

HURTIGRUTEN FOLLOW THE LIGHTS

SEPTEMBER 2021 - MARCH 2022

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NORWAY FINLAND LAPLAND ESTONIA

SMALL GROUP ESCORTED TOUR

from 7336 per person twin share



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FOLLOW THE LIGHTS PACKAGE - 2021 & 2022

Day 1. Arrive in Oslo

Arrive in Oslo, make your own way from the airport or train station to your hotel. Remainder of the day at leisure. In the evening meet the rest of the group and your guide at our welcome dinner. Overnight in Oslo.

Day 2. Oslo

After a leisurely breakfast, meet the group in the lobby of the hotel for an Oslo grand city tour including Vigeland Sculpture Park, Viking Ship Museum, Oslo Opera house, Holmenkollen Ski Jump and more. Overnight in Oslo.

Day 3. Flam

After an early breakfast we will start our "Norway In a Nutshell" tour, catching the morning train to Myrdal where we change trains for the famous Flåm Railway, with spectacular fjord views all the way to the beautiful, tiny village of Flåm. Overnight in Flåm.

Day 4. Bergen

The day starts with the ferry from Flåm to Gudvangen, passing through the narrow Nærøyfjord. From Gudvangen the journey continues by bus. Waterfalls line the road as we weave our way through the valley to Voss. There we board a train for the last leg of our "Norway in a Nutshell" journey, arriving in Bergen in the afternoon. Rest of the day at leisure. Overnight in Bergen.

Day 5. Bergen - Hurtigruten Embarkation

After a relaxing morning we take a walking tour of Bergen, including St Mary's Church, Håkon's Hall and the UNESCO World Heritage listed Bryggen, before heading to Troldhaugen, the home of Norway's most famous composer, Edvard Grieg. The tour ends at Bergen pier, where we board our Hurtigruten ship. Overnight on board our ship.

Day 6. Alesund (Day 2 of the Voyage)

We navigate skerries and islands before reaching Ålesund, renowned for its beautiful Art Nouveau architecture. Leaving Ålesund we head north towards Trondheim. Overnight on board our ship.

Day 7. Trondheim (Day 3 of the Voyage)

Arrive early in the morning at Trondheim, with plenty of time to explore Norway's first capital. Overnight on board our ship.

Day 8. Lofoten Islands (Day 4 of the Voyage)

As we cross the Arctic Circle in the morning, the hunt for the Aurora Borealis begins. We enter the dramatic and narrow Raftsund, and if the weather and ice conditions allow, we'll sail to the entrance of the famous Trollfjord. Overnight on board our ship.

Day 9. Tromsø (Day 5 of the Voyage)

After a morning stop in Finnsnes, the ship continues to Tromsø, a major cultural hub above the Arctic Circle, and famed as a viewing point for the Northern Lights.

The city's historic centre is distinguished by its centuriesold wooden houses. The 1965 Arctic Cathedral, with its distinctive peaked roof and soaring stained-glass windows, dominates the skyline. Overnight on board our ship

Day 10. Honningsvåg (Day 6 of the Voyage)

Honningsvåg is the nearest port to the North Cape – only 2000km from the geographical North Pole. Overnight on board our ship.

Day 11. Kirkenes - Saariselkä

Enjoy a short drive through Kirkenes, before arriving at Inari, the Sami capital (traditional nomads of ----- Scandinavia, reindeer herders), where we'll visit the Siida Sami museum and afterwards enjoy a reindeer experience.

Day 12. Saariselkä

Today we visit a husky farm and learn about the life and training of these unique Arctic dogs. In the evening there may be optional evening Aurora Borealis tours. Overnight in Saariselkä.

Day 13. Sinettä

Today we visit Santa Claus Village, where you will have free time to explore. In the evening, spend the night in a glass igloo. Overnight in Sinettä.

Day 14. Rovaniemi

Arrive in Rovaniemi and enjoy free time or optional extra touring options. Overnight in Rovaniemi.

Day 15. Rantasalmi

This morning we head for Rantasalmi, enjoying the surrounding scenery as we make our way to the Finnish Lakes district. Early evening arrival and overnight in Rantasalmi.

Day 16. Helsinki

Today we leave the Finnish wilderness and head into Helsinki, Finland's capital. Enjoy a half-day city tour before checking into our hotel. Overnight in Helsinki.

Day 17. Tallinn

An early start with a full day excursion to the medieval town of Tallinn in Estonia. Take the ferry followed by a combined bus and walking tour of the city. Stops will include the baroque Kadriorg Park and the seaside district of Pirita. Walk through the winding, cobblestoned streets of the Old Town continuing to Toompea Castle, home to the Estonian parliament. Visit Alexander Nevsky Cathedral and the Dome Church before enjoying some free time before boarding the ferry to return to Helsinki. Tonight, enjoy a special farewell dinner. Overnight in Helsinki.

Day 18. Helsinki

NORWEGIAN

Harstad

66°33'N ARCTIC CIRCLE

Sortland

Bodø

Nesna

Lofoten Islands

Sandnessjøen

Brønnøysund,

Ålesund

Måløy

After breakfast at the hotel our tour ends.

HOLIDAY INCLUSIONS

BALTIC

SEA

BARENTS

Kirkene

Saariselkä

Sinettä

FINLAND

Helsinki

Hotel & Spa Resort Järvisydär

ESTONIA

Rovaniemi

- 4 star accommodation standard
- 11 nights' hotel accommodation (1 night in glass igloo) & 6 nights' cruise accommodation in a cabin category of your choice
- Luggage service from hotel in Oslo to hotel in Bergen (1 bag per person)
- Luggage service at all hotels (starting with luggage OUT in Oslo, and ending with luggage IN in Helsinki)
- Daily breakfast, 6 lunches
- 12 dinners City tours of Oslo, Bergen, Helsinki & Tallinn
- Return Ferry ticket to TallinnNorway in a Nutshell, Flåm Railway journey
- First class coach from Kirkenes to Helsinki
- English speaking guide from start to finish
- Reindeer Farm visit (sled ride, depending on weather)
- Husky Farm visit (sled ride, depending on weather)
- Santa Claus Village visit
- Siida museum visit





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