

Norway in winter...

A MAGICAL KALEIDOSCOPE

Since humankind first experienced the natural phenomenon of the Aurora Borealis, their extraordinary beauty has mesmerised all who witness them. To further increase your chances of experiencing the Northern Lights, experts recommend spending as long as you can above the Arctic Circle, far away from artificial light. And this winter NASA has forecast the strongest Northern Lights activity in 50 years.

Our fleet of 11 ships sail through the calm sheltered waters along the Norwegian coast beneath the pitch black sky, the perfect setting to experience the breathtaking Aurora Borealis. Whether you choose to embark on our 12-day Classic Round Voyage, take a shorter flight-inclusive break or sail in the company of an Astronomy expert, Hurtigruten are sure to have something to suit you.

As well as the sights provided by Mother Nature, Hurtigruten also offer an exciting range of winter activities and experiences: visit a snow hotel, lead a team of Husky dogs on an unforgettable dog sledge safari, or speed across the frozen landscape on a snowmobile*. Whatever you choose, the spectacular winter scenery creates an authentic and stunning backdrop to the Arctic adventure of your dreams.

* Subject to dates, weather conditions and availability



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ARCTIC HIGHLIGHTS • 5 days from £949pp

Tromsø - Kirkenes - Tromsø • Including direct flights from Gatwick & Manchester

The Arctic Highlights voyage spends its entirety within the Arctic Circle giving you not only the best opportunity to see the Northern Lights but also the chance to take part in some fantastic winter excursions to areas of this frozen land that are seldom seen by tourists.

Fly directly into Tromsø, the Gateway to the Arctic, where your Hurtigruten ship will be waiting to take you north. After an early morning call at Hammerfest, your next major stop will be Honningsvåg, the gateway to the North Cape. Continuing around the Varanger Peninsula, we will arrive at the Norway/Russia border town of Kirkenes, the voyage's turning point.

Our return schedule is carefully planned to ensure that we pay daytime visits to the ports that were shrouded in darkness on the way north.

- Voyage highlights**
- Keep your eyes peeled for the beautiful Northern Lights
 - Pose for a photo at mainland Europe's northernmost point, the North Cape (optional excursion)
 - Try your hand as a choice of exciting optional excursions including snowmobiling and dog-sledding
 - Time to enjoy the sights of Tromsø

ITINERARY - 5 DAY			
Departure Date 2012	Occupancy	Inside cabin from	Outside cabin from
29 November	Twin	949	1049
06 December	Single	1104	1234
10 December			

EXTENDED ITINERARY - 6 DAY			
Departure Date 2012	Occupancy	Inside cabin from	Outside cabin from
01 December*	Twin	1095	1205
03 December †	Single	1270	1440
08 December ‡			

Prices are in £s per person based on two people travelling together sharing a twin cabin/room.
Your holiday price includes: Return economy direct flights from Gatwick or Manchester to Tromsø including current taxes and charges, voyage in an unspecified twin cabin including full board, 1 or 2 nights at a centrally located hotel in Tromsø including breakfast (depending on your itinerary), transfers as applicable.

Not included: Travel insurance, luggage handling, optional excursions.

* These departures have one night pre and one night post voyage in Tromsø
 † This departure has two nights post voyage in Tromsø
 ‡ Departing from Manchester

CLASSIC ROUND VOYAGE • 12 days from £1299pp

Bergen - Kirkenes - Bergen • Including direct flights from Gatwick, Manchester, Bristol & Edinburgh

For 2012 we are pleased to introduce direct exclusive charter flights between Gatwick, Bristol, Manchester & Edinburgh and Bergen on selected dates in November & December. These flights enable you to experience our most popular itinerary, the Classic Round Voyage with more connectivity and at reduced prices.

A Classic Round Voyage from the cultural centre of Bergen to Kirkenes and back again is the ultimate voyage with Hurtigruten. The complete voyage takes 12 days giving you the opportunity to see and experience the incredible nature and fascinating culture that Norway has to offer. You visit 34 ports and cover over 2,500 nautical miles. After reaching Kirkenes on the Russian border, you begin the voyage south and have a chance to see the ports and experiences during the day that we sailed through during the night as you headed north.



CLASSIC ROUND VOYAGE on MS Finnmarken							
Departure Date 2012	Departure Airport	Occupancy	Cabin grades				
			Inside from	Outside from	N	P	U
08 November	Manchester	Twin	1299	1449	1489	1539	1636
19 November	Bristol	Single	1569	1685	1700	1790	1880
30 November	Gatwick						
11 December	Edinburgh						

Prices are in £s per person based on two people travelling together sharing a twin cabin.
Your holiday price includes: Return economy direct flights from London Gatwick, Bristol, Manchester or Edinburgh to Bergen including current taxes and charges, full board, transfers as applicable, and a £55 fuel surcharge. Suites and Mini Suites are available only on request. * and J cabins may have restricted views.
Not included: Travel insurance, luggage handling, optional excursions.

ASTRONOMY VOYAGE • 12 days from £1899pp

Bergen - Kirkenes - Bergen • Including direct flights

Join this popular voyage to learn more about the Arctic night sky as well as the greatest lightshow on Earth, the Aurora Borealis. We are delighted to offer once again our Astronomy Voyage in 2012 accompanied by Ian Ridpath, Editor of the Oxford Dictionary of Astronomy and hopefully the Northern Lights. Through a series of lectures and a guided tour of the night sky from the deck of the ship, your lecturer will bring the world of stars, planets and meteors closer whilst also exploring the numerous myths and legends linked to the constellations in our skies.

Your voyage will follow the path of Hurtigruten's 12-day Classic Round Voyage allowing you to enjoy charming towns and breath-taking scenery by day, before watching the incredible colours of dusk on the coast and settling down for the excitement that Norway's night skies can bring.



ASTRONOMY VOYAGE on MS Finnmarken						
Departure Date 2012	Occupancy	Cabin grades				
		I	J*	L*	N	P
28 October	Twin	1899	1999	2040	2110	2205
	Single	2189	2310	2330	2440	2540

Prices are in £s per person based on two people travelling together sharing a twin cabin.
Your holiday price includes: Return economy direct flights from London Gatwick to Bergen including current taxes and charges, voyage in a twin cabin including full board, transfers as applicable, and a £55 fuel surcharge. Suites and Mini Suites are available only on request. * and J cabins may have restricted views.
Not included: Travel insurance, luggage handling, optional excursions.

Your lecturer on board
Ian Ridpath has been a full time writer and broadcaster on Astronomy since 1972 and has previously worked at the University of London Observatory and in publishing. He is a Fellow of the Royal Astronomical Society (Council Member 2004 - 07), as well as a member of the Society of Authors and of the Association of British Science Writers. He is also the Editor of the Oxford Dictionary of Astronomy and Norton's Star Atlas, a publication now in its twentieth edition since 1910.