

LOFOTEN & THE FJORDS

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DAY 1: WELCOME TO LOFOTEN ISLANDS

Welcome to **Svolvær**, the “Capital of the Lofoten Islands” a small, picturesque fishing village with a charming Scandinavian atmosphere. Here you will find a variety of small galleries, shops and cultural attractions nestled under the town’s landmark mountain, **Svolværgeita** (the Svolvær Goat), a popular challenge for climbers.

If you arrive early, we recommend a walk to the nearby island of Svinøya for a visit to the local art museum and fish racks or you could take a stroll around town for excellent views of the sea and surrounding islands.

Spend the night in Svolvær.

HIGHLIGHTS: Lofoten Islands & Svolvær - Svolværgeita

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DAY 2: SVOLVÆR AT LEISURE

Today you can explore Svolvær as you wish. This a great opportunity for photographers to experiment with Lofoten’s unique lighting conditions or for nature lovers to enjoy activities like hiking, rib boat safari to Trollfjord, fishing, or kayaking. We recommend ending the day with a visit to the “Magic Ice bar” with its gallery of magnificent ice sculptures.

Spend the night in Svolvær.

HIGHLIGHTS: Lofoten Islands & Svolvær - Svolværgeita

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DAY 3: SVOLVÆR & CRUISE DEPARTURE

Enjoy another day at leisure in this beautiful environment. It’s a great place for hiking and exploring the town. In Svolvær it’s a must to take a stroll between stockfish racks and traditional fishermen huts called ‘rorbuer’.

The next leg of your tour, the **Hurtigruten Coastal Voyage**, departs for its southbound journey this evening. The first stop is Stamsund, and here you’ll have a fantastic view of the majestic mountain tops of **Lofotveggen**. Then we leave Lofoten behind and set course towards the mainland.

Spend the night on board Hurtigruten.

HIGHLIGHTS: Hurtigruten Coastal Voyage - Lofotveggen (Lofoten Wall) - Svolvær

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DAY 4: CROSSING THE ARCTIC CIRCLE

Today the ship crosses the **Arctic Circle**, sailing past such highlights as the famed peaks of **the Seven Sisters Mountains, Torghatten** and the island of **Sandnessjøen**. The Seven Sisters mountains are around 1000 metres tall, and according to folklore, the mountains are trolls that turned into stone when they looked at the sun. Meanwhile, Torghatten is known for the tunnel that goes through the mountain, which was formed during the Ice Age. The last port of call for the day is the charming town of Rørvik, which is home to several museums.

Spend the night on board Hurtigruten.

HIGHLIGHTS: Arctic Circle - Seven Sisters Mountains - Torghatten - Sandnessjøen - Rørvik

HIGHLIGHTS: Seven Sisters Mountain Range - Torghatten

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DAY 5: TRONDHEIM TO ÅLESUND

Early in the morning the ship docks at the fascinating medieval city of **Trondheim**, where you have some free time to explore the city. The voyage then continues down the Trondheim fjord past Hitra Island with a brief stop at **Kristiansund** and **Molde**. This journey passes through some breathtaking coastal landscapes, and the final port of the day is a short stop in Ålesund, after midnight. Optional shore excursion to see the Atlantic Ocean Road is available today.

Spend the night on board Hurtigruten.

HIGHLIGHTS: Kristiansund - Molde - Trondheim

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DAY 6: SAIL TO HISTORIC BERGEN

During the night, the ship calls at Torvik, Maløy, and Florø as the journey weaves through islets and stunning landscapes before arriving in **Bergen**. Here you will disembark at 14:30 to enjoy some leisure time. 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 and flower market, cable cars offering stunning views, great museums and more.

Spend the night in Bergen.

HIGHLIGHTS: Bergen - Bryggen - Fishmarket - Fløibanen Funicular (Funicular Railway)

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DAY 7: THE CAPITAL OF THE FJORDS

Continue to explore beautiful Bergen today. We recommend riding the **Fløibanen Funicular** to Mount Fløyen to enjoy panoramic views over the city or to take a cable car up Mt. Ulriken. Bergen is surrounded by 7 mountains so this is an ideal place for hiking. Bergen is also known for its museums that cover the city’s history, architecture, music and art. We recommend visiting the Edvard Grieg museum and the KODE art museum, which is Scandinavia’s largest museum for art and music. If you wish to explore the fjords further, optional fjord cruises are available.

Spend the night in Bergen.

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

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DAY 8: NORWAY IN A NUTSHELL BY LAND AND SEA

Today will be an especially scenic day with a lot of travel. From Bergen, the early Bergensbanen train transports you to Voss, where you’ll be transported by bus down **Stalheimskleiva**, Northern Europe’s steepest stretch of road. After a thrilling ride around 13 hairpin bends, you will continue to **Gudvangen**. There, you will embark on a scenic 2-hour fjord cruise to **Flåm**, including a trip through **Nærøyfjord**, the narrowest fjord in all of Europe. Finally, the boat sails up **Aurlandsfjord** to Flåm, where you will spend the evening.

Spend the night in Flåm.

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

HIGHLIGHTS: Aurlandsfjord - Flåm - Gudvangen - NORWAY IN A NUTSHELL® - Nærøyfjord - Sognefjord - Stalheimskleiva

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DAY 9: THE FLÅM RAILWAY EXPERIENCE

Spend the early part of your day exploring the village of Flåm by following one of the many hiking trails in the mountains around the village. At noon, you'll get to experience the famous **Flåm Railway** firsthand as it climbs 900 metres over a span of 20 kilometres up the winding track to the Myrdal Station. Here you will switch to the Bergensbanen train that takes you over the mountainous rooftops of Norway, through the charming villages of **Geilo** and Gol before concluding in **Oslo**, where you will spend your final night of the tour.

Spend the night in Oslo.

HIGHLIGHTS: Flåm - Flåm Railway (Flåmsbana) - Geilo - Oslo

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DAY 10: DEPARTURE FROM OSLO

For transportation to Oslo-Gardermoen Airport, you can take the Flytoget express train from Oslo Central Station or book a private transfer through Nordic Visitor that will deliver you to the airport directly from your hotel. If your flight is in the afternoon, take the opportunity to do some last-minute shopping, visit one of Oslo's many museums or just relax at a café reflecting on your Norway holiday.

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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