

# NORWAY IN A NUTSHELL® & 71° NORTH CAPE

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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 **Royal Palace, Akershus fortress, Oslo City Hall, Oslo Opera House**, and the **Aker Brygge** area. Other notable attractions include the beautiful Vigeland Sculpture Park, the Viking Ship Museum and Karl Johans street.

Spend the night in Oslo.

**HIGHLIGHTS:** Aker Brygge - Oslo - Oslo City Hall - Oslo Opera House - The Royal Palace (Oslo)

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### DAY 2: NORWAY IN A NUTSHELL IN WINTER - THE FLÅM RAILWAY

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. Enjoy a relaxing day in Flåm, where you can follow one of the many hiking trails in the mountains around the village.

Spend the night in Flåm.

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

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

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### DAY 3: NORWAY IN A NUTSHELL TO BERGEN

In the morning, you'll board a boat to sail through **Aurlandsfjord** into the World Heritage-listed **Nærøyfjord**, 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, which is especially beautiful in the winter months. 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 - Nærøyfjord - Sognefjord

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### DAY 4: 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 view of the city or a cable car up **Mt. Ulriken** to survey the winter landscape. 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 - Fjords in Norway - Fløibanen Funicular (Funicular Railway) - King Håkon’s Hall - Maria Church - Rosenkrantz Tower

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## DAY 5: FLY TO TROMSØ & NORTHERN LIGHT HUNT

Start the day with an early morning flight to Tromsø Airport and make your way to your hotel by bus or taxi. After settling in at your hotel, you can spend the rest of the day exploring the charming city of the “capital of Norway”. Spend the rest of the day at leisure in **Tromsø** exploring the charming Arctic city and its various attractions, including the **Polar Museum**, the **Arctic Cathedral** and the **Fjellheisen** cable car.

In the evening it’s time to leave the city lights behind on a guided small group tour for chance to enjoy some of the brightest northern lights in the world.\*

Spend the night in Tromsø.

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

**HIGHLIGHTS:** Arctic Cathedral - Fjellheisen - Northern lights - The Polar Museum - Tromsø

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## DAY 6: EXPLORE TROMSØ & HURTIGRUTEN CRUISE

Explore Tromsø this morning. We recommend a stroll down Storgata which is the main walking/shopping street of the city. There are numerous shops and cafes to suit all tastes. If you would like to book an optional activity for this morning, your travel consultant can arrange for excursions including reindeer-sledding and snowmobiling.

For the next leg of your journey, board the **Hurtigruten** ship in the evening for a cruise to **Kirkenes**. Sailing along the fjord-studded coastline, this voyage offers incredible views of Norway’s most famous landscapes along with on-board entertainment, gourmet dining and other convenient amenities. There’s a good chance of seeing the northern lights this evening, so keep your eyes peeled.

Spend the night on board Hurtigruten.

**HIGHLIGHTS:** Hurtigruten Cruise - Northern lights

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## DAY 7: NORTH CAPE AT 71°NORTH

Today your Hurtigruten cruise makes a stop at the famous **North Cape (Nordkapp)**. Situated at 71° north, this area is known for its beautiful landscapes and wildlife sighting opportunities. You will join a guided shore excursion to the North Cape, encountering magnificent landscapes as we cross the 71st parallel on a journey towards the northernmost point on the European continent. Here you will also have a bit of free time to explore the charming seaside town of Honningsvåg.

Spend another night on board Hurtigruten.

**HIGHLIGHTS:** North Cape

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## DAY 8: DOG SLEDDING & SNOW HOTEL EXPERIENCE

At 9:00 the ship arrives at Kirkenes, located about 400 km (240 miles) above the **Arctic Circle** in northern Norway. With just over 3,000 inhabitants, including the native Sami people. You will be transferred from the harbour to a **dog-sledding** tour, where you will glide along the soft white snow with a pack of friendly dogs.

In the afternoon, it's time to check in to the one-and-only **Snow Hotel**. There you will enjoy a drink at the Snow Bar and feast on a 3-course meal by the fireplace at the Høyloftet Restaurant before preparing for an amazing night in your special suite made of snow and ice\*!

Spend the night at the Snow Hotel.

*\*Please note that we offer the option of choosing to stay in a private cabin instead of in an ice room at the snow hotel. Click the optional activities for further information.*

**HIGHLIGHTS:** Dog-sledding Excursions - Kirkenes - Kirkenes SnowHotel

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## DAY 9: THE ARCTIC NORTH & KIRKENES

Spend the morning warming up in the Snow Hotel's sauna and enjoy a hearty breakfast. Visit the hotel's on-site friendly reindeers and meet some happy Huskies before travelling back to Kirkenes. However, if you are up for some optional activities, you can join tours including snowmobiling and a king crab safari.

Spend the rest of the day at leisure exploring Kirkenes including the Border Country Museum (Grenselandsmuseet), which tells the story of war and peace along the border, or the Andersgrotta Cave, a vast underground bunker that sheltered the town's residents during WWII.

Spend the night in Kirkenes

**HIGHLIGHTS:** Kirkenes SnowHotel

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## DAY 10: DEPARTURE FROM THE NORTH

After an incredible time in Norway, it's time to bid farewell to Norway. Your tour will conclude in Kirkenes, where you will make your way back home.

*Note: If you need assistance with flights from Kirkenes, or booking pre or post-nights in Oslo before and after your holiday in the North then please contact us 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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