

PRE/POST VOYAGES + EXCURSIONS FOR TDWG



Discover
Hadeland

Norwegian Coastal Express

6 days classical coastal voyage, Kirkenes to Bergen

Hurtigruten has been a part of the Norwegian waterways since 1893. Each departure is a purposeful voyage providing a lifeline to the coastal communities, while exploring stunning fjords, UNESCO World Heritage sites, wildlife and nature along the more than 1 000 miles of Norway's pristine coastline.

Sail calmly through majestic fjords, visit big cities and small hamlets that few others reach. This voyage is dubbed the world's most beautiful sea journey, and for good reason.

Enjoy the shifting light, the crisp sea air, and see landscapes that change with every passing hour. Discover the rhythm of life along Norway's rugged coast. During your voyage, you will visit 33 ports, 21 of them north of the Arctic Circle. Autumn brings deep colours, quiet harbours, and starry nights. If you're lucky, the Northern Lights will dance across the sky as you sail past mountains and open sea.

Your voyage includes full board and is a treat for your taste buds. Local ingredients are picked up in the ports along the route, so the menu changes as you travel. Every meal is freshly made and reflects the landscapes.

You can add excursions like breakfast at the North Cape, sea eagle safari, hikes, concerts, Lofoten by horse, a guided tour in Trondheim and the Nidaros cathedral - or simply relax on deck and take in the coastline. This journey lets you experience real coastal Norway; genuine, natural, and unforgettable.

Programme

Day 1: Kirkenes (15. September)

Departure Kirkenes at 12:00. Sail along the stunning Arctic wilderness.

Day 2: North Cape (16. September)

Possibility to visit North Cape, mainland Europe's northernmost point.

Day 3: Lofoten Islands (17. September)

Daytime sailing through the amazing Vesterålen and Lofoten islands.

Day 4: Coast of Helgeland (18. September)

Crossing the Arctic Circle, seeing the Seven Sisters and Torghatten mountains.

Day 5: Trondheim (19. September)

Discover Trondheim and Kristiansund.

Day 6: Bergen (20. September)

Arriving in Bergen. Transfer to Oslo just in time for the evening reception at TDWG.

Pre-
conference
voyage



Norwegian Coastal Express

6 days classical coastal voyage, Kirkenes to Bergen

Duration: 6 days

Ship: MS Nordkapp (info [here](#))

Included in voyage:

- Voyage in comfortable cabin with private bathroom
- Full board, Norway's Coastal Kitchen: breakfast buffet, lunch buffet or 3 course lunch and 3 course dinner every day.
- Seasonal onboard activities
- Unlimited Wi-Fi
- Tea & coffee package
- Onboard Expedition Team

NOT included in voyage:

- Flights from Oslo to Kirkenes/Bergen to Oslo.
Please contact martine@nddm.no for offers.
- Optional excursions

Want to know more?

Please find more information about the voyage [here](#).

Final booking date: May 10th, 2026

Terms & conditions for booking

Hurtigruten operates with special booking conditions. For more information, please click [here](#).

Min number of participants: 10 pax from the TGWD conference

Prices per person in NOK:

Single person in double cabin, on lower deck with window:

23.500,-

If two persons share the same cabin:

15.500,-

Cabin upgrades are possible, please contact martine@nddm.no for more information

Pre-conference voyage



Kistefos Museum

World-class art in stunning natural surroundings

A visit to Kistefos Museum offers a unique blend of art, architecture, and nature. Explore the iconic Twist gallery spanning the river, enjoy world-class contemporary art, and stroll through the beautiful sculpture park surrounded by forest and water. A perfect cultural escape just outside Oslo.

Located on the grounds of a former wood pulp mill, Kistefos is much more than a traditional museum; It's an immersive experience that invites you to explore, interact and be inspired.

The highlight for many is The Twist, an architectural marvel that serves as both a bridge and an art gallery, cited as a "must-see" cultural destination by the New York Times, Bloomberg and The Telegraph, amongst others.

Outdoors, the Sculpture Park is a true adventure. Over 50 sculptures by renowned artists such as Yayoi Kusama, Anish Kapoor and Tony Cragg are scattered throughout the park, inviting you to wander, discover, and engage with art in unexpected ways. Each piece interacts beautifully with the natural surroundings, making every visit unique.

The preserved pulp mill and historical exhibitions give a glimpse into the site's fascinating past.

Whether you're an art lover, history buff or simply seeking a memorable day out, Kistefos promises a rich, inspiring experience in a breathtaking setting.

Programme

09:15 Meet at rendezvous point for bus,
Oslo Central Station, next to track 19.

09:30 Departure Oslo

10:30 Arrival Kistefos

10:40 Guided tour
with curator in the museum park (EN)

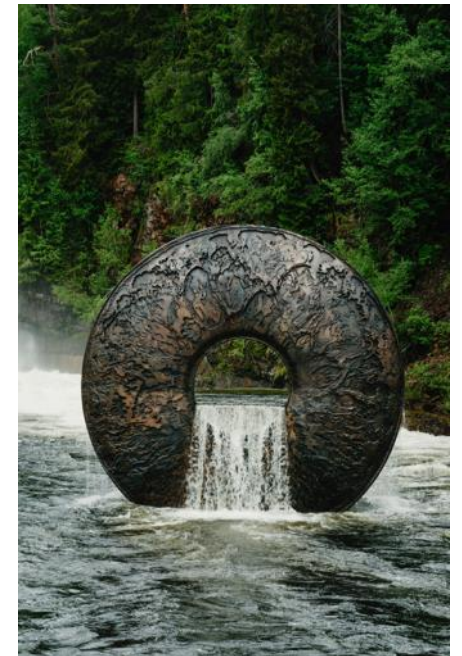
12:00 Lunch
Depending on weather; picnic basket or buffet.

13:00 Explore on your own
Enjoy spending time in the park to explore by yourself

14:00 Departure back to Oslo

15:00 Arrival Oslo

Excursion
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Kistefos Museum

World-class art in stunning natural surroundings

Duration: 6 hours

Activity level: 2

(walking outdoor in a museum park)

Included in excursion:

- Water and coffee on the bus to Kistefos
- Guided tour with a curator in the park
- Lunch: picnic basket with locally produced cheeses, three types of locally cured meats, fresh green salad, aioli and fresh bread, olives and breadsticks, pastry of the day, and locally produced apple juice. If it rains or is too cold, there will be a lavish buffet lunch in the restaurant.
- Snack on the bus on the way back
- Round-trip bus transportation
- English-speaking tour guide

Min number of participants: 15 pax

Max number of participants: 300 pax

Final booking date: September 15th

WHAT TO WEAR

September weather in Norway can change quickly, so dress in layers that you can easily add or remove. One day can be warm and sunny with up to 15 degrees Celsius, and the next can be cold and rainy with only 4 degrees Celsius.

Sturdy, comfortable footwear is recommended for walking on uneven or possibly wet ground. Bring a waterproof jacket (and optionally waterproof pants) in case of rain, and consider a hat, scarf and light gloves if it feels chilly.

Please let us know in advance if you have any food allergies, dietary restrictions, or accessibility needs, so we can do our best to accommodate you.

Price per person in NOK:
2.400,-

Please note, it is also possible to run this excursion before or after the conference if more than 15 people join.

Excursion
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Taste of Hadeland

A field trip into Norwegian food and farm life

Enjoy an exclusive blend of Norwegian food traditions, active farms, and artisanal craftsmanship. Meet dedicated producers and explore organic and small-scale productions. Gain insight into everyday rural life and how everyday farming practices shape biodiversity in a living cultural landscape just outside Oslo.

First stop is Finnerud, an organic farm. Enjoy the lovely surroundings and take part in a hands-on baking class, learning how to prepare traditional Norwegian flatbreads and griddle cakes such as lefse and flatbrød.

After the baking session, you will sit down to enjoy what you have made, served as part of a generous lunch based on locally sourced and organic ingredients from the farm and the surrounding area. This is a unique opportunity to taste seasonal produce while learning more about everyday life on a Norwegian organic farm.

In the afternoon, the excursion continues to the nearby Heier Du Rietz farm, specialising in honey production. You will be welcomed into the production facilities to see how honey is made, from hive to jar, and learn about the bees, beekeeping, and the importance of pollinators in local agriculture.

The visit concludes with a guided product tasting, where you can sample different varieties and experience how flavour, colour, and texture change with the flowers and landscapes the bees have visited. There will also be an opportunity to purchase locally produced honey and related products to take home.

Programme

08:45 Meet at rendezvous point for bus,
Oslo Central Station, next to track 19.

09:00 Departure Oslo

10:30 Finnerud Gård
Baking class where you make traditional Norwegian flatbreads, followed by a generous lunch made of local produce.

14:00 Heier Du Rietz
Learn about honey production. Visit the production facilities followed by a product tasting.

15:30 Departure back to Oslo

17:00 Arrival Oslo

Excursion
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Taste of Hadeland

A field trip into Norwegian food and farm life

Duration: 8 hours

Activity level: 1

Included in excursion:

- Visit to small-scale producers Finnerud farm and Heier Du Rietz farm
- Baking class; learn how to prepare traditional Norwegian flatbreads and griddle cakes
- Lunch made of what you baked, and tasty and ecological local produce
- Visit to a honey production facility, learn how honey is made
- Product tasting of honey
- Round-trip bus transportation
- English-speaking hosts

Min number of participants: 15 pax

Max number of participants: 40 pax

Final booking date: September 15th

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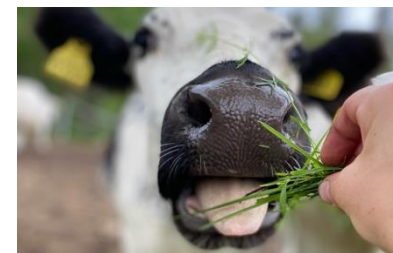
You'll be mostly inside, but sturdy and comfortable shoes are recommended as you are visiting farms.

Please let us know in advance if you have any food allergies, dietary restrictions, or accessibility needs, so we can do our best to accommodate you.

Price per person in NOK:
3.000,-

Please note, it is also possible to run this excursion before or after the conference if more than 15 people join.

Excursion
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Explore an Ancient Forest

A field trip into old-growth woodland and birdlife

Enjoy a unique nature excursion into one of Hadeland's old-growth forests together with a skilled ornithologist and biologist. Discover how ancient woodland, rare lichens and diverse birdlife are all connected in this rich and fragile ecosystem an hour and a half from Oslo.

The bus will take you deep into the woods of Hadeland. Next to an idyllic lake, you will be served a Norwegian "matpakke" lunch in deluxe version, featuring local ingredients and classic flavours to fuel your forest adventure.

Then you'll head into the old forest, where your guides will introduce you to characteristic species such as the beard-like lichen *Dolichousnea longissima*, different mosses, and other fascinating flora that thrive in undisturbed woodland.

As you move deeper into the forest, you will learn about red-listed birds that depend on old trees and dead wood, with chances to observe species such as crested tit, three-toed woodpecker and Siberian jay. With a bit of luck, you may also witness bird ringing and gain insight into how this method helps researchers monitor populations and migration patterns.

The programme includes one hour of individual exploration time, where participants can quietly study the rich variety of plants, fungi and birdlife at their own pace. During this time, the guides will be available in the area for questions, identification help and short mini-talks for those who want to learn even more.

Programme

09:45 Meet at rendezvous point for bus,
Oslo Central Station, next to track 19.

10:00 Departure by bus from Oslo

11:30 Sagvollen and Vassbråa lake
Stretch your legs and then enjoy lunch next to an idyllic lake.

13:30 Ancient forest
A short bus ride later you arrive in the old-growth forests for guided tours, exploration time on your own and bird watching.

15:30 Departure back to Oslo

17:00 Arrival Oslo

Excursion
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Explore an Ancient Forest

A field trip into old-growth woodland and birdlife

Duration: 8 hours

Activity level: 4

Please note that this excursion requires a good level of physical fitness and may not be suitable for guests with reduced mobility.

Included in excursion:

- Visit to old forest in Hadeland with ornithologist (and biologist) from the Dokka Delta nature reserve.
- Lunch: Norwegian “matpakke” (open sandwich) de lux version, made of ecological and local produce
- Round-trip bus transportation
- English-speaking guides
- Snack and drinks on the bus

Min number of participants: 15 pax

Max number of participants: 45 pax

Final booking date: September 1st

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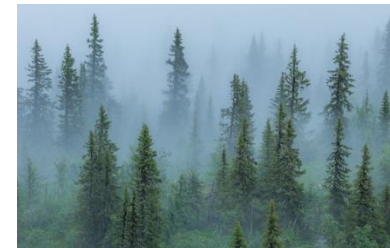
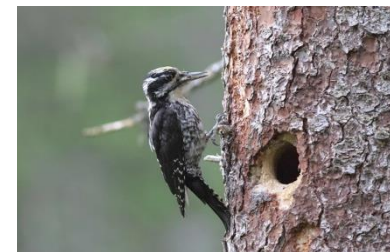
Sturdy, comfortable footwear is recommended for walking on uneven or possibly wet ground. Bring a waterproof jacket (and optionally waterproof pants) in case of rain, and consider a hat, scarf and light gloves if it feels chilly.

Please let us know in advance if you have any food allergies, dietary restrictions.

Price per person in NOK:
4.000,-

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Excursion
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Signature Voyage – North Cape Line

Sail from Oslo to Tromsø; A taste of Norway

Sail north on Hurtigruten's all-inclusive Signature voyage, tracing Norway's spectacular coastline in the golden light of autumn. Along the way, discover fjords, Art Nouveau towns and the legendary Lofoten Islands, with excellent chances to witness the magical Northern Lights dancing across the night sky.

This voyage is your chance to see even more of Norway. Step aboard Hurtigruten's state-of-the-art ship right on the Oslo waterfront, swap conference rooms for panoramic lounges and observation decks, and let the next chapter of your Norwegian adventure begin.

Relax in panoramic lounges, on expansive decks or in the sauna while southern Norway's skerries, lighthouses and historic ports pass by. Savour Hurtigruten's Norway's Coastal Kitchen cuisine in multiple restaurants, with all-inclusive dining and unlimited selected drinks enhancing each day at sea.

Discover Lysefjord and the Pulpit Rock. Explore the cobbled streets of Stavanger and the Art Nouveau gem of Ålesund filled with ornate façades, towers and turrets. Further north, the dramatic peaks of Lofoten rise from the sea, where crimson rorbuer cabins and fishing boats line sheltered bays. Try Arctic fishing, explore charming villages, or join a RIB and sea eagle adventure on optional activities that bring you closer to the rugged landscapes and maritime heritage.

Cruising beyond the Arctic Circle, the long autumn nights offer a real possibility of Northern Lights sightings before you arrive in lively Tromsø, the "Gateway to the Arctic", with memories of Norway's most iconic coastal voyage.

Programme

Day 1: Oslo (26. September)

Embarkation/departure from Oslo in the afternoon

Day 2: At Sea (27. September)

Enjoy a day at sea

Day 3: Lysefjord and Stavanger (28. September)

Sail into the Lysefjord and discover Stavanger

Day 4: Ålesund (29. September)

Spend time in Norway's Art Nouveau city Ålesund

Day 5: Rørvik (30. September)

Explore a cosy fishing village and cross the Arctic Circle

Day 6: Lofoten Islands (1. October)

A full day in one of Norway's most stunning landscapes

Day 7: Tromsø (2. October)

You arrive in the Arctic capital of Norway in the morning, and fly home



Signature voyage – North Cape Line

Sail from Oslo to Tromsø; A taste of Norway

Included in voyage:

- Voyage in comfortable cabin with private bathroom
- Daily breakfast, lunch and dinner in the ship's main restaurant, Flora or lunch and dinner in Brasserie Årran
- Unlimited serving of selected drinks during lunch and dinner, during opening hours in Flora, Brasserie Årran and the 1893 Bar and unlimited access to a selection of tea and coffee
- Light afternoon snacks in the bar
- Culinary demonstrations and tastings
- Complimentary Wi-Fi throughout the ship
- Multilingual Coastal Experience Team and daily themed lectures, plus photo guidance sessions and arts and crafts activities
- Access to fitness room and sauna
- Live music entertainment and access to the library
- Use of equipment for outdoor activities off the ship

NOT included in voyage:

- Flight from Tromsø to Oslo
Please contact martine@nddm.no for offers.
- Optional excursions

Duration of voyage: 7 days

Ship: MS Trollfjord (info [here](#))

Want to know more?

Please find more information about the voyage [here](#).

Final booking date: May 10th, 2026

Terms & conditions for booking

Hurtigruten operates with special booking conditions. For more information, please click [here](#).

Min number of participants: 10 pax from the TGWD conference

Prices per person in NOK:

Single person in double cabin, on the lower deck with window: **41.000,-**

If two persons share the same cabin: **29.300,-**

Cabin upgrades are possible, please contact martine@nddm.no for more information

Post-conference voyage

