

**HOSTED EXCLUSIVE
THE CLASSIC
NORTHERN
LIGHTS
CHARTER**

**Bergen • Alesund
Trondheim • Lofoten Islands
Arctic Circle • Tromso • North Cape
AND MORE!**





• VOYAGES BEYOND EXPECTATIONS •

FULLY CHARTERED • HOSTED GROUP
DIRECT FLIGHTS TO BERGEN WITH JET2
Holiday101 / HAYS TRAVEL EXCLUSIVE



HEI!!

(Norwegian for Hello)

We are happy to announce our new & exciting edition to the 'Voyages Beyond Expectations' portfolio with Hurtigruten to visit the spectacular Norwegian Coast in the search for the luminous Northern Lights.

We have two existing charters currently, from Bournemouth and Belfast. We have recently added on an additional charter from Bournemouth for February 2025. Plus you will have the opportunity to get a sneak peak of three new and upcoming charters we are working on.

INFORMATION

GUIDE



Exclusive Hosted Charter
The Classic
Northern Ligts

05 February 2025 • 11 nights

Direct from Bournemouth **NEW**

SNEAK PEEK
3 NEW DEPARTURES

Winter 2025/2026

Direct from Cardiff
Direct from Bournemouth
Direct from Newcastle

COMING SOON – WATCH THIS SPACE!!!

QUICK PACKAGE
OVERVIEW

What's included with your Hurtigruten package?

- ✓ Return direct flights with Jet2
- ✓ 22kg luggage allowance
- ✓ All overseas airport transfers

- ✓ 11-night cruise on board Hurtigruten's MS Polarlys
- ✓ Select fare benefits
- ✓ Full board dining
- ✓ Choice of preferred dining time
- ✓ Complimentary on board Wi-Fi
- ✓ Choice of cabin number
- ✓ Complimentary fine dining for Suite guests
- ✓ Tipping not required
- ✓ Northern Lights Promise*

Exclusive benefits...

- ✓ Exclusive to Holiday 101 & Hays
- ✓ Airport Meet & Greet Team
- ✓ Hosted throughout
- ✓ Airport pre-flights drinks reception
- ✓ Complimentary on board welcome gift
- ✓ Onboard Hospitality Desk

**PACKAGE
INCLUSIONS**

Jet2



Jet2

Bournemouth

Approximate Flight Times:

05 February 2025
Bournemouth (BOH) TBC
Bergen (BGO) TBC

16 February 2025
Bergen (BGO) TBC
Bournemouth (BOH) TBC

- ✓ 160-seater chartered aircraft by Jet2
- ✓ 22kg baggage allowance per person
- ✓ 10kg hand luggage per person
- + Pre-booked meals not available at this stage
- + Pre-booked seats not available at this stage
- + Extra legroom seats not available at this stage
- + Flight times not released yet, but will correspond with embarkation and disembarkation times

FLIGHT OVERVIEW



MS Polarlys Hurtigruten

Year Built: 1996
Refurbished: 2016
Length: 123m
Beam: 19.5m
Tonnage: 11,341
Staterooms: 214
Total Crew: 64

Passenger Capacity: 619
On board currency: Norwegian Krone

There are three different restaurants, the Multe bakery and ice cream bar, a sauna and fitness room. Out on deck you can enjoy the view from one of the two hot tubs. There is a comfortable bar at the front of the ship where you can enjoy a nice traditional drink.

The vessel also has a large compass area where you find the reception, the Coastal Experience Team, a conference room and a shop. The top deck of the boat features a sun deck, observation saloon and panorama lounge, all of which provide splendid views of spectacular coastal scenery.

Fun fact...

Polarlys is Norwegian for 'polar light'

SHIP OVERVIEW

THE EXPERIENCE

DAY-BY-DAY



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THE EXPERIENCE

DAY-BY-DAY



Approximate Departure Times
05 February 2025

Bournemouth (BOH) TBC
Bergen (BER) TBC

Time in Port
Bergen: 14:45 - 20:30

All Aboard!

Arrive at Bournemouth airport & be welcomed by our Meet & Greet Team and your Host(s) who will be able to help and assist you.

Beautiful Bergen

On arrival into Bergen, a coach will take you to your cruise ship. Once aboard, enjoy the first of many delicious meals made from fresh coastal produce as we depart Bergen and sail the old Viking route along Hjeltefjord.

You'll also meet your ship's Coastal Experience Team who will be your guides as we cruise Norway's coastline, organising lectures, onboard activities, and optional hikes.

Please note: The featured day-by-day experience will give you a few ideas about what you can see and do on your voyage, but bear in mind that this itinerary is just an indication of what you can experience. After all, this is a sailing where the elements rule and weather conditions might vary, which is why every voyage with Hurtigruten is unique.

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DAY-BY-DAY



Time in Port

Kristiansund: 02:45 - 03:00

Trondheim: 09:45 - 12:45

Rørvik: 21:40 - 22:00

Iconic Architecture

Enjoy early morning in the Nordfjord near Torvik. Sail past West Cape for our approach to Ålesund.

Art Nouveau city

Ålesund is renowned for its beautiful Art Nouveau architecture and Atlanterhavsparken, one of Northern Europe's largest saltwater aquariums. If you're travelling in spring or winter, you'll have most of the day to explore this picturesque town.

THE EXPERIENCE

DAY-BY-DAY



Time in Port

Florø: 02:45 - 03:00
Måløy: 05:15 - 05:30
Torvik: 08:20 - 08:30
Ålesund: 09:45 - 20:00
Molde: 22:35 - 23:05

City of Kings and Palaces

This section of the voyage sees us enter the Trøndelag region of Norway, marked by crumpled hills, fields dotted with farmsteads, and low-lying coastal settlements.

Magical, medieval, and modern

Visit Norway's third-largest city and a mix of historic buildings and a vibrant student population. You'll have three hours to explore Trondheim and its array of highlights.

A must-see site of the city is Nidaros Cathedral, nicknamed "Norway's Notre Dame" for its Gothic style and considered the most sacred building in all of Norway. Next door to the cathedral is the Archbishop's Palace where Norway's crown jewels are on display.

Nearby, the old city bridge Gamle Bybro sits over Nid River, marking the entrance to the old Hanseatic district of Bakklandet. The neighbourhood's colourful wooden wharves propped up on stilts by the river's edge now house a variety of eateries. Up from Bakklandet is Kristiansten Fort which has beautiful panoramas of the city and fjord.

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Into the Arctic



Today cross the Arctic Circle early in the morning, beginning your Arctic tour of Norway. We mark the moment with a traditional ceremony that's sure to wake you up. Above the Arctic Circle, your chances of seeing the Northern Lights greatly improve.

Forces of Nature & Welcome to Lofoten

At 10am, we call into Ørnes, near to Norway's second-largest glacier, Svartisen. The pier here is popular for the Love Bench where sweethearts have declared their lasting romance with a padlock. Then sail to Bodø, the second-largest city in Northern Norway, overlooked by the Børvass peaks. Admire fabulous street art or join an optional excursion.

Time in Port

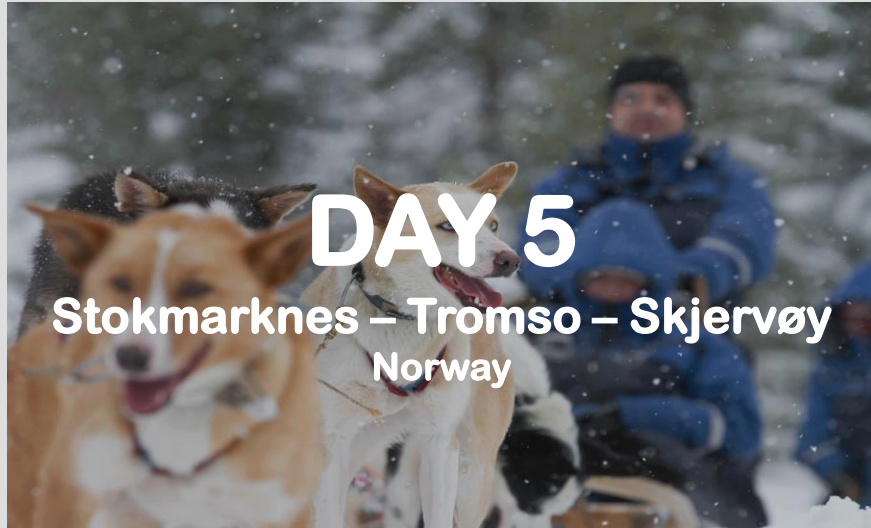
Brønnøysund: 01:35 - 01:45
Sandnessjøen: 04:35 - 04:50
Nesna: 06:00 - 06:10
Ørnes: 10:00 - 10:10
Bodø: 13:05 - 15:20
Stamsund: 19:15 - 19:40
Svolvær: 21:20 - 22:15

That afternoon, the ship enters the Lofoten archipelago. The 1,000 metre-high Lofoten Wall is a stunning sight that seems to stretch for miles on the horizon. Stamsund is home to one of the largest fishing fleets in the islands and busiest between January and April when Arctic cod, known locally as skrei, swim from the Barents Sea in the north down to Vestfjord to spawn. Come evening, you've arrived in the pretty harbour of Svolvær, the main town of the Lofoten Islands.

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Time in Port

Stokmarknes: 01:30 - 01:40
Sortland: 02:55 - 03:10
Risøyhamn: 04:35 - 04:50
Harstad: 07:10 - 07:45
Finnsnes: 11:00 - 11:30
Tromsø: 14:15 - 18:15
Skjervøy: 22:10 - 22:25

Capital of the Arctic

Dock into Harstad just after 07:00. You can go for a peaceful early morning stroll around town. The ship will then continue to Finnsnes which connects the beautiful island of Senja via the impressive Gisund Bridge. Keep on the lookout for a variety of seabirds with several colonies nearby, including puffins.

Gateway to the Arctic

Sail to the historic Arctic exploration capital of Tromsø where you'll have four hours to explore the city or join an optional excursion. Along the waterfront you'll find Polaria, a centre exhibiting environmental research in the Arctic with a small aquarium. Take your pick from the many shops and restaurants in the city centre, including Mack Brewery and favourite local watering hole Ølhallen pub. There are also cafés offering delicious cinnamon buns where baristas create innovative coffee art. Across the fjord from where the ship docks, you should be able to see the iconic Arctic Cathedral with its beautiful stained-glass mosaic.

Leaving Tromsø in the early evening, we head north for the trading post of Skjervøy, founded in 1622. On our way, we'll pass the Lyngen Alps which rise majestically from the sea.

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Norway's Northern Frontier



The ship reaches the town of Hammerfest on the island of Kvaløya early in the morning. In summer, the island has herds of reindeer migrating here in their thousands.

At the top of Europe

Arrive at Honningsvåg mid-morning, portal to the North Cape where a globe monument marks the top of continental Europe. An optional excursion will take you to North Cape from Honningsvåg by bus, passing herds of reindeer on the way, depending on the season.

Continuing north

Today reach the northernmost port of call, Mehamn, in the evening. If visiting in the months of February and March, you might spot tons of cod drying on outdoor wooden racks called hjell, mainly destined for export.

The ship then sets off for Berlevåg. On the way, we pass the tall Slettnes Lighthouse, the northernmost mainland lighthouse on Earth.

Time in Port

Øksfjord: 01:50 - 02:00
Hammerfest: 05:05 - 05:45
Havøysund: 08:30 - 08:45
Honningsvåg: 10:55 - 14:30
Kjøllefjord: 16:40 - 17:00
Mehamn: 18:55 - 19:15
Berlevåg: 22:00 - 22:10

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Time in Port

Båtsfjord: 00:00 - 00:30
Vardø: 03:30 - 03:45
Vadsø: 06:55 - 07:10
Kirkenes: 09:00 - 12:30
Vardø: 16:05 - 17:00
Båtsfjord: 20:00 - 20:30
Berlevåg: 22:25 - 22:35

Norway's Eastern Edge

The area around Vadsø is one of the most scenic and popular bird watching spots in the Arctic, lying directly under the migration path of birds flying from east to west. Watch for hooded crows and sea eagles.

Near the Norwegian border

By the time we reach Kirkenes after breakfast, you'll have travelled further east than St. Petersburg and Istanbul. You'll have a choice of optional excursions to explore the area.

Journey's turning point

Kirkenes is where your Norwegian coastal cruise changes direction and the ship heads south. Several of the places you sailed to during the night we'll now see during the day.

Back in Vardø, you can visit the solemn Witches' Monument and the star-shaped Vardøhus Fortress, built in 1737. Return to the small, bustling port of Båtsfjord and then make for Berlevåg for late evening, crossing paths with the northbound ship.

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DAY 8

Mehamn – Hammerfest – Tromsø
Norway

Time in Port

Mehamn: 01:20 - 01:30
Kjøllefjord: 03:25 - 03:35
Honningsvåg: 05:45 - 06:00
Havøysund: 08:00 - 08:15
Hammerfest: 11:00 - 12:45
Øksfjord: 15:50 - 16:05
Skjervøy: 19:30 - 19:45
Tromsø: 23:45 - 01:30

From the Top of Europe

Stops today include Mehamn and Kjøllefjord during the night before early morning visits to Honningsvåg and Havøysund.

The northernmost city

In the early afternoon, you'll spend time in Hammerfest, which has the largest population on a list of the world's northernmost settlements.

See the UNESCO-listed Meridian Column, shop for souvenirs at the Polar Bear Society, or take the path behind the town to the viewpoint atop Mount Salen.

Mountains and marine mammals

We continue cruising Norway's coastline south to Øksfjord and then to Skjervøy, surrounded by mountain peaks. Hurtigruten have been docking at this vital fishing port since 1896. During winter, you might spot orcas and humpback whales that gather here to feed on herring.

Journey to Tromsø, you might also glimpse views of the Lyngen Alps which boast some of the highest peaks in all of Norway.

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High Peaks and Idyllic Islands



Time in Port

Tromsø: 23:45 - 01:30
Finnsnes: 04:20 - 04:40
Harstad: 08:00 - 08:30
Risøyhamn: 10:45 - 11:00
Sortland: 12:30 - 13:00
Stokmarknes: 14:15 - 15:15
Svolvær: 18:30 - 20:30
Stamsund: 22:15 - 22:30

Today, you'll be exploring the archipelagos of Lofoten and Vesterålen, real highlights of our Norway scenic route. After Finnsnes early in the morning, the ship calls at Harstad where the white-washed Trondenes Church, the world's northernmost medieval stone church, sits on the peninsula. Next visit the smallest port of call Risøyhamn and then Sortland where the landscape slowly transforms from hills to 1,000-metre-high mountains.

A ship-size fjord

Sailing along Raftsund, the Captain may choose to take the ship into tiny Trollfjord if the weather allows. The mountain walls will look so close you'll think you can reach out and brush them! To exit the fjord, the ship will rotate 180 degrees on the spot, then sail back out. Remember to look out for sea eagles here too.

Leaving Lofoten

You reach Svolvær in the evening. The huge mountain that sits above the town is named the Svolvær Goat due to its supposed resemblance. See if you agree!

The ship then sails for Stamsund, eventually passing the giant granite cliffs of the Lofoten Wall.

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Time in Port

Bodø: 02:30 - 03:30

Ørnes: 06:25 - 06:35

Nesna: 10:25 - 10:35

Sandnessjøen: 11:45 - 12:15

Brønnøysund: 15:00 - 17:25

Rørvik: 21:00 - 21:30

A Landscape of Trolls

The ship calls at Bodø in the small hours of the morning and then Ørnes at 07:00.

We then cross over the Arctic Circle just after breakfast. Commemorate the moment with a tradition of tasting a spoonful of good ol' Norwegian cod liver oil!

Then make a short stop at Nesna before sailing on to Sandnessjøen, gateway to the magnificent Helgeland Coast.

Legend has it...

You'll also not want to miss views of Torghatten Mountain, with the distinctive hole in it. There is a local legend as to why and how this mountain came to have such a hole. Make sure you ask your Coastal Experience Team about it!

We reach Brønnøysund mid-afternoon. Explore the bustling marina on a walk along Havnegata. In the centre of town is Brønnøy Church: a stone church in the Neo-Gothic style dating back to 1870.

Your last stop of the day is the cosy fishing port of Rørvik in the picturesque Vikna archipelago.

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Coastal Communities and Klippfisk

Spend the morning in Trondheim, then sail past beautiful island scenery and some of Norway's smallest communities before exploring Kristiansund and Molde.



DAY 11

**Trondheim – Kristiansund – Alesund
Norway**

Time in Port

Trondheim: 06:30 - 09:30
Kristiansund: 16:30 - 17:30
Molde: 21:15 - 21:45

Capital of the Viking Age

Stroll around Trondheim in the early morning as the city wakes. Visit the sacred Nidaros Cathedral, resting place of St. Olav. Then, walk to Gamle Bybro bridge for a photo opportunity over Nid River.

Dealing in dried cod

Now dock at Kristiansund's harbour in the late afternoon. The town is spread over three islands and known for being Norway's "Bacalao Capital" for the salted cod that's dried on the surrounding cliffs, called klippfisk in Norwegian.

Take a walk around the cobblestone streets of the old town and tour the lively port. You can also head up to the old watchtower at Varden viewpoint for a lovely panorama.

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THE EXPERIENCE

DAY-BY-DAY



**Approximate Departure Times:
16 February 2025**

**Bergen (BER) TBC
Bournemouth (BOH) TBC**

Time in Port

Ålesund: 00:30 - 01:20

Torvik: 02:35 - 02:45

Måløy: 05:45 - 06:00

Florø: 08:15 - 08:30

Bergen: 14:45

Until Next Time

Your Norwegian coastal cruise together, at least this time, will reach its end later today. During the previous night, we'll call at Ålesund and Torvik. On our approach to Måløy, you might catch a glimpse of the northbound Coastal Express if you're up early enough.

Morning highlights

You'll have a chance to glimpse Nordfjord, under the enormous Jostedal Glacier, mainland Europe's largest. The ship then docks at Florø in the morning where you can take in the harbour and marina.

The home stretch

Leaving Florø, you'll spot Stabben Lighthouse, a favourite subject for photographers. There's also stunning views to enjoy as we cross the mouth of Sognefjord, the longest and widest fjord in the whole of Norway.

As you reach the final port in the afternoon, the ship will navigate through the last islands and skerries via a Norway scenic route, and sail down Hjeltefjord to arrive into Bergen.

Disembark and be transferred back to the airport for your return flight home.

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**THE
PACKAGE
PRICE**

BOURNEMOUTH NEW

05 February 2025

Cabin Type	2 Share Fares	Solo Fares
I – Polar Inside (lower)	£1,999pp	
K – Polar Inside (upper)	£2,349pp	
L – Polar Outside (lower)	£2,549pp	
J – Polar Outside (upper with limited view)	£2,649pp	PLEASE CALL
N – Polar Outside (middle)	£2,849pp	01903 442001
O/SD – Polar Outside (middle)	£2,949pp	
P – Arctic Superior (upper)	£3,249pp	
QJ – Arctic Superior (limited or no view)	£3,099pp	
U – Arctic Superior (upper)	£3,449pp	

**CURRENT RUNNING
PROMOTIONS**

BOURNEMOUTH

09 November 2024

**CURRENTLY
SOLD OUT**

BELFAST

16 February 2025

**PRICES FROM
£1,999pp**

PRICING

PRACTICAL INFO,
ADD-ONS
& FAQs

EXCURSIONS

- Full excursion programme will be available 180 days before departure
- Guests are encouraged to have all excursions booked no later than 90 days before departure
- All excursions will have a limited capacity, so please do not to wait at the last minute to secure

Once the full excursion programme is released, we will send out a full communication regarding this. You can also get an idea of the types of experiences that could be available by [CLICKING HERE](#). In the drop-down box, please select, '*Classic Roundtrip Voyage from Bergen | 2023,2024,2025*' and filter by '*Winter Season*'.

SUSTAINABILITY

This 130-year-old Norwegian adventure travel company incorporates a sustainability ethos at its core. A green-energy leader, Hurtigruten sidelined HFO for its small-ship fleet over a decade ago, in favour of alternative, greener fuels like marine gasoil and biofuels.

In 2019, they launched the world's first hybrid battery electric-powered cruise ship (and are in the process of converting the rest of their expedition fleet to hybrid battery power), with plans for the world's first zero-emissions cruise ship by 2030.

They've also enabled fleet-wide shore-power connectivity to eliminate emissions while in port and were the first cruise company to phase out single-use plastics onboard.

ADDITIONAL INFO

PRACTICAL INFO, ADD-ONS & FAQs

1893 AMBASSADOR LOYALTY PROGRAMME

Your customer can become a member of Hurtigruten's 1893 Ambassador loyalty programme, which can bring them exclusive offers, benefits, discounts, and newsletters packed with inspiring articles on faraway destinations.

1893 Ambassador is open for all travel enthusiasts regardless of if they have travelled with Hurtigruten or not and it is of course free of charge.

As a member, you customers can receive access to discounts and benefits from both the Norwegian Coastal Express and Hurtigruten Expeditions.

[CLICK HERE](#) to access

FAQS

- For ship facilities, cabin types and deck plans then [CLICK HERE](#) to access
- More about the onboard dining experiences and example menus then please [CLICK HERE](#)
- Suite guests have included access to the speciality restaurant. All other guests may visit for a £25pp per visit surcharge
- For all dietary requirements, allergies and special requests Hurtigruten can offer a wide range of plant-based options for lunch and dinner. Chefs can also cater for special diets and some food allergies if you let them know ahead of time. It is very important that, at the time of booking, you make a point to tell the reservations team clearly about any food allergies that your guests may have
- What to pack for a Norwegian Coastal sailing in the Winter? [CLICK HERE](#) to access tips and what to pack for every season

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FAQS

- Norwegian Kroner (NOK) is the onboard currency. Most major currencies may be exchanged on board. Visa, American Express and MasterCard are all accepted. A cruise card can be obtained and used for payment for extras and settled at the end of your voyage.
- Hurtigruten offer complimentary Wi-Fi on board our ships for all Select fare guests. Please note that the Wi-Fi signal varies depending on different locations on the ship. As the ship sails in remote regions of Norway, speeds may also be slower and not suitable for streaming services
- Gratuity and tipping policy: It is not common practice to tip, but if your customers feel that crew members should be rewarded for providing exceptional service, tip boxes are placed in the restaurant together with envelopes.
- Electrical supply: Sockets used on board are the 220v/50Hz AC, two-pin Continental type. Please bring your own adapters with you if needed
- Health protocol and medical assistance: There is no doctor or pharmacy on board. However, officers are trained in first aid and can provide emergency medical assistance. The ships are also close to land should urgent medical assistance be required. While on board, all guests are asked to maintain good hand hygiene, and to wash hands regularly. Customers are required to wash or sanitize your hands before all meals. Hand sanitizer is available all over the ship
- Ships use air-conditioning systems that provide constant air supply - the air is not recycled
- Laundry rooms with washing machines, dryers and irons are available on all ships. Tokens can be purchased at reception
- All our ships are equipped with stabilisers for smoother sailing. However, please be aware that the ship may still sway when winds and waves are high
- Smoking, including e-cigarettes and vaping, is only permitted in designated areas on the outside decks. However, all forms of smoking are strictly forbidden even in designated areas when the ship is in port and refuelling. The crew will advise guests when this is the case.

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TERMS AND CONDITIONS

Terms and conditions: Advertised offers are based on 2 adults sharing the lowest category stateroom/cabin/suite unless otherwise stated. Single supplements apply. Offer is subject to availability and can change without any prior notice and may go up or down in price. Flight inclusive packages are based on Bournemouth and Belfast airports on their respective advertised departure dates. All prices and port itineraries are correct at the time of print but are subject to change by the Hurtigruten without prior notice. Hays Travel reserves the right to correct any errors or omissions in this brochure. Some ports of call may be tendered whereas vessels drop anchor a short distance away and use small boats to reach the shore. Some onboard facilities and items may incur a charge. Select destinations may require travel authorisation for visa-exempt travellers to be completed prior to travelling. Hays Travel LTD accepts no responsibility or compensation for any incomplete forms or declined entries from the respective country or countries that the individual(s) are visiting.

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