Norway in winter...

A MAGICAL KALEIDOSCOPE

Since humankind first experienced the natural phenomenon of the Aurora Borealis, their extraordinary beauty has mesmerised all who witness them. To further increase your chances of experiencing the Northern Lights, experts recommend spending as long as you can above the Arctic Circle, far away from artificial light. And this winter NASA has forecast the strongest Northern Lights activity in 50 years.

Our fleet of 11 ships sail through the calm sheltered waters along the Norwegian coast beneath the pitch black sky, the perfect setting to experience the breathtaking Aurora Borealis. Whether you choose to embark on our 12-day Classic Round Voyage, take a shorter flight-inclusive break or sail in the company of an Astronomy expert, Hurtigruten are sure to have something to suit you.

As well as the sights provided by Mother Nature, Hurtigruten also offer an exciting range of winter activities and experiences: visit a snow hotel, lead a team of Husky dogs on an unforgettable dog sledge safari, or speed across the frozen landscape on a snowmobile*. Whatever you choose, the spectacular winter scenery creates an authentic and stunning back drop to the Arctic adventure of your dreams.

* Subject to dates, weather conditions and availability

Sail through incredible scenery

ARCTIC HIGHLIGHTS • 5 days from £949pp

Tromsø – Kirkenes – Tromsø • Including direct flights from Gatwick & Manchester

The Arctic Highlights voyage spends its entirety within the Arctic Circle giving you not only the best opportunity to see the Northern Lights but also the chance to take part in some fantastic winter excursions to areas of this frozen land that are seldom seen by tourists.

Fly directly into Tromsø, the Gateway to the Arctic, where your Hurtigruten ship will be waiting to take you north. After an early morning call at Hammerfest, your next major stop will be Honningsvåg, the gateway to the North Cape. Continuing around the Varanger Peninsula, we will arrive at the Norway/Russia border town of Kirkenes, the voyage's turning point.

Our return schedule is carefully planned to ensure that we pay daytime visits to the ports that were shrouded in darkness on the way north.

Voyage highlights
- Keep your eyes peeled for the beautiful Northern Lights
- Pose for a photo at mainland Europe's northernmost point, the North Cape
- Optional excursions including snowmobiling and dog-sledging
- Time to enjoy the sights of Tromsø

ITINERARY – 5 DAY			
Departure Dates 2012	Cabin grades		
	Departure Airport	Outside cabin from	Outside cabin from
29 November	Twin	949	1049
06 December			
10 December	Single	1124	1224

Prices are in £s per person based on two people travelling together sharing a twin cabin/room.
Your holiday price includes: Return economy direct flights from Gatwick or Manchester to Tromsø including current taxes and charges, voyage in an unspecified twin cabin including MV fuel surcharge, 1 or 2 nights of a centrally located hotel in Tromsø including breakfast depending on port itinerary, transfers as applicable.
Not included: Travel insurance, luggage handling, optional excursions.

EXTENDED ITINERARY – 8 DAY			
Departure Dates 2012	Cabin grades		
	Occupancy	Inside cabin from	Outside cabin from
01 December*	Twin	1090	1205
05 December †			
08 December †‡	Single	1290	1440

* These departures have one night pre and one night post voyage in Tromsø
† This departure has two nights post voyage in Tromsø
‡ Departing from Manchester

CLASSIC ROUND VOYAGE • 12 days from £1299pp

Bergen – Kirkenes – Bergen • Including direct flights from Gatwick, Manchester, Bristol & Edinburgh

For 2012 we are pleased to introduce direct exclusive charter flights between Gatwick, Bristol, Manchester & Edinburgh and Bergen on selected dates in November & December. These flights enable you to experience our most popular itinerary, the Classic Round Voyage with more connectivity and at reduced prices.

A Classic Round Voyage from the cultural centre of Bergen to Kirkenes and back again is the ultimate voyage with Hurtigruten. The complete voyage takes 12 days giving you the opportunity to see and experience the incredible nature and fascinating culture that Norway has to offer. You visit 34 ports and cover over 2,500 nautical miles. After reaching Kirkenes on the Russian border, you begin the voyage south and have a chance to see the ports and experiences during the day that we sailed through during the night as you headed north.

Historic Trondheim

CLASSIC ROUND VOYAGE on MS Finnmarken							
Departure Dates 2012	Departure Airport	Occupancy	Cabin grades Outside from				
			I	P	M	P	M
08 November	Manchester	Twin	1299	1489	1489	1539	1636
19 November	Bristol						
30 November	Gatwick	Single	1649	1685	1700	1790	1880
11 December	Edinburgh						

Prices are in £s per person based on two people travelling together sharing a twin cabin
Your holiday price includes: Return economy direct flights from London (Gatwick), Bristol, Manchester or Edinburgh to Bergen including current taxes and charges, fuel board, transfers as applicable, and a £55 fuel surcharge. Suites and Mini Suites are available only on request.*§ and 2 cabins may have restricted views.
Not included: Travel insurance, luggage handling, optional excursions.

Voyage highlights
- Stopover in the colourful Art Nouveau town of Ålesund
- Visit Norway's former capital, Trondheim
- Explore the Capital of Arctic Norway, Tromsø
- Cross the Arctic Circle twice
- Pose for a photo at mainland Europe's northernmost point, the North Cape*
- Visit the Russian border at Kirkenes*
- Sail through the incredible Lofoten and Vesterålen Islands
- Enjoy a wide selection of pre-bookable, exciting and interesting excursions

*Assessment at extra cost

ASTRONOMY VOYAGE • 12 days from £1899pp

Bergen – Kirkenes – Bergen • Including direct flights

Join this popular voyage to learn more about the Arctic night sky as well as the greatest lightshow on Earth, the Aurora Borealis. We are delighted to offer once again our Astronomy Voyage in 2012 accompanied by Ian Ridpath, Editor of the Oxford Dictionary of Astronomy and hopefully the Northern Lights. Through a series of lectures and a guided tour of the night sky from the deck of the ship, your lecturer will bring the world of stars, planets and meteors closer whilst also exploring the numerous myths and legends linked to the constellations in our skies.

Your voyage will follow the path of Hurtigruten's 12-day Classic Round Voyage allowing you to enjoy charming towns and breath-taking scenery by day, before watching the incredible colours of dusk on the coast and settling down for the excitement that Norway's night skies can bring.

Enjoy the scenery from the ship

ASTRONOMY VOYAGE on MS Finnmarken						
Departure Dates 2012	Occupancy	Cabin grades Outside from				
		I	P	M	P	M
28 October	Twin	1899	1999	2040	2110	2215
	Single	2109	2210	2250	2460	2540

Prices are in £s per person based on two people travelling together sharing a twin cabin.
Your holiday price includes: Return economy direct flights from London (Gatwick) to Bergen including current taxes and charges, voyage in a twin cabin including fuel board, transfers as applicable, and a £55 fuel surcharge. Suites and Mini Suites are available only on request.*§ and 2 cabins may have restricted views.
Not included: Travel insurance, luggage handling, optional excursions.

Your lecturer on board

Ian Ridpath

Ian Ridpath has been a full time writer and broadcaster on Astronomy since 1972 and has previously worked at the University of London Observatory and in publishing. He is a Fellow of the Royal Astronomical Society (Council Member 2004 - 07), as well as a member of the Society of Authors and of the Association of British Science Writers. He is also the Editor of the Oxford Dictionary of Astronomy and Norton's Star Atlas, a publication now in its twentieth edition since 1910.