



## Lofoten Islands & North Cape

Tour 903

13 Nights / 14 Days

Kiel - Puttgarden

Travel to the North Cape, the top of Europe, across 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 four Nordic capitals.

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## DAY 1 Arrival - KIEL - OSLO (Ferry)

Arrive in Kiel according to your own itinerary. Board the Color Line ship for an overnight cruise from Kiel to Oslo. Check in at latest 12.00, and departure from Kiel is at 14.00.

**Half board** accommodation in **2-berth outside cabins** on board Color Line

## DAY 2 OSLO - LILLEHAMMER (180km)

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 is included. Continue along lake Mjøsa to Lillehammer.

**Half board** accommodation at **Clarion Collection Hotel Hammer**

## DAY 3 LILLEHAMMER - TRONDHEIM (335km)

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 (475km)

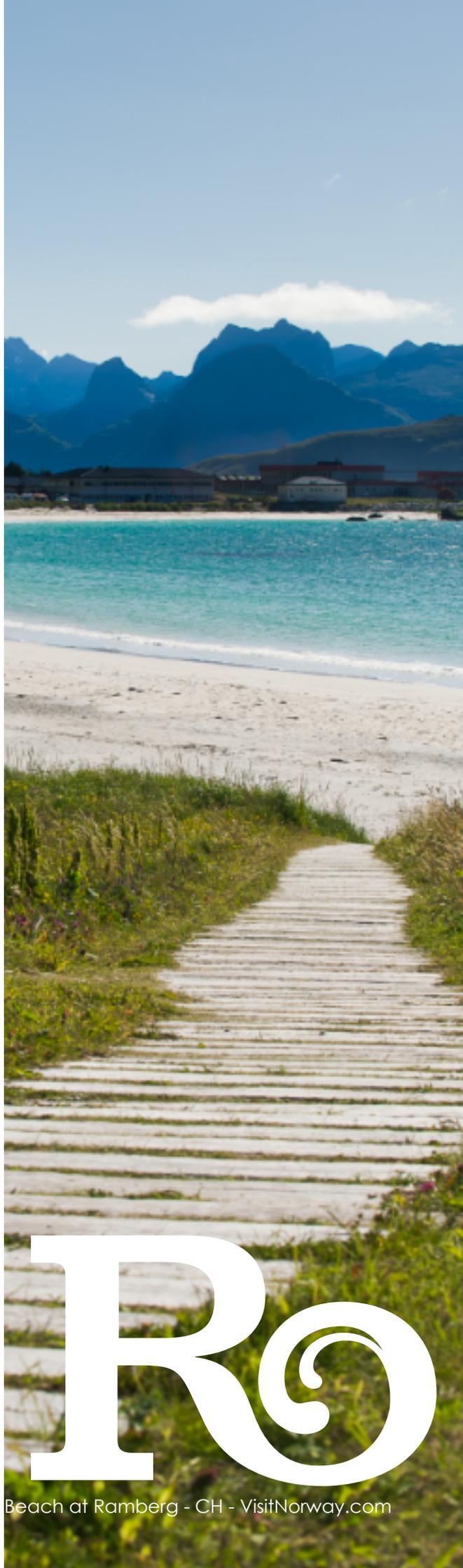
Today's journey takes you further north, up to Mo I Rana, located at the beautiful Helgeland coast in the southern part of Nordland county. Natural sights such as the famous Seven Sisters and Trollhatten, thousands of islands and white sandy beaches attract travelers.

**Half board** accommodation at **Scandic Meyergården**

## DAY 5 MO I RANA - POLARKREIS - BODØ (230km)

Drive across the Polar Circle to Bodø, the 2024 European Capital of Culture. The city is situated on a peninsula in Northern Norway, 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 **Thon Hotel Nordlys**



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## **DAY 6 BODØ - LOFOTEN - HARSTAD (390km)**

Board the ship for a 4 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 cozy small villages. Experience the midnight sun between late May and mid July, depending on the weather. Experience the strong connection of Lofoten Islands to the countries' viking heritage and visit the live enacted open air museum Lofotr (entrance not included). Continue to Harstad, a scenic and strategic location on Norway's largest island Hinnøya, a gateway to Vesterålen and Lofoten Islands.

**Half board** accommodation at **Thon Hotel Harstad**

## **DAY 7 HARSTAD - TROMSØ (300km)**

Harstad's mix of old and contemporary architecture, in combination with the many cafés and restaurants, shape the small town 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. Join the local habit of late night activities during the summer months, when the midnight sun shines between 20 May to 20 July.

**Half board** accommodation at **Thon Hotel Polar**

## **DAY 8 TROMSØ - HONNINGSVÅG (650km)** **North Cape excursion**

Start the day with two 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. Weather permitting, you may 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 - IVALO (425km)**

Drive to Karasjok, with its recognized 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 Ivalo 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 alive. Here is where you find the genuine Lapland.

**Half board** accommodation at **Hotel Ivalo**

## DAY 10 IVALO - ROVANIEMI - OULU (465km)

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 (entrances not included). 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 (340km)

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 (440km | ferry)

Morning drive to the capital of Finland. 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 to Stockholm,

**Half board** accommodation in **2-berth outside cabins** on board **Tallink Silja**

## DAY 13 STOCKHOLM - MALMÖ (620km)

Enjoy the breakfast buffet on board and arrive in Stockholm at 06.10. 3 hours city sightseeing with a local guide in the Swedish capital 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 **Clarion Hotel The Mill**

## DAY 14 MALMÖ - PUTTGARDEN - Departure (215km)

Arrive in Copenhagen in Denmark by crossing the mighty, arching Öresund bridge (road fee not included). 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 according to your own itinerary.



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## SERVICES INCLUDED

### International ferry crossings for coach and passengers:

- Kiel – Oslo with Color Line (inc overnight in 2-berth outside cabins with shower/WC, Scandinavian dinner buffet and breakfast buffet on board)
- Turku – Stockholm with Tallink Silja Line (inc overnight in 2-berth outside cabins with shower/WC, Scandinavian dinner buffet and breakfast buffet on board)
- Rødby – Puttgarden on board Scandlines ApS

### Accommodation and meals:

- 11 nights accommodation in double rooms with shower/WC, incl. Half-board.

### City-sightseeing:

- Oslo, 3 hours, incl. Entrance to Fram Museum
- Helsinki, 3 hours, no entrances
- Stockholm, 3 hours, incl. Entrance to Stadshuset
- Copenhagen, 2 hours, no entrances

### Domestic ferry crossings for coach and passengers:

- Bodø – Moskenes

### North Cape visit:

- Entrance to Nordkapphallen and tourist taxes
- North Cape diploma for the guests



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