# Norway and Lapland MAY 17 - JUN 1, 2024



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**GLP** Worldwide for **University of Saskatchewan Alumni and Friends** 





Dear Alumni and Friends.

Join us on an adventure to Lapland - home of the Sami; the indigenous people of northern Scandinavia.

On our journey, we will experience Norway's beautiful fjords, charming ports, rare wildlife, and travel to places no other cruise ships can access before venturing into northern Finland.

Hurtigruten has explored the Norwegian coast since 1893 - it is the original coastal voyage. Go where no one else goes, with a crew and ship that that have Scandinavia in their DNA.

Named "the world's most beautiful voyage" by Lonely Planet, we will sail along Norway's stunning coastline, crossing into the Arctic Circle. Cruise past majestic mountains and breathtaking fjords, explore remote but welcoming towns, embark on once-in-a-lifetime excursions and savour 'Norway's Coastal Kitchen' prepared from fresh local produce. Along the route, dedicated expedition leaders have a single mission: to enhance your experience by leading activities and interpreting the cultural and natural treasures you will see during your journey.

Visit cities like Bergen, Alesund, and Trondheim, before we cross the Polar Circle and sail into Tromso. We continue further north and explore Ivalo in Northern Finland as well as the historic centre of Finland – Helsinki.

I invite you to join us for a voyage filled with spectacular nature and experiences. For more information or to make a reservation, please contact GLP Worldwide at 1-866-760-1987 or alumni@glpworldwide.com.

Sincerely,

Dawn Warren

University of Saskatchewan Alumni Travel Program





# **ITINERARY**

# **NORWAY AND LAPLAND**

MAY 17TH - JUN 1ST, 2024



Trondheim, Norway

# **DAY 1 | MAY 17 | TORONTO - OSLO**Overnight flight from Toronto to Oslo.

# DAY 2 | MAY 18 | ARRIVE OSLO (D)

On arrival, transfer to the hotel. The remainder of the day is at leisure.

# **DAY 3 | MAY 19 | OSLO** (B,L)

Enjoy a morning sightseeing tour by private motorcoach. Highlights include the Royal Palace, the Parliament Buildings, Oslo Cathedral, the Akershus Fortress and City Hall. You have the opportunity to visit the Fram Museum and the Kontiki Museum.

# **DAY 4 | MAY 20 | OSLO - BERGEN** (B,L,D)

After breakfast, travel by train to the town of Myrdal then board the scenic Flåm Railway which takes you on a spectacular journey to Flåm. From there, take an awe-inspiring express boat trip along the Sognefjord, Norway's longest and deepest fjord, and into Bergen.



Oslo Opera House

# **DAY 5 | MAY 21 | BERGEN** (B,D)

This morning, enjoy a walking tour of Bergen, the second largest city in Norway. Admire the venerable King Haakon's Hall, the Rosenkranz Tower, and Bryggen – a row of Hanseatic timbered houses with characteristic pointed gables facing the harbour – and the bustling Fish and Flower Market, the City Park, and the Grieghall, the concert hall of Bergen. The rest of the day is at leisure.



Flåm Railway

# DAY 6 | MAY 22 | BERGEN | EMBARKATION (B,D)

The morning is at leisure, then transfer to the pier to join your expedition ship for an incredible voyage through the Norwegian Fjords. This evening, sail north from Bergen along the Hjeltefjord, the same route the Vikings once plied to the Shetland Islands and beyond. We are heading to the High North. Spend the rest of the evening relaxing as you admire the spectacular landscapes.

# DAY 7 | MAY 23 | A DAY FOR ARCHITECTURAL & NATURAL MASTERPIECES (B,L,D)

Location: Florø – Molde

This morning, view Mount Hornelen which stands 860 metres above sea level. Cruise past the West Cape and cross the open sea for the first time on this voyage, before navigating through skerries and islands to reach Ålesund.



Sea Eagle Safari



Sami people in Lapland

# DAY 8 | MAY 24 | DISCOVER MEDIEVAL **SPIRIT IN THE OLD CAPITAL (B, L, D)**

Location: Kristiansund - Rørvik

Cruise into Trondheim and discover its mystical architecture and surroundings. Included is a tour of the Ringve Museum, featuring musical instruments from several eras, and the Nidaros Cathedral, Norway's largest cathedral.

# DAY 9 | MAY 25 | WELCOME TO THE ARCTIC **REGION!** (B,L,D)

Location: Brønnøysund - Svolvær

Today we cross the Arctic Circle. See Norway's second largest glacier, Svartisen, and the beautiful Helgeland coast. The sight of the 1,000 metre-high mountain of Lofotveggen on the horizon marks our arrival into Lofoten.

# DAY 10 | MAY 26 | FEELING LIKE A POLAR HERO (B.L.D)

Location: Stokmarknes - Skjervøy

Today we approach Tromsø, the capital of the Arctic. During our sightseeing tour, we pass the Arctic Cathedral with its magnificent stained glass window, then ascend a nearby mountain by cable car to enjoy the spectacular view from the top.

# DAY 11 | MAY 27 | AT THE TOP OF THE **WORLD - NORTH CAPE** (B,L,D)

Location: Øksfjord – Berlevåg

Our excursion in Honningsvåg takes you on a cultural walk through the town. Later, sail to the port of Kjøllefjord before our ship continues past the North Cape – one of the northernmost points on the European continent.

# DAY 12 | MAY 28 | KIRKENES | DISEMBARKA-TION - IVALO (B,L,D)

The vistas become more dramatic as we approach Kirkenes to disembark. Then transfer to the hotel in Ivalo by coach.

# **DAY 13 | MAY 29 | IVALO** (B,L)

This morning travel to Siida Sami Museum, located in the heart of the village of Inari. The museum focuses on Sami and northern Lapland culture and nature. The journey continues at a reindeer farm where you'll experience reindeer feeding, learn about Sami culture from a local guide, and have time to take photos with the reindeer.

# DAY 14 | MAY 30 | IVALO - HELSINKI (B,D) After breakfast, transfer to the airport for our

flight to Helsinki.

# DAY 15 | MAY 31 | HELSINKI (B, L, D)

During a morning tour of the Finnish capital, 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. The afternoon is at leisure.

# DAY 16 | JUN 1 | HELSINKI - TORONTO (B) Transfer to the airport for the return flight home.



Helsinki, Finland



# **SHIP INFORMATION**



# **MS KONG HARALD**

MS Kong Harald was upgraded to a greener hybrid ship in 2023. Emissions are cut by large battery packs combined with the ships efficient and brand-new engines, reducing fuel consumption and CO2-emissions by approximately 25 percent.

- Year built 1993
- Year of refurbishment 2023
- Passenger capacity 590
- Length 121.8 m
- Gross tonnage 11,204



Kysten Arctic Fine Dining



Explorer Lounge & Panorama Bar



**Expedition Suite** 

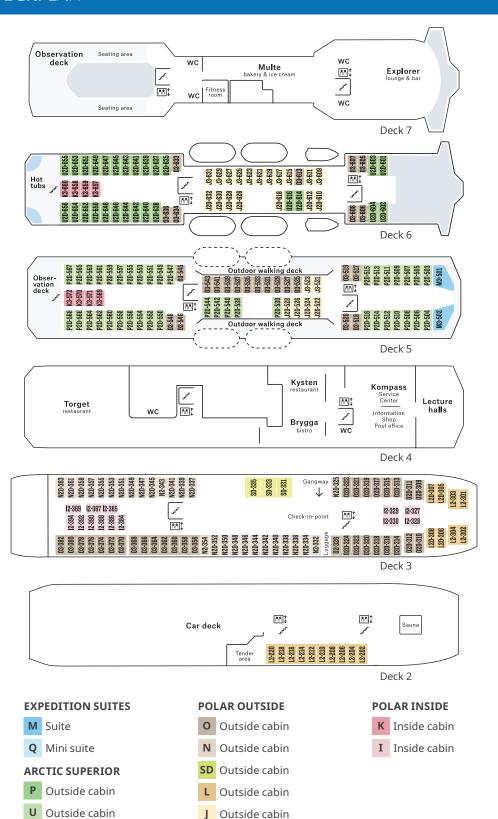


Coastal Experience Team

## **LECTURE ON BOARD**

- History: Polar history, Pomor-trade, fisheries, Vikings, etc.
- Geology: Fjords, landscape and glaciers
- Natural phenomena: Aurora Borealis, climate, etc.
- Culture: Sami culture, cultural history, myths and legends, literature.
- Norway Today: Industry, settlements, "friluftsliv" traditions, flora & fauna, etc.
- Various other topics based on each expedition member's specialty.

# **DECKPLAN**



# PRICING & TERMS

CABIN CATEGORY	DOUBLE OCCUPANCY	SINGLE OCCUPANCY
Category I	CAD \$10,580 per person	CAD \$14,420 per person
Category L	CAD \$11,200 per person	CAD \$15,370 per person
Category O	CAD \$12,030 per person	CAD \$16,820 per person
Category P*	CAD \$12,430 per person	CAD \$17,520 per person
Category U*	CAD \$12,830 per person	CAD \$18,220 per person

<sup>\*</sup> These cabins have double beds instead of two separate beds. This bed cannot be separated. All single cabins are by request only and cannot be confirmed without passenger names.

### **INCLUSIONS**

- Economy class air ticket from Toronto to Oslo and return from Helsinki to Toronto • Two nights hotel in Ivalo
- Domestic flight within Finland
- Air carrier imposed fees and surcharges
- Two nights hotel in Oslo
- Two nights hotel in Bergen
  - Two nights hotel in Helsinki
- Transfers, tours and meals as indicated in the itinerary
- Full board and complimentary tea and coffee on board the MS Kong Harald
- · Gratuities for included guides, drivers and meals

#### **AIR CREDIT**

If you wish to arrange your own air from Toronto to Oslo, and return Helsinki to Toronto, an air credit of CAD \$1,200 per person will be deducted from the tour cost. Please contact us for air deviation, premium economy or business class upgrade surcharges.

#### **DEPOSIT AND PAYMENT**

FIRST DEPOSIT: CAD \$1,500 per guest for double occupancy at the time of booking

CAD \$3,000 per guest for single occupancy at the time of booking

SECOND DEPOSIT: CAD \$1,500 per guest for double occupancy due on Oct 17, 2023

CAD \$3,000 per guest for single occupancy due on Oct 17, 2023

FINAL PAYMENT: Due on January 16, 2024

1. Passenger names must match passport. Note:

2. Please ensure that passports are valid up till after six (6) months at last destination.

# **CANCELLATION CHARGES ON CRUISE & LAND**

From time of booking - Oct 16, 2023 CAD \$3,000 per cabin Oct 17, 2023 - Jan 15, 2024 CAD \$6,000 per cabin Jan 16, 2024 - Mar 16, 2024 50% of total price 90% of total price Mar 17, 2024 - April 16, 2024 April 17, 2024 - Departure 100% of total price

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