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## GREENHILLS TRAVEL CENTRE

### NORTHERN LIGHTS

## 26 Day Small Group Tour Norwegian Coastal Cruise Scandinavian Capitals Norway in a Nutshell

Fully Escorted from Maitland by Warwick (Curly) Gladman  
24 Oct – 19 November 2025

**Day 1 24 Oct** Sydney – Copenhagen. Dinner & Breakfast Inflight

**Day 2 25 Oct** Copenhagen. After clearing immigration & customs transfer our hotel for 3 nights at Hotel Mayfair 4\* or Similar. Dinner

**Day 3 26 Oct** Copenhagen – Hop On Hop Off Pass. Entrance fees not included. See the Little Mermaid, 'Queen Mary's humble abode' Breakfast

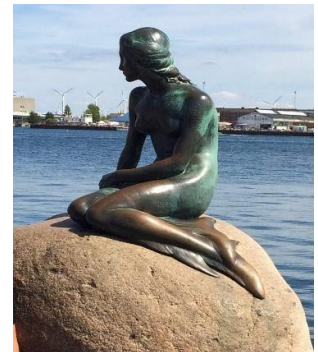
**Day 4 27 Oct** Copenhagen –Free Day Hop On Hop Off Pass. Breakfast

**Day 5 28 Oct** Copenhagen to Stockholm.by train. 07:21 5h15m 12:36 On arrival in Stockholm check in to Radisson Blu 4\* for our 3-night stay. Afternoon free. Breakfast. Tonight, visit the Ice Bar and then enjoy a 2 course Dinner.

**Day 6 29 Oct** Stockholm Hop on Hop Off Pass. Breakfast. Abba Museum and Vassa are a must see. Entrance fees to sights not included.

**Day 7 30 Oct** Stockholm – Free day to explore using your Hop On Hop Off Pass. Breakfast. You will need 2 hours for the Vassa Museum

**Day 8 31 Oct** Stockholm to Oslo by train - Oslo. Evening arrival in Oslo. A 5-minute walk to our hotel from the train. Comfort Hotel Grand Central 3.5\* is Oslo's most central hotel. Right in the newly opened Ostbanehallen, packed with restaurants, cafes and shops. Combine this with modern design in New York style, and you get a hotel experience beyond the ordinary. Breakfast & Dinner included



**Day 9 1 Nov** Oslo City Tour 10.00 am - 3.30 pm. This tour includes all major and "must-see" attractions in Oslo. The bus will take you through the city centre of Oslo, to the Vigeland Sculpture Park and to the Ski Jump at Holmenkollen. You will see the Viking Ships in the Viking Ship Museum. Then the unique polar ship Fram in the Fram Museum or spectacular expeditions of Thor Heyerdahl in the Kon-Tiki Museum.

Transportation by Coach, services of local guide and entrance fees to attractions. Breakfast. Comfort Hotel Grand Central

**Day 10 2 Nov** Free Day. Breakfast. Comfort Hotel Grand Central

**Day 11 3 Nov** Oslo – Kirkenes 0840/1055

Early morning train to the airport for an 8.40 am flight to Kirkenes.

Upon your arrival in Kirkenes transfer to the Thon Hotel 4\*. Afternoon Free. Breakfast, Dinner 5.00 pm Snow Hotel Tour and Dinner

On this tour you will get a guided tour of the Snowhotel 365, as well as a three-course dinner in our unique Laven Restaurant. Your driver will pick you up in Kirkenes, and after a 15-minute drive we will arrive at the Snowhotel Kirkenes. Your guide will escort you to the cozy Gabba cafe, where you will receive a warm welcome by the fire.

The tour continues through the Snowhotel, where you can admire the ice art and enjoy a welcome drink in the ice bar.

Afterwards, it's time to go back up to the warm restaurant to enjoy a 3-course dinner made from local, arctic ingredients. After dinner, the ice bar is open for a drink and some cool photos before the evening is over. At 20:45 our driver will take you back to Kirkenes. If you want to stay longer in the icebar, or upstairs in the restaurant, you can of course order a taxi later (at your own expense) Keep your eye out for the Northern lights, they can appear at any time. Breakfast, Dinner

**Day 12 4 Nov** Thon Hotel Kirkenes. Morning Free

5.00 pm Join Sami artist John Henrik Mienna for an exclusive journey. We will pick you up at your hotel in Kirkenes and drive you to Snowhotel Kirkenes. First, we start by meeting our 4 majestic reindeer. You will learn about reindeer and feed them from your hand with their favourite tundra food, lichen.

The journey will continue into our reindeer pen, where we will walk up to our Lavvu - Sami tent.

Here by the campfire, you will hear stories about the Sami, both from folklore and from John Henriks own experiences, culminating with a performance of "Joik" - the unique Sami art of singing.

However, the evening doesn't end there, but goes on as you enter the unique Snowhotel, and get the full scope of the icy majesty, on your way up to the Laven Restaurant. You enter straight into the restaurant from the Snowhotel, and one flight of stairs up, the cosiness of "Laven" ("the barn") meets you. Here you will enjoy an exclusive arctic 3 course dinner.

The dinner is Sami inspired, and what other ingredients than reindeer, the cornerstone of Sami diet and lifestyle. After dinner you can visit our ice bar, before your transfer takes you back to Kirkenes. Enjoy the Sami culture in full, both in mind and palate this winter evening.

At 9.15 pm it is time to meet at the reception for the Hunting the Northern lights trip. On this bus tour our driver will take you far from the light pollution, and drive east towards the Russian border, west toward Finland, or south into the Pasvik valley, depending on the aurora forecast. You will be back at the Thon Hotel by midnight. Breakfast, Dinner



### **Day 13 5 Nov Kirkenes**

9.30 am Transfer to the dog yard for the Husky dogsledding tour. The sledding tracks, made from snow that was saved from last winter, approx. 5 km. You are driven by a dog musher with two people together on a sled. (Clothes – thermal suit, boots and gloves – will be provided at the start of this activity, if needed.)

At 2.30 pm we will visit Andersgrotta WW2 Bomb Shelter.

On this tour you will be met by our experienced guide outside Andersgrotta in the centre of Kirkenes, and you will be taken inside the cave, which is the biggest WW2 bomb shelter in the area. You will see and learn about how the civilians lives were during the world war, as well as crucial and interesting details of the role Kirkenes played in the war. Included in the tour is a

10-minute documentary film (English, German and Norwegian language), based on archives and new recordings.

Afternoon Free. Breakfast

### **Day 14 6 Nov Kirkenes Hotel Thon**

9.30 am Original King Crab Safari.

Our fisherman/guide will pick you up at your hotel and take you to the Snowhotel. Here your guide will help you dress and give security instructions, before going out in RIB-boats to reach the fishing location. The trip will stop by fishing boats in Kirkenes, and you will learn about King crab fishing, and other fishing and maritime facts.. After that we go to pull up the cages, and then to “the other side” to slaughter the crabs. “The Other side” is our little, rustic boathouse restaurant across the fjord from Kirkenes. After getting some mandatory pictures with your big catch, coffee/tea is served while the Crabs are being steamed. The crab legs are served northern Norwegian style with bread, butter, mayonnaise and lemon, and our expert will also teach how to open the legs like a king or queen. Drinks, wine, beer or mineral water can be ordered by the table. After the meal we head back over the fjord to Kirkenes, and you will be driven back to your hotel. Breakfast, Lunch



### **Day 15-19 7-12 Nov Norwegian Coastal Express Cruise - MS Kong Harald About the Ship:** *Year built 1993: Year of refurbishment 2023: Passenger capacity 590 Ship facilities:*

*For relaxing: Stylish bar with a wide range of beverages, Wi-Fi throughout the ship, Large outdoor sun deck with comfortable furniture, Shop stocked with snacks, essentials, and souvenirs, Observation saloon and panorama lounge,*

#### ***For being active & enjoying food:***

*A range of thought-provoking lectures with the Coastal Experience Team*

*Snowshoes and walking poles available for rent*

*Main restaurant Torget for all three daily meals*

*A la carte fine-dining restaurant Kysten*

*All-day dining bistro Brygga*

*Sauna and fitness rooms Ice*

*cream and bakery Multe.*

#### ***The Coastal Experience***

*During your voyage, our onboard Coastal Experience Team will enhance your experience by offering engaging insights on the nature, wildlife, and culture you encounter along the way. Join one of their expert lectures, listen to them talk about wildlife on deck, or head ashore with them on a ‘friluftsliv’ hike.*



## **Cruise Itinerary**

**Day 1:** Kirkenes 7 November 2025 Board ship and depart at 12.30 pm.

**Day 2:** Mehamn – Tromsø 08 November 2025

### **Included Excursions: Hammerfest 11.00 am**

The Northernmost Town In The World. Join us on a coach tour that explores and explains the events that have shaped Hammerfest, a town at the top of Europe. Enjoy a scenic bus tour of one of the world's northernmost towns. Learn about Norway's WWII history at the Museum of Reconstruction See the UNESCO-listed Meridian Column. Enjoy breathtaking views from Mount Salen

Tromsø Midnight Concert in Tromsø Cathedral 11.45 pm

Join us for a unique musical experience at a memorable midnight concert in one of the region's most beautiful churches. Explore Tromsø's magnificent cathedral, which stands as a landmark in the heart of the city and faces the seaward approach to welcome visitors. In this majestic setting, experience an unforgettable concert performed by the region's leading professional musicians. Lean back on a wooden pew, admire the cathedral's remarkable interior, and embark on a journey through the region's musical heritage.

**Day 3:** Tromsø – Stamsund 09 November 2025

### **Included Excursions: Harstad - 8.00 – 12.30 A Taste of Vesterålen**

This popular, classic excursion takes you on a sightseeing tour of Harstad and historic Trondenes. Enjoy the beautiful fjord landscape along Kvæfjord before boarding a ferry across the Gullesfjord. We'll begin our excursion with a short sightseeing tour of the streets of Harstad.

This is the third largest community in Northern Norway with a history connected to herring fishing, the military, and in more recent times, offshore oil. On a clear day, you should be able to spot Trondenes peninsula to the north of the town. Here, you'll visit a white 13th century mediaeval stone church, the northernmost of its kind in the world. We'll drop in at the Trondenes Historical Centre which displays objects discovered in the region throughout history, from the early Stone Age through to Viking times, the Middle Ages, and the present day. The museum also has a reconstructed farmstead dating from around 1200 with a granary, forge and stave church.

From Trondenes, the bus will take us for a scenic drive across Hinnøya Island to meet our ferry at Gullesfjord. On board, savour a hot drink and freshly made waffles and lefse along with the views. The tour then continues by bus along Sigerfjord to Sortland where you'll rejoin your ship. .

**Included Excursion Stokmarknes - Hurtigruten Museum.** Enjoy the scenery as we make our way by bus from Sortland to Stokmarknes, the birthplace of Hurtigruten. On the waterfront, you'll find a full-sized ship encased within a large glass building. Here, our very own MS Finnmarken from 1956 has been lovingly restored and transformed into a museum in honour of The Coastal Express. Hurtigrutemuseet preserves archives, photographs and artefacts that chronicle the birth and evolution of The Coastal Express, our pivotal contribution to coastal communities, and the transformation that had on the Norwegian coast. On a guided tour, you'll get to explore 1956 MS Finnmarken's bridge, galley, engine room, classic dining room, and cabins. Then, you can relax in the lounge from the first ever Coastal Express ship, DS Finnmarken from 1912. With knowledgeable guides and a range of interactive exhibitions, Hurtigrutemusset promises a memorable visit, encapsulating and celebrating the legacy of the original Norwegian coastal voyage.

**Day 4:** Bodø – Rørvik 10 November 2025

**Day 5:** Trondheim – Ålesund 11 November 2025

### **Included Excursions: Trondheim With Nidaros Cathedral**

Take a bus tour of Trondheim, an ancient city rich in history and culture that also serves as one of Norway's major academic and research centre.

Founded as early as 997, this age-old Viking capital is full of culture and history, but it has also established itself as a leader of innovation and Norway's centre of knowledge. A bus tour of Trondheim brings us past the former capital's beautiful red city bridge and old wooden wharf buildings of the Bakklundet neighbourhood that have stood along the Nid River since the 18th century.

We'll then enjoy the magnificent panorama of the bustling city from the Utsikten viewpoint which overlooks nearby Kristiansten Fortress and gives a view of Munkholmen island in the fjord.

Next stop is Nidaros Cathedral, Norway's national shrine. Built over the tomb of St. Olav in 1070, it boasts stunning architecture and ornate Gothic-style decoration carved masterfully into the stone. After a fascinating guided tour of the cathedral, you'll pick up a complimentary book about Norway's Notre Dame to take home as a souvenir.

**Included Excursion Bergtatt – Magnificent Marble Mine**

*Travelling from Kristiansund, we're met by our guides at Bergtatt who kit us out with all the necessary gear and give a safety demonstration. We're now ready for an unforgettable journey into the enchanting marble caves. Mining operations have been taking place here since 1938 and are still ongoing in other parts of the mountain. We'll head into the heart of the mountain and board rafts on the illuminated crystal-clear lake. As we glide along the calm water, we stop to get a taste of the pure water that springs from the rock wall.*

*We'll then be led to the Grand Hall for a unique subterranean dining experience. Seated at candlelit tables, you'll feast on a meat and vegetable stew, made from local ingredients. Amid this magical atmosphere, we'll watch a fascinating film about the marble mine.*

*After emerging from our underground adventure, we'll board the bus and enjoy a short tour of Molde. And then re board our ship*

**Day 6:** 12 Nov Alesund – Bergen Disembark and transfer to hotel for 2 nights in Bergen

**Day 19 12 Nov** Arrive Bergen & transfer to your hotel for a 2-night stay. Afternoon free. Zander K Hotel 3.5\* Across the street from the railway station. Breakfast, Dinner

**Day 20 13 Nov** Bergen. Morning Walking Tour. Afternoon free time to use your Bus Pass. Breakfast

**Day 21 14 Nov** Bergen – Voss. Norway in a Nutshell. Bergen – Voss This morning we depart by train for Voss and enjoy one of the world's most scenic rail journeys as you travel through magnificent landscapes of farmland, forests and glacier capped mountains. On arrival check in to our hotel and then board the Voss Gondola. Voss Gondola is the largest and most modern gondola in northern Europe, starting at the Voss train station and ending at the spectacular Hangurstoppen in less than 7 minutes. Overnight Voss. Fleischer Hotel right at the railway station.



**PLEASE NOTE: YOU ARE ONLY ALLOWED A OVERNIGHT/CARRY ON BAG FOR THE NEXT TWO NIGHTS. LUGGAGE WILL BE TRANSPORTED TO OSLO AND WILL BE AT YOUR HOTEL WHEN YOU ARRIVE ON 18 November.** Dinner & Breakfast included.

**Day 22 15 Nov** Norway in a Nutshell, Voss -Flam Check out of your hotel and go by bus to Gudvangen then take a ferry through the breathtaking narrow Naeroy Fjord to Flam. The afternoon is free to explore Flam. Free entry to the Flam Railway Museum. Tonight, we'll savour the local fare with a Viking Plank Dinner. Overnight Flam. Flamsbrygga Hotel. Could be more. Breakfast and Dinner included.



**Day 23 16 Nov** Norway in a Nutshell Flam – Oslo by Train on the famous Flam Railway to Mrydal where we change trains for Oslo.

Overnight Oslo. Comfort Hotel Grand Central. Breakfast

**Day 24 17 Nov** Depart Oslo for Sydney Dinner & Breakfast & Dinner inflight.

**Day 25 or 26 18 or 19 Nov** Arrive Sydney and transfer back to Maitland.

#### Inclusions:

Return transfers to Sydney Airport from Maitland

All flights and Train travel.

22 nights Hotel accommodation

6-day Cruise Kirkenes to Bergen – Double/Twin Arctic Superior Cabins with window on Middle or Upper Deck.

Single Cabins Middle Deck with Porthole. All cabins have showers and toilets.

Beverages are included in all meals. Breakfast includes coffee, tea, water, juices, and milk. Lunch and dinner include water, coffee and tea. Alcoholic beverages are not included. City Sightseeing and day tours as per the itinerary. Want to know more about the ship. <https://www.hurtigruten.com/en-au/ships/ms-kong-harald> Remember this is a working ship. The average cabin size is 8-11 sq m.

All day tours and excursions include entrance fees if applicable. 26

Breakfasts 16 dinners. 6 lunches.

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Cruise Optional Excursion – Snowmobile Trip in the Polar Night \$600  
Day 3 11 Nov Mehamn - Kjollefjord Snow Mobile at night drive yourself 2h 15 m  
1.20am – 3.25 am

Join us on an unforgettable snowmobile tour into the polar night across one of Europe's most extreme and exciting natural environments.

Learn how to operate your own snowmobile from experienced instructors. Drive your snowmobile through the night over the mountains.

Hear your guides tell stories about life in Troms and Finnmark county.

Gaze in awe at the Northern Lights if they happen to appear during your ride.

Luggage 23 KG Checked Baggage. Carry on 7 kg plus handbag or laptop



**\$16999** per person

Cost per person Twin/Double Share. Single Traveller Supplement applies. \$5520

Upgrades to Premium Economy or Business Class available

***Call to book, only 19 spaces available on this tour***

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