

NORWAY CRUISE

26 MAY - 4 JUNE 2027

FROM
£7,385
PER PERSON

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We begin in Norway's stylish capital, Oslo, set beside the Oslofjord and surrounded by forests and known for its striking waterfront architecture, world-class museums, vibrant food scene, and relaxed atmosphere. We leave Oslo by train, on one of the most beautiful railway journeys in the world, taking in some of Norway's most dramatic scenery, to Norway's second city of Bergen, picturesque port and historic trade hub for the Hanseatic League.

Here we board the Norwegian HS Havila Pollux for its six-night northbound voyage from Bergen to Kirkenes. We will have the opportunity to see some of the world's most beautiful fjords, visit the historic Viking capital of Trondheim and experience local Sami culture. We cross the Arctic Circle passing the beautiful Lofoten Islands and stopping at the vibrant city of Tromsø, 'Gateway to the Arctic', before following Norway's northern coastline to the North Cape considered the northernmost point in Europe with spectacular views over the Barents Sea.

During our voyage we will enjoy private shore excursions, exclusively for our group. We will experience the midnight sun and encounter some of the most exciting wildlife imaginable including reindeer, the majestic sea eagle, vast colonies of sea birds, whales and seals.



Oslo



Bergen

10-DAY ITINERARY, DEPARTING 26 MAY 2027

26 May London / Oslo

Suggested flight (not included in the cost of the tour) Scandinavian Airlines SK 2804 departing London Heathrow at 10.35 hrs arriving Oslo at 13.45 hrs. Group transfer to the Clarion Hotel The Hub where two nights are spent. Dinner at the hotel.

27 May Oslo

Full day guided tour of Oslo including the Vigeland Sculpture Park which is the world's largest sculpture park made by a single artist, Gustav Vigeland, a contemporary of Munch. Completed between 1939-1949, the park, which is Vigeland's lifework, contains more than 200 sculptures in bronze, granite and wrought iron. Also visit the Fram Museum which tells the story of Norwegian polar exploration with the world's strongest wooden ship, the *Fram*, as its centrepiece.

Lunch at Ekeberg Restaurant with spectacular views over Oslo. Afternoon visit to the Munch Museum which was purpose-built to house the extensive collection of works that Edvard Munch generously bequeathed to the City of Oslo. Dinner under own arrangements

28 May Oslo / Bergen

Board the Bergen Line train from Oslo to Bergen (journey time approx. 6½ hrs), one of the most spectacular scenic experiences in Europe. It crosses the Hardangervidda National Park, onto the Hardangervidda plateau, Europe's largest high mountain plateau.

Picnic lunch on board the train. Upon arrival at Bergen Train Station, walk to the next-door Hotel Zander K Hotel and check in for one night's stay. Remainder of the afternoon at leisure. Dinner at the hotel.

29 May Bergen

Morning guided tour of Bergen including the fish and flower markets, the ancient St. Mary's Church and the historic harbour area of Bryggen with its colourful and UNESCO-listed warehouses. Board the Fløibanen funicular railway for a short ride up the steep mountainside to Fløyen and back for stunning views over Bergen and the surrounding fjords.

Lunch at Bryggeloftet og Stuen Restaurant. Time at leisure before transferring from the hotel to Jektevik Terminal to board the MS Havila Pollux for a 6-night cruise. Dinner on board.

30 May Geiranger & Ålesund

Morning sailing to the UNESCO World Heritage Site of Geiranger Fjord, which has steep mountainsides and dramatic waterfalls. Sail through the fjord to the small town of Gerainger.

Lunch on board. The ship returns through the fjord to Ålesund where you can go ashore briefly to explore the town independently. The town is renowned for its art nouveau architecture with beautiful brick houses and warehouses. Dinner on board.



Geiranger Fjord

31 May Trondheim

Dock in the historic city of Trondheim, which was founded over a thousand years ago. Morning private guided

tour of the city with its small-town charm and colourful, old wooden houses from the 17th century. Visit Nidaros Cathedral, the landmark of the city, Norway's national shrine and one of the largest cathedrals in Northern Europe.

Lunch on board as the ship continues out into the fjord, into an abundant archipelago, and heads for northern Norway. Dinner on board.

1 June Bodø & Lofoten

This morning, mark crossing the Arctic Circle with a ceremony and continue onward into the Arctic regions.

Lunch on board. Arrive in Bodø and go ashore for a private guided tour to experience the traditions of Norway's Indigenous people, the Sámi. Meet a local Sámi family, listen to authentic stories, and get up close with their tame reindeer. Dinner on board as the boat continues to Stamsund and from there to Svolvær in the beautiful archipelago of Lofoten.

Private evening guided excursion to Lofoten. Departing Stamsund by bus drive through Lofoten's fishing villages with a photo stop at the scenic viewpoint of Torvdalshalsen before continuing to Kabelvåg, Lofoten's oldest fishing village. Here you will have the opportunity to visit either Galleri Espolin or the Lofoten Museum. Galleri Espolin, houses a large collection of works by Kaare Espolin Johnson, known for his powerful depictions of the sea, the dramatic landscape, and the harsh life of fishermen. The Lofoten Museum is a preserved manor house of the owner of a fishing village with cabins he hired out to local fisherman and traditional wooden boats. On the way pass Vågan Church, better known as the Lofoten Cathedral, before reboarding in Svolvær.

2 June Tromsø

The voyage continues through narrow fjords and past wild mountains to Tromsø, a city characterised by hunting, fishing and polar expeditions.

Lunch on board. Private guided tour of Tromsø, an attractive small city set largely on an island and dominated by breathtaking snow-capped peaks. Visit the striking Ishavskatedralen (Arctic Cathedral), which is designed to reflect the beauty of the Arctic. One of its features is a flaming and extremely original glass mosaic. Also take a cable car to the top of Mount Storsteinen from where there are dramatic views of Tromsø and the coastline below. Dinner on board.

3 June North Cape

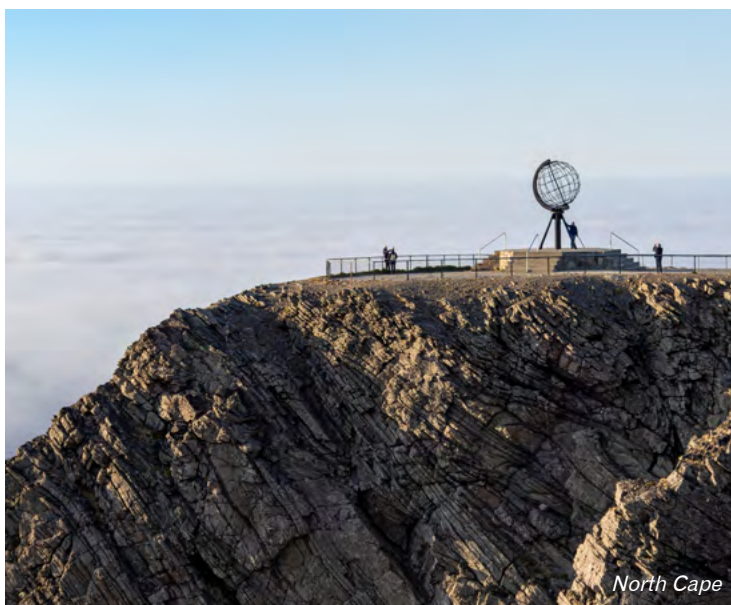
As far north as you can get by land and sea, for many the visit to the North Cape is a high point and a goal for voyages along the Norwegian coast. Up here in the polar landscape, nature is at its harshest and most desolate.

Private guided excursion from Honningsvåg to North Cape (subject to weather conditions). Drive across the barren landscape of the island, perhaps passing grazing reindeer, to the North Cape where a steep cliff face climbs some 1000ft from the sea to a plateau with breathtaking views. These can be enjoyed from the North Cape Hall which offers a comfortable retreat with exhibitions

about the culture, history and nature of the region and a range of facilities including a restaurant. Alternatively take photos from the iconic globe monument. Return to reboard the ship at Honningsvåg. Lunch and dinner on board.

4 June Kirkenes / Oslo / London

Check out and disembark from the ship. Group transfer to Kirkenes Airport for suggested Scandinavian Airlines flights (not included) SK 4473 departing at 11.30 hrs arriving Oslo at 13.40 hrs connecting to SK 809 departing at 15.05 arriving London Heathrow at 16.25 hrs.



HS HAVILA POLLUX

The HS Havila Pollux is a modern, eco-friendly coastal passenger ship operated by Havila Voyages, launched in 2023 to sail the historic coastal route between Bergen and Kirkenes.

KEY SHIP SPECIFICATIONS

- Capacity:** Accommodates up to 640 passengers total, featuring overnight cabin space for 468 guests across 179 cabins and room for 172 day passengers.
- Measurements:** Approximately 122.7 meters (402 ft) long and 22 meters (72 ft) wide across 6 passenger decks.
- Staff:** Supported by around 78 staff members.

ECO-FRIENDLY TECHNOLOGY

- Hybrid Power:** Features a massive battery pack enabling up to four hours of completely silent, zero-emission sailing through vulnerable fjords.
- LNG Operation:** Uses liquefied natural gas (LNG) when battery power runs low, cutting carbon dioxide emissions by around 25% compared to traditional fossil-fuel ships.
- Energy Recovery:** Utilises an efficient hull design and recovers excess heat from cooling water and the sea to heat the vessel.

ONBOARD EXPERIENCE & DINING

- Scandic Design:** Features understated, modern Scandinavian interiors with panoramic lounges and open outdoor viewing areas designed to keep the coastal scenery visible.
- Local Cuisine:** Focuses on regional Norwegian food sourced from local producers along the route, avoiding traditional large buffets to minimize food waste and emphasize authentic dining.
- Accommodation:** Ranges from standard interior to upscale Seaview Superior rooms and spacious Lighthouse Suites complete with private hot tub balconies.



Seaview Superior Double / Twin Cabins: approximately 15 m² and feature a large picture window. The cabins have either a queen double bed or twin beds plus a sofa. All cabins are equipped with a spacious wardrobe, desk, TV, refrigerator, hairdryer, and a private bathroom with shower, free Wi-Fi and tea / coffee making facilities.



Seaview Superior King Cabins in addition to the king-size bed, the cabin features an upgraded coffee machine, bathrobes, and slippers. The cabin includes two armchairs and a coffee table. Otherwise, specification as above.

Premium, Junior and Mini Suites available on request.

TOUR PRICES PER PERSON

Tour Price	£7,385
Single Supplement	£2,545
Upgrade to Seaview Superior King Cabin	£500

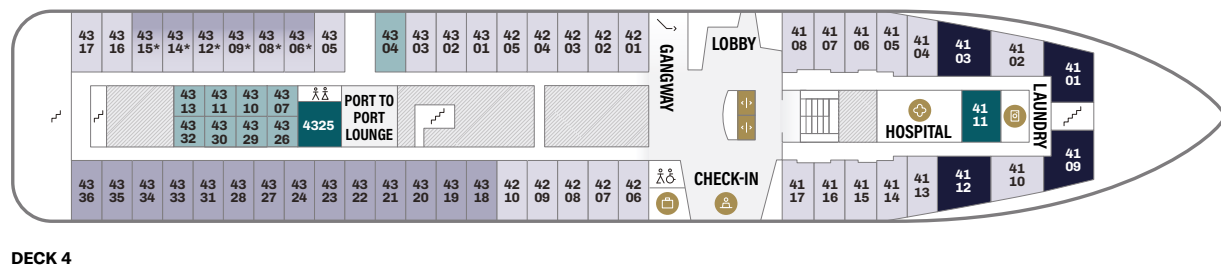
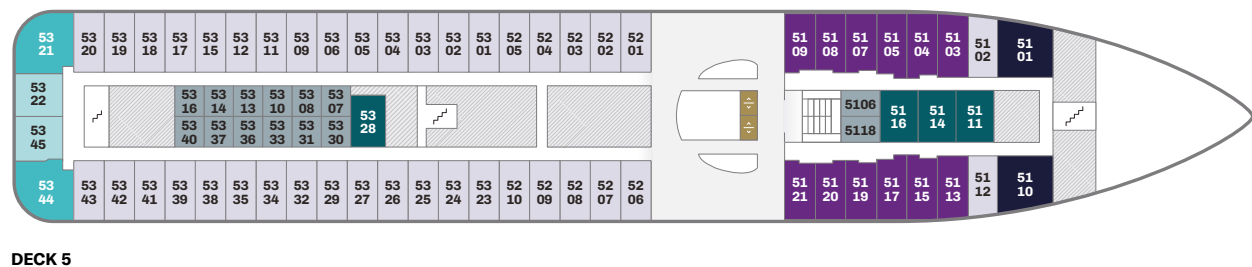
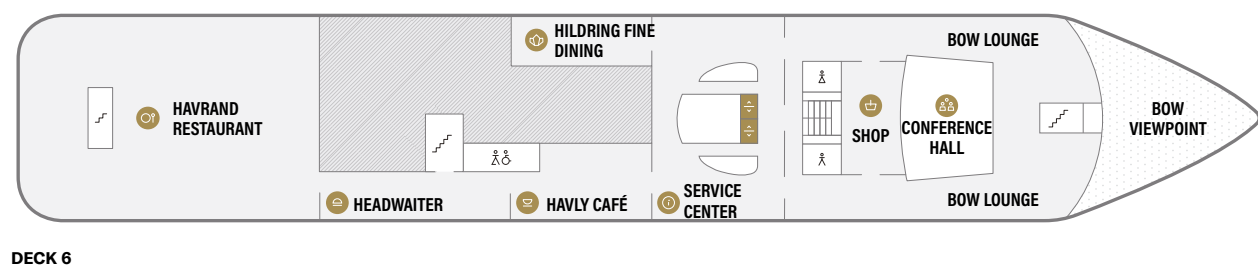
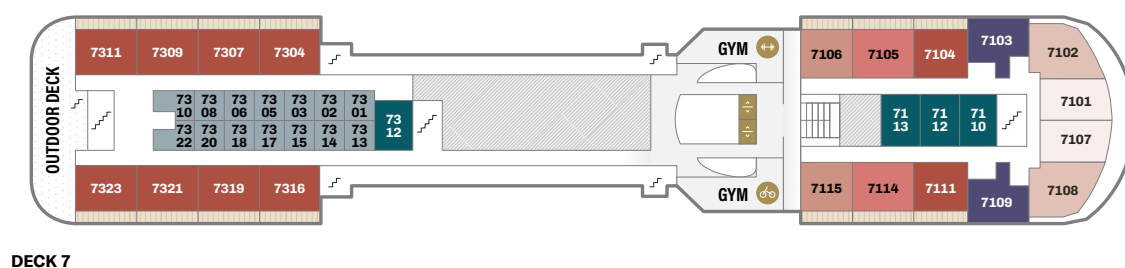
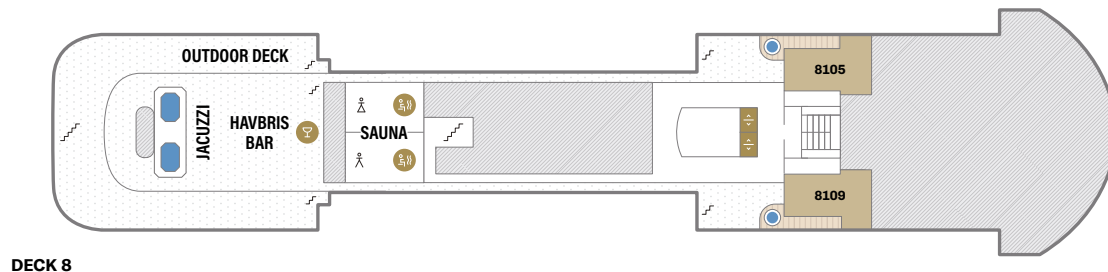
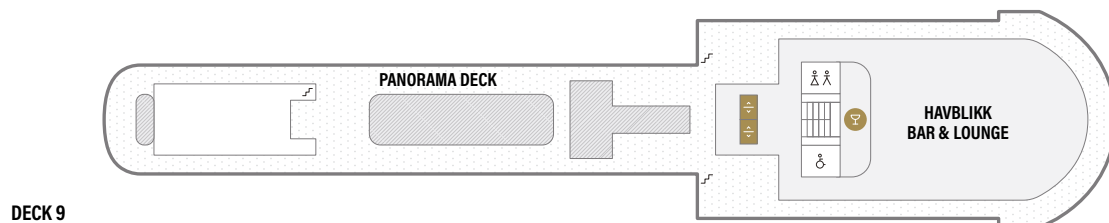
Please note we have not included the cost of the flights in the tour price. Please contact us for prices should you wish to book them through us.

PRICE INCLUDES

- Accommodation throughout as shown in the itinerary
- All entrance fees, visits and excursions as per the itinerary
- Group transfers and all transportation as detailed in the itinerary
- Local English-speaking guide/s
- 3 lunches, 2 dinners at local restaurants
- 6 nights 'Voyage North' from Bergen to Kirkenes on Havila Pollux in Seaview Superior cabin
- Full board on board the ship
- Tap water, tea and coffee on the ship
- Private shore excursions as detailed
- Gratuities in restaurants for included meals; gratuities to guides/s; gratuities to driver/s; portage
- The services of your tour leader throughout

PRICE EXCLUDES

- International flights
- Meals indicated as 'under own arrangements'
- Drinks package on the ship (wine / soft drinks package can be booked in advance or on the ship)
- Optional additional Havila shore excursions (can be booked in advance or on the ship)
- Additional optional onboard activities e.g. tastings and Insider Tour (payable on board)
- Travel insurance
- Items of personal expenditure (e.g. telephone calls / laundry etc.)
- Government levies or taxes introduced after costing and publication of this programme on 07/09/2026



INT	Interior	SST	Seaview Superior Twin *Havila Pollux / Havila Polaris	ZMA	Aft View Mini Suite	ZMP	Panoramic Centre Mini Suite	ZJB	Balcony Suite
INA	Interior Accessible	SSA	Seaview Superior Accessible	SSK	Seaview Superior King	ZMC	Panoramic Corner Mini Suite	ZJA	Balcony Junior Suite Accessible
SSD	Seaview Superior Double	SAV	Aft View Superior Double	ZJS	Seaview Junior Suite	ZJV	Balcony Junior Suite	ZHA	Lighthouse Suite



~~~~~ Barents Sea

North Cape 71°N





## YOUR TOUR LEADER

# Hamish van Gruisen

Born in Gloucestershire, Hamish initially trained as an accountant before joining The Ultimate Travel Company in 2019. Family safaris in East Africa and treks in the Nepal Himalaya during his formative years instilled a passion for travel, and since joining Ultimate he has explored Indonesia, Oman, Botswana, Tanzania, Zambia and Namibia as well as leading trips for the company to Antarctica, Japan, Southern India, Nepal and Namibia.

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