

# The North Cape Express - Half Voyage from Bergen

## What's Included in the Package

### When in Norway

- Transfers in Bergen (airport – hotel, hotel – ship) – shuttle bus
- One-night stay in a four-star city centre hotel in Bergen, including breakfast
- Bergen sightseeing tour
- Transfer in Tromsø (ship – hotel)
- One-night stay in a four-star city centre hotel in Tromsø, including breakfast
- Tromsø sightseeing tour

### Food and drink on board

- Full board with all-day dining
- Drinks package (wine, beer, soft drinks) 1
- Complimentary water, tea, and coffee
- Afternoon tea and cakes in the bar

### Life on board

- Complimentary Wi-Fi 2
- English-speaking Coastal Experience team
- Visit to the bridge 3

- 1 - Only valid in the onboard restaurants during mealtimes  
2 - Guests on the Select fare will need to register on our free 1893 Ambassador loyalty programme to access the Wi-Fi  
3 - At the discretion of the Captain and subject to safety restrictions



### DAY 1 - BERGEN

#### Welcome to Norway

It's only fitting that your Norwegian adventure begins in Bergen, Norway's cultural and artistic hotspot.

In many ways, Bergen is like a medieval living museum. Founded by King Olaf III in 1070 AD, Bergen was Norway's capital for many years. As you wander its cobblestone streets and alleyways, you'll note how this bustling city has lost none of its heritage and historic charm. Transfer from Bergen airport to your hotel for an overnight stay.



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### DAY 2 - BERGEN - THE NORTH CAPE EXPRESS JOURNEY BEGIN

Depending on how much time you have in the morning, you can take a funicular to the top of Mount Fløyen. At the summit, you'll be able to take in spectacular views of Bergen, its neighbouring fjords and surrounding mountains. Make your way to the pier where your ship, MS Trollfjord, is waiting to depart by mid-afternoon. Once we've welcomed you aboard and you've settled into your cabin or suite, you'll meet your Coastal Experience Team. You'll get to know each member of the team well as they give lectures and organise onboard activities for you throughout your voyage.

Grab yourself a drink in the ship's two-storey panorama lounge and meet your fellow guests. As the ship sails from Bergen and into Hjeltefjord, your scenic adventure along Norway's coast is underway.

### DAY 3 - MOLDE

#### Perfect panoramas

Molde is the capital and commercial centre of Romsdalen, which sits on the southern coast of the Romsdal Peninsula. We've stopped at this port many times before on our Coastal Express route, but this time we'll be making a much longer stop, so you'll have all the time you need to get your fill of the town. There are a number of optional activities organised by your Coastal Experience Team that add to your experience of Molde. Accessible nearby on an optional excursion is the Atlantic Road, an icon of the Norwegian coast that often features in Hollywood movies. To get the best panoramic views of the area, join us on a hike to Varden viewpoint, following the trail from the town centre. Once you're there, you can gaze at the town from above at the height of 402 metres above sea level and admire the 222 snowy peaks across Moldefjord. If you prefer to stay closer to the ground, you can pop into the Romsdal Museum, one of Norway's largest folk museums about ten minutes away from the town centre.

### DAY 4 - RØRVIK

#### An ancient fishing town

The Vikna archipelago is a chain of around 6,000 islands, islets and skerries. The largest of the chain, Inner-Vikna, is where we'll make our next stop. We aim to dock at the port town of Rørvik around mid-morning, remaining there most of the day. The town and its surrounding areas have a long history, with burial mounds found there that date back to ancient times. The area's maritime legacy is well-documented across Rørvik's many museums, particularly The Norwegian Coastal Museum. Similarly, at SalmoNor visiting centre, you can take a tour of a modern salmon farm and find out more about the Norwegian aquaculture industry that supplies the world with tasty Nordic salmon. Another major export is cod, and the town even has an annual Cod Festival in March. This species of fish is especially common in the waters of the archipelago during winter, so why not indulge yourself in some fresh cod cakes while here.

### DAY 5 - LØDINGEN

#### Village life and fjord nature

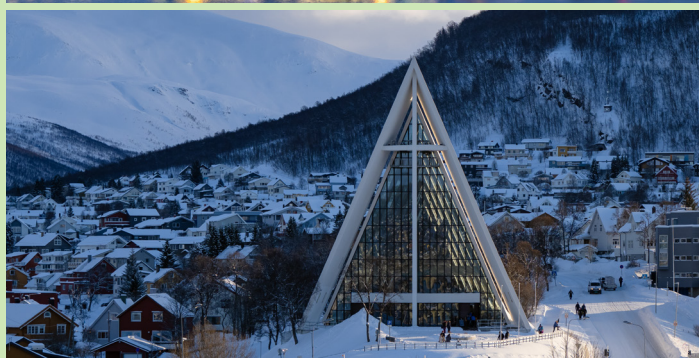
The administrative centre of a municipality with the same name, Lødingen is a village on the southwestern shore of Hinnøya, with a population of under 2,000. This is a port that our ships used to visit on one of our earlier coastal routes and returning here is a kind of homecoming for us. We'll dock at around midday, using Lødingen as a base for a few hours to explore more of Hinnøya island, Norway's largest island south of Svalbard. Wander the streets near the port and admire the traditional red fishing huts, or rorbuer, that line the shore. As you walk, you'll likely notice the calming atmosphere that village life brings. The highlight of this visit has to be the breathtaking fjords and mountains that the Norwegian coast is so famous for. Branching off of Andfjord, Gullesfjord cuts into the north side of Hinnøya, bordered by pristine mountain ranges. The area is popular among campers, who stay on the campsite or in cabins and fish for cod in the fjord during winter.

An optional excursion might take you on a boat safari, giving you the chance to get closer to the fjord. Challenge yourself to a hike in the mountains for the reward of majestic panoramas of the surrounding land and sea.

### DAY 6 - ALTA

#### The city of Northern Lights

Alta is one of the bigger coastal towns we visit, with a population of over 10,000 people. A particularly famous part of the town is Alta River, one of Norway's best salmon rivers. Here, large salmon are regularly caught, with some even weighing up to 24 kg. You won't regret trying some fresh grilled salmon in one of the local restaurants. At 70 degrees north, this town is still far above the Arctic Circle. The area is known for particularly good Northern Lights visibility, so keep your camera ready. If the skies are clear and the conditions are right, you should be able to get some amazing shots of the lights dancing above you. You can learn more about this incredible natural light show on a guided tour of the town. The Northern Lights Cathedral even has an exhibition showing how Alta became the epicentre for ground-breaking research of the



Aurora Borealis between the 19th and 20th centuries. Increased snowfall in the winter allows for some truly authentic Arctic excursions, like dogsledding. The snow and climate of Alta also creates the perfect conditions to build and maintain the Igloo Hotel, located on the banks of river Alta.

You'll have the chance to visit and tour the world's northernmost ice hotel, built out of snow and ice every winter and carved with different artistic themes by local sculptors. Head to the hotel's ice bar, decorated with handcrafted ice sculptures and order a drink in an ice glass – no ice cubes needed.

### DAY 7 - HONNINGSVÅG

#### The northernmost point

The northernmost city on the mainland, Honningsvåg's landscape is quite distinctive, with barely any trees or bushes. This far north, winters are long and snowfall is high, so get ready for some fantastic winter scenery and activities. Feel the snow crunching under your snowshoes as you hike across the plains. You might even be able to try your hand at ice fishing, a beloved winter tradition in the far north. Get a taste of the local delicacy, king crab, which is caught in the waters around Honningsvåg and served year-round. Admire local art in the Once Upon a Dream art gallery, and don't miss the Honningsvåg Church. This is the oldest building in the area, dating back to 1885. The highlight of any trip to Honningsvåg is a visit to the North Cape. This is one of the northernmost points of mainland Europe, and as we're visiting in winter, we can get there by snowmobile. Standing near the northern edge of Norway and looking out over the Barents Sea under the polar night sky is a truly special experience. Add the ethereal Northern Lights dancing in the sky above, and you've got a sight you'll never forget. The cape is marked with a famous globe monument, which demands a selfie or two... or five. When you're ready, head inside North Cape Hall to warm up, and learn about life in the High Arctic through a short film and a variety of exhibits.

Having reached the northernmost point of our voyage, we'll turn around and begin going south as we sail away in the evening.

### DAY 8 - TROMSØ

#### The capital of the Arctic

Today, you'll arrive at the Arctic Capital itself, sitting around 217 miles north of the Arctic Circle. You've sailed on The North Cape Express, exploring just a few of Norway's coastal cities and villages. During the journey, you'll have experienced Norway's varied climate, seen majestic mountains and fjords, and maybe gazed up in awe at the Northern Lights once or even a few times.

We hope you'll cherish each of the memories of The North Cape Express that you'll take home with you. Come sail with us again soon on another iconic voyage of our spectacular home: the Norwegian coast.

*Note: The day-by-day programme will give you a few ideas about what you can see and do on your coastal voyage in Norway, but bear in mind that this itinerary is just an indication of what you can experience. After all, this is a sailing where the elements rule and weather conditions might vary, which is why every voyage with The Hurtigruten Coastal Express is unique.*

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