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Astronomy Voyage

→ Bergen - Kirkenes - Bergen

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

Travel Period - October 2017 - March 2018

October 2018 - March 2019

Duration - 12 Days

Ship - MS Trollfjord, MS Finnmarken



Go hunting for the Northern Lights, the elusive winter phenomenon



Discover Norway's entire coastal route with 34 ports, more than 100 fjords and 1000 mountains



Learn more about the Northern Lights, the Arctic sky and the solar system in lectures on board from renowned astronomers



Visit the Northern Lights Planetarium in Tromsø

This fascinating science-focused winter voyage offers a great opportunity to discover more about the [Northern Lights](#) and the cosmos. Accompanied by one of our three renowned astronomers - Dr John Mason MBE, Ian Ridpath and Graham Bryant - who will give a series of exclusive onboard lectures and presentations.

Through this series of lectures and a guided tour of the night sky from the deck of the ship, your lecturer will bring the world of stars, planets and meteors closer whilst also exploring the numerous myths and legends linked to the constellations in our skies. Here are some examples of what you can expect:

- Fantastic Lights - an introduction to the Northern Lights
- Exploring the Solar System - Travel through the solar system from Mercury to Neptune and view the planets up close as seen by space probes

- Stories of the stars - Relive the Greek mythology of the constellations and learn about stellar discoveries by modern astronomers
- Comets, ghostly wanderers in space - Find out where comets come from, what they are made of and their role in the development of life on Earth
- From the international space station to the surface of Mars
- The splendour of total solar eclipses
- Exploring the Arctic night sky
- Our violent sun and space weather
- Visit to the Science Centre and Tromsø Planetarium on day 5
 - You will spend time at the Science of Northern Norway visiting their exhibits and installations on the Northern Lights. The Planetarium, part of the Science Centre, is the northernmost planetarium in the world and the largest in Norway. It has a full dome ceiling offering 360 degree views, with room for 100 visitors, and high quality digital projectors showing daily films about 'Experiencing the Aurora' and the constellations.

Your lecturers on board

Dr John Mason, MBE - On Astronomy Voyages departing:

- 7 November 2017
- 12 January 2018
- 8 March 2018
- 3 October 2018
- 5 November 2018
- 30 December 2018
- 1 February 2019
- 29 March 2019

An Applied Physicist by profession, Dr John Mason has been actively involved in Science for over 30 years, with Astronomy, Astrophysics and Space Technology as his main interests. He is currently Principal Lecturer at the South Downs Planetarium in Chichester, has been a Fellow of the Royal Astronomical Society since 1976, and is a full member of the International Astronomical Union. He lectures extensively in the UK and overseas on a wide range of scientific topics and is a frequent broadcaster on radio and television, having appeared many times with Sir Patrick Moore on BBC TV's 'The Sky at Night.'

Ian Ridpath - On Astronomy Voyages departing:

- 16 October 2017
- 13 November 2017
- 14 February 2018
- 31 October 2018
- 1 March 2019

Ian Ridpath has been a full time writer and broadcaster on Astronomy since 1972 and has previously worked at the University of London Observatory and in publishing. He is a Fellow of the Royal Astronomical Society (Council member 2004-07), as well as a member of the Society of Authors and of the Association of British Science Writers. He is also the Editor of the Oxford Dictionary of Astronomy and Norton's Star Atlas, a publication now in its twentieth edition since 1910.

Graham Bryant - On an Astronomy Voyage departing:

- 3 December 2018

Graham is Chairman of the Clanfield Observatory in Hampshire – the largest amateur observatory in the UK. He is a Fellow of the Royal Astronomical Society and part-time presenter at the South Downs Planetarium. Graham also mentors the final year astronomy module at the University of Portsmouth.

Northern Lights Promise

We're so confident that the Northern Lights will make an appearance during your 12 day Hurtigruten voyage in Norway, that if they don't, we'll give you another 6 or 7-day Classic Voyage with half board FREE OF CHARGE*

*Applies on travel between 1 October 2017 - 31 March 2018. Please refer to full terms and conditions.

Price includes

- 12 day Bergen - Bergen Round Voyage in cabin grade of your choice on a full-board basis on board
- English speaking tour leader on board
- Tour Manager and lectures from a renowned Astronomer
- Exclusive excursion to the Planetarium, Tromsø

Not included

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

Prices may change at any time before departure date, the applicable price will be quoted at the time of booking.

Please note

- All prices are shown in EUR per person based on two people travelling together sharing an inside twin cabin,
- Suites are available on request

The itinerary

Learn more about what you will experience on the Astronomy Voyage. The day-by-day program will give you a few ideas about what you can see and do on your coastal voyage, but bear in mind that this itinerary is just an indication of what you can experience. After all, this is a sailing where the elements rule and weather conditions might vary, which is why every expedition with Hurtigruten is unique.



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Departs From:
Bergen, Norway

DAY 1



The hunt begins

Location: Bergen

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

DAY 2



A day for masterpieces

Location: Ålesund

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

DAY 3



The Royal City of Trondheim

Location: Trondheim

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

DAY 4



Welcome to the Arctic!

Location: Arctic Circle and Lofoten Islands

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

DAY 5



Expand your Northern Lights knowledge

Location: Stokmarknes

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

DAY 6



The Northern Lights and the North Cape

Location: Honningsvåg

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

DAY 7



To the top and back again

Location: Kirkenes

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

DAY 8



The extreme north

Location: Hammerfest and Tromsø

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

DAY 9



Welcome to Lofoten

Location: Vesterålen and Lofoten Islands

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

DAY 10



A date with the Seven Sisters

Location: Arctic Circle, Seven Sisters

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

DAY 11



The old cities and the sea

Location: Trondheim and Kristiansund

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

DAY 12



The final chapter of the fairytale

Location: Bergen

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



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Bergen, Norway