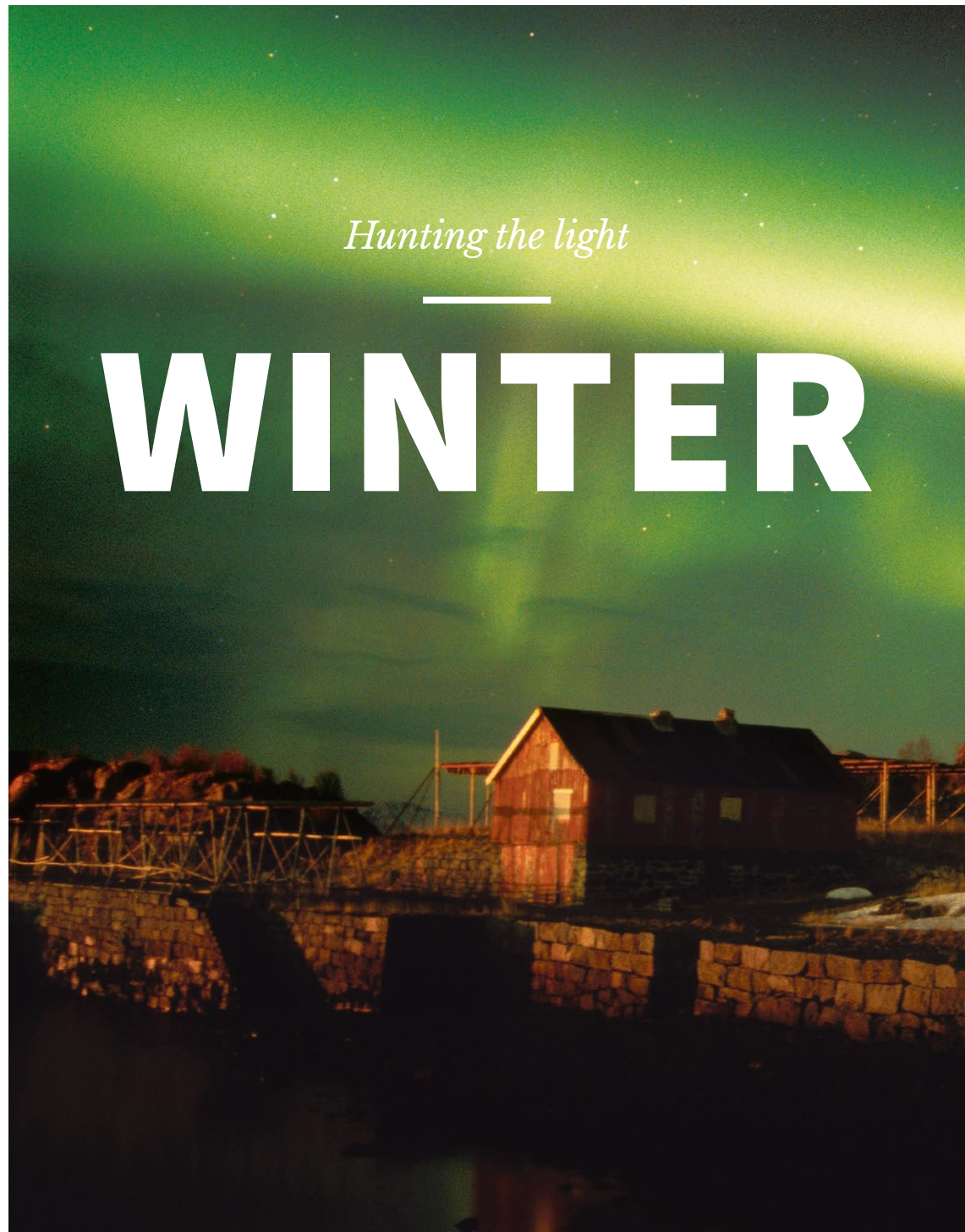
Skagtun says that winter has its own and very distinct atmosphere, and it's not only him who notices it, everybody on board feels it too.

- There is something really special with the winter. It is during the polar nights that nature's own floodlights really reveal their true purpose. And I'm not thinking about the sun now - we don't see much of that during winter, but the moon and the stars. There is nothing more peaceful than standing under a sparkling and starlit polar sky, says Skagtun.

- Except for the times when the flickering northern lights colour the sky, of course.

Christmas is also a highlight on board. When the ship is festively decorated for a genuine Norwegian Christmas, the restaurant smells deliciously of Christmas food and the crew and guests are filled with peace and tranquillity.

- For the last three years my sister and her family have celebrated Christmas on board Hurtigruten. The whole family, including their three children, loves the calm atmosphere on board and everything is prepared for a perfect Christmas.



Hunting the light

WINTER



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Even if the winter darkness surrounds us during the most of the journey, the light is still present in its own magical way.

EXCURSION HIGHLIGHTS

- Dog sledding
- Whale watching winter
- Snowmobile safari
- Into the ice - stories of a polar hero

ON BOARD ACTIVITIES

- King crabs from the Barents Sea
- Freshly cooked fish cakes served on deck
- We sail past the light art at Finnkirka, a Sámi sacrificial site



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1 Hurtigruten is the best way to experience the magical Northern Lights.

2 Whale watching in the Arctic.

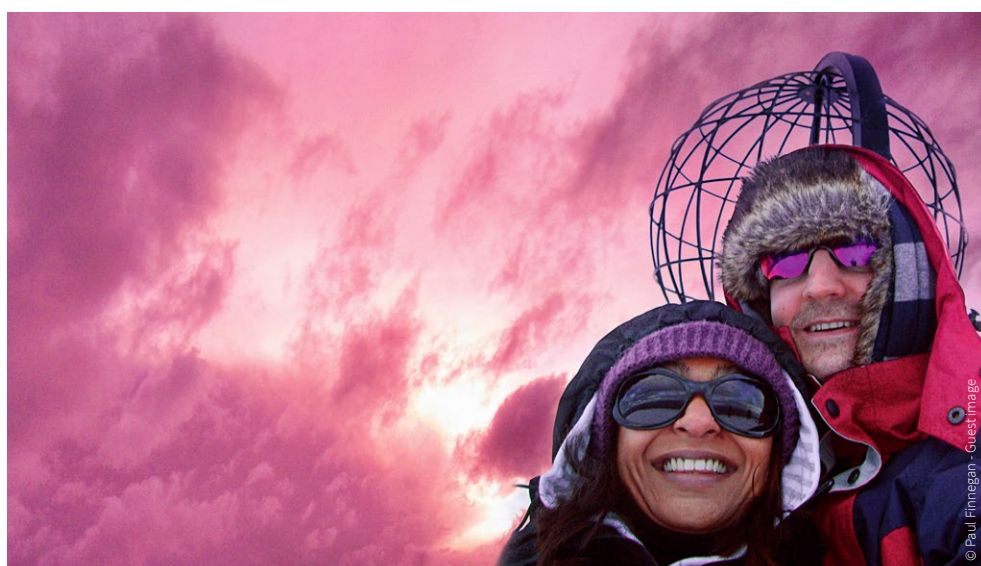
3 Join several snowmobile excursions.

4 Dogsledding is a polar expedition in miniature.

5 A visit to the North Cape is a refreshing experience in winter.



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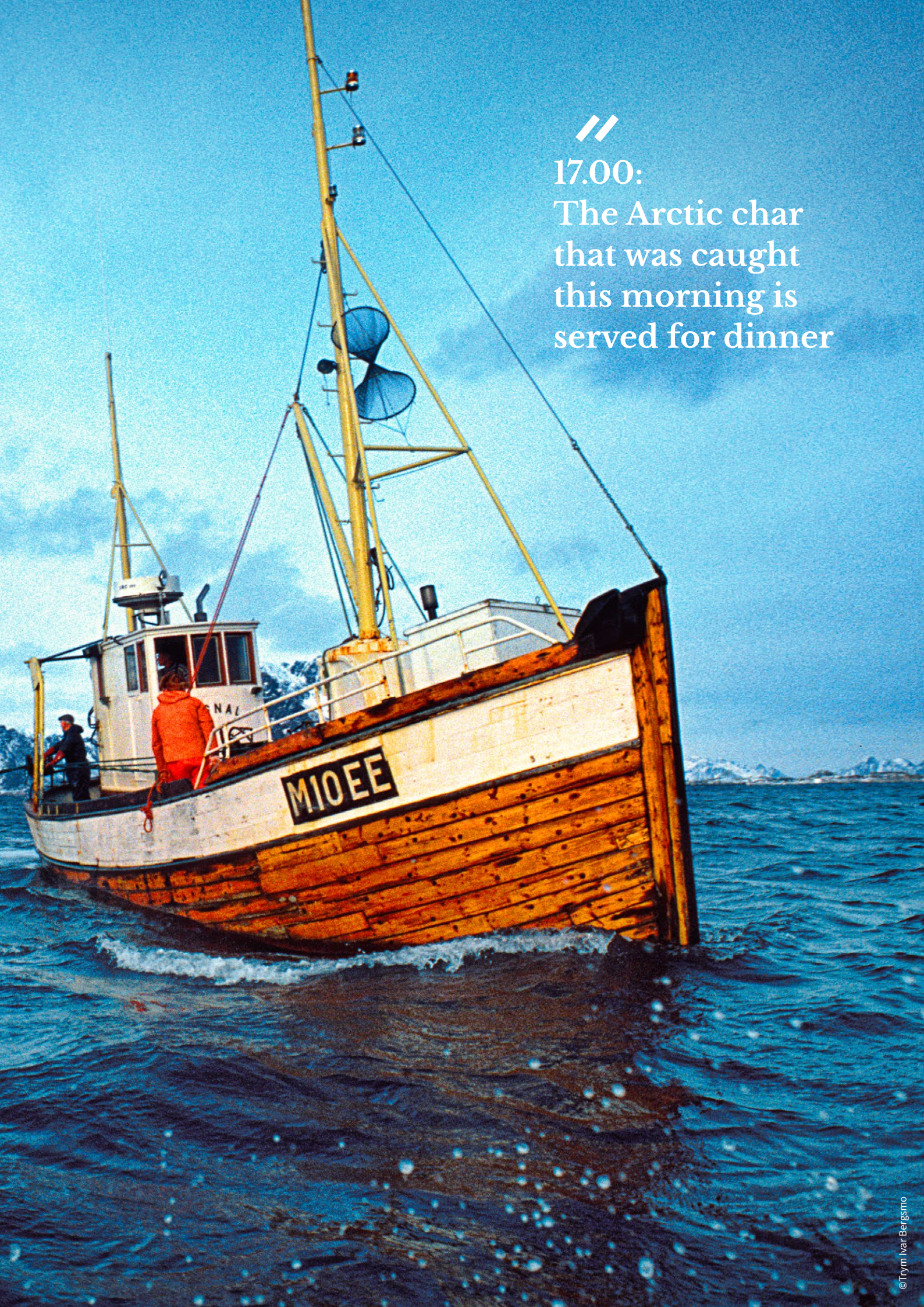


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DIVING INTO DINNER





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17.00:
The Arctic char
that was caught
this morning is
served for dinner

LOCAL FRESH FOOD

“We sail through one of the most fantastic pantries in the world. As a chef I am in great awe when working with fresh produce like this.”

INTERVIEW WITH EIRIK LARSEN

EIRIK LARSEN MAKES 1500-1600 MEALS PER DAY WITH LOCAL PRODUCE, MOSTLY FROM THE COAST.

- **The pantry is below us, but also from the rest of the country. Our guests do taste the difference when they are served Arctic Char from Sigerfjord or goat cheese from Aalan farm in Lofoten. We sail through one of the most fantastic “pantries” in the world. As a chef I am in great awe working with fresh produce like this, says Larsen.**

Nine years ago he left the urban life and the restaurants of Oslo to become a chef on board Hurtigruten. He was one of the main contributors to the concept Norway's Coastal Kitchen - food made of fresh produce from local suppliers.

The food served on board changes from where the ships are, and what is delivered in the ports visited the same day.

- I have great respect for the local suppliers and the produce they deliver. I know how much work it is, and the responsibility we have buying

these products. If we were to buy everything they have one year, and then nothing the next - that wouldn't be sustainable at all. For Hurtigruten it is very important to enhance our destinations by contributing. That is a big part of the history of Hurtigruten, says Larsen.

Waiting while the Northern Lights appear

While on sea, he is responsible for 1500-1600 meals - every single day. And on board there are challenges you don't find in ordinary restaurants.

- Hurtigruten's ships are carrying freight and people, and we are on a tight schedule. If we don't get supplies when we dock, we have no other choice but to keep on sailing. Then we have to improvise and do the best we can with what we have, Larsen says.

- The same principal applies when Mother Nature decides to do her magical light show. When the Northern Lights flicker over the sky during dinner, people



CULINARY CHEF
EIRIK LARSEN

obviously wants to go out on deck to experience it. Well, then we have to improvise and keep the food warm.

Experiences that lasts

- With a set time table, several excursions and natural phenomena's that appear without any warning in advance, you have to learn to love the logistics in addition to the produce.

Larsen also loves to tell the stories about the food and its origin to the guests.



When the Northern Lights flicker over the sky during dinner, people obviously wants to go out on deck to experience it. Well, then we have to improvise and keep the food warm.



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- 1 Fresh cod from a local supplier in one of our ports.
- 2 Picking lingonberries.
- 3 Delicacies like cloudberries and dried reindeer meat.
- 4 The lamb meat from the coastal areas is known for having a natural salty taste.



NORWAY'S
**COASTAL
KITCHEN**



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ENJOY THE TASTE OF NATURE

VISITING 34 PORTS, HURTIGRUTEN HAVE AN EXCEPTIONAL OPPORTUNITY TO GET FRESH PRODUCE FROM LOCAL SUPPLIERS EVERY DAY.

Food from the best produce

Norway's culinary traditions have much in common with the scenery of the coastline. It is always fresh, distinctive and full of variety. We have always strived to give our guests a truly unique and authentic experience, and local produce and old food traditions are incorporated into every element of the culinary experience on board. Visiting 34 ports, Hurtigruten have an exceptional opportunity to get fresh produce from local suppliers every day. This means delicious new and fresh ingredi-

ents, both from the coastal and inland areas.

Real food experiences

To enhance this unique concept, you will have food experiences not only in the restaurants, but also through storytelling. As part of our 'Autumn Gold' concept, we serve cloudbberries out on deck. An old lady in Finnmark has handpicked these berries, and she delivers them to our ships. Experiences with Hurtigruten don't get more real than this.

A menu that changes with the seasons and areas in which we sail

Based on the season's best ingredients, our chefs create either three-course dinners or lavish buffets. Being a coastal voyage, seafood often dominates the menu, accompanied with fresh vegetables and delicately flavoured sauces. Each dinner ends with traditional desserts, like homemade cakes, puddings, berries or sorbet. Breakfast and lunch is served buffet style. To accompany each meal you can choose from our comprehensive

selection of red and white wines, beer, aquavit and soft drinks. Afterwards you can enjoy fresh coffee in any of the lounges, drinks in one of the bars and the beautiful landscape.

Indulge yourself with our new À la Carte menu

After a day full of overwhelming and exciting experiences and views, it can be good to relax with something extra special for dinner in a more private setting. If you want to spoil yourself during your coastal voyage, we recommend a dining experience out



04:00 am in Sigerfjord, Vesterålen: The deep, salty, cold Arctic Ocean, close to river estuaries with fresh water are the perfect conditions for the Arctic char, and local fishermen are about to go in search of their catch of the day.

17:00 pm on board a Hurtigruten ship: Our guests enjoy the finest Norwegian cuisine. The Arctic char that was caught this morning is on today's menu.

of the ordinary. Enjoy a dinner from the absolute premium produce from our local suppliers. For those who are doing a classic voyage, full board is included in the price – and for a small fee you can upgrade to our À la Carte option. If you don't have full board, you are still welcome to order our À la Carte menu.

On most of our ships the À la Carte menu will be served in separate areas of the restaurants, whilst on board MS Midnatsol, MS Trollfjord and MS Finnmarken there are separate dining rooms

that are used exclusively for our À la Carte guests.*

Food from premium produce

We offer 2, 3, 4 and 5-course dinners, where you can choose between four starters, five main courses, four desserts and our famous cheese plate – all made of delicious fresh produce. Additional wine and drink packages are also available. Being on a coastal voyage, a lot of the ingredients are from the sea – like cod, scallops, crayfish, langoustine and Arctic char. There are also specialties from the inland, like

reindeer, extra tender sirloin of beef, cheeses, dairy products, vegetables, fruits and berries.

Hand picked delicacies

Our chefs love to work with fresh ingredients and to surprise our guests with exciting combinations of food. One example is scallops. They are served with cauliflower cream and spicy sausages. These scallops come from a lady named Bodil, who lives at the coast of Helgeland. They are hand picked by divers and delivered to us when they are still alive. We serve the scallop with

bits of locally made chorizo and cauliflower cream. And this is just one of the starters...

The best from the seasons

The menu changes with the season, making your meal a feast of the best ingredients from nature. We can truly say that our À la Carte menu is the perfect ending to the perfect day!

**The À la Carte menu is only bookable on board. MS Lofoten has its own dinner concept with a menu from the 60'ies, and MS Vesterålen does not offer the À la Carte menu.*



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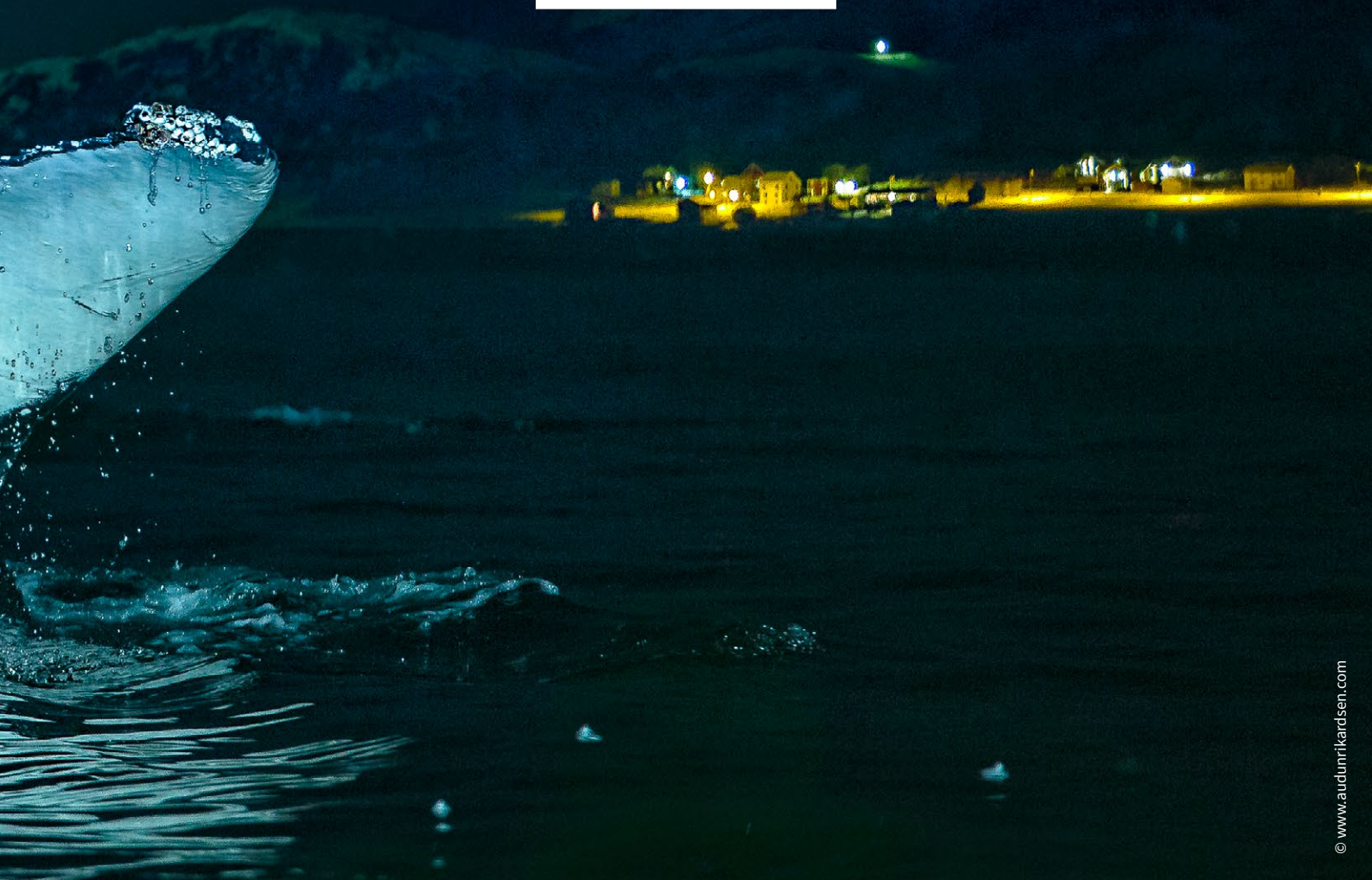


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- 1 We make most food from scratch on board.
- 2 A treat for your taste buds.
- 3 Cheese from the Lofoten Islands.
- 4 Excellent service.
- 5 Norwegian dried fish is a delicacy.
- 6 Our Kitchen chefs are proud of our À la Carte menu.
- 7 Enjoy a dinner in private surroundings.



**EXPLORE
EVEN
FURTHER**



MORE THAN 50 EXCURSIONS DURING THE YEAR

The Norwegian coast is one of the most exciting and varied adventure destinations in the world, with its stirring landscapes and the wilderness of the Arctic. We offer more than 50 excursions throughout the year.

Whether you enjoy these excursions during summer under the midnight sun or in winter for the soul-stirring spectacle of the northern lights, these activities are an exhilarating means to truly explore.

Some activities may only be for the energetic and fearless, but most of the things we offer on and off board, can be enjoyed by almost anyone. As long as you have an explorer inside.

We believe that everybody have that – and we also believe that Hurtigruten is the perfect place to reveal that little thrillseeker. How much thrill you eventually seek – well, that is totally up to you.

But whether your adventure of choice is just sitting on the panorama deck watching the dramatic landscape passing by, having breakfast at the North Cape, or maybe slightly more breathtaking activities like dog sledding, RIB-adventures and snowmobiling – you can be sure of one thing:

You won't be bored on board Hurtigruten. You will be exited.

1 An excursion to the North Cape takes you to the northern most point of mainland Europe.

2 On a sea eagle safari you will meet the king of birds up close.

3 You can go dog sledding in Tromsø and Kirkenes during winter.

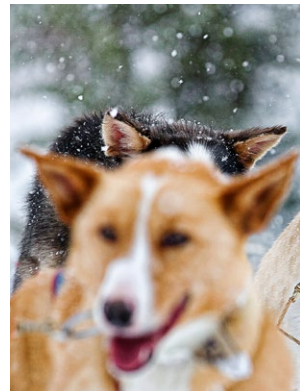
4 We offer several kayak excursions. In Tromsø you can go kayaking in the ocean, and in Trondheim you can explore the city from another perspective - kayaking in the river.

5 Snowmobiling is a great way to explore the arctic wilderness.

6 Join us on high-octane excursions by RIB in Bodø and Lofoten.



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HANS HATLE
Barents Safari

Our riverboats drift so close to the Russian border our guests could put a finger in Russia - if it wasn't strictly forbidden.

From Kirkenes you can travel to the Norwegian - Russian border, on a snowmobile, Quad or by riverboat. You can also learn everything you need to survive a winter in the Arctic.

- Of course it is exciting when we approach the border and Norwegian soldiers suddenly pops out of the forest. On our excursions our guest gets away from their everyday life, and experiences something completely unexpected. That might be why people come back, for the tenth time, says Hans Hatle, founder of Barents-safari.

Since 2002 Hans and his crew have been welcoming guests when Hurtigruten's ship docks in Kirkenes. For a lot of guests disembarking the ship means embarking a new adventure.

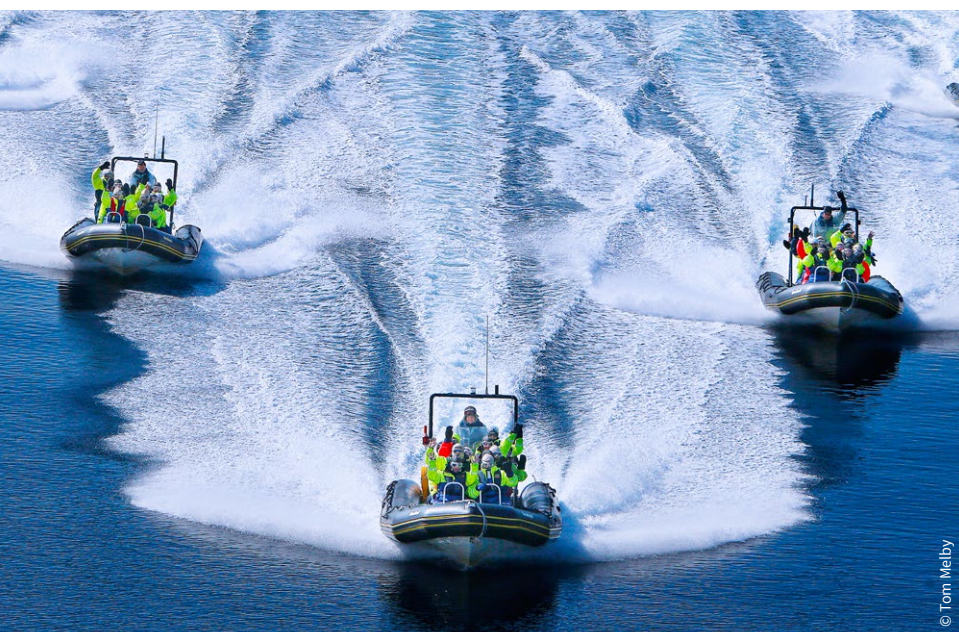
- What inspires us is meeting interesting people from all around the world. Talking with them, being with them and give them unique experiences, says Hatle.

From the riverboat we can see the seals in the river and Russians fishing for salmon. We also do landings to visit a viewpoint where we can see a Russian power station, a church and other buildings. On a snowmobile or Quad our guest control the horsepower themselves on their way to visit Eastern Finnmark's many secrets. On the excursion Arctic Bushcraft you learn self-sufficiency in practice.

- Our guests do the entire job and we are only guiding them. They are picking berries and mushrooms, go fishing and make the fire and the food - including their own Arctic tea. Back on the dock a lot of people are left with a sense of achievement, best compared with the feeling you had the first time you rode a bike on your own, says Hans Hatle.



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READY SET SAIL

**NO MATTER HOW YOU WANT TO EXPLORE
THE NORWEGIAN COAST, ON A HURTIGRUTEN
VOYAGE YOU JUST DON'T VISIT NORWAY
- YOU BECOME A PART OF IT.**

Welcome on board, see page 38

Join our three expedition ships for even more unique
encounters with coastal life and wildlife, see page 40

Travel back in time to 1964 with MS Lofoten, see page 42

Combine the Norwegian coastline with the Arctic
wilderness in Spitsbergen, see page 44







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- 1 Taste fresh shrimps on deck.
- 2 Enjoy a refreshments in the bar.
- 3 Enjoy sailing into Trollfjord.
- 4 Friendly and informal staff.

WELCOME ON BOARD

ENJOY LIFE WHILE EXPLORING THE COAST

When you start your journey on your Hurtigruten coastal ship, the first thing you will notice is the atmosphere on board. As the peace and tranquility of the scenery and relaxed pace takes hold, you will find your senses to everything around you enhanced.

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.

From the moment you step on board, you will be treated to active days and relaxing evenings, sublime cuisine and the warm company of like-minded adventurers. Our friendly and attentive staff help to create a relaxed atmosphere between the crew and guests. It's a journey unlike any other.

On all our ships you will find a wide range of comfortable cabins, from exclusive suites with their own balcony and extras, 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. Learn more about our cabins at our web site or on the separate prize list.

No matter the itinerary, the way you want to explore the coast or the ship, on a Hurtigruten voyage you don't just visit Norway - you become a part of it.



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TAKING YOU CLOSER

ON BOARD OUR THREE EXPEDITION SHIPS YOU MEET OUR EXPEDITION TEAMS, PEOPLE WHO WILL BROADEN YOUR HORIZON IN MORE THAN ONE WAY.

On board these expedition ships you will see something extra, and understand more of what you see. Former CEO of the Norwegian Polar Institute, Olav Orheim, is one of the people that meets you on board with lectures, histories and tailor made kayak trips and hikes.

- It is a pleasure to pass on knowledge about history and nature to people who are curious and sincerely interested. The expedition team is a group of experienced people, all with their own special competence. Who you'll meet on board varies with the theme and the season. This way we always have the right experts on board, giving the guest the best experience possible. We are adding a new dimension to the coastal voyage by giving them special stories, interpret what they see

and going ashore for special excursions, says Orheim.

Orheim's credentials are impressive: he has a PhD in glaciology and climatology, he has led several scientific expeditions to Antarctica, he was the director of the Norwegian Polar Institute and he administrated the polar research at the Research Counsel of Norway and much, much more. It goes without saying that he will thrill you with knowledge and stories.

He describes the expedition team as on board hosts with "something extra", meaning a lot of knowledge about more than the places we pass and visit.

- When the guests are so keen to acquire knowledge about climate, nature and cultural history, I think it is very important that we can

add facts from updated research and bring them on quite active excursions, says Orheim.

He has participated on rougher expeditions than the ones Hurtigruten offers its guests, but he still sees certain similarities.

- We always have a master plan that we try to follow, but then again we don't control the weather. When this is the case, we use the sum of our knowledge, from weather phenomena's to hiking off the beaten track, to put together the best program for every place and situation.



OLAV ORHEIM
Expedition team

1 Our three expedition ships are MS Nordkapp, MS Nordnorge and MS Nordlys.

2 Kayaking is an exciting way to explore the marine life.

3 Dogsledding is a miniature polar expedition.

4 Enjoy active hikes with interesting themes.



It is a pleasure to pass on knowledge about history and nature to people who are curious and sincerely interested.



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MS LOFOTEN
1964

Operated by **HURTIGRUTEN**

LENGTH - 67.4 METERS	DECKS - 4
BEAM - 13.2 METERS	SPEED - 15 KNOTS
DRAUGHT - 6.7 METERS	CAPACITY - 340 PASSENGERS



MS LOFOTEN
1964



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On board you will notice details that emphasize the feeling of nostalgia.



TRAVEL BACK IN TIME

SAIL BACK IN TIME TO 1964 ON MS LOFOTEN AND EXPERIENCE LIFE ALONG THE COAST 50 YEARS AGO.

Take a journey with the beautiful MS Lofoten where Hurtigruten's heritage is the focus. This "grand lady" is the oldest in our fleet, and we have designed voyages where you get to experience her splendour and charm to the fullest while traveling along the Norwegian coast.

UNIQUE OLD WORLD CHARM AND AMBIENCE

MS Lofoten was launched in Oslo in 1964. Now she is fully restored to reflect her prime in the roaring 1960s, with the nostalgic atmosphere to reflect the era. With unique lounges and a separate panorama deck, she is simply incomparable. The cabins on board are simple, but very nice. She is still a favourite for many of our returning guests. Enjoy the proximity to the coast, other guests and crew and a stronger feeling of authenticity.

TRY FISHING FROM DECK

To enhance the experience of a journey in the past, you can join activities and excursions you don't get on a regular Hurtigruten voyage along the Norwegian coast. Try fishing from deck, visit exciting places and experience our coast in a different manner. Join ice swimming excursions, attend quizzes along the way, auctions and a very special hat parade.

OLD STYLE MENU

The restaurant serves delicious four-course dinners that are inspired by the menus we had on board in the 60s. And as in 1960, all food is delivered from local suppliers from the ports we visit. To enhance the experience employees serve all the food from silver platters. In addition sherry or aperitifs are often served before dinner.

Join our alternative sailing routes and exciting activities and excursions that you do not get with the other Hurtigruten vessels. MS Lofoten visits the same 34 ports as on the other ships, but because she is smaller she will also visit otherwise inaccessible places.



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1 RIB-safari on the Isfjord.

2 Watch out for Polar bears.

3 Beautiful scenery in Lofoten.

4 Meet the huskies.

5 Explore ice-caves at Longyearbyen.



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THE NORWAY TO THE ARCTIC

EXPERIENCE BOTH THE AMAZING FJORDS AND SMALL PORTS ALONG THE NORWEGIAN COASTLINE AND THE ARCTIC WILDERNESS IN SPITSBERGEN IN ONE VOYAGE.

THE WORLD'S MOST BEAUTIFUL VOYAGE AND THE CROWN OF ARCTIC NORWAY

With these special packages you can either sail with the coastal voyage from Bergen to Tromsø, then fly to Longyearbyen in Spitsbergen for a three days adventure. Or you can start the voyage in Longyearbyen, explore the area for a couple of days before flying to Tromsø. You can then embark on a coastal voyage ship that sails to Bergen.

FANTASTIC EXPERIENCES ALL YEAR LONG

We offer these combination voyages all year round. Read more about the coastal voyage and the different seasons on page 18 - 25. In Spitsbergen there are many ways to experience the stunning surroundings. Depending on when you travel you can explore on foot, by snowmobile, dog sledge, kayak, ski, go ice grotting or enjoy a fjord safari. Read more about these voyages on page 88 in the Explorer part.



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SHIPS WITH SOUL



MS Midnatsol



MS Trollfjord

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MS Nordnorge

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MS Finnmarken

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MS Nordkapp

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FIND YOUR FAVOURITE OUR FLEET CONSISTS 11 SHIPS,
EACH WITH THEIR VERY OWN SOUL.

Our 11 ships that sail along the Norwegian coast vary in size and age. As you board your Hurtigruten ship you will be taking part in a long tradition of transporting people and cargo. Hurtigruten ships are working vessels operating a regular service to a set timetable. Our ships carry goods, vehicles and passengers between ports, by night and day, as an integral part of Norwegian daily life.

All of our ships have a different style and something unique to offer. Despite their differences, they provide the same intimate-travel experience, with their own informal Hurtigruten atmosphere.

MS FINNMARKEN

On board MS Finnmarken you find the relaxed Hurtigruten- atmosphere combined with a bit of luxury. The ship is beautifully appointed and decorated in the Art Deco style that was modern when the first ship with this name was built. Rich colours, bold geometric shapes and lavish ornamentation characterize the Art Deco style. She is the only ship with both a swimming pool and Jacuzzi on deck. A special feature on the MS Finnmarken is the bow; from deck 5 you can actually go all the way to the tip.

SPECIAL FEATURES:

- Top deck features a panorama lounge
- Fitness room
- Sauna with a view
- Deck 8 has a café with sitting space both inside and outside Bar
- Playroom
- Café
- Restaurant on deck 5 and separate À la Carte dining room

SHIP YARD: **KVÆRNER KLEVEN, (N)**
FLAG: **NORWAY**
YEAR OF CONSTRUCTION: **2002**
GROSS TONNAGE: **15 690**
PASSENGERS: **1000**
BEDS: **628**
OVERALL LENGTH: **138,5 M**
BEAM: **21,5 M**
CAR CAPACITY: **35**
SERVICE SPEED: **15 KNOTS**

MS MIDNATSOL

The name Midnatsol (Midnight Sun) is something to live up to, and this ship is dedicated to the Norwegian summer. The interior's bright, colourful décor is inspired by the warm sunny climate, a motif also reflected in the many pieces of Norwegian modern art on display. On deck 9 you find the sun deck and a Jacuzzi. What characterizes MS Midnatsol is the large, two-story panorama lounge above the bow and the large glass expanses that allow natural light to enter as well as providing extraordinary views.

SPECIAL FEATURES:

- Two-story panorama lounge
- 3 bars
- Café
- Library
- Restaurant
- Separate À la Carte dining room
- Playroom
- Sauna
- Jacuzzi
- Fitness room

SHIP YARD: **FOSEN MEK. VERK., (N)**
FLAG: **NORWAY**
YEAR OF CONSTRUCTION: **2003**
GROSS TONNAGE: **16 151**
PASSENGERS: **1000**
BEDS: **638**
OVERALL LENGTH: **135,75 M**
BEAM: **21,5 M**
CAR CAPACITY: **35**
SERVICE SPEED: **15 KNOTS**

MS NORDNORGE

Nord-Norge means the northern part of Norway, mostly situated north of the Arctic Circle. Between 2002-2007 MS Nordnorge gave her guests memorable experiences in Antarctica. The interior décor reflects an Art Nouveau and Art Deco influence. The top deck consists of sun deck, observation lounge and a panorama lounge, all with great views to nature. MS Nordnorge is one of our three expedition ships, meaning she take guest on more active voyages along the coast.

SPECIAL FEATURES:

- Sun deck
- Expedition ship
- Expedition team
- Extra lectures
- Extra activities
- Extra excursions
- Large panorama and observation lounge with great views
- Restaurant
- Café
- Library

SHIP YARD: **KVÆRNER KLEVEN, (N)**
FLAG: **NORWAY**
YEAR OF CONSTRUCTION: **1997**
GROSS TONNAGE: **11 384**
PASSENGERS: **623**
BEDS: **451**
OVERALL LENGTH: **123,3 M**
BEAM: **19,5 M**
CAR CAPACITY: **35**
SERVICE SPEED: **15 KNOTS**

EXPEDITION
SHIP

MS TROLLFJORD

The ship is named after the famous Trollfjord, and has a comfortable interior, with an extensive use of Norwegian wood and stone. The art on board contains original paintings that were originally on board the old Hurtigruten ship MS Harald Jarl. The sun deck and a Jacuzzi is on deck 9. The large, two-story panorama lounge above the bow and the large glass expanses allows the natural light to enter as well as providing extraordinary views.

SPECIAL FEATURES:

- Two-story panorama lounge
- 3 bars
- Café
- Library
- Restaurant
- Separate À la Carte dining room
- Playroom
- Sauna
- Jacuzzi
- Fitness room

SHIP YARD: **FOSEN MEK. VERK., (N)**
FLAG: **NORWAY**
YEAR OF CONSTRUCTION: **2002**
GROSS TONNAGE: **16 140**
PASSENGERS: **822**
BEDS: **640**
OVERALL LENGTH: **135,75 M**
BEAM: **21,5 M**
CAR CAPACITY: **35**
SERVICE SPEED: **15 KNOTS**

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). Being one of our expedition ships she comes fully equipped with panorama lounge, sun deck, observation deck, Jacuzzis and her own expedition team. There will be interesting lectures inside the ship, and out on the sun deck. Topic will depend on season and waters we sail in.

SPECIAL FEATURES:

- Sun deck
- Expedition ship
- Expedition team
- Extra lectures
- Extra activities
- Extra excursions
- Large panorama and observation lounge with great views
- Restaurant
- Café
- Library

EXPEDITION
SHIP

SHIP YARD: **KVÆRNER KLEVEN, (N)**
FLAG: **NORWAY**
YEAR OF CONSTRUCTION: **1996**
GROSS TONNAGE: **11 386**
PASSENGERS: **622**
BEDS: **456**
OVERALL LENGTH: **123,3 M**
BEAM: **19,5 M**
CAR CAPACITY: **35**
SERVICE SPEED: **15 KNOTS**



MS Polarlys



MS Richard With



MS Nordlys



MS Kong Harald



MS Vesterålen



MS Lofoten

MS POLARLYS

Polarlys is the Norwegian word for polar light, a name given to the special Arctic phenomenon we chase in our winter programme “Hunting the Light”. MS Polarlys is a stylish and furnished with mahogany panelling, polished brass, and a selection of Norwegian contemporary art. Together with the extensive use of wood in the public areas, this has created a unique maritime atmosphere.

SPECIAL FEATURES:

- Sun deck
- Large panorama and observation lounge with great views
- Restaurant
- Café
- Library

SHIP YARD: **ULSTEIN MEK. VERK., (N)**
 FLAG: **NORWAY**
 YEAR OF CONSTRUCTION: **1996**
 GROSS TONNAGE: **11 341**
 PASSENGERS: **619**
 BEDS: **471**
 OVERALL LENGTH: **123 M**
 BEAM: **19,5 M**
 CAR CAPACITY: **35**
 SERVICE SPEED: **15 KNOTS**

MS KONG HARALD

Although this ship is named after King Harald of Norway, you will find other famous Norwegians on board as well: The bar is named after the Norwegian polar pioneer Fridtjof Nansen and the café is named after explorer Roald Amundsen. The top deck consists of sun deck, observation lounge and a panorama lounge, all with great views to nature.

SPECIAL FEATURES:

- Sun deck
- Large panorama and observation lounge with great views
- Fitness room
- Restaurant
- Café
- Library

SHIP YARD: **VOLKSWERFT (D)**
 FLAG: **NORWAY**
 YEAR OF CONSTRUCTION: **1993**
 GROSS TONNAGE: **11 204**
 PASSENGERS: **622**
 BEDS: **469**
 OVERALL LENGTH: **121,8 M**
 BEAM: **19,2 M**
 CAR CAPACITY: **12**
 SERVICE SPEED: **15 KNOTS**

MS NORDLYS

Expedition ship MS Nordlys is named after spectacular natural phenomena; the Northern Lights (or Aurora Borealis). The ships art, décor and colours are all inspired by the Northern Lights phenomenon. With her light and delicate interior, Norwegian artists have created a unique and distinct environment on board. Passengers are encouraged to relax in the ship's elegant maritime atmosphere, countless lounges and comfortable reclining chairs after a day of experiencing the wide selection of active excursions and activities.

SPECIAL FEATURES:

- Expedition ship
- Expedition team
- Extra lectures
- Extra activities
- Extra excursions
- Large panorama and observation lounge with great views
- Restaurant
- Café
- Library

EXPEDITION SHIP

SHIP YARD: **VOLKSWERFT (D)**
 FLAG: **NORWAY**
 YEAR OF CONSTRUCTION: **1994**
 GROSS TONNAGE: **11 204**
 PASSENGERS: **623**
 BEDS: **469**
 OVERALL LENGTH: **121,8 M**
 BEAM: **19,2 M**
 CAR CAPACITY: **35**
 SERVICE SPEED: **15 KNOTS**

MS VESTERÅLEN

MS Vesterålen is named after the first Hurtigruten ship that started to sail the Norwegian coast back in 1893, DS Vesterålen. The ship characterised by her bright, cheerful public areas and lounges. Throughout your voyage you will enjoy views from the panorama lounge and notice the extensive art collection on board. With the limited passenger capacity, a voyage on MS Vesterålen is truly something special.

SPECIAL FEATURES:

- Panorama lounge
- Smaller lounges in the front and back of the ship
- Café
- Restaurant

SHIP YARD: **KAARBØ MEK. VERK., (N)**
 FLAG: **NORWAY**
 YEAR OF CONSTRUCTION: **1983 (MOD. 88/95)**
 GROSS TONNAGE: **6 261**
 PASSENGERS: **516**
 BEDS: **294**
 OVERALL LENGTH: **108 M**
 BEAM: **16,5 M**
 CAR CAPACITY: **35**
 SERVICE SPEED: **15 KNOTS**

MS RICHARD WITH

MS Richard With is named after the founder of Hurtigruten, Captain Richard With. His establishment of the Norwegian Coastal Express back in 1893 had an enormous impact on life along the Norwegian coast. On board there is beautiful art by the famous Harr family. The panorama lounges treat you to unforgettable views of the surrounding scenery.

SPECIAL FEATURES:

- Sun deck
- Large panorama and observation lounge with great views
- Restaurant
- Café
- Bar
- Fitness room

SHIP YARD: **VOLKSWERFT (D)**
 FLAG: **NORWAY**
 YEAR OF CONSTRUCTION: **1993**
 GROSS TONNAGE: **11 205**
 PASSENGERS: **623**
 BEDS: **458**
 OVERALL LENGTH: **121,8 M**
 BEAM: **19,2 M**
 CAR CAPACITY: **12**
 SERVICE SPEED: **15 KNOTS**

MS LOFOTEN

MS Lofoten, our old time favourite, was launched in Oslo in 1964, and provides you a voyage of real nostalgia and intimate informal atmosphere. The ship is named after the Lofoten Islands just north of the Arctic Circle, famous for their dramatic scenery and often described as ‘a masterpiece’. On journeys with MS Lofoten we the heritage of Hurtigruten is the focus. With unique lounges and panoramic decks, this ‘old lady’ is simply incomparable.

SPECIAL FEATURES:

- Special programme that enhances the heritage of Hurtigruten and the feeling of the 60s
- Four-course special made dinners
- Activities specially made for voyages with MS Lofoten
- Two sun decks
- Panorama lounge
- Bar and Café
- Extra lounge in the aft

SHIP YARD: **AKER MEK. VERK., (N)**
 FLAG: **NORWAY**
 YEAR OF CONSTRUCTION: **1964 (MOD. 2003)**
 GROSS TONNAGE: **2 621**
 PASSENGERS: **400**
 BEDS: **151**
 OVERALL LENGTH: **87,4 M**
 BEAM: **13,2 M**
 CAR CAPACITY: **0**
 SERVICE SPEED: **15 KNOTS**

CLASSIC SHIP

EXPLORE YOUR WAY

Hurtigruten is a year-round, scheduled service with daily departures from all of our 34 ports of call. We have four classic voyage itineraries and ships that are tailor-made for different ways to explore the Norwegian coast.





12 DAYS VOYAGES

BERGEN - KIRKENES - BERGEN Classic Round trip Voyage

This is the ultimate voyage with Hurtigruten!
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The voyage south begins with the thrill of the Arctic wilderness sailing southward through some of the most picturesque landscapes on Earth.

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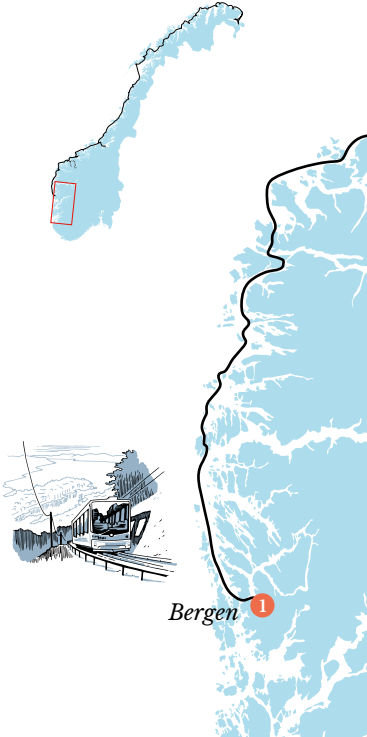
On the next pages you'll find a day-by-day description to learn what you'll see and do on a Hurtigruten Norway coastal voyage.

*Per person in inside twin cabin, including full board.

DAY 1

BERGEN

1. Geirangerfjorden 2. Bryggen in Bergen
3. We visit Hjørundfjorden in autumn



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5 THINGS TO SEE

- 1 Bryggen, is a UNESCO World Heritage site
- 2 The Fløibanen Funicular
- 3 Fantoft Stave Church
- 4 The Fish Market
- 5 Trolldhaugen, home of composer Edvard Grieg

HIGHLIGHT

BRYGGEN

IS A UNESCO WORLD HERITAGE SITE



One of the earliest pier constructions on Bryggen, the old Hanseatic wharf, has been dated to around 1100 AD.



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Bergen – The Gateway TO THE FJORDS

The 12-day Classic Round Voyage starts in Bergen, a city surrounded by seven mountains. Before departure you may wish to explore this cultural gateway to the fjords.

Bergen was founded in 1070 AD, and was the capital of Norway for several years. The city is a central point for Norwegian travel, yet has retained a great deal of local character and history. One example of this is the historic UNESCO-listed Bryggen district with colourful wharfs that date back to the 14th century. Take a stroll around this charming and compact city, spend some time in one of the outdoor cafés and restaurants, enjoy a trip on the Fløibanen Funicular or visit the Fish Market.

After embarkation we invite you to enjoy our tasty dinner buffet, based on the best ingredients from the coast. We sail north from Bergen along the Hjeltefjord, the same route the Vikings once sailed to the Shetland Islands and beyond – we are heading to the high north. Spend the rest of the evening relaxing as you take in the spectacular landscapes, either from deck or in our panorama lounges.

"It's great that Hurtigruten start the summer with the Geirangerfjord and moves on to the Hjørundfjord in autumn. Here, it is as beautiful as Norway can get."

Jan Arild Hagen, Norge



DAY 2

FLORØ - MOLDE



Art Nouveau, Geiranger, Hjørundfjord and **OTHER MASTERPIECES**

We continue north to Ålesund, a beautiful town filled with perfect examples of Art Nouveau architecture. If you travel in summer or autumn, there is a fjord experience awaiting today - in summer we will sail into the Geirangerfjord and in autumn we visit the Hjørundfjord.

If you wake up early the next day you have the chance to enjoy the breathtaking beauty of the Nordfjord, followed by a delicious breakfast. As we sail past the West Cape, we experience one of the voyage's few ventures into open sea. Then the ship navigates through skerries and islands before reaching Ålesund. In the summer months we set course for the spectacular UNESCO-listed Geirangerfjord passing sheer, 800m cliffs and impressive waterfalls en route. In autumn we explore

Hjørundfjord, situated amidst the majestic Sunnmøre Alps. Its seclusion and unspoiled natural landscape are what give this fjord its special character: far from the tourist bustle, taking passengers past steep rock walls, green meadows, lonely mountain farms and small villages.

In the afternoon we arrive in the Art Nouveau city Ålesund. This place is known for its exciting architecture and fish restaurants.

EXCURSIONS

- 2F** A taste of Norway/Hjørundfjord
AUTUMN
- 2B** Geiranger with Trollstigen pass
SUMMER
- 2C** Art Nouveau walk
SPRING, WINTER
- 2D** Atlanterhavsparken aquarium
and Mount Aksla
SPRING, WINTER

TREASURE HUNT

SHIP WRECK

A DUTCH SHIP WAS LOST IN 1725 CLOSE
OUR PORT OF CALL TORVIK



In 1972 sport scuba divers found the shipwreck outside the island Runde, containing 57,000 gold and silver coins.

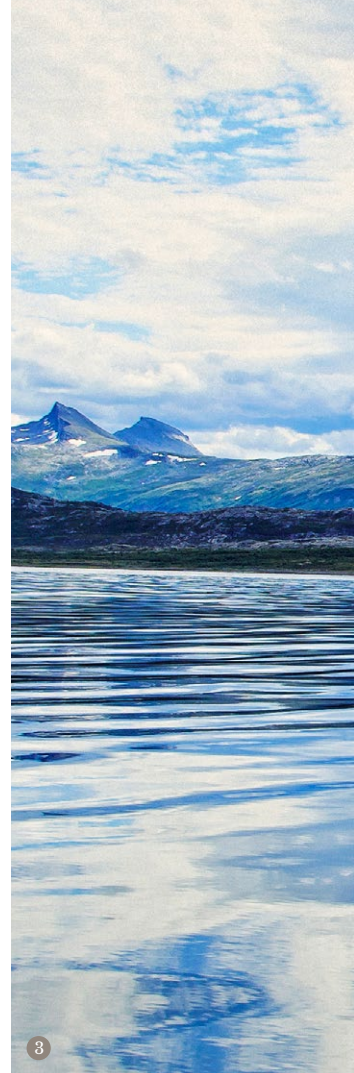


DAY 3

KRISTIANSUND - RØRVIK



1. Kayaking on the river Nid
2. The Nidaros Cathedral
3. RIB-safari to Saltstraumen



EXCURSIONS

- 3A Nidaros Cathedral & Ringve Museum
SPRING, SUMMER
- 3B Trondheim with Nidaros Cathedral
AUTUMN, WINTER
- 3E Munkholmen
AUTUMN
- 3F Winter Games
WINTER
- 3G Kayaking on the River Nid
SUMMER
- 3H Cycling in Trondheim
SPRING

HIGHLIGHT

NIDAROS



The Nidaros Cathedral was built from 1070 to 1300, and designated as the cathedral for the Diocese of Nidaros in 1152.



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Be enlightened by

THE MEDIEVAL SPIRIT

The architecture and surroundings in Trondheim create a beautiful and almost mythical setting for any outing. No matter if you should prefer a guided tour in the Nidaros Cathedral, kayaking on the river Nid, a casual walk or by bicycle through Bakklund district.

Few large cities have managed to preserve their intimacy as effectively as Norway's third largest city, Trondheim. The Viking King Olav Tryggvason founded this ancient city as early as 997. While you are here, be sure to enjoy the views from Gamle Bybrua (the Old Town Bridge) dating back to 1861 and the restored wooden buildings of the Bakklund district.

We also offer tours of Norway's national shrine, Nidaros Cathedral, Norway's only Gothic style cathedral built over the burial place of St. Olav, Norway's patron saint. Here you can marvel at the cathedral's incredible architectural details and exquisite works of art.

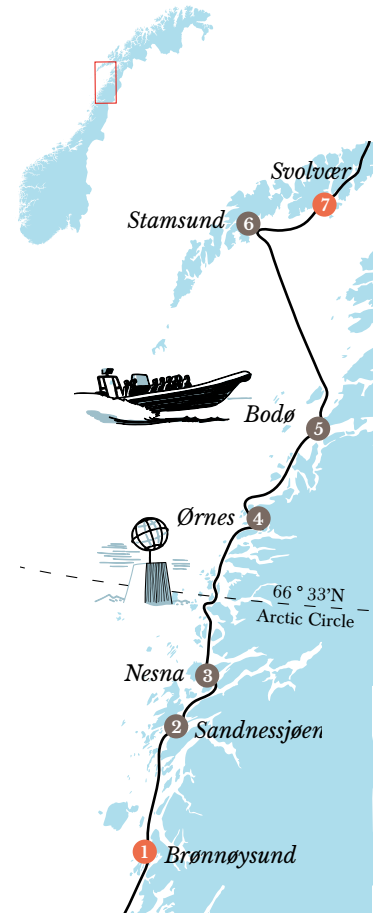
In the afternoon the ship sets a northwest course, passing the beautiful Kjeungskjær lighthouse and numerous charming islets and rocky outcrops. In autumn you can learn more about navigation and lighthouses along the Norwegian coast during the Captain's talk. After passing through the narrow Stoksund, the ship arrives at charming Rørvik.



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DAY 4

BRØNNØYSUND - SVOLVÆR



The Arctic Circle and fascinating LOFOTEN

Even if you aren't awake to see the border marker, the captain will make sure that the occasion is a memorable event. If you are sailing in Arctic waters for the first time you can participate in the Arctic Circle ceremony on deck.

The Arctic Circle marks the border to the Arctic region. In summer this means 24-hour daylight - often referred to as the 'Midnight Sun'. During autumn and winter, being above this degree of latitude that gives you the best chance of experiencing the Northern Lights.

Near Ørnes you find Svartisen, Norway's second largest glacier. Join us for a trip to the Svartisen Glacier, where you can admire the beauty of this enigmatic ice world. Afterwards the journey continues along the beautiful coast of Helgeland up to Bodø where you rejoin the ship.

Later this afternoon the sight of the 1,000 m high Lofoten Wall will appear on the horizon. The charms of the Lofoten Islands are revealed in all the small, picturesque fishing villages with their bohemian atmosphere. Tucked in between majestic granite cliffs and white sandy beaches, Lofoten is an experience that is out of the ordinary. Take a stroll between the stockfish racks and 'rorbuer', the traditional fisherman's huts.

After sailing through the narrow Raftsund, we stop at the entrance to Trollfjord. Here we serve freshly made fish cakes out on deck. You will also hear the story of 'The battle of Trollfjord', which took place here in the winter of 1890.

EXCURSIONS

- 4A Svartisen Glacier
SUMMER
- 4B Winter hike in Bodø
WINTER
- 4D RIB safari to Saltstraumen
SPRING, SUMMER, AUTUMN
- 4E/F Meet the Vikings
ALL YEAR

HØYDEPUNKT

SALT- STRAUMEN

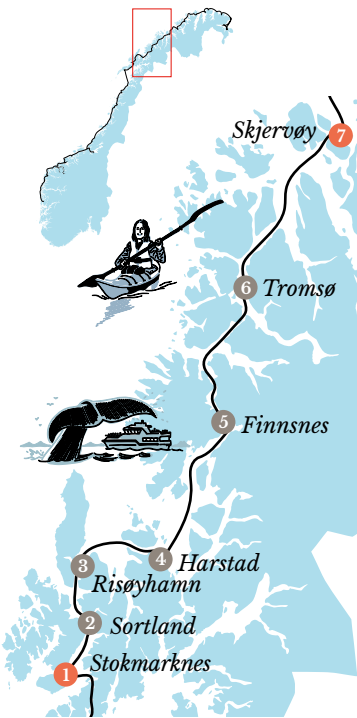


Saltstraumen has the strongest tidal current in the world. Up to 400,000,000 cubic metres of water forces its way through a 3-kilometre long and 150-metre wide strait every six hours.



DAY 5

STOKMARKNES - SKJERVØY



EXCURSIONS

- 5H Whale watching
SUMMER
- 5A The Arctic capital Tromsø
ALL YEAR
- 5B Dog sledging
SPRING, WINTER
- 5C Scenery & huskies
SUMMER
- 5D Polar history walk
SPRING, AUTUMN, WINTER
- 5G Kayaking
SPRING, SUMMER
- 5J Mountain hike in Tromsø
SUMMER

PHENOMENA

MAGICAL

NORTHERN LIGHTS



The Aurora Borealis is a natural light display in the sky, mostly seen in the Arctic regions in winter.

Surrounded by EXCITEMENT IN THE ARCTIC

Get ready for a day full of exciting activities, whatever the season! Visiting Risøyhamn, Harstad, Finnsnes and the capital of the Arctic, Tromsø, you can join several excursions like whale watching, dog sledging, polar history walks, mountain hike and kayaking.

In summer, earlybirds can go ashore in Risøyhamn for our whale watching excursion. We will find the whales grazing at the edge of the vast deep basin by Andenes. The whales need to resurface in order to breathe, so we've got a great chance of sightings. It is breathtaking to see their flukes before they dive down again to feed. After several intense hours on the open sea, we set our course to Senja, known as 'Norway in Miniature' and re-join the Hurtigruten ship at Finnsnes, just in time for lunch!

The ship continues to Tromsø for a prolonged stay. Many epic Arctic expeditions used Tromsø as a starting point. Join our Polar History Walk to learn more about explorers, arctic hunters and taste the beer from the northernmost brewery. On our all year excursion, 'The Arctic capital Tromsø', you will visit the Polaria centre, where you'll find an Arctic aquarium, seal pool, educational displays and a panorama cinema. The tour also includes a stop at the famous Arctic Cathedral, an architectural masterpiece and town landmark. In winter and spring you can complete your stay in Tromsø with a thrilling husky dog sledge ride. On this miniature polar expedition the huskies pull us over the frozen landscape while we enjoy stunning views of the ocean, mountains and open plateaus. During the

polar night, the only light we'll see will come from our headlamps, the starry sky, and if we're lucky; the magical Northern Lights. In summer you cannot go dog sledging, but you can still meet the more than 250 huskies and puppies who live at the Wilderness Centre. You will also learn more about dog sledge driving and the world's longest dog sledge race, the Iditarod. If you want to experience the peace and tranquillity of the sea, why not join us on a kayaking excursion? Paddle in the waters off the coast of Tromsø with the mountains as a stunning backdrop. This is a great way to silently travel through these pristine waters and get close to the marine wildlife. For the active ones, during summer time, participate on a mountain hike on one of the mountains close to the city. The air up here is fresh and clear, and we get a beautiful view of the city and the impressive mountain chains around.

After an exhilarating day in Tromsø, we continue our northbound journey in winter the Captain invites guests to taste stockfish on deck. The ship is now sailing into the area along the coast where you have the best chance of seeing the Northern Lights between september and March, and we gather on deck to search for this breathtaking phenomenon.

- 1. Whale watching
- 2. Dog sledging



Explore the Northern SOUL AND CAPE

Enjoy the magnificent sub-Arctic landscape as we cross the 71st parallel on our journey towards the North Cape, the northernmost point on the continent. In summer, you might see herds of grazing reindeer and a small camps belonging to the indigenous Sámi people.

After brief early stops in Hammerfest and Havøysund we arrive in Honningsvåg, the gateway to the spectacular North Cape. The optional excursion to the North Cape Plateau puts you at 71°10'21"N, only 2,000 km from the Geographical North Pole. Standing on top the 307 m North Cape plateau gives you a sublime feeling of being at the end of the world. While admiring the view, make sure you get some photographic evidence of this amazing place. After all, you can't get any further north in mainland Europe. The tour includes a visit to the North Cape Hall, where you can see an impressive panoramic film about Finnmark and the North Cape, send postcards or just relax with a coffee and a bite to eat.

Close to the North Cape you find one of the world's most exciting nature reserves, Gjesværstappan. Join the bird-watching safari to experience Finnmark's largest flock of puffins, together with large numbers of kittiwakes. During the nesting season this area is teeming with life as mighty sea eagles hover above in search of prey. Meanwhile guillemots, razorbills, cormorants, Arctic skuas, northern fulmars, Brünich's guillemots, and the large northern gannet fill the air with a cacophony of shrieks and screeches. In the autumn you can also catch a glimpse of Europe's smallest seabird, the British storm petrel.

The Hurtigruten ship continues north, sailing in the heartland of the indigenous Sámi people. We pass their ancient sacred site, the rock formation Finnkirka, and as we approach our next stop, the fishing village

Kjøllefjord ever so often local fishermen visits us during winter and spring shares their catch of the day (King Crab and Cod) with us out on deck. Here you have the opportunity to learn more about the Sámi people, as well as exploring the wonderful scenery, all year on our different excursions. On 'A taste of Lapland' we head to a Sámi camp and meet the reindeer herders the Utsi family, who will welcome you into their lavvo dressed in traditional costumes. Learn about the traditions and the Sámi people's way of life, and hear traditional Sámi joik (song). You then go out to see the reindeer where you can try your hand at lassoing. The trip continues up to the Finnmark plateau, 300 m above sea level, where you might also see reindeer in their natural habitat.

In winter you can join us on an unforgettable snowmobile trip to one of Europe's most extreme and exciting natural areas. Along the way, the guides will tell you about the Sámi people, the geographic and climatic conditions, what life is like on the Finnmark coast, and how the local population utilizes nature in both the summer and winter months. Experience the snow-clad valleys, the fresh winter air and perhaps the mesmerizing Northern Lights in the clear, starry sky. 'Sámi Autumn' is an excursion where you can learn about the arctic nature's 'pantry and pharmacy.' Here you can sample dried reindeer meat, crowberry juice, herbal tea (nettle) and roseroot mixture. And maybe you will feel the presence of the Noaidi, the Sámi shaman.



1. The North Cape



DAY 6

ØKSFJORD - BERLEVÅG



EXCURSIONS

- 6A North Cape
ALL YEAR
- 6B Birdwatching safari
SPRING, SUMMER
- 6C A taste of Lapland
SUMMER, SPRING
- 6D Snow mobile trip in Lapland
WINTER, SPRING
- 6E Sámi autumn
AUTUMN

HIGHLIGHT

NORTH CAPE

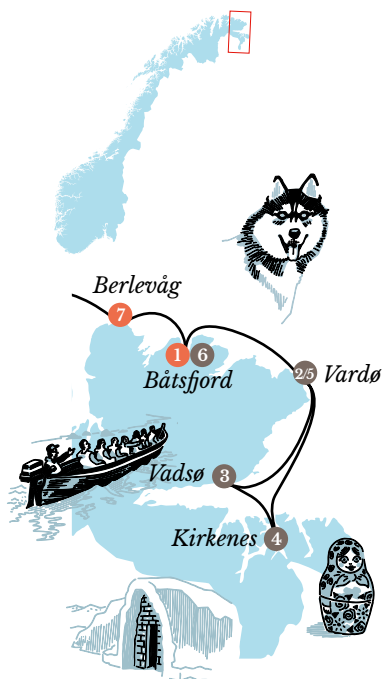


The North Cape is only 2,000 km from the North Pole, and is commonly referred to as the northernmost point of Europe.



DAY 7

BÅTSFJORD - KIRKENES -
BERLEVÅG



EXCURSIONS

- 7A The Russian border
ALL YEAR
- 7B Riverboat to the Russian border
SUMMER, AUTUMN
- 7C Snowmobile safari
SPRING, WINTER
- 7D Kirkenes Snow Hotel
SPRING, WINTER
- 7E ATV/Quad-safari to the
Russian border
SPRING, AUTUMN, WINTER
- 7F Husky sledge adventure
SPRING, WINTER
- 7G Arctic bushcraft
AUTUMN
- 7I Mountain walk with huskies
SUMMER

CULTURE

SÀMI

THE INDIGENOUS PEOPLE



The Sami culture has been present in Northern countries since the arrival of the first people 11,000 years ago.



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Step into the arctic WILDERNESS

The vistas become more dramatic as we approach Kirkenes, just a few kilometres from the Russian border. This is Hurtigruten's turning point. Kirkenes is known as the capital of the Barents region and the gateway to the east.

Just after breakfast we arrive in Kirkenes, putting us at 30° East, further east than Istanbul and St. Petersburg. The Russian border is close by, and you may find it intriguing that the road signs are written in both Norwegian and Russian. Depending on the season, there are several ways to make a visit to the Russian border. You can either go by bus (all year), enjoy a riverboat safari or an action filled trip on ATV/quad-bike. Spending time in Kirkenes gives you an opportunity to take part in some of the

adventurous activities offered in this Arctic environment.

In the afternoon the ship docks in Vardø again, Norway's easternmost port. Weather permitting, we may invite you to experience ice bathing in the Arctic Ocean during winter season. We continue along the Varanger peninsula to Båtsfjord before reaching Berlevåg in the evening – the home town of one of Norway's most famous men's choirs consisting mostly of local fishermen.

1. Husky Sledge adventure
2. The North Cape



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DAY 8

MEHAMN - TROMSØ



EXCURSIONS

- 8F** Snowmobile trip in the polar night
WINTER, SPRING
- 8A** Breakfast at the North Cape
SPRING, SUMMER, AUTUMN
- 8B** The northernmost town in the world
NEARLY ALL YEAR
- 8G** Mountain Hike in Hammerfest
SUMMER
- 8H** Into the ice – stories of a polar hero and winter hike
WINTER
- 8C** Midnight concert at the Arctic Cathedral
ALL YEAR

SPRING HIGHLIGHT

LYNGEN-FJORD



In Lyngen you will see mountain peaks rising more than 1,000 metres directly from the fjord, blue glaciers, cascading rivers and gleaming mountain lakes.



Lyngenfjorden, FOR YOUR EYES ONLY

In the middle of the night we dock at Mehamn, where it is possible to join an unforgettable snowmobile trip through one of Europe's most extreme and exciting natural areas. Experience the snow-clad valleys, the fresh winter air and perhaps the mesmerizing Northern Lights in the clear, starry sky.

In Honningsvåg you can enjoy an excursion and breakfast at the North Cape while discovering hidden parts of Finnmark. Next stop is Hammerfest, founded in 1789, and in its time was Norway's polar capital, acting as a base for hunting expeditions to the high Arctic. Here you can participate on a mountain hike both summer with some incredible views and winter themed on stories of a polar hero, or join a city guiding and see the UNESCO-listed Meridian Column, erected in 1854 to commemorate

the first precise measurement of the globe. We continue south to Øksfjord. After crossing open water, we will make a brief stop at the old trading post of Skjervøy before sailing through the beautiful Lyngenfjord in spring. Surrounded by the snowy peaks of the Lyngen Alps, we may be visited by a local fisherman and enjoy a taste of local freshly-caught prawns. We dock in Tromsø just in time to enjoy a Midnight Concert at the Arctic Cathedral.

Discover the DRAMATIC LOFOTEN

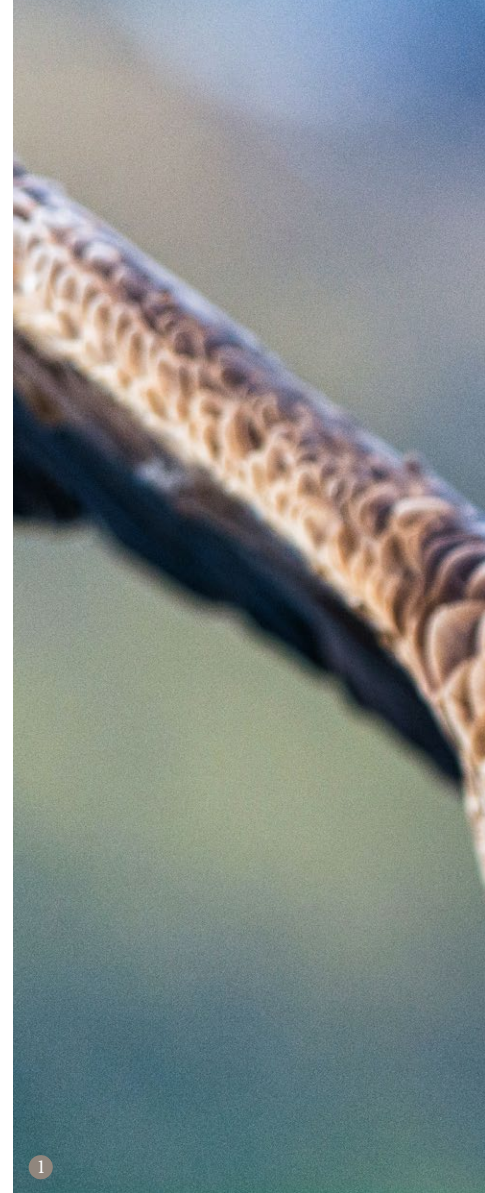
The daylight sailing through the Lofoten Islands is a highlight for many Hurtigruten guests. The Lofoten region is renowned for its natural beauty with steep mountains, wild nature and small, picturesque fishing villages. This day also offers several exciting excursions that will make you feel like a natural born explorer.

We arrive at Harstad this morning, where you have the opportunity to participate in one of the classics in Hurtigruten's excursion programme: A taste of Vesterålen. Experience history, beautiful scenery and a selection of breathtaking sites that include a visit to Trondenes Church, one of Norway's premier cultural heritage sites from the late middle age. Those who choose to stay on board can enjoy the views of this old church as they sail towards the Risøyrenna. This shallow channel is just 7m deep, and was made especially for Hurtigruten in the 1920s, providing an 'inside route' between Harstad and Sortland. The sand banks are visible through the clear, green water. The island groups of Lofoten and Vesterålen offer some of the most stunning scenery you will see during your coastal voyage. Risøyhamn is a small village with only 200 inhabitants, and we make a short stop here to deliver passengers, groceries and mail. From this port you can also join in on a spectacular whale watching experience during winter time. The past few winters, large numbers of humpback whales and killer whales have returned to the fjords of northern Norway. We catch up with the ship again in Sortland or Stokmarknes after the trip. Then we continue via Sortland to Stokmarknes, where Hurtigruten was founded more than 120 years ago. You find the Hurtigruten museum here, tickets are sold onboard on our ships if you want to visit the Museum during the stay here. Continuing south it looks like we are sailing straight into the mountain wall, but the captain finds an opening and sails through the narrow Raftsund. As a tribute to the fishing history in this region, our chef shows how to fillet the catch of the day on deck in winter.

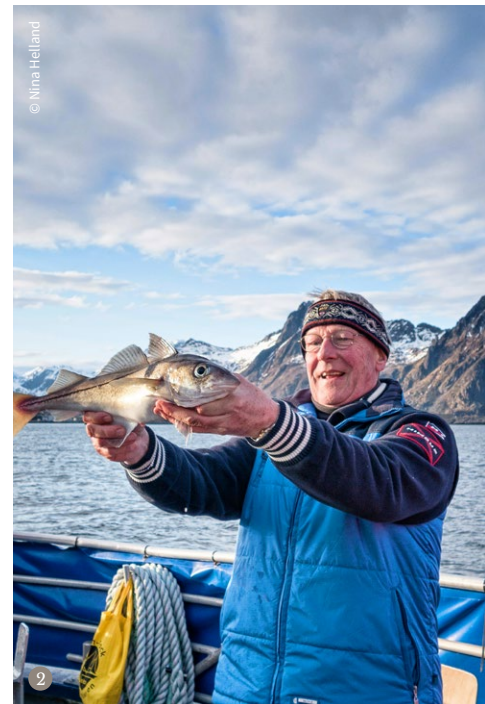
This 20 km passage between Lofoten and Vesterålen takes you through mountains reaching up to 1,000 m. Now we reach the spectacular Trollfjord, only 2 km long and 100m wide, with majestic mountains surrounding it. If the weather and time per-

mits it – the captain will take a detour in here. The steep cliffs hug the ship's side, and the dramatic landscape will take you to a land of trolls and fairy tales. Trollfjord is the realm of the sea eagle. Just north of the fjord a smaller vessel lies ready to take you out to see the king of the birds close up on our optional sea eagle safari. First we accompany the Hurtigruten ship into the Trollfjord, where we will see the ship turning around in the narrowest of spaces, a magnificent sight alone! The eagle safari begins in earnest when we leave the Trollfjord, passing through a narrow seaway flanked by a range of steep mountains. This is where the sea eagles dwell and can be viewed. These beautiful, rare birds of prey circle the boat a few times, before we throw fish into the sea for them to dive in and collect. Taking a camera on this trip is a must!

Reaching Svolvær, you can choose from several excursion options in summer spring and winter. Join our Lofoten Islands tour to learn more about the fishing communities, beautiful scenery and art from this area. Join a guided walk to the picture-postcard fishing village on Svinøya in Svolvær, take a trip on a Lofoten fishing boat to the place where the cod go to spawn, experience Lofoten from above on a summer mountain hike or you can enjoy a horseback ride and experience the wonder of a sunset trot through the powdery white sand. If you'd like a bit more of an adrenaline rush and action, our high-octane excursion by RIB into the fantastic Lofoten archipelago is the thing for you. On this high-speed experience you will visit a lagoon with white sandy beaches surrounded by small islands and skerries that protect it from the mighty ocean outside. From Svolvær we continue on to Stamsund, where the majestic peaks of the huge Lofoten wall can be viewed. We leave the islands during the evening and set course for the mainland.



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1. Sea Eagle Safari 2. Fishing in Lofoten
3. Lofoten offers sublime nature



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DAY 9

TROMSØ - STAMSUND



EXCURSIONS

- 9A** A Taste of Vesterålen
ALL YEAR
- 9I** Whale watching
WINTER
- 9C** Sea Eagle Safari
SPRING, SUMMER, AUTUMN
- 9B** Lofoten Islands
SPRING, SUMMER
- 9D** Lofoten by horse
SUMMER, AUTUMN
- 9E** RIB-Adventure in Lofoten
SUMMER
- 9F** Fishing village walk
WINTER
- 9G** Fishing in Lofoten
SPRING
- 9H** Mountain Hike in Lofoten
SUMMER

CULTURE

RORBU

THE TRADITIONAL FISHERMEN
HOUSES IN LOFOTEN



The buildings are built on land, but with the one end on poles in the water, allowing easy access to vessels.



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A date with **THE SEVEN SISTERS**

The Helgeland coast with its hundreds of islets, fertile farmland and steep granite walls is rich in local lore. Legends include of how an arrow fired by the troll Hestmannen formed the hole in Torghatten Mountain.

Crossing the Arctic Circle at 66°33'N is an important 'rite of passage' today. We celebrate this with a taste of our Arctic traditions out on deck. Another highlight is sailing past the Seven Sisters mountain range. All seven mountains are between 900 and 1,100 m high, and it is easy to understand how these 'ladies' have influenced ancient myths. According to Norwegian folk tales, trolls are turned to stone if they do not hide before the sun rises. This was also the case for these seven beautiful sisters who, whilst still beautiful, are now also mountains.

We take a short stop in Nesna, an idyllic old trading post before moving on to Sandnes

sjøen. The UNESCO World Heritage Site of the Vega Islands is close to our call in Sandnessjøen and can be visited on an optional excursion during summer. Norway is one of the world's major exporters of fish and seafood. In Brønnøysund we offer an excursion to the Norwegian Aquaculture Centre. Here you will learn about salmon farming and the surrounding environment. You can even meet the salmon, see what they eat and how they live. Don't expect the fish to say much about themselves, though. Your guide will take care of that.



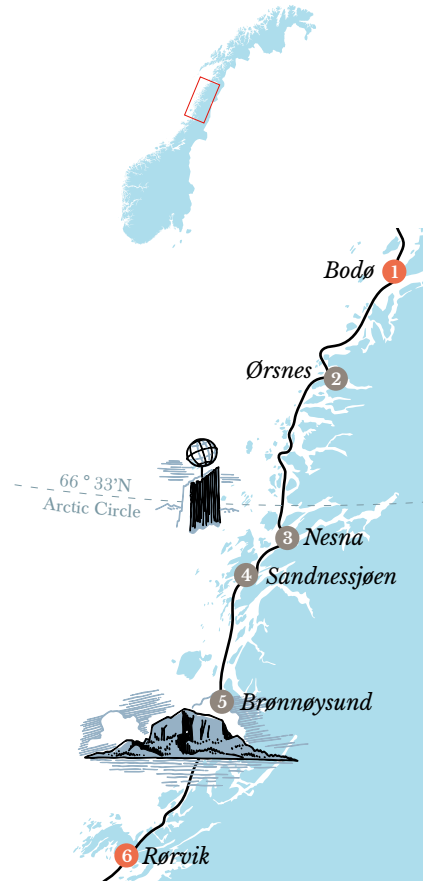


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DAY 10

BODØ - RØRVIK



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1. The Seven Sisters 2. The Arctic Circle
3. Visit the salmon

EXCURSIONS

- 10B UNESCO Vega Archipelago
SUMMER
- 10C Visit the salmon
SUMMER

"HISTORY"

THE SEA SERPENT



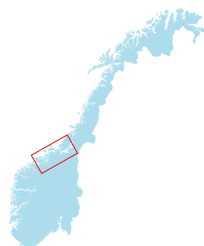
Rørvik is where the last sea serpent was spotted in Norway, in 1926. It was said to be over 650ft long.



DAY 11

TRONDHEIM - ÅLESUND

1. Kjeungskjær lighthouse
2. The old town bridge, Trondheim
3. Enjoy the views from deck



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EXCURSIONS

- 11A Trondheim with Nidaros - Cathedral
ALL YEAR
- 11D Trondheim city walk
ALL YEAR
- 11C The Atlantic Road
SPRING, SUMMER

CULTURE

TROLLS

NORWEGIAN FOLKLORE IS FILLED WITH THESE MYTHICAL CREATURES



Trolls are sometimes associated with particular landmarks, which at times may be explained as formed from a troll exposed to sunlight.



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The old towns AND THE SEA

Today gives you another opportunity to explore the city of Trondheim. Passing the islands of Munkholmen, Hitra and thousands of islets and skerries, we make stop in Kristiansund and then cross the open sea on our way to Molde.

Back on board, the ship heads out of the majestic Trondheimsfjord, which is 170 km long and up to 25 km wide. Like all other Norwegian fjords it is deep, 577 m at most. As we sail along the coast you'll realise the importance of fish to Norwegian coastal communities. Kristiansund's location has provided the town with a wealth of opportunities in the fishing, shipbuilding and oil industries. This town is now regarded as Norway's 'cured cod capital' because of its long time export of salted dry fish. Here you can join a trip to the Atlantic Road, one of Norway's most visited tourist destinations.

It is 8.2 km long, built on a total of eight bridges and surrounded by a picturesque landscape. After a short sightseeing tour in Kristiansund we continue to Averøy, and visit Kvernes Stave Church.

As we cross the open sea to Molde, known as the 'city of roses', you will notice the steep, grey, pointed peaks of the Romsdal Alps.

"We understand why this is considered one of the finest sea voyages in the world. We have just experienced the most beautiful moments of our life. Every second was a treat."

The Candoni family, France



DAY 12

ÅLESUND - BERGEN



The last chapter of **THE FERRY TALE**

During the night, the ship will call at Ålesund, Torvik, Måløy as the world's most beautiful voyage starts to draw to a close. Make the most of your final impressions of Norway.

Before we dock in Bergen there are still a few nautical miles of fascinating scenery ahead of us, such as the picturesque Nordfjord below the enormous Jostedal glacier. The fjord widens to the east and forges 90 km inland to Loen and Olden. The rugged coastal areas are a striking contrast to the inner fjord areas where the wind is less fierce and there is less rain.

In the morning we will make a call at Florø, a modern town representing the Sogn og Fjordane region's oldest and Norway's most western town. The small-town atmosphere is very much alive with a charming high street and a good selection of shops.

A few nautical miles south of Florø we navigate the estuary of the mighty Sognefjord. You also get the best views of the archipelago en route. And finally you disembark in Bergen, taking with you memories of a unique journey filled with impressions, experiences and meetings with the locals, wildlife and the stunning nature.

And even though all good things must come to an end, like this journey, we hope to see you on board for new adventures in the very near future.

EXCURSIONS

12A Bergen city sightseeing
ALL YEAR