

**NORTHERN EUROPE DISCOVERY
ICELAND AND NORWAY WITH LAPLAND**

19 DAYS | JUNE 9 – JUN 26, 2022

with 7-Day Classic Northbound Norwegian coastal Voyage aboard MS Nordnorge



This spectacular cruise tour starts with four days in Reykjavik, Iceland, where you will discover the picturesque scenery of the Golden Ring region. Then on to Norway's capital city of Oslo for two days to take in the sights of the Nordic cultural hub, followed by the most scenic rail journeys in the world, the "over the roof of Norway" train ride before arriving in Bergen for two more days of exploring and then embarking your cruise ship for a spectacular cruise up the stunning Norwegian coast.

Your voyage ends in Kirkenes, after which you transfer to Ivalo, the gateway to Lapland, for two nights and onto Helsinki for two more days.



4-DAY ICELAND PRE-TOUR

June 9 to 12, 2022

For four days, tour fascinating Iceland—from the sights of the capital city, Reykjavík, to the hot springs and waterfalls of Thingvellir National Park and the famed Blue Lagoon, a natural geothermal spa.



Hallgrímskirkja church, Reykjavík

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Day 1 Reykjavík, Iceland

Upon arrival at the airport, a private driver will meet you at Keflavík airport. Your route leads from Keflavík across the intriguing ancient lava fields of Reykjanes Peninsula and onward to your hotel in Reykjavík.

ACCOMMODATIONS: Hilton Nordica, Reykjavík (3 nights)

Located near the heart of Reykjavík, within walking distance of major sights, this comfortable hotel offers an elegant restaurant featuring spacious guest rooms and a brasserie specializing in traditional Nordic cuisine.



Strokkur geyser, Iceland

Day 2 Reykjavík (B)

Meet your private driver-guide at your hotel. Start your tour around the world's most northerly capital, which holds more than one third of Iceland's population. Today, Reykjavík is a modern city with a variety of restaurants, museums, galleries and theaters. Visit the most important sights of the city such as the Old Town, the city cathedral, Hallgrímskirkja church and the "Pearl" (Please note that no entrance fees are included). Afterwards, enjoy a 45-minute drive through the Reykjanes lava landscapes en route to the Blue Lagoon. After the planned stop (2 hours) at the Blue Lagoon, you will be driven back to your hotel.



Blue Lagoon, Reykjavík

Day 3 Reykjavík & the Golden Circle (B)

Meet up with your private driver-guide at your hotel. Your day starts with a drive to Þingvellir, a remarkable geological site and the most historic site on the island.

The world's oldest democratic parliament was founded here in 930. Located by Lake Þingvallavatn, the largest lake on the island; Þingvellir is now a national park and has been a UNESCO World Heritage Site since 2004. The beautiful canyon running through the park is actually the meeting point of two of the earth's tectonic plates. The area's combination of natural phenomena and historical significance make it inseparable from the fabric of Icelandic national life.

Your tour continues on to the infamous Geysir area, where you will discover the famous Geysir which has given its name to hot springs all over the world. You will see one of the most active geysers in the area, Strokkur, spouting up to 30 meters (98 feet) into the air, every 5 to 7 minutes!

Only a few minutes' drive away is Gullfoss (Golden Waterfall), one of the most impressive waterfalls in Europe. Here you will see thousands of tons of water thunder majestically down into a deep gorge. A series of paths takes you to amazing views of the falls.

Drive back to your hotel in the afternoon



Reykjavík, Iceland

Day 4 / June 12 Reykjavík to Oslo

After breakfast, check out of your hotel and transfer to the airport for your flight to Oslo. (Breakfast)

Our local guide greets us at the airport and takes us into Oslo. Enjoy free time after hotel check-in, and join the group in the evening for our Welcome Dinner at the hotel restaurant.

Accommodation: Hotel Bristol, or similar (2 nights)

Meals: D

Day 5 Oslo

This morning, enjoy a tour of this Scandinavian Capital. During the visit here, you will admire the Royal Palace, the National Theater, the Parliament, the Opera House by the water - front, and the medieval Akershus fortress. Highlights will include the Viking Ship Museum and the Kon-Tiki Museum, both famous for the feats of mankind at the time.

After lunch at a local restaurant, we will proceed to Fram Museum for a private lecture and we will return to our hotel after.

Meals: B, L



Day 6 Oslo to Bergen

Today we are in for a treat as we board the train and travel "Over the Roof of Norway," to Bergen. This railroad adventure is the longest high mountain stretch of railway in Europe and is recognized as being one of "the top twenty railway experiences in the world". You will travel through spectacular nature on the Bergen Railway to Myrdal and the famous Flåm Railway from Myrdal to Flåm.

After lunch in Flåm, we will take the express boat (approx. 5 hours) on the Sognefjord to Bergen. The boat stops in several quaint villages along its route and gives you a great opportunity to see "the King of fjords" up close. Upon arrival in Bergen, transfer to your hotel.

Accommodation: Clarion Collection Hotel, or similar (2 nights)

Meals: B, L, D (boxed dinner provided on express boat)

Day 7 Bergen

Bergen, the second largest city in Norway, is charmingly placed between mountains and fjords. The city was founded in 1070 and is the main capital of the fjord country. This morning you will admire the venerable King Haakon's Hall, the Rosenkranz Tower, and Bryggen – a row of Hanseatic timbered houses with characteristic pointed gables facing the harbor, and the bustling Fish and Flower Market, the City Park, and the Grieg Hall – the concert hall of Bergen. The rest of the day is at leisure. Dinner this evening is at your hotel.

Meals: B, D

Day 8 Bergen - Embarkation

This morning is at your leisure. In the afternoon, we transfer from our hotel to the pier to board our ship. After we settle in, the ship will depart Bergen and will sail north along the Viking route of Hjeltefjord. Join your group in the evening for dinner onboard and spend the rest of the evening relaxing as you admire the spectacular landscapes from the deck or in the Panorama lounge.

Accommodation: MS Nordnorge (6 nights)

Meals: B, D

Day 9 Florø – Molde

This morning we awake in the breathtaking Nordfjord. We then sail past West Cape for our approach to Ålesund. Ålesund is renowned for its beautiful Art Nouveau architecture and famed Atlanterhavsparken aquarium. In the fall, we explore Hjørundfjord in the majestic Sunnmøre Alps. The fjord's pristine natural landscape of steep rock walls, lush green meadows, lonely mountain farms, and tiny villages is unforgettable. Next, we see Molde, known as the 'City of Roses' for its lovely municipal gardens. This attractive coastal town has an amazing view of 222 mountain peaks across the fjord, called 'the Molde Panorama.'

Optional Shore Excursions

Meals: B, L, D

Day 10 Kristiansund – Rørvik - Trondheim

The highlight today is our call to Trondheim. Charming Trondheim is home to great history and a rich cultural life. Founded by Viking King Olav Tryggvason in 997, Trondheim today is a unique mix of the ancient and modern.

Included shore excursion: [Trondheim City Walking Tour](#)

This guided walk starts at the harbor. We walk up to Stiftsgården, the royal residence in Trondheim.

Possibly the largest wooden building in Northern Europe, this stately home has housed royals and their guests since 1800. We continue to the market square to take a closer look at the statue of the city's founder, the Viking King Olav Tryggvason, towering over the busy square.

We continue to Nidaros Cathedral, the national monument of Norway. Stained glass from the 19th and the 20th centuries adds to its character, and the west front is one of the most beautiful and ornate portions of the church. After, we walk across the old city bridge. Its red gateway is known among the locals as "the portal of happiness".

Across the bridge we enter the Bakklandet area, which has managed to preserve its charming wooden architecture. Originally this was the industrial part of the city. Today, the old factories have been renovated into desirable housing surrounded by boutique shops and gourmet restaurants. This is where you find the world's only bicycle lift

Note: 3.5-hours tour with guide

Meals: B, L, D



Day 11 Brønnøysund – Svolvær

Welcome to the Arctic!

Today we cross the Arctic Circle. Ørnes is the site of Norway's second-largest glacier, Svartisen. We then sail along the beautiful coast of Helgeland to Bodø, where you can experience Saltstraumen, the world's most powerful maelstrom, by small boat.

This afternoon, the 3,300 foot high Lofoten Wall looms on the horizon, ushering us toward majestic granite cliffs and white-sand beaches. As we sail through the narrow Raftsund, we stop at the entrance to Trollfjord, a dramatic natural wonder that should not be missed.

Optional Shore Excursions

Meals: B, L, D

Day 12 Stokmarknes – Skjervøy

We briefly dock at Risøyhamn, Harstad, and Finnsnes in the morning. We then sail to the Arctic exploration capital of Tromsø for a prolonged stay.

Included Shore excursion: The Arctic Capital Tromsø

Surrounded by towering mountains, Tromsø is nicknamed the 'Paris of the North'. This remarkably cosmopolitan city in the Arctic has a fascinating history. It has been the starting point for numerous polar expeditions, it served briefly as Norway's seat of government in 1940, and has been a destination for timber transport from Russian rivers. Today Tromsø is a small yet vibrant metropolis with a rich cultural life. It is also the center of research and education in the north. Our tour begins with a ride on the city's famous cable car up to the mountain ledge of Storsteinen (1,377 ft above sea level). From here, marvel at the spectacular panoramic views of Tromsø and its surrounding islands, mountains, and fjords. Take a short walk around the mountain plateau, or enjoy something to eat or drink at the Fjellstua restaurant. We also visit the Polaria visitor center, which features an Arctic aquarium, seal pool, educational displays, and a panoramic theatre. The tour also includes a stop at the famous Arctic Cathedral, an architectural masterpiece and town landmark.

Note: 3.5-hour tour with coach and guide including cable car, entrance to Arctic Cathedral and Polaria.

Meals: B, L, D

Day 13 Øksfjord – Berlevåg

Enjoy magnificent landscapes as we sail to the **North Cape**, one of the northernmost points on the European continent. After a brief stop in Hammerfest, we arrive in Havøysund. The ship continues to Honningsvåg.

Included shore excursion: North Cape

Honningsvåg, the northernmost city in Norway, is located in a beautiful bay in the Barents Sea. This shore excursion will explore this remote city and discover what life is like here for the few local residents.

From this large rock plateau, on which only sparse vegetation can survive, we can admire spectacular views out to sea. Visit North Cape Hall.

The North Cape is one of the few places on earth where it's possible to view the midnight sun. After the Honningsvåg shore excursion we'll return to the harbor for boarding.

Note: 3.5-hour tour with coach and guide including entrance to North Cape Hall

Meals: B, L, D

Day 14 Båtsfjord – Kirkenes / Disembarkation – Ivalo

Just after breakfast, we arrive in Kirkenes, known as the capital of the Barents region.

After disembarkation, we will transfer to Ivalo by coach. Ivalo is a gateway to Lapland, the home of the Sami, the indigenous people who have lived in northern Scandinavia since prehistoric times. Lapland, also called Samiland, spans throughout northern parts of Finland, Norway, and Sweden. Although the Sami are a minority of today's population, their cultural traditions endure. Dinner this evening is at our hotel.

Accommodation: Ivalo Hotel or similar (2 nights)

Meals: B, D



Day 15 Ivalo

This morning we start out with a visit to Siida Sami Museum, located in the heart of the village of Inari. The museum focuses on Sami and northern Lapland culture and nature. Our tour continues to a reindeer farm where you will experience reindeer feeding and have time to take some pictures with the reindeers. You will also be practicing your skills in lasso throwing and hear stories about Sami culture from the local guide. We will have lunch at Sami Museum and will return to our hotel for overnight. Return to hotel.

Meals: B, L

Day 16 Ivalo – Helsinki

This morning we continue our journey with a flight to Helsinki. Upon arrival, we will proceed to our hotel for check-in transfer to your hotel.

Helsinki's historic center dates from the early 19th century, when Russia ruled Finland and designated this city as the country's new capital. As a result, the city has both a Russian look and a more modern layout than other European capitals. Graced with many buildings by noted Finnish architects such as Alvar Aalto, Helsinki today is a masterpiece of urban design.



Accommodations: Hotel St. George, or similar (2 nights)

Meals: B, L

Day 17 Helsinki

During the morning tour of the Finnish capital you will admire the major sights such as the Rock Church, the Senate Square surrounded by the Lutheran Cathedral of Helsinki, the Senate, the University and Library of Helsinki, the Sibelius monument, the Olympic stadium, and the new Opera House. Lunch is on your own and the afternoon is yours to explore the city on your own. Join your group this evening for your Farewell Dinner.

Meals: B, D

Day 18 /June 26 Helsinki – Home

Your beautiful tour has come to end and it's time to fly back home!

INCLUSIONS:

- Private limo ride to Pearson Airport on departure
- 4-day tour in Iceland as per itinerary
- 1-way flight from Reykjavik to Oslo, Norway
- 2 nights hotel accommodations with breakfast at Hotel Bristol, or similar, in Oslo
- 2 nights hotel accommodations with breakfast at Hotel Clarion Collection Havnekontoret, or similar, in Bergen
- 6 nights cruise in cabin category of your choice, aboard MS Nordnorge
- 2 nights hotel accommodations with breakfast at Hotel Ivalo, or similar, in Ivalo
- 2 nights hotel accommodations with breakfast at Hotel St. George, or similar, in Helsinki
- Over-the-roof-of-Norway rail journey, one of the most spectacular journeys in the world
- One-way Flight from Ivalo to Helsinki, economy class
- Meals as indicated in the itinerary (beverages are not included)
- Guided excursions as per itinerary
- Pre-paid gratuities for local guides and drivers
- All taxes
- Guaranteed escorted departure by agency host with minimum of 15 guests

CABIN CATEGORIES

POLAR INSIDE: Located on all decks. Most have separate beds with one doubling as a sofa during the day, or upper and lower berths. Size: 90 – 118 sq. ft.



POLAR OUTSIDE: Located mostly on the middle or lower decks. Some have double beds, while others have separate beds with one doubling as a sofa during the day, or upper and lower berths. Size: 90 – 121sq. ft.

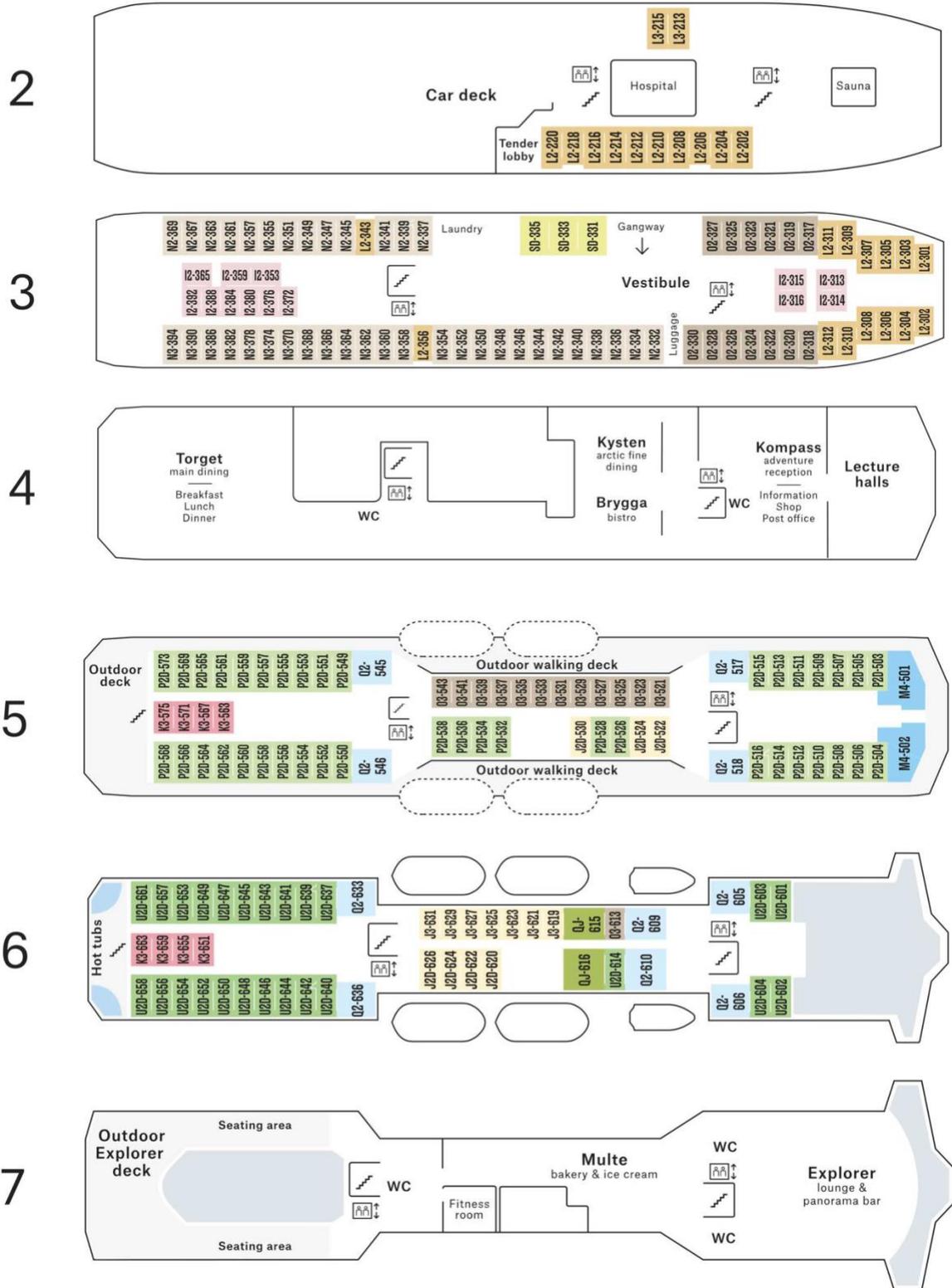


ARCTIC SUPERIOR: Located mostly on the upper decks. Some have double beds, while others have separate beds with one doubling as a sofa during the day, or upper and lower berths. Size: 90 – 121 sq.ft.



Other cabincategories may be requested, subject to availability.

DECK PLAN



FARES FOR 19-DAY TOUR WITH ICELAND, JUNE 9 TO 26, 2022

CABIN CATEGORY	DOUBLE OCCUPANCY	SINGLE OCCUPANCY
CAT. I2 POLAR INSIDE	\$13,200 PP	\$16,900
CAT. N2 POLAR OUTSIDE	\$14,100 PP	\$19,800
CAT P2 ARCTIC SUPERIOR	\$14,700 PP	\$20,300
PAYMENTS	Deposit: \$1,000 pp	Final Date: Dec 1, 2021

FARES FOR 15-DAY NORWAY & LAPLAND TOUR, JUNE 12 TO 26, 2022

CABIN CATEGORY	DOUBLE OCCUPANCY	SINGLE OCCUPANCY
CAT. I2 POLAR INSIDE	\$10,500 PP	\$13,700
CAT. N2 POLAR OUTSIDE	\$11,300 PP	\$16,600
CAT P2 ARCTIC SUPERIOR	\$11,900 PP	\$17,100
PAYMENTS	Deposit: \$1,000 pp	Final Date: Dec 1, 2021

CANCELLATION FEES & SCHEDULE: All cancellations must be received in writing.

More than 181 days before departure or before Non-Essential Travel Ban is lifted: No fees
180-90 days before departure or After Non-Essential Travel Ban is lifted: 55% of total price
89-61 days before departure: 80% of total price
60 days to 00 days before departure: 100% of total price

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Travellers must report any disability that would require special attention while on tour at the time the reservation is made. Cruise Holidays of Clarkson is not responsible for any denial of services by air carriers, hotels, restaurants, or other suppliers as a result of to such disability. A qualified and physically able companion must accompany travellers who need such assistance and must assume full responsibility for their well - being.

Travellers accept by virtue of this booking, that Cruise Holidays of Clarkson has the right and authority to accept or reject any tour participant and to remove such participant if in the judgement of Cruise Holidays of Clarkson, the participant's behavior interferes with the well - being and enjoyment by the other participants. CH Clarkson will not refund or cover any cost or expenses incurred for such termination of travel arrangements.

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