

COMPLETE NORWAY - WINTER

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DAY 1: WELCOME TO OSLO

When you arrive at Oslo's Gardermoen Airport, make your way into **Oslo**'s city centre. Many travellers opt to take the express train to **Oslo** Central Station, but we can arrange a private transfer for you (at additional cost). For those arriving early, we recommend exploring Oslo by foot, spending the afternoon at sights including the Munch Museum, **Akershus fortress**, **Oslo Opera**, and the **Aker Brygge** area.

Spend the night in Oslo.

HIGHLIGHTS: Aker Brygge - Oslo

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DAY 2: THE HIGHLIGHTS OF OSLO

This morning, get an early start to explore the Norwegian capital. We recommend booking a guided bus tour that will take you along the famous landmarks of the city. Highlights include the beautiful **Vigeland Sculpture Park**, the **Royal Palace**, and **Oslo City Hall**. Another option is to tour Oslo on your own visiting some of the above attractions, or others like the Viking Ship Museum, Fram Polar Ship Museum and Karl Johans street.

Spend another night in Oslo.

HIGHLIGHTS: Oslo City Hall - The Royal Palace (Oslo)

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DAY 3: NORWAY IN A NUTSHELL - THE FLÅM RAILWAY IN WINTER

Get an early start and head to Oslo Central Station, where you'll begin the Norway in a Nutshell® railway journey towards Bergen, with an overnight stop in **Flåm**. This train ride takes you over Norway's "mountainous rooftops", through charming villages like Gol and **Geilo**.

In Myrdal, you'll switch trains to the famous **Flåm Railway** (Flåmsbana) for an incredible ride to the beautiful village of Flåm, which is especially lovely in winter. Enjoy a relaxing day in Flåm, where you can follow one of the many hiking trails in the mountains around the village, or participate in an optional activity such as a winter fjord safari.

Spend the night in Flåm.

We highly recommend booking our luggage transfer for the travel between Oslo and Bergen.

HIGHLIGHTS: Flåm - Flåm Railway (Flåmsbana) - Geilo - NORWAY IN A NUTSHELL®

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DAY 4: NORWAY IN A NUTSHELL TO BERGEN

In the morning, you'll board a boat to sail through **Aurlandsfjord** into the World Heritage-listed **Nærøfjord**, the narrowest fjord in all of Europe. This is perhaps the most beautiful arm of **Sognefjord**, with its mighty waterfalls and small farms clinging to the steep mountainsides. The boat docks in Gudvangen, and from there the journey continues by bus through Nærøydalen, with its charming villages and scenic winter landscape. The bus will arrive in Voss, where you continue the tour by train on the Bergen Railway to **Bergen**.

Spend the night in Bergen.

HIGHLIGHTS: Aurlandsfjord - Bergen - Flåm - NORWAY IN A NUTSHELL® - Nærøysfjord - Sognefjord

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DAY 5: THE CAPITAL OF THE FJORDS

Despite being an international city, Bergen, “The Capital of the Fjords”, has all the charms of a small town. Here you’ll find **Bryggen**, a UNESCO World Heritage site, along with remarkably preserved old houses, a lively fish market, cable cars offering stunning views, great museums and more. We recommend riding the **Fløibanen** Funicular to Mount Fløyen to enjoy the panoramic winter view of the city or a cable car up Mt. Ulriken. Bergen is also known for its museums dedicated to history within trade and fisheries, architecture, musical art and contemporary art.

Spend another night in Bergen.

HIGHLIGHTS: Bergen - Bryggen - Fishmarket - Fløibanen Funicular (Funicular Railway) - King Håkon’s Hall - Maria Church - Rosenkrantz Tower

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DAY 6: HURTIGRUTEN COASTAL VOYAGE

Enjoy the early part of the day exploring Bergen. In the evening, you’ll enter the next stage of your journey as you embark on the Norwegian Coastal Voyage with **Hurtigruten**. Norway’s dramatic 2,000-kilometre west coast is one of Europe’s great attractions, and for more than 100 years, this popular journey has been offering travellers a unique combination of history, culture and incredible views.

After your fjord cruise sets sail, you will enjoy a tasty Norwegian dinner buffet consisting of the best ingredients from the coast and you can spend the rest of your evening at leisure. Onboard you’ll stay in a comfortable outside cabin with private facilities.

Spend the night on board Hurtigruten

Please note that you can board Hurtigruten as early as 16:00 or as late as 21:00 for the 22:30 departure.

HIGHLIGHTS: Hurtigruten Coastal Voyage

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DAY 7: JOURNEY TO ÅLESUND

You will continue your scenic winter coastal voyage today from **Florø** to **Molde**. This morning, you can enjoy the breathtaking beauty of the **Nordfjord**, followed by a delicious breakfast. As the ship sails past the West Cape, you will enter the open ocean before reaching Ålesund, which is known for its beautiful Art Nouveau architecture. You will get a chance to explore Ålesund during a 3-hour stop.

Spend the night on board Hurtigruten.

HIGHLIGHTS: Ålesund - Nordfjorden

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DAY 8: HISTORIC TOWN OF TRONDHEIM

Early in the morning, the ship pulls in to the historic city of **Trondheim**. Here you will have about 3.5 hours to explore the city on your own or take an optional sightseeing tour. Trondheim is the original capital of Norway, and until the 16th century, the city was known as Nidaros. Here you will find **Nidaros Cathedral**, which is one of Scandinavia’s largest buildings from the Middle Ages, along with tiny, picturesque old wooden houses. From Trondheim, the ship sails on to Rorvik, where the southbound and northbound coastal ships meet.

Spend the night on board Hurtigruten.

HIGHLIGHTS: Nidaros Cathedral/Nidarosdomen - Trondheim

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DAY 9: OVER THE ARCTIC CIRCLE & NORTHERN LIGHTS

Today you will cross the **Arctic Circle** while enjoying spectacular sights, including islands and skerries with interesting rock formations jutting out of the deep waters. The ship will dock in **Bodo** for 2.5 hours, which is a lovely place to wander, catching glimpses of sea birds and rolling nature.

In the evening, the ship will make a 1-hour stop in Svolvær, **Lofoten**, a small, picturesque fishing village with a charming Scandinavian atmosphere. You can take a stroll between stockfish racks and traditional fishermen huts called 'rorbuer', and for people that wish to spend more time in Lofoten, optional shore excursions are available. Note that once the ship crosses the Arctic Circle, your chances of spotting the northern lights increases, so keep your eyes peeled at night*.

Spend the night on board Hurtigruten

**Please note that the northern lights are a natural phenomenon, so sightings cannot be guaranteed.*

HIGHLIGHTS: Bodø - Lofoten Islands & Svolvær - Northern lights

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DAY 10: TROMSØ, "PARIS OF THE NORTH"

In the morning, you'll pass Risøyhamn, Harstad, and Finnsnes before sailing across the Vagsfjord to a magnificent archipelago in the north. Later today, the ship stops in **Tromsø**, where you will explore the lively town in northern Norway, which is beautiful in the soft winter light. Nicknamed "the Paris of the North", this city was a major port of call for Arctic expedition and hunting ships in the 19th century--a part of history that is still evident here. Throughout the year, you can join guided hikes and discover more of Tromsø and its surroundings. After an exhilarating day in Tromsø, you will board the ship and continue your northbound journey.

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HIGHLIGHTS: Northern lights - Tromsø

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DAY 11: THE BEAUTY OF NORTH CAPE

Finnmark's landscape is not to be missed with rugged bird cliffs and vast snowy terrain. The ship stops at **Honningsvåg** today, and we recommend that you board a bus for a short optional excursion to the famous North Cape. After this shore stop, the ship navigates east toward the pretty fishing villages of Kjøllefjord, Mehamn, and Berlevag (the heartland of the Sámi people). You can experience snowy valleys, fresh winter air, and perhaps even the mesmerizing northern lights in the starry sky.

Spend the night on board Hurtigruten.

HIGHLIGHTS: Honningsvåg - Northern lights

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DAY 12: REACHING COSY KIRKENES

Enjoy one last breakfast at sea before the ship docks in **Kirkenes** around 9:00 this morning. This Arctic town lies on the borders of Russia and Finland and is home to some 3,300 inhabitants, including the Sámi, the native people of Lapland. For such a small town, Kirkenes offers an impressive range of things to see and do, and the rest of the day is free for you to try out an optional excursion or just relax in the town. It is here that your cruise up north comes to an end.

Spend the night in Kirkenes.

HIGHLIGHTS: Kirkenes - Northern lights

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DAY 13: RETURN TO OSLO & DEPARTURE

After an incredible time in Norway, it's time to head home today. Your tour will conclude at Kirkenes Airport, where you will fly to Oslo-Gardermoen Airport at noon, and connect to your flight back home.

Note: If you do not have enough time between flights, or you would like more time to explore the capital, an additional night in Oslo can be added to your package. Please contact your travel consultant for details.

Whatever your needs, we are here to help. If you have any questions about our packages or services, please do not hesitate to contact us.

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