

LOFOTEN ISLANDS & NORTH CAPE

TOUR 903 / KIEL - PUTTGARDEN / 13 NIGHTS, 14 DAYS / MINIMUM 15 PERSONS

Travel to the North Cape, the top of Europe, through the untouched nature of the spectacular Lofoten Islands, with charming villages of red wooden fishing huts - "rorbuer" - and colorful boats. Cross the Arctic Circle to the land of the Midnight Sun and visit Tromsø, the "Gateway to the Arctic". This exciting grand tour also includes guided tours of all 4 Nordic capitals.



DAY 1 | KIEL - OSLO

Drive to Kiel according to your own itinerary.

Board the **Color Line** ship for an overnight cruise from Kiel to Oslo, accommodation in outside cabins. Check in at latest 12.00, and departure from Kiel is at 14.00.

Scandinavian dinner buffet on board.

DAY 2 | OSLO – LILLEHAMMER - ØYER

Breakfast buffet on board and arrive in Oslo at 10.00.

Explore Oslo on a 3 hours city sightseeing tour with a local guide. Panoramic views of: Opera house, Karl Johans gate – Oslo's main street, Old town Christiania, Akershus Castle and Fortress, and the Royal Palace. Picturesque ride through some of Oslo's prettiest neighborhoods to the Vigeland Park with its more than 200 sculptures. Entrance to the Fram Museum and the Viking Museum is included. Continue along lake Mjøsa to Lillehammer and Øyer.

Half board accommodation at **Hafjell Hotel**.

DAY 3 | ØYER - TRONDHEIM

Travel up the Gudbrandsdalen Valley, surrounded by the national parks of Jotunheimen, Rondane and Dovrefjell-Sunndalsfjella. The protected areas comprise historic pastures still in use and offer a unique mountain farm environment with a rich cultural heritage. Continue to Trondheim. Sights of interest are the Nidarosdomen cathedral, the Trondheim Museum of Art and the Archbishop's Palace Museum (no entrances included).

Half board accommodation at **Clarion Hotel Trondheim**.

DAY 4 | TRONDHEIM – MO I RANA

Today's journey takes you further north, up to Mo I Rana, located at the beautiful Helgeland coast in the southern part of Nordland county. Here you can go hiking in mountains like the famous Seven Sisters and Trollhatten, explore thousands of islands and white sandy beaches, and experience a coastline that is also regarded as one of Norway's best areas for sea kayaking, cycling and puffin spotting.

Half board accommodation at **Scandic Meyergården**.

DAY 5 | MO I RANA - BODØ

Drive across the Polar Circle to Bodø, situated on a peninsula in Northern Norway and offering a varied assortment of adventures. Here, you can go kayaking or golfing under the midnight sun, take a tour on a fast passenger boat through the impressive archipelago, or fish in the world's strongest tidal current, Saltstraumen. The largest city in the county of Nordland is also just a boat ride away from both Moskenes in Lofoten and the old trading post at Kjerringøy.

Half board accommodation at **Scandic Havet**.

DAY 6 | BODØ – LOFOTEN - HARSTAD

Board the ship for a 3 hour ferry crossing from Bodø to Moskenes. Relax and explore the mountains and coastal landscape of Northern Norway while crossing the Vestfjord.

Travel across the Lofoten islands from south to north. These islands are known for excellent fishing, nature attractions and small villages off the beaten track. Between late May and mid July you can experience the midnight sun, depending on the weather. Lofoten has a strong connection to the Viking Age, and at Lofotr Viking Museum you can experience the Viking Age as it really was (entrance not included). Continue to Harstad, a scenic and strategic location on Norway's largest island Hinnøya, serving as the gateway to Vesterålen and Lofoten.

Half board accommodation at **Scandic Harstad**.

DAY 7 | HARSTAD - TROMSØ

Harstad's mix of old and contemporary architecture in combination with the many cafés and restaurants provide a good atmosphere. Continue on your journey north to arrive in Tromsø, located 350 kilometres north of the Arctic Circle. Tromsø is the largest city in Northern Norway. From 20 May to 20 July the midnight sun makes it possible to do as the locals and participate in various activities around the clock.

Half board accommodation at **Clarion Hotel The Edge**.

DAY 8 | TROMSØ – HONNINGSVÅG - NORTH CAPE

Start today by 2 short ferry crossings from Breivikeidet to Svensby and from Lyngseidet to Olderdalen. Enjoy the view of the Lyngsalpene mountain range with their high mountain tops, deep valleys and glaciers as you cross the Lyngenfjord. Drive to Alta and further across the tundra to Honningsvåg.

In the evening, visit North Cape, located at 71°10'21, the northernmost point in Europe. Here, by clear weather, you might enjoy watching the midnight sun over the Barents Sea from the North Cape Plateau. Entrance to the North Cape Hall and a North Cape certificate is included for each participant.

Half board accommodation at **Scandic Destination North Cape**.

DAY 9 | HONNINGSVÅG - SAARISELKÄ

Drive to Karasjok, with its recognised Sami institutions and living Sami culture, Karasjok is the Sami capital with almost 3,000 inhabitants... and some 60,000 reindeer. At The Sápmi Culture Park you can experience the Sami way of life (entrance not included).

Cross the Finnish border and continue to Saariselkä, lies in the far North of Finnish Lapland. The unique northern countryside, national parks, lake areas, rivers and highland fells offer a wealth of opportunities for year-round travel. In Inari and other villages in the area, the Sami culture is very much in evidence in everyday life. Here is where you find the genuine Lapland.

Half board accommodation at **Lapland Hotel Riekonlinna**.

DAY 10 | SAARISELKÄ - OULU

Cross the Polar Circle and arrive in Rovaniemi, an urban oasis amidst the Arctic wilderness, where culture, wild activities and fairytales come together. Christmas magic can be experienced year round in places like Santa Claus Village and Santa Park. As the capital of Lapland, Rovaniemi is home to Lapland's Provincial Museum Arktikum, the forest-themed Pilke Science Centre and the Korundi House of Culture.

Continue south along the Kemijoki river to Kemi, then Oulu, located by the Baltic Sea.

Half board accommodation at **Original Sokos Hotel Arina**.

DAY 11 | OULU - JYVÄSKYLÄ

Today's itinerary takes you into Finnish Lake district and Jyväskylä, a town with a lively center with a number of shops and cultural activities, such as the performances at the City Theatre buildings designed by Alvar Aalto. The city is home to many famous Finnish ski-jumpers. In summer there are cruise boats which take you on Lake Päijänne.

Half board accommodation at **Original Sokos Hotel Alexandra**.

DAY 12 | JYVÄSKYLÄ – HELSINKI – TURKU - STOCKHOLM

Visit Helsinki during a 3 hours city sightseeing with local guide. Sights of interest are the Sibelius Monument and Park, the Senate Square and the Cathedral. No entrances included.

Drive to Turku and board the ship for an overnight cruise with **Tallink Silja Line** from Turku to Stockholm, accommodation in ocean view cabins.

Check in for passengers without vehicle at latest 19.45, and departure from Turku is at 20.15. **Scandinavian dinner buffet** on board.

DAY 13 | STOCKHOLM - MALMÖ

Enjoy the **breakfast buffet** on board and arrive in Stockholm at 06.10.

3 hours city sightseeing with a local guide in Stockholm, beautifully situated on the water. Main sights of interest are the old town (Gamla Stan), the Royal Palace, the Parliament buildings and the Island of Djurgården. Entrance to the City Hall with its famous golden and blue halls is included.

Drive south to Malmö, a small city with a good choice of cultural attractions and a cosy city centre with parks and beautiful cobbled street areas.

Half board accommodation at **Comfort Hotel Malmö**.

DAY 14 | MALMÖ – COPENHAGEN - PUTTGARDEN

Join Copenhagen in Denmark by the mighty, arching Öresund bridge.

Discover Copenhagen during a 2 hours sightseeing tour with a local guide. Sights of interest are the Christiansborg palace, the Royal theatre, the City Hall, the Royal palace Amalienborg, the old harbour of Nyhavn, the Little Mermaid, the Gefion fountain and the Rosenborg castle (no entrances included).

Drive south to Rødby and take the ferry for a crossing from Rødby to Puttgarden, before starting on your journey home.

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SERVICES INCLUDED

Accommodation and meals:

- 11 nights accommodation in double rooms with shower/WC incl. breakfast
- Dinner at hotel all nights

Overnight cruises:

- Overnight cruises for coach and passengers Kiel - Oslo and Turku - Stockholm, accommodation in 2-berth ocean view cabins with shower/WC, dinner and breakfast on board included for both cruises.

Guided tours:

- Oslo (3 hours)
- Helsinki (3 hours)
- Stockholm (3 hours)
- Copenhagen (2 hours)

Entrances:

- Fram Museum (Oslo)
- Viking Museum (Oslo)
- North Cape Hall, including North Cape Certificate for each participant
- Stockholm City Hall

Other services:

- Domestic ferry from Bodø to Moskenes for coach and passengers
- Domestic ferry from Breivikeidet to Svensby for coach and passengers
- Domestic ferry from Lyngseidet to Olderdalen for coach and passengers
- Toll fee for crossing the Öresund bridge between Malmö and Copenhagen
- International ferry from Rødby to Puttgarden for coach and passengers

PRIVATE COACH

- Coach transport is not included, tour is based on group arriving with own coach