

NORTHERN LIGHTS VOYAGE

TROMSØ • KIRKENES • TROMSØ

5 DAYS / 4 NIGHTS

PRICES FROM £795

NO SINGLE SUPPLEMENTS

An Arctic adventure which travels to remote regions along the dramatic coastline and to the most northerly part of Norway. The entire duration of this tour is spent above the Arctic Circle, increasing your chances of seeing the Aurora Borealis.



A tantalising glimpse into life in this remote region of Norway

Our journey begins at the same latitude as Siberia and Alaska, the influence of the Gulf Stream creates the longest ice-free polar coast.

Joining our ship in Norway's Arctic capital, Tromsø, we begin our leisurely voyage north. Together with our fellow passengers, we keep our eyes to the skies as we pass through the waters towards Honningsvåg. From Honningsvåg we may join an excursion to mainland Europe's most northerly point, North Cape. This is a wild and windswept headland where the cliffs rise dramatically 300 metres from the sea and we gaze out with nothing but water between us and the frozen wastes surrounding the North Pole.

Sailing on, we now bear east, and eventually reach the sheltered harbour of Kirkenes, a mere 10km from the Russian border. Kirkenes is the turning point for the Hurtigruten voyage and this fascinating little town allows a tantalising glimpse into life in this remote region of Norway.

In Kirkenes it is possible to visit the border with Russia, try your hand at snowmobiling or enjoy a taste of Sami life.

As the return journey from Kirkenes hugs the coastline we revisit remote settlements which rely on the Hurtigruten ships to maintain contact with the rest of Norway. We stay overnight in Tromsø after leaving the ship.

VOYAGE ITINERARY

Day 1 Fly from UK to Tromsø where you will be transferred to the ship (D).

Day 2 – 3 Enjoy the voyage, passing North Cape and on to Kirkenes. A range of optional excursions is available before sailing south again (B, D).

Day 4 Arrive Tromsø late evening, transfer to your centrally located hotel for an overnight stay (B, D).

Day 5 Optional dog sledging excursion available before transfer back to the airport and return flights to the UK (B).

B = Breakfast, D = Dinner.

EXCURSIONS

North Cape – Europe's Northernmost Point

From Honningsvåg a coach will take us to the North Cape Plateau where we share unsurpassed views towards the North Pole, a potentially incredible backdrop for experiencing the Northern Lights.

£58 per person, pre-bookable.

Barents Safari – Kirkenes

Drive a snowmobile across the frozen sea (full instruction given, driving licence required). On our return we can relax in a traditional dwelling and enjoy an introduction to the everyday life of the Sami. Warm clothing is provided.

Usually available from mid December.

£95 per person, pre-bookable.

The Russian Border – Kirkenes

A short tour takes us to the border with Russia, providing a distant glimpse of the lands that lie east.

£25 per person, bookable on board.

Due to time constraints, excursions in Kirkenes cannot be combined.

Dog Sledging – Tromsø

Experience a real taste of Arctic Norway, across the plains of Tromsø. Huskies are harnessed to our sledge and together we speed across the frozen landscape. A warm meal in a Lavvo (Sami tent) is included. Participants on this excursion will be collected from their hotel and taken directly to the airport after the trip.

£125 per person, pre-bookable.

See more of these fantastic trips and excursions on our DVD. Call us for your free copy.

SPECIAL OCCASIONS

Christmas

Join the MS Trollfjord on 23 December and celebrate Christmas on board with a special meal and Christmas carols.

New Year

On our 6-day New Years departure on 27 December we have added a night in Tromsø before you board the ship allowing time to see the town before you set sail. A special New Years Eve meal will be served before we return to enjoy Tromsø's New Year celebrations.

Valentine's Day

For a very special Valentine's day why not join our departure on 11 February and spend Valentine's day on board. You'll arrive in Tromsø late in the evening and have the option to take part in a romantic dog sledging excursion the following morning before you depart.

SPECIAL ASTRONOMY DEPARTURE

30 January 2008

For those interested to learn more about the Northern Lights, the myths and legends linked to the Arctic sky and astronomy in general, you will be joined by the renowned astronomer Dr John Mason on this special departure. An expert in the field of all things celestial he will present lectures on topics such as "Thunder and Lightning," "Postcard from Mars" and of course, "Northern Lights." He will also be giving guided tours of the Arctic night sky with the famous Aurara Borealis hopefully making an appearance, too.

Please call us for a voyage dossier which will provide further details and prices.

