



Norway's Coastal Voyage

SEPTEMBER 1 - 11, 2012
11 DAYS

THE NORWEGIAN COASTAL VOYAGE IS A LIFELINE ALONG A STRETCH OF COAST CHARACTERIZED BY VAST DISTANCES, A SPARSE POPULATION, AND DRAMATIC SCENERY. THERE IS AN AIR OF HISTORY ABOUT THE NORWEGIAN COASTAL VOYAGE. IT HAS ALWAYS BEEN A PART OF COASTAL LIFE, HAS ALWAYS ARRIVED AT THE PORTS, AND HAS ALWAYS BEEN THERE TO RELY ON FOR MORE THAN 100 YEARS. THE SHIPS TAKE CHILDREN TO THEIR CHRISTENINGS, NEWLYWEDS ON THEIR HONEYMOONS, AND CARRY MILK AND VEGETABLES TO REMOTE ISLAND COMMUNITIES. WORKS BY RECOGNIZED ARTISTS HAVE HELPED THE NEW SHIPS GAIN RENOWN AS FLOATING GALLERIES. THE NORWEGIAN COASTAL VOYAGE IS A UNIQUE COMBINATION OF FIRST-CLASS PASSENGER SHIP AND WORKING SHIP. IT IS THE PERFECT ALTERNATIVE TO THE TRADITIONAL CRUISE FOR THE INDEPENDENT, SEASONED TRAVELER. ENJOY A PANORAMIC VIEW OF EVER-CHANGING, BREATHTAKING SCENERY FROM THE COMFORT OF A DECK CHAIR OR A CHAIR IN THE LOUNGE. THERE IS ALWAYS SOMETHING HAPPENING...WITHOUT MUCH REALLY HAPPENING AT ALL. THE SHIPS TRAVEL AT 16 KNOTS, WHICH MEANS THAT YOU ALWAYS HAVE TIME TO ENJOY THE JOURNEY, TO MAKE NEW FRIENDS, AND TO RELAX AND TAKE IN THE WONDERS OF THIS AMAZING JOURNEY. SO JOIN US ON AN UNFORGETTABLE TREASURE TROVE OF LANDSCAPES, SCENERY, SIGHTS, AND SOUNDS.



MAP AT A GLANCE



HIGHLIGHTS

*6 Night Cruise in Outside Cabins
Hurtigruten Northbound from Bergen to Kirkenes*

Bergen Tour & Sights with a local Guide

Day Excursion to Ovre Pasvik National Park

24 Outstanding Meals

AND MUCH MORE!!



Day 1 - Home to Bergen

Depart from MSP airport by Icelandair to Bergen on an overnight flight.

Day 2 - Bergen

Welcome to Bergen, the second largest city in Norway located on the south-western coast! Upon arrival, meet your English speaking assistant and transfer from Bergen airport to your hotel. Spend the afternoon free at leisure to explore the Nordic culture! Overnight accommodations in Bergen.

Hotel: Hotel First Marin

Day 3 - Bergen

After breakfast, enjoy a free day to explore some of the classic sights of Bergen. Enjoy dinner at your hotel and overnight accommodations in Bergen.

Included Meals: Breakfast, Dinner

Day 4 - Bergen - Norway Coastal Cruise (Hurtigruten Northbound)

Breakfast at hotel, then depart with your English speaking assistant and local coach for a full day sightseeing tour. Visit Trolldhaugen, the home of Norwegian composer Edvard Grieg and his wife. It consists of the museum, Grieg's villa, the hut where he composed music and him and his wife's gravesite. Enjoy visiting this typical 19th century residence with a panoramic tower and large veranda

overlooking Nordas Lake. Dine with your fellow travelers at a local restaurant in town for lunch, tasting the Nordic cuisine. After lunch, visit the Hanseatic Museum before leaving Bergen to set sail for your northern voyage. Late afternoon, transfer with your English speaking guide and local coach to the Hurtigruten pier where you will depart from Bergen for the Hurtigruten Northbound Voyage at 5:00pm with dinner onboard.

Ship: M.S. Trollfjord (6 Nights)

Included Meals: Breakfast, Lunch, Dinner

Day 5 - Maløy, Torvik, Alesund, Molde, Kristiansund (On Board)

Breakfast on board ship. Wake up to the breathtaking beauty of Norway as your ship crosses the open Stadthavet and heads for Torvik. Along the way, your Norway travel will be enhanced with a stop in the beautiful Art Nouveau town of Alesund. Stop in Geiranger at the Geirangerfjord, a UNESCO World Heritage site, to see the beautiful Brudesloret, Friaren, and the Seven Sisters waterfalls. After a call at Molde with its magnificent view of the Romsdal Alps, your ship will carefully navigate the Hustadvika, a belt of islets and skerries, before docking at Kristiansund. Lunch and dinner on board your ship.

Included Meals: Breakfast, Lunch, Dinner

Day 6 - Trondheim, Rovik (On Board)

Breakfast on board ship. The ship arrives early this morning in ancient Trondheim, where you'll have time to explore this jewel of a

“My expectations were greatly exceeded in every way. Fantastic Norway Cruise trip in all respects. Very well managed with delightful co-travelers.”

Allan, Spicer



As you relax aboard the M.S. Trollfjord, you'll experience first-hand the way of life of a first-class passenger & working ship as breathtaking scenery & unique sights slowly pass by.

city, Norway's first capital. Did you know that the first Viking sale of goods from "the new found land" took place here about 1000 AD? Or that timber from Liev Eriksson's Finland estate was sold to a Bremen merchant? You'll have plenty of time to discover Trondheim's secrets as you walk its charming streets, sit by the peaceful harbor, or cross the old city bridge to see the restored wooden buildings in Baklandet. Don't miss the great gothic cathedral of Nidaros, where the new kings of old Norway once received their official blessing. Once you sail again it's on to Rorvik, the busy fishing community at the center of a group of 6000 islands, islets and skerries known as Vikna. This area is alive, teeming with birds and several species of fish. Lunch and dinner on board your ship.

Included Meals: Breakfast, Lunch, Dinner

Day 7 - Ornes, Bodo, Stamsund, Svolvær (On Board)

Breakfast on board ship. Today you'll cross the Arctic Circle. Of course you can't actually see the line, but on your portside, the

globe on the island of Vikingen serves as a marker. Prepare yourself for spectacular sites ahead including islands and skerries filled with majestic rock formations, whose origins are the stuff of legend. After Bodo, the ship heads out to open sea for the Lofoten Islands with their picturesque cabins on stilts and weathered wooden racks with drying cod. They are known for excellent fishing, nature attractions and small villages off the beaten track. In the evening, your Norwegian cruise takes you through the narrow Raftsund Strait, passing the looming crags of the Trollfjord. Lunch and dinner on board your ship.

Included Meals: Breakfast, Lunch, Dinner

Day 8 - Harstad, Finnsnes, Tromsø, Skjervøy (On Board)

This morning you'll pass the medieval Trondenes church before calling at Harstad for breakfast. Afterward, you'll sail across the Vagsfjord past the great island of Senja with its diverse countryside of farmland, pine trees, and plunging peaks. Later you'll stop at Tromsø, the "Paris of the North." In the 19th century, Russian, British,



Dutch, and German ships stopped here before heading off on Arctic expeditions for hunting whales, walrus and seals. Lunch and dinner on board your ship.

Included Meals: Breakfast, Lunch, Dinner

Day 9 - Hammerfest, Havoysund, Honningsvag - Kjollefjord, Mehamn, Berlevag (On Board)

Breakfast on board ship. Finnmark's landscape is austere in its beauty, teeming with wildlife. Watch for rookeries of puffins and gannets along the cliffs and pods of orca hunting for herring. After calling at Honningsvag, the capital of the North Cape, the ship heads east toward the pretty fishing villages of Kjollefjord, Mehamn, and Berlevag. Lunch and dinner on board your ship.

Included Meals: Breakfast, Lunch, Dinner

Day 10 - Kirkenes

Breakfast on board ship prior to disembarking. Arrive at Kirkenes port at 9:45am. Upon arrival, meet your English speaking guide and coach and depart on a full day excursion to Ovre Pasvik National Park, a subarctic evergreen forest located in the Sor-Varanger municipality in Finnmark county, Norway. Soak in the beauty of the unique wildlife in the surrounding tundra and taiga! Enjoy lunch at a local restaurant near the park. Dinner and overnight accommodations at your hotel in Kirkenes.

Hotel: Thon Kirkenes Hotel

Included Meals: Breakfast, Lunch, Dinner

Day 11 - Kirkenes, Oslo, Reykjavik to Home

Breakfast at hotel. After breakfast, transfer with your English speaking assistant and local coach to Kirkenes airport. Have a safe flight!

Included Meals: Breakfast



***A Valid Passport is Required.**



INCLUDED

2012 TOUR DATES & PRICES:

DATES:	September 1 - 11, 2012 (11 Days)
PRICE PER PERSON:	\$5109 Double \$5999 Single
PRICE INCLUDES:	RT Airfare including taxes, fuel surcharges, & baggage fees! 24 Meals, Hotels, Cruise-Outside Cabin, and Activities as stated.
DEPOSIT DUE PER PERSON:	\$200 pp deposit at time of reservation, Full payment is due May 28, 2012.
OPTIONAL TRAVEL PROTECTION PP:	\$407 double (per person) / \$445 single
TOUR PACE:	Light to Moderate Walking
R&J TRAVEL BUCKS	\$65 Travel Bucks Earned With This Tour