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NORWAY

HURTIGRUTEN CRUISE AND FJORD WONDERLAND!

3 – 18 August 2026











Norway doesn't hold back when it comes to mind-blowing landscapes: spectacular glacial fjords, stunning coastlines and soaring mountains, and on this 15-night journey you'll see all of this, and much more. Starting in Oslo, you'll tour the Akershus Castle and the Vigeland Sculpture Park before flying to the Arctic town of Kirkenes to see the year-round Snow Hotel, go on a King Crab Safari and see a World War II Bomb Shelter and Museum. Board the 6-day Hurtigruten Coastal Express cruise, their most famous route to see the dramatic Lofoten Islands, pretty fishing villages and picture postcard scenery. Arrive in the port of Bergen to explore their beautifully preserved wooden buildings, ride on the Voss and Flåm Railways and enjoy a cruise along the Naeroyfjord and the Aurlandsfjord. Enjoy more cruising, this time on the Sognefjord and the famous Geirangerfjord, before driving along the scenic Peer Gynt Road to the charming ski-resort town of Lillehammer. Tour the town, which held the 1994 Winter Olympics and take a local train to Hamar to ride on a heritage train at the Norwegian Railway Museum and catch another train to Oslo to tour the Oslo Tramway Museum.

TOUR HIGHLIGHTS:

- · Six-day Hurtigruten cruise to see majestic coastal and mountain scenery
- See the beautiful wooden buildings in the Bergen and Trondheim old towns
- Travel on the heritage Voss and Flam Railways to see spectacular scenery
- · Cruise the famous fjords: Geirangerfjord, Sognefjord, Naeroyfjord and Aurlandsfjord
- · Wander the charming ski-resort UNESCO heritage town of Lillehammer
- The Arctic town of Kirkenes to see the Snow Hotel and a WWII Bomb Shelter

DAY 1 Monday 3 August 2026 Oslo

Arrive in Oslo and settle into your hotel. Enjoy some free time before meeting at the hotel's reception at 6PM, before transferring to a local restaurant for a welcome dinner. Surrounded by mountains and the sea, this compact, cultured, quirky and colourful city has plenty of fascinating sights to offer. Overnight: Hotell Bondeheimen, Oslo (D)

DAY 2 Tuesday 4 August 2026 Oslo

Today, you will tour the city seeing the Oslo Opera House, Karl Johan's Gate, the Royal Palace and look at frescoes depicting Scandinavian history on the walls of red-brick Oslo City Hall. Visit the monumental Holmenkollbakken Ski jump, which looks more like a work of art than a sports venue to soak in the 360-degree views of the city, with its fjords, forests and fairytale castles. Explore the immense Akershus Castle and Fortress, Fram Polar Museum, Vigeland Sculpture Park, and enjoy some free time in the late afternoon and evening. Overnight: Hotell Bondeheimen, Oslo (B)





DAY 3 Wednesday 5 August 2026 Kirkenes

This morning, you will fly 2,000 kilometres to the Arctic town of Kirkenes, which is located only 10 kilometres from the Russian border. On arrival, you'll check into your hotel and enjoy lunch at the year-round Snow Hotel and tour the Grenselandmuseet War Museum. During the occupation of Norway by Nazi Germany in World War II, Kirkenes was bombed a total of 328 times in four years making it the most bombed place during WWII after Malta. In the late afternoon, you'll take part in a King Crab Safari, combining an unforgettable nature experience with a delicious meal. Overnight: Thon Hotel, Kirkenes (B,L,D)

DAY 4 Thursday 6 August 2026 Hurtigruten Cruise – Kirkenes to Berlevåg

This morning, you'll reflect at the Andersgrotta WWII Bomb Shelter which once had enough room for 2,500 people and board the 6-day Hurtigruten cruise in the late morning. Check into your cabins and depart at lunch. Enjoy the

majestic scenery and stop in the port of Vardø, where you'll find the star-shaped Vardøhus Fortress and continue cruising the coastline to the ports of Båtsfjord and Berlevåg. In Northern Norway, the midnight sun shines from May 17 to July 21, and during your cruise you're likely to have only a few hours of sunlight per day! Overnight: Hurtigruten Cruise (B,LD)

DAY 5 Friday 7 August 2026 Hurtigruten Cruise – Berlevåg to Tromsø

You'll make early morning stops at four different ports before arriving Hammerfest around lunchtime. Here, visit the UNESCO-listed Meridian Column and perhaps shop for souvenirs at the Polar Bear Society. We continue cruising the coast south to Øksfjord and then to Skjervøy, which is surrounded by mountain peaks, including the scenic Lyngen Alps which boast some of the highest peaks in all of Norway. Midnight Magic: We'll dock at Tromsø just before midnight, and in the summer months, you can stroll around the still busy city in glorious 24-hour daylight. Overnight: Hurtigruten Cruise (B,L,D)



DAY 6 Saturday 8 August 2026 Hurtigruten Cruise – Tromsø to Stamsund

This morning, rise for breakfast amid spell-bounding scenery. Today, you'll cruise the archipelagos of Lofoten and Vesterålen, major highlights of our Norway scenic route. You'll be gobsmacked by what you'll see all around you and understand why this is considered the most beautiful of all the Hurtigruten Norwegian cruises. Travel past the stunning Lofoten Islands, via the Troll Fjord to Svolvær, then sail for Stamsund, eventually passing the giant granite cliffs of the Lofoten Wall. Enjoy lunch and dinner on the ship, and of course all that magnificent coastal scenery. Overnight: Hurtigruten Cruise (B,L,D)

DAY 7 Sunday 9 August 2026 Hurtigruten Cruise – Stamsund to Rørvik

We cross over the Arctic Circle at Ørnes just after breakfast and commemorate the moment with a tradition of tasting a spoonful of good ol' Norwegian cod liver oil! We cruise the marvellous Helgeland Coast and admire the stunning landscape of the Seven Sisters mountain range. We reach Brønnøysund in the mid-afternoon, where you can explore the bustling marina and the Brønnøy Church: a stone church in the Neo-Gothic style. Our last stop of the day this evening is the cosy fishing port of Rørvik in the picturesque Vikna archipelago. Overnight: Hurtigruten Cruise (B,L,D)

DAY 8 Monday 10 August 2026 Hurtigruten Cruise – Rørvik, Trondheim, Kristiansund to Molde

Arrive in Trondheim at breakfast and visit the Gothic Nidaros Cathedral and explore the photogenic and historic old town with its colourful wooden warehouses, bridges and waterways. Later, we dock at Kristiansund's harbour, where you can take a walk around the cobblestone streets of the old town and tour the lively port. Why not treat yourself to quality coffee and a Nordic patisserie in one of the Bakklandet district's many chic cafés, then walk up to Kristiansten Fort for great views of Norway's third largest city. Your last port today is Molde, which is nicknamed "The City of Roses". Overnight: Hurtigruten Cruise (B,L,D)



DAY 9 Tuesday 11 August 2026 Hurtigruten Cruise – Molde to Bergen

In the early hours of the morning, our cruise will call in at Ålesund, Torvik and Måløy, where you'll have a chance to glimpse Nordfjord, under the enormous Jostedal Glacier – mainland Europe's largest. The ship then docks at Florø where you can take in the harbour and marina, before travelling across the mouth of Sognefjord, the longest and widest fjord in the country. Cruise down Hjeltefjord and arrive into Bergen in the mid-afternoon. Disembark the ship and check into your hotel. Bergen's natural setting surrounded by mountains and water makes it Norway's most picturesque city. Overnight: Zander K Hotel, Bergen (B,L)



DAY 10 Wednesday 12 August 2026 Bergen

This morning, you'll sail up the harbour and along the estuary, to Garnes where you'll unwind at Café Stationen, a distinctive train-inspired café before boarding the Voss Railway. This vintage steam train is complete with a teak dining car, in which we'll enjoy lunch while it runs along the original isolated Bergen railway. Return to Bergen and ride the Fløibanen funicular for majestic views of the city and waterways. Later, wander this World Heritagelisted "Wooden City" to see the beautifully preserved wooden buildings of Bryggen.

Overnight: Zander K Hotel, Bergen (B,L)



DAY 11 Thursday 13 August 2026 Flam Railway – Leikanger

After breakfast, we'll take the high-speed train to the charming fjord village of Flåm on Aurlandsfjord to ride one of the most scenic and dramatic train journeys in the world – the Flåm Railway. As one of the world's steepest stretches of train line, the train cuts through deep ravines, rivers, waterfalls and mountains. Take a cruise ship from Gudvanger to see the breathtaking Nærøyfjord and Nærøy Valley, impressive mountain landscapes to the Kjosfossen Waterfall. Later, you'll cruise on the Sognefjord – the world's longest and deepest fjord, before driving to Leikanger. Overnight: Leikanger Fjordhotel (B,L)

DAY 12 Friday 14 August 2026 Geiranger

This morning, you'll drive along the rugged mountain road to the town of Geiranger to board a cruiseship to travel along the famous Geirangerfjord to Hellesylt. The fjord is one of Norway's most visited tourist sites and is listed as a UNESCO World Heritage Site. On your cruise, you'll take a closer look at the many sights: "The Seven Sisters", "The Bridal Veil" and "The Suitor", majestic fjord cliffs and abandoned mountain farms - and if you're lucky, you may see porpoises frockling in the water. Enjoy free time this evening. Overnight: Hotel Union Geiranger Bad & Spa, Geiranger (B,L)

DAY 13 Saturday 15 August 2026 Lillehammer

This morning, you'll travel past yet more striking scenery via the pretty village of Otta, where you'll explore and have lunch, before driving to Espedalen to traverse the Peer Gynt Road to

Skeikampen. The 60-kilometre stretch of road is known as the mythical 'Kingdom of Trolls' and provides stunning panoramic views through Norway's beautiful countryside along the Gudbrandsdalen Valley. Arrive in lakeside town of Lillehammer, which held the 1994 Winter Olympics and is known as the UNESCO City of Literature. Enjoy a free evening. Overnight: TOP Mølla Hotell, Lillehammer (B.L)



DAY 14 Sunday 16 August 2026

Today, you'll explore the 19th-century old town, along the Storgata shopping street which is lined with charming wooden houses, boutiques and restaurants. Later, you'll tour the fascinating Maihaugen Open Air Museum where you'll see over 200 historic houses from the 13th century and learn about the people of the Gudbrandsdalen Valley and Norwegian culture. Enjoy free time for lunch, and visit the contemporary Norwegian Olympic Museum to learn about Olympic history and the events of the 1994 Winter Olympics. The rest of your afternoon and evening is free. Overnight: TOP Mølla Hotell, Lillehammer (B)

DAY 15 Monday 17 August 2026

After breakfast, you'll take a scenic train journey from Lillehammer to Hamar to tour The Norwegian Railway Museum and ride its narrow-gauge train. The museum enjoys a beautiful location on Lake Mjøsa and has a large park featuring various railway buildings and track systems. Take another local train to Oslo and check into your hotel. In the mid-afternoon you'll visit the Oslo Tramway Museum to see vintage railcars, buses and four trolleybuses that was used on Oslo's public transport system. Tonight, you'll enjoy a farewell dinner and reminisce about your wonderful adventure together. Overnight: Hotell Bondeheimen, Oslo (B,D)

DAY 16 Tuesday 18 August 2026 Oslo

Our tour concludes after breakfast this morning. The airport bus or fast airport train both leave from close to the hotel. (B)



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Cabin/Category		Deck	Twin-Share	Single Fare
J2	Polar Outside Twin (Obstructed)	Upper Deck	\$ 11,990	\$ 15,890
J2D	Polar Outside Double (Obstructed)	Upper Deck	\$ 12,190	\$ 16,190
02	Polar Outside Twin	Upper Deck	\$ 12,490	\$ 16,690
03	Polar Outside Twin (Obstructed)	Middle Deck	\$ 12,590	\$ 16,790
P2D	Arctic Superior Double (Obstructed)	Upper Deck	\$ 12,990	\$ 17,590

Hurtigruten's MS Richard With When Captain Richard With established the

When Captain Richard With established the Norwegian Coastal Express in 1893, he made an enormous impact on life along the Norwegian coastline. The MS Richard With lives up to that legacy. On board the ship you will relax in the ship's panorama lounges and take in the unforgettable views of remarkable coastal scenery, much of it is the same as when the first Hurtigruten boats sailed by more than a century ago. Beautiful art throughout the ship's interior adds contemporary elegance to the vessel's maritime ambience. Your home at sea is where time slows down, and where you can enjoy casual and cosy ambience, inspired by the Nordic concept of koselig (which means cozy!). The Explorer Lounge and Bar is the perfect place on the ship to go to nestle into a comfy chair, sip a handcrafted cocktail, chat to fellow guests, and watch the world go by. Each of the ship's restaurants is a different dining experience, but all feature our Norway's Coastal Kitchen concept of local ingredients from local suppliers. There is also a fitness room to keep active in, before enjoying a soothing steam in the sauna. You can also soak in the bubbles of the ship's two outdoor hot tubs, while admiring views of the coast.

Included in the tour price:

- 10 nights' accommodation in well-located first-class hotels with private facilities, on a twin-share basis. Hotel taxes and service charges included
- 5 nights' accommodation on the Hurtigruten Cruise with private facilities, on a twin-share basis. Taxes and service charges included
- · Port & handling charges and port taxes
- 15 breakfasts, 11 lunches, and 8 dinners
- Four heritage train journeys and experiences
- Air-conditioned local train journeys
- Internal flight from Oslo to Kirkenes
- Entry to all sightseeing attractions mentioned in the itinerary, except for those marked 'optional' plus locally guided tours
- Tour management by Travelrite

Not included in the price:

- Return international flights
- Arrival and departure transfers
- Insurance. Travel insurance is strongly recommended
- All items of personal nature, such as drinks, room service, laundry and phone calls
- Meals and drinks, unless specified in itinerary. Breakfasts, lunches, dinners, that are 'included' are marked B, L, D in the itinerary
- Ship gratuities







General information and booking conditions

Touring can involve a considerable amount of walking and stair climbing in the places visited and it is important that all tour participants have a level of physical fitness that allows them to take part in this activity without the need of assistance from others.

TOUR OPERATOR: Travelrite International Pty Ltd. A.C.N. 005 817 0781 (Travelrite International) is the tour operator.

TOUR COSTS: The tours costs are based on transport, accommodation costs and entrance costs at 26 June 2025. Travelrite reserves the right to alter the costs if any of these factors change, giving any passenger that has booked the right to withdraw with full refund of monies paid or modify arrangements. No alterations to costings will be made within 100 days of departure.

DEPOSITS AND PAYMENTS: A non-refundable deposit of \$1,800 per passenger is required at the time of booking. Full payment will be required 100 days before departure. A 1.5% administration charge will be added to payment by Visa, Mastercard and America Express.

CANCELLATIONS: Number of days before sailing

Days prior to Departure

Over 130 days

\$1,800

Non-appearance/no written notice: 100% of full fare

CHANGES TO THE TOUR ITINERARY: Travelrite International reserves the right to make changes to the tour itinerary to fit in with operational requirements. Any changes to the itinerary will be replaced with similar arrangements with an equal or greater value.

100% of full fare

MINIMUM TOUR NUMBERS: The tour has been costed on the basis of a minimum number of passengers having booked 130 days prior to departure. Travelrite reserves the right to cancel the tour, giving a full refund of all monies paid or offer arrangements to proceed with the tour at a modified cost if the minimum number is not achieved.

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BAGGAGE: All passengers qualify for 1 piece free baggage allowance.

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