

Norwegian Coastal Voyage & Scandinavian Capitals

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22 Days • 39 Meals
Departs 6 October 2017

Price: **Double \$11,503**; Single \$14,543

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Highlights...

Stockholm • Vasa Ship Museum • Copenhagen • Oslo
Viking Ship Museum • "Norway in a Nutshell" Tour • Flåm Railway
Nærøysfjord Cruise • Bergen
6-Night Norwegian Coastal Voyage – Northbound • Arctic Circle
Tromsø • Kirkenes • Reykjavik • Northern Lights Cruise • Golden Circle
Thingvellir National Park • Eyjafjallajökull Volcano Visitor Centre
Skogar Museum • Skógafoss • Jökulsárlón Glacial Lagoon
Skaftafell National Park • Vatnajökull Glacier • Blue Lagoon • Gullfoss
Seljalandsfoss • Vik • Eyjafjallajökull Volcano Visitor Centre

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YOUR ITINERARY AT A GLANCE

Days 1, 2	Scandic Grand Central, Stockholm
Days 3, 4	Copenhagen Admiral Hotel, Copenhagen
Day 5	Hotel Bristol Oslo, Oslo
Day 6	First Hotel Marin, Bergen
Day 7 – 12	MS Nordnorge or MS Nordlys or MS Polarlys or MS Nordkapp or MS Trollfjord or MS Richard With, Hurtigruten
Days 13 -15	Hotel Bristol Oslo, Oslo
Days 16, 17	Centerhotel Plaza, Reykjavik
Days 18 – 20	Hotel Katla Hofdabrekka, Vik
Day 21	Centerhotel Plaza, Reykjavik

On some dates alternate hotels/vessels may be used.



Day 1: Friday, October 6, 2017 Stockholm, Sweden

Tour Begins Your tour opens in captivating Stockholm, a perfect blend of old and new. Gather this evening with your fellow travellers for a welcome dinner in the old town at Fem Sma Hus. This stunning restaurant is comprised of five connected timber-framed houses from the 17th century and captures the flavour of a bygone era. (D)

Day 2: Saturday, October 7, 2017 Stockholm

This morning it's your choice! You may choose to embark on a tour of Stockholm's city sights, showcasing the city's greatest vistas and fascinating attractions including the Riddarholm Church, the Royal Palace and the Parliament, concluding with a visit to Stockholm's City Hall. Or, perhaps you would prefer to explore the narrow streets of Gamla Stan (Old Town) during a guided walking tour with a stop at one of Sweden's sweetest traditions, a candy cane-making factory, for a demonstration. Later, we make a stop at the one-of-a-kind Vasa Ship Museum to learn about its shocking maiden voyage, when it sank in one nautical mile. This ship, commissioned in the 1600s by King Vasa, was raised 334 years later from the bottom of the harbour. Perfectly preserved, it offers a rare glimpse into the amazing craftsmanship of the 17th century. Your afternoon is at leisure to explore Stockholm independently. (B)

Day 3: Sunday, October 8, 2017 Stockholm – Copenhagen, Denmark

Take a morning flight* to delightful Copenhagen, the capital of Denmark. Later, join a local expert on an engaging city tour. View Denmark's centre of Parliament, known as Christianborg; Amalienborg Palace, the residence of the Danish royal family; and the Royal Theatre. See the Little Mermaid Statue, a 1913 sculpture honouring Hans Christian Andersen's famous fictional character. (B)

Day 4: Monday, October 9, 2017 Copenhagen

Today you may choose to spend your day at leisure in Copenhagen or perhaps join an optional excursion to

Frederiksborg Castle, formerly the residence of the Danish royal family. (B)

Day 5: Tuesday, October 10, 2017 Copenhagen – Oslo, Norway

Fly* to Norway, a land of intense natural beauty and famous for its deep fjords, steep mountain roads, Viking legends and well-preserved historical sites. Upon arrival, your tour of regal Oslo features the remarkable Viking Ship Museum, Karl Johan Street, a view of the Royal Palace, City Hall and the new Opera building. Then it's on to Vigeland Park where you will find the collection of statues and sculptures that comprise Gustav Vigeland's life's work. (B)

Day 6: Wednesday, October 11, 2017 Oslo – Myrdal – Flåm Railway – Gudvangen – Voss – Bergen

Today you embark on the legendary "Norway in a Nutshell" tour! All aboard the Bergen Railway to experience Europe's most scenic rail journey. Have your camera ready as this legendary tour takes you through Norway's most breathtaking fjord and mountainous terrain on its way to Bergen. Switch trains in Myrdal and travel 12 miles on the famous Flåm Railway, a masterpiece of engineering, taking you 2,800 breathtaking feet in 55 minutes to the village of Flåm on Sognefjord, Norway's longest (120 miles) and deepest (more than a mile). Next, cruise Nærøfjord (UNESCO), the narrowest fjord in Europe with stunning views of waterfalls and small farms clinging to the steep mountainsides. In Voss, board the train for Bergen, one of Norway's oldest and most iconic cities. (B, D)

Day 7: Thursday, October 12, 2017 Bergen – Norwegian Coastal Voyage

Board Ship Join your fellow travellers on a leisurely paced walking tour of Bergen. Explore the picturesque, old Bryggen Wharf (UNESCO) with its tiny wooden houses and narrow streets. Mingle with the locals at the fish market, located in the "heart" of the city. Then prepare for your memorable 6-night cruise – the "World's Most Beautiful Voyage" –

sailing along the stunning Norwegian coastline. This evening board your Hurtigruten ship. Sit back and take in the treasure trove of landscapes, scenery, sights and sounds that surround you. (B, D)

Day 8: Friday, October 13, 2017 Norwegian Coastal Voyage – Northbound

This morning's view from the ship will be of either the tranquil Stadthavet Sea or the majestic Geirangerfjord as we make our way to the charming village of Alesund. Take a stroll through the fairy-tale streets of Alesund, a vibrant town known for its colourful art nouveau architecture and its stunning setting at the entrance of the Geirangerfjord. Then it's on to Molde for a brief stop at this trading and cultural hub dating back to medieval times. (B, L, D)

Day 9: Saturday, October 14, 2017 Norwegian Coastal Voyage – Northbound

Today, enjoy some time in the historic city of Trondheim. Founded by Viking King Olav in A.D. 997, it was the location of the first capital of Norway and is still the city where new kings receive their ceremonial blessings. Later, continue towards the Land of the Midnight Sun, passing rugged coastlines en route to Rovik which sits among 6,000 islands. (B, L, D)

Day 10: Sunday, October 15, 2017 Norwegian Coastal Voyage – Northbound

Today you become one of a select few as our cruise ship crosses the Arctic Circle on our way to Bodo. Gaze at the distant rugged peaks and to the infinite sky... keep an eye out for white-tailed sea eagles found in this region. Continue sailing, crossing the stunning Vestfjord and past the breathtaking Lofoten Islands before pausing briefly at the villages of Stamsund and Svolvær. Later, sail on past the majestic Trollfjord. (B, L, D)

Day 11: Monday, October 16, 2017 Norwegian Coastal Voyage – Northbound

Take in the serenity as we sail past a chain of islands on our way to the small town of Harstad. Stop here

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for a moment before continuing on to Tromsø, capital of the Arctic. Find yourself immersed in beautiful fjords and mountains. Located 220 miles north of the Arctic Circle, Tromsø is home to the world's northernmost university, botanical garden and cathedral. (B, L, D)

Day 12: Tuesday, October 17, 2017 Norwegian Coastal Voyage – Northbound

Your voyage continues along Norway's northernmost region, pausing briefly along the way at sleepy villages and busy ports surrounded by breathtaking panoramas. Have some time in the peaceful town of Honningsvåg, the capital of North Cape, situated closer to the North Pole than it is to Oslo. (B, L, D)

Day 13: Wednesday, October 18, 2017 Norwegian Coastal Voyage – Kirkenes – Disembark Ship – Oslo

Early this morning we arrive in Kirkenes, home to the Sami people who have herded reindeer for centuries. Disembark your ship and fly* back to Oslo. Gather this evening for a dinner celebrating the end of your Norwegian Coastal Voyage before continuing to your Icelandic adventure on Saturday. (B, D)

Day 14: Thursday, October 19, 2017 Oslo

Enjoy your day of leisure. (B)

Day 15: Friday, October 20, 2017 Oslo

Enjoy your day of leisure. (B)

Day 16: Saturday, October 21, 2017 Oslo – Reykjavik, Iceland

Today take a morning flight* from Oslo to Reykjavik. Arrive in Iceland, a land and culture forged by fire and ice. Steaming lava fields and massive glaciers sculpt mountains and valleys, leaving thundering waterfalls and plunging fjords. In this land of many natural wonders, enjoy the rare opportunity to see the aurora borealis – one of nature's most dazzling light displays, also known as the northern lights.

Day 17: Sunday, October 22, 2017 Reykjavik

Get acquainted with old town Reykjavik on a walking tour featuring Hallgrímskirkja church, city hall, the harbour and Reykjavik's oldest building, now home to the Kraum Icelandic design centre. Tonight, gather with your fellow travellers at a popular restaurant for dinner, featuring Icelandic cuisine. Then, take an exhilarating northern lights cruise. Leave behind the bright city lights and sail into the darkness of Faxaflói Bay in search of the aurora borealis – or northern lights – one of nature's wonders. When revealed you will be dazzled by the flickering display of light bursting with colour that unfolds before your eyes. (B, D)

Day 18: Monday, October 23, 2017 Reykjavik – Golden Circle – Seljalandsfoss Waterfall – Vik

Travel the incredible Golden Circle, a route that encompasses many of Iceland's most renowned natural wonders. Journey to Thingvellir National Park, the nation's most historic area. Icelanders gathered here in A.D. 930 and established what is considered one of the world's first parliaments. Find yourself standing upon one of the globe's most geologically significant landscapes, Thingvellir's rugged rift valley, a UNESCO World Heritage site marking the point where the North American and Eurasian tectonic plates meet. Experience the eruptive energy of the Icelandic landscape with a stop at the geothermal fields of Geysir and Strokkur. Then, marvel at the beauty of the Gullfoss (Golden Falls) waterfall, a stunning 100-foot double cascade. Next, see the beautiful Seljalandsfoss, one of Iceland's most famous and picturesque waterfalls with a walkway behind it. Continue southeast to Vik, the southernmost village in Iceland, surrounded by beautiful valleys, beaches, cliffs and mountains. After dinner, amidst the peace and stillness of rural Iceland, search for the aurora borealis – the elusive northern lights. (B, D)

Day 19: Tuesday, October 24, 2017 Eyjafjallajökull Volcano Visitor Centre – Skogar Museum – Vik

Drive along the scenic south shore to the Eyjafjallajökull Volcano Visitor Centre. Learn about a

family's struggle to live during and following the dramatic 2010 explosion of the infamous Eyjafjallajökull volcano that brought European flights to a halt. Visit Skogar Folk Museum which contains an outstanding collection covering all aspects of Icelandic life including farm and domestic artefacts, as well as turf-built homes. Nearby is the impressive Skógafoss waterfall, one of the largest in Iceland. Later, view Reynisfjara, a black volcanic sand beach surrounded by basalt formations, cliffs scattered with caves and rich bird life including the Fulmar, Black Guillemot, Razorbill, Gannet and various types of seagulls. See the unique natural rock formations at Dyrhólaey. After dinner, gaze at the sky in search of the northern lights, a truly spectacular sight. (B, D)

Day 20: Wednesday, October 25, 2017 Jökulsárlón Glacial Lagoon – Skaftafell National Park – Vik

Travel to Jökulsárlón glacial lagoon, filled with floating icebergs. Explore this extraordinary landscape and perhaps see some seals swimming in Arctic waters. Travel to Skaftafell, gateway to Vatnajökull National Park. The largest national park in Europe, Vatnajökull is known for having Iceland's highest mountains; an Alpine environment; and the Vatnajökull glacier, Europe's largest. After dinner, continue searching for the shimmering northern lights dancing across the night sky. (B, D)

Day 21: Thursday, October 26, 2017 Vik – Blue Lagoon – Reykjavik

Drive to the Reykjanes Peninsula, known for its rugged landscape, lava fields, numerous hot springs, and home of the Blue Lagoon. Take a dip in the pleasantly warm, mineral-rich waters of the geothermal pool, located in the middle of a dramatic lava field. Return to Reykjavik for your farewell dinner and overnight stay. (B, D)

Day 22: Friday, October 27, 2017 Reykjavik

Tour Ends Depart for home with many incredible memories. (B)



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Collette Experiences

- Make a stop at the one-of-a-kind Vasa Ship Museum.
- Travel the breathtaking Bergen Railway through fjords and mountains.
- Travel on the famous Flåm Railway, a masterpiece of engineering.
- Explore Skogar Folk Museum, covering all aspects of Icelandic life.
- Experience the energy at the geothermal fields of Geysir and Strokkur.
- Learn about the local's struggles during the 2010 volcanic explosion.

Must-See Inclusions

- Cruise the stunning Nærøfjord, the narrowest fjord in Europe.
- Explore Bryggen, Bergen's old Hanseatic wharf, and a UNESCO site.
- Unpack once for a truly unforgettable 6-night Norwegian coastal voyage
- Search for nature's dazzling display on a northern lights cruise.
- See Jökulsárlón glacial lagoon, filled with floating icebergs.
- Relax in the warm, mineral-rich water of the Blue Lagoon.

Culinary Inclusions

- Savour Swedish cuisine at the 17th-century Fem Sma Hus.
- Savour gourmet Icelandic cuisine at a popular restaurant.

Cruise-Land

These combine the best of land and sea. These tours feature all the qualities of our traditional escorted tours, including a Tour Manager; and include high quality cruise ships that feature various amenities.

Please Note:

The northern lights are in the Northern Hemisphere from October through March and are only visible when the sky is clear and free of clouds. As viewing is weather dependent, sightings of the northern lights are not guaranteed. It is recommended that you wear good sturdy, non-slip footwear and warm clothing including thermals, hat, scarf and gloves. You should also bring a flashlight which is helpful in the dark and when operating your camera at night. Using a tripod is recommended for taking the best photos.

To complete your tour, we include roundtrip airport-to-hotel transfers when purchasing our airfare with your tour. If you have arranged for your own air, we are pleased to provide you the option of purchasing these transfers. Please note that all transfers will leave at prescheduled times.

Single accommodations are limited and are available on a first come, first served basis.

Triple accommodations are not available on this tour.

May through July affords you the opportunity to experience the "midnight sun," offering up to 24 hours of sunlight above the Arctic Circle and giving you more time to enjoy the sights and make new discoveries.

Luggage handling to and from the ship is not available.

Hurtigruten's ships are working vessels operating a regular service to a set timetable. The ships carry goods, vehicles and passengers between ports, by night and day, as an integral part of Norwegian daily life. The ships are calling at ports around the clock.

Cabin choices are inside or outside. Cabins are assigned by Hurtigruten; stateroom numbers will be supplied upon arrival at the ship in Bergen, Norway.

It is not common practice to tip on Hurtigruten ships on the coastal voyage; however, if you feel that crew members should be rewarded for providing exceptional service, tip boxes are placed in the restaurant together with envelopes.

Travel on Day 6 is a combination of rail, bus and ferry. Train departs Oslo at 8:00 a.m. and arrives in Bergen at approximately 8:30 p.m. It is recommended that you purchase snacks and drinks the day prior. A café on the train is available during your trip from Oslo to Myrdal and also during your stop in Flåm. On this day, luggage will be taken separately from Oslo and delivered directly to the hotel in Bergen.

*The internal flights on this program (Stockholm to Copenhagen, Copenhagen to Oslo, and Kirkenes to Oslo, Oslo to Reykjavik) are included in the land price of your tour.

Please be advised many airlines do not provide advance seat assignments until check-in at the airport. Advance seating will be subject to the airline's terms and conditions.

This tour requires average physical activity. You should be in good health, able to climb stairs and walk reasonable distances, possibly over uneven grounds and cobblestone streets.

Important Reservation Information:

If you have not purchased waivers, and you need to cancel for any reason prior to the day of departure, the Cancellation Fees are as follows:

Cancellation Charges for this tour: After your seat reduction date has passed, a non-refundable deposit will be retained. For Cancellation between 60-16 days prior to departure: cancellation fee of 30% of total price. For cancellation between 15-1 days prior to departure: cancellation fee of 50% of total price. For Cancellation on the day of departure and after: 100% of total price. For Ocean Cruises: For cancellation between 90-61 days prior to departure: cancellation fee of 35% of total price. For cancellation between 60-31 days prior to departure: 60% of total price. 30 or fewer days prior to departure: 100% of total price. For River Cruises: including Europe, Russia, Egypt and China, 90-61 days prior to departure: cancellation fee of 50% of total price. For cancellation between 60-31 days prior to departure: cancellation fee of 85% of total price. For cancellation 30 or fewer days prior to departure: cancellation fee of 100% of total price. For Galapagos and Antarctica: A cancellation fee of 60% will apply for cancellation between 120-90 days prior to departure; A cancellation charge of 100% will apply for cancellation less

than 90 days prior to departure. Cancellation protection is highly recommended and must be purchased at time of deposit. Air rates are subject to change until tour is paid in full. If waivers have not been purchased and a reservation is cancelled for any reason prior to departure - Air is 100% non-refundable once paid in full. Cancellation charges also apply to reservations made for "pre" and "post" night accommodations. Payment of a Per Person Waiver Fee guarantees a full refund of all payments (including deposit), except the Waiver Fee itself, made to Collette for travel arrangements in case of cancellation of your travel plans for any reason prior to the day of departure. The Waiver Fee with Air only covers airline tickets you have purchased from Collette. Exception: If you originally purchased non-refundable airline tickets, the Waiver does not provide a refund for the airline tickets, taxes or fees, in the event of a cancellation. The Waiver and Insurance does not cover any single supplement charges which arise from an individual's Traveling companion electing to cancel for any reason prior to departure. Upon cancellation of transportation or travel services where you, the customer, are not at fault and have not canceled in violation of the terms and conditions

above, you will be refunded 100%. Please see your sales agent for more information, or review our brochure for details.

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Passport Requirements

Passports are required at your own expense for travel outside of Australia. Certain countries require a minimum of 6 months passport validity beyond the return date from the destination. Some countries require a visa in addition to a valid passport for entry into the country. You are strongly urged to contact the appropriate embassy or consulate for specific information and entry requirements.

IMPORTANT: We recommend that our guests take a photocopy of their passport and applicable visa. It should be packed separately from your actual passport and visa. We also recommend leaving a copy at home with your emergency contact.

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