

Norwegian Coastal Voyage

The Norwegian Coastal Voyage, or Hurtigruten, offers a unique experience, a world away from that of the giant cruise ships. It is an essential part of life in Norway, providing a lifeline to many small communities, and offering you the chance to discover the real Norway as the spectacular scenery unfolds.

The service runs almost daily throughout the year, and the full round voyage takes 11 days. Of the ships on the route two are older 'traditional' vessels, two are much larger 'Millennium' ships built in the last few years, while the majority of the fleet are comfortable ships built in the 1990s. All ships have restaurant, cafeteria, bars and lounges, and all but the traditional ships have lifts and stabilisers. Cabins are mainly twin-bedded, with private facilities, except on the traditional ships, where they mostly have upper and lower berths. Three-bedded and handicapped cabins are also available on most ships, as well as range of suites. We will be happy to discuss all the options and find the most suitable ship and cabin to meet your requirements. A comprehensive range of shore excursions is available and we will gladly provide full details on request.



Hurtigruten under the midnight sun, and leaving Tromsø.

CLASSIC ROUND VOYAGE

12 NIGHTS

Ref. NCV1

DEPARTURE DATES:

Daily throughout the year.

ITINERARY

DAY 1. BERGEN

Morning flight to Bergen (usually via Oslo or Copenhagen). Ship departs 20.00 in the period 15 April – 14 Sept, and at 22.30 outside this period.

DAY 2. MÅLØY – KRISTIANSUND

Briefly docking at Florø and Måløy in the night, the ship proceeds to the lovely Art Nouveau town of Ålesund. In the off-season there will be three hours to explore, while from 15/4-14/9 the ship travels deep into the spectacular Geirangerfjord before continuing northward to Molde and Kristiansund in the evening.

DAY 3. TRONDHEIM – RØRVIK

At 06.00 the ship docks in Trondheim with six hours for you to enjoy this historic city. Ahead lies the longest non-stop stretch of the voyage. Time to relax as you pass through some 6,000 islands and 'skerries', before reaching Rørvik at 21.15.

DAY 4. ØRNES – SVOLVÆR

Brief stops in the night at Brønnøysund and Sandnessjøen, then in the early hours you cross the Arctic Circle. Passing the mighty peaks of the Børvasst mountains you arrive in Bodø around lunchtime, with time for a couple of hours ashore. From Bodø the ship heads towards the majestic 'Lofoten Wall', calling at Stamsund and Svolvær in the evening, where you will have the chance of an hour ashore.

DAY 5. HARSTAD – SKJERVØY

During the night the ship calls at Stokmarknes, Sortland and Risøyhamn, arriving in Harstad early in the morning, with a little time to go ashore. Continuing through Vågsfjord and Malangen, there is a brief stop at Finnsnes, before arrival in Tromsø, with three hours in the capital of Arctic Norway, before continuing northwards to Skjervøy.

DAY 6. HAMMERFEST – KIRKENES

Øksfjord is passed in the night, and early morning brings you to Hammerfest – the world's most northerly town. Soon after you will encounter a dramatic change in the scenery – a result of icebergs, wind and the all-powerful sea changing the contours of the land. Late morning arrival in Honningsvåg with a chance to visit the North Cape.

DAY 7. KIRKENES – BERLEVÅG

Morning arrival in Kirkenes – the turning-point of the voyage. A couple of hours at the Russian border, before turning south and calling at Vadsø and Vardø in the afternoon.

DAY 8. HONNINGSVÅG – TROMSØ

Along the beautiful leeward side of Magerøya Island to Honningsvåg, then a stop at Havøysund before reaching Hammerfest – with time ashore to join the famous Polar Bear Club. On then to Øksfjord and Skjervøy before reaching Tromsø around midnight.

DAY 9. HARSTAD – STAMSUND

A short stop in the morning at Harstad then a memorable day through the Vesterålen and Lofoten Islands. Under impressive bridges linking the islands with the mainland then into the narrow Raftsundet, between mountains over 1,000 metres high. Weather permitting, the ship will enter the dramatically beautiful Trollfjord. During the day the ships calls at Risøyhamn, Sortland, Stokmarknes and Svolvær, arriving at Stamsund in the evening.

DAY 10. ØRNES – RØRVIK

Having called at Bodø in the early hours the ships arrives at Ørnes in the morning, and then weaves through the narrow straits and islands with impressive mountains in the background. Crossing the Arctic Circle, the next port of call is Sandnessjøen. Passing the 'Seven Sisters', Brønnøysund is visited in the afternoon, and Rørvik in the evening.

DAY 11. TRONDHEIM – ÅLESUND

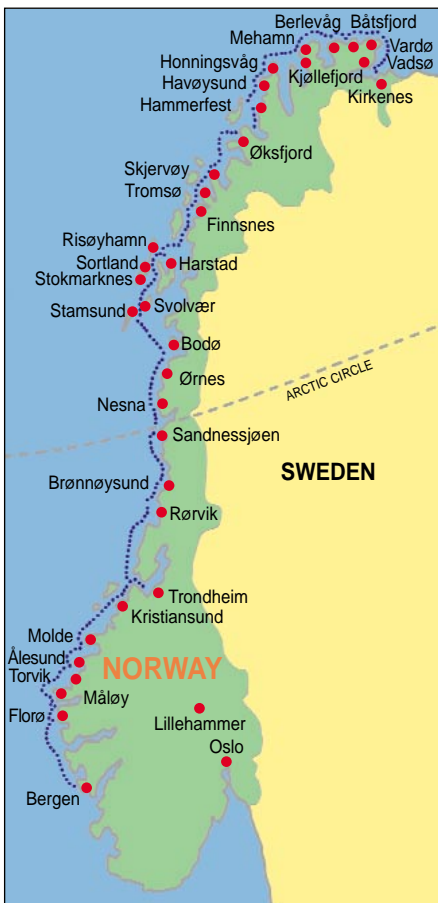
Wake up in Trondheim, and maybe visit the magnificent Nidaros Cathedral. In the late afternoon the ship docks in the 'dried cod' town of Ålesund at 23.45.

DAY 12. FLORØ – BERGEN

Past the mouth of the Sognfjord and through the beautiful archipelago to Bergen arriving at 14.30. Sadly, the end of the voyage, but a last night to enjoy Bergen, with Bed and Breakfast at the Clarion Admiral Hotel.

DAY 13. Morning at leisure in Bergen. Afternoon flight home.

N.B. If travelling on the evening flight from Gatwick the night in Bergen will be at the beginning of the holiday instead of at the end.



See next page for further details on prices and other voyage options.

Voyage Options

There are many ways to enjoy the amazing Hurtigruten experience. The Classic Round Voyage takes 11 days, allowing you to see on the southbound journey places you passed in the night going north.

Alternatively you can take a one-way voyage, and maybe add some land arrangements such as a few nights in Oslo, Bergen or the fjords. Another option would be a port-to-port journey to combine a Hurtigruten experience with any other itinerary you may choose, or simply as a convenient and relaxing way to link places you may wish to visit. We will be happy to discuss all the options, and help you plan your perfect holiday.

Prices

With a wide range of cabin types, flight options and departure dates the pricing structure is, of course, quite complex. In addition, Hurtigruten often have special discounts for early booking etc. We have therefore decided to abandon complex pricing grids and simply quote a guideline price example. If you then call us on 01342 712785 with your exact requirements we can give you a quotation that reflects any special promotional discounts that may be in place at that time.

Classic Round Voyage

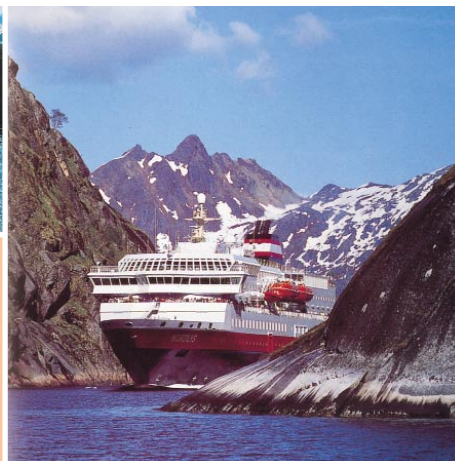
The Classic Round Voyage, as detailed on previous page, includes full board, and a designated cabin in the category of your choice. For guideline prices we are using an N2 grade twin-bedded outside cabin with private facilities – a very comfortable and cost-effective choice. Cabins on higher decks, and suites are, of course dearer, and inside cabins a little cheaper. Our package prices include a night in Bergen, and flights from Heathrow, Gatwick or Aberdeen, with other airports available at a supplement. Package prices start at £1795pp in January and February (with no single supplements in this period) and range up to £3195pp in June and July, but early booking discounts may be available.

Voyage to the North

The 6-night voyage from Bergen to Kirkenes, including full board and an N2 grade cabin, with flights from Heathrow starts at £1395pp in January and February, ranging up to £2375pp in June and July.

Voyage to the South

On this holiday you fly to Kirkenes, and spend a night there, before joining the ship for the 5-night cruise to Bergen. A night in Bergen is included at the end, and the price quoted includes full board and an N2 grade cabin on the ship, bed and breakfast in hotels, and flights from Heathrow. In January and February this package starts at £1350pp, ranging up to £2125pp in June and July. Early booking discounts may be available.



Top: cruising in Rafsundet; bottom; a sumptuous lunch buffet, right: Hurtigruten in Trollfjord.

IMAGES OF NORWAY

7 NIGHTS

Ref. OBT8

DAY 8. 08.30 Train direct to Oslo Airport for afternoon flight home.

DEPARTURE DATES:

Daily 12 April – 8 September

ITINERARY

DAY 1. Morning flight to Oslo.

Two nights Bed and Breakfast – Hotel Continental, Oslo

DAY 3. Morning train to Bergen arriving mid-afternoon.

Two nights Bed and Breakfast – Clarion Admiral Hotel, Bergen.

DAY 5. 20.00 Depart Bergen on Hurtigruten, bound for Trondheim.

Two nights Bed and Breakfast – Hurtigruten Ship.

DAY 6. Ship sails into Geirangerfjord. Optional coach excursion available.

DAY 7. Morning arrival in Trondheim.

One night Bed and Breakfast – Rica Nidelven Hotel, Trondheim.

PRICES in £s per person departing from: HEATHROW

Tour Ref	Twin	Single
OBT8	1475	1795

Price includes:

Scheduled SAS flights. Departure taxes. Bed and Breakfast accommodation as indicated. 2nd class rail travel Oslo/Bergen and Trondheim/Oslo. Coastal Voyage Bergen/Trondheim including breakfast and berth in twin-bedded or single inside cabin. Outside cabin at supplement, subject to availability.

FLIGHT SUPPLEMENTS

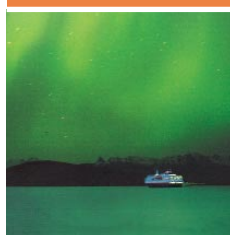
MANCHESTER	£30	BIRMINGHAM	£40
ABERDEEN	£30		

Port-to-port Sectors

On these journeys it is possible to reserve an inside or outside cabin, but actual cabin number is only allocated on boarding the ship. Availability is very limited, particularly in summer, but we will always do our utmost to secure the best we can. Full board is not automatically included as it is on full or half-voyages, but meals can be booked as required. There are many options for enjoyable port-to-port journeys, including our brand-new 'Images of Norway' tour.

Images of Norway

This tour includes one of the most scenic sectors of the voyage as the ship sails into the spectacular Geirangerfjord. Starting in Oslo, you then take the train 'Over the Roof of Norway' to Bergen, before the scenic two-night cruise to Trondheim. From Trondheim you return by train directly into Oslo Airport for the flight home. Extra nights can be added wherever you wish, or you may even choose to include a few nights in Voss or Balestrand en route to Bergen.



Northern Lights – a possible highlight of a winter voyage, right; Ålesund.