





# **CLASSIC AUTUMN VOYAGES**

The Classic Round Voyage with Hurtigruten in autumn is a relaxing cruise. As summer fades, watch the coastline change from one season to the next and enjoy the shifting lights and colours. On our Classic Voyage, choose from 6, 7, 11 or 12 days on board. The ports that are visited by night on the Voyage North are visited by day on the Voyage South. In the larger towns and cities you will have plenty of time to go ashore or join our varied excursions.

Travel period - September - October

Duration - 6,7,11 or 12 Days

Ship - Hurtigruten Fleet



- The autumn light, bright colours and clean air enhances the tranquil atmosphere.
- Cross the Arctic Circle and maybe see the magic Northern Lights
- Enjoy a visit to Norway's former capital, Trondheim.
- Spend some time in the world's northernmost town, Hammerfest.
- Visit the town next to the Russian border and Hurtigruten's turning point, Kirkenes. Participate on a RIB safari to Saltstraumen near Bodo, the world's strongest tidal current.

# Exploring Norway in the hands of experts

Join us on a journey of discovery into the heart and soul of Norway's beautiful coast. These unique Norway coastal expedition voyages are accompanied by a Hurtigruten expedition team; seasoned travellers, modern-day explorers, and kindred spirits in their love of adventure. Experts in their respective fields, these specialists will passionately present you with insights into Norway's culture, wildlife, and nature; all to enhance your journey of inner and outer discovery.

On board one of our expedition ships, we will give you the opportunity to explore the region and local culture in a more active way, with excursions, an exclusive Hiking Pass and exciting on board activities that vary by season.

## The expedition of a lifetime

Choose from a wide range of optional onshore activities which add special, unforgettable experiences to your trip. As there is so much to see and do, you won't be able to do all the hikes of the Hiking Pass plus all the excursions on offer in one trip, but you can still pick and mix those that appeal to the explorer within.

The onboard programme consists of tastings of local fresh produce and daily lectures on a range of topics such as glaciology, natural phenomena, Viking history, Nordic folklore and so much more.

After a heady day of active adventure and hiking, what better way to finish the day than relaxing and sharing a drink with your expedition team at the bar or the panorama lounge. Exchange tales of exploration over photos, socialise with your fellow travellers, enjoy a cultural performance, and whet your appetite for the next day's many exciting experiences.

## Hiker's heaven

Norway's stunning coastline makes it a true paradise for avid hikers. Take advantage of the many guided hiking opportunities on your expedition cruise with our Hiking Pass – your ticket to hiking heaven.

A Hiking Pass gives you access to hand-picked hikes accompanied by your loyal expedition team. It consists of multiple hikes throughout the duration of your voyage, depending on the season and more if local weather permits. Hikes can last between 1.5 and 4 hours long and are for those ready for a physically demanding and rewarding Norwegian experience.

#### Recommended equipment:

When going on hikes you should choose your equipment based on the weather and the season. As a general rule of thumb, you should remember to pack good shoes for walking, such as boots for rainy and muddy conditions. A wind and water proof jacket, preferably with a hood and free hiking trousers, gloves, a hat, water bottles and sunglasses are also recommended. It's also a good idea to bring a pair of lightweight binoculars and a camera.

# Languages

Our activities and lectures will be mainly offered in English. A written summary will be handed out before the lecture starts in Norwegian, German and French. When we have German-speaking staff members, we will do our utmost to offer parts of the program in German.

#### **Price includes**

- Voyage in a cabin grade of your choice with meals included
- English speaking tour leader on board

#### Not included

- Flights and transfers
- Travel insurance
- Optional excursions
- Hiking Pass
- Luggage handling

## Please note

- Prices are in EUR (€) per person based on two people travelling together sharing as inside twin cabin
- Other categories are available at a supplement
- Not all categories available for departures

# The itinerary

Learn more about what you will experience on the Classic Roundtrip Voyage. The day-by-day programme 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.



Bergen, Norway

#### DAY 1



## The journey begins in the gateway to the fjords

Location: Bergen - Embarkation

Our starting point, Bergen, is a harbour town established by the Viking King Olav Haraldsson III more than nine hundred years ago. Today it is a central point for Norwegian travel, yet has retained a great deal of local character and history. As you walk along the Bryggen quay side you will discover buildings with seaward-facing gables dating back to the fourteenth century.



A day for architectural and natural masterpieces

Location: Alesund

Wake up to the breathtaking beauty of Norway in its autumn colours as we cross the open west cape and head for Torvik. Heading further inland, we will visit the stunning Hjorundfjord. This fjord's seclusion and unspoiled natural features; steep rock walls and green meadows are interspersed with mountain farms and small villages. After a call at the beautiful Art Nouveau town of alesund, we continue to Molde with its magnificent views of the Romsdal Alps - probably covered by the year's first snow.



Discover medieval spirit in the old capital

Location: The Royal City of Trondheim

Trondheim, Norway's first capital, is a jewel of a city that you'll have time to explore. Discover its secrets by strolling through its charming streets, sitting by the peaceful harbour, or crossing the old city bridge to see the restored wooden buildings of Bakklandet.



#### Welcome to the Arctic!

Location: Arctic Circle and Lofoten Islands

This morning you cross the Arctic Circle and by evening you reach the Lofoten Islands. This archipelago is renowned for its many quaint, picturesque fishing villages surrounded by majestic mountains.



# Feeling like a polar hero

Location: Tromso, the gateway to the Arctic

Today you can enjoy the view of a diverse countryside of farmland, pine trees and magnificent peaks. In the early afternoon we arrive for a longer stay in Tromso, known as the Gateway to the Arctic.



At the top of the world - North Cape

Location: Honningsvag and the North Cape

Breathe in the crisp, clean air while watching a landscape that is austere in its beauty. After an early stop in Hammerfest, we arrive in Honningsvag. This is the gateway to the spectacular North Cape which rises 300 m from the ocean, and at 71° 10′ 21″ N puts you a mere 2,000 kilometres from the Geographical North Pole. In the evening we will pass a rock formation that is sacred to the indigenous Sami people, Finnkirka.



**Capital of the Barents Region and turning point** 

Location: Kirkenes, The voyage turning point

The last port on the northbound voyage is Kirkenes, and at 30° E you are actually further east than Istanbul and St. Petersburg. Due to its location close to the border with Russia and Finland this little town is quite lively. Start your southbound voyage, revealing ports, after crossing Varangerfjord we arrive in Vardo, the easternmost point of the country. In the evening, we call at Batsfjord, as well as Berlevag.



# **Surrounded by excitement**

Location: Lyngenfjord, Hammerfest and Tromso

Start the day with breakfast at the North Cape (optional excursion). After calling at Honningsvag and Havoysund, we stop in Hammerfest, the world's northernmost town. We continue south to oksfjord, where a glacier calves directly into the sea, and after crossing open water, we will stop at the old trading post of Skjervoy. We dock in Tromso just in time to savour its nightlife.



# Lofoten, where nature amazes

Location: Vesteralen and Lofoten Islands

The island groups of Lofoten and Vesteralen offer some of the most stunning scenery you will see during your coastal voyage. Enjoy the shallow waters of the Risoyrenna Channel where sand banks are visible through the clear, green water. The ship will then negotiate the narrow Raftsund. If time and weather permit it, we'll take a detour into the spectacular Trollfjord where sheer cliffs hug the ship's sides, before heading on to Svolvaer.



**Enjoy a date with the Seven Sisters** 

Location: Arctic Circle, Seven sisters

From ornes we sail through crystalline waters framed by a landscape that is preparing for winter. Crossing the Arctic Circle once more, we pass the charming port of Sandnessjoen, and on the approach to Bronnoysund you can see the mythical Seven Sisters Mountains.



## In cod we trust

Location: Trondheim and Kristiansund

Today gives you another opportunity to see the sights of Trondheim including the Nidaros Cathedral, Scandinavia's largest medieval building. 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 glinting in the sun.



# Final chapter of the fairy tale

Location: Bergen, Disembarkation

During the night, the ship will call at Torvik, Maloy, and Floro as the 'world's most beautiful voyage' starts to draw to a close. Yet, ahead we still have plenty of west Norway's spectacular scenery to enjoy. You will disembark from your Norwegian Coastal Voyage in Bergen, taking with you memories of a unique autumn journey.

