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Voyages in search of the **NORTHERN LIGHTS**

WINTER 2012

SPECIAL DEPARTURES
Tromsø – Kirkenes – Tromsø

From **£875**pp

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From London Gatwick and Manchester





Northern Norway A MAGICAL WINTER WONDERLAND

Join an exhilarating Husky dog safari across the frozen landscape



The North Cape – the northernmost point of mainland Europe



The Arctic Cathedral, Tromsø



Reindeer sledging – the traditional way to cross Arctic snow

Since humankind first experienced the natural phenomenon of the Aurora Borealis their extraordinary beauty has mesmerised all who witness them. To give yourself the best possible chance of experiencing the Northern Lights, experts recommend spending as long as you can above the Arctic Circle, far away from towns and other sources of artificial light. Our fleet of 10 ships sail almost daily above the Arctic Circle, through the calm sheltered waters along the Norwegian coast beneath the pitch black sky, the perfect setting to experience the breathtaking Aurora Borealis.

As well as the sights provided by Mother Nature, Hurtigruten also offer an exciting range of winter activities and experiences. These include being led by Husky dogs on an unforgettable dog sledge safari and speeding 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.

THE NORTHERN LIGHTS – THERE'S A TIME AND A PLACE

By Dr. John Mason MBE, Principal Lecturer, South Downs Planetarium

The Northern Lights are caused when electrically-charged particles spiral down Earth's magnetic field lines into our upper atmosphere at high speed and cause the rarefied gases there to glow with a green, red, or purplish light. They are most commonly seen around the Arctic Circle in the autumn and winter months; hence the need to travel to Northern Norway at that time of the year. Although clouds can spoil the show, and there is no guarantee that the Northern Lights will appear, they may be seen at any time of the year, BUT the sky must be dark.



Aurora Borealis – the magical Northern Lights

ARCTIC HIGHLIGHTS *Tromsø-Kirkenes-Tromsø* 5 DAYS FROM £875pp INCLUDING FLIGHTS

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.

Flying directly into Tromsø, The Gateway to the Arctic, your airport transfer will take you directly to the quayside where your Hurtigruten ship will be waiting to take you north.

HIGHLIGHTS

- Keep your eyes peeled for the beautiful Northern Lights
- Pose for a photo at mainland Europe's northernmost point, the North Cape (optional excursion)
- Pay a visit to the Kirkenes Snow Hotel (optional excursion)
- Visit the Russian border at Kirkenes (optional excursion)
- Try your hand at a choice of exciting optional excursions including snowmobiling, dog-sledging or snow-shoeing
- Direct flights to Tromsø from Gatwick and one departure from Manchester



DAY 1: TROMSØ – YOUR GATEWAY TO THE ARCTIC

Ports visited today: Tromsø, Skjervøy
Fly from Gatwick to Tromsø. Many of the epic Arctic expeditions used Tromsø as a starting point; the famous explorer Roald Amundsen sourced both crew and supplies here. With the presence of the Norwegian Polar Institute, the city has cemented its position as the polar capital of Norway. Ishavskatedralen, the Arctic Cathedral, is the most famous landmark with its modern design and extraordinary stained glass window. Tromsø is also home to the world's northernmost university and the large number of people arriving here has created a vibrant cultural scene with numerous restaurants and cafés constantly teeming with life. (D)

DAY 2: HONNINGSVÅG AND THE NORTH CAPE

Ports visited today: Øksfjord, Hammerfest, Havøysund, Honningsvåg, Kjøllefjord, Mehamn, and Berlevåg
Following the scenic sailing through Magerøysund and after an early stop in Hammerfest, you arrive in Honningsvåg. This small port is the gateway to the wonders of the spectacular North Cape which rises 300m from the ocean, and at 71° 10' 21" north it puts you a mere 2,000 kilometres from the Geographical North Pole. Standing atop the North Cape Plateau you'll get the eerie feeling of being at the end of the world. This evening, as you approach Kjøllefjord, you pass a rock formation that is sacred to the indigenous Sámi people and now the site of an impressive light show, Finnkjerka. (B, D)

DAY 3: KIRKENES – THE VOYAGE TURNING POINT

Ports visited today: Båtsfjord, Vardø, Vadsø, Kirkenes, Vardø, Båtsfjord and Berlevåg
The last port on the Voyage North is Kirkenes. And at longitude 30 east, you are actually further east than Istanbul and St. Petersburg. The well-policed Russian border and the Kola peninsula are both close by which explains why the road signs are written in both Norwegian and Russian. The terrain, culture and geography of Kirkenes offer the opportunity to take part in some fabulous Arctic excursions. Departing Kirkenes at lunchtime, you reach Vardø, Norway's easternmost port, later in the afternoon and continue along the Varanger peninsula to Båtsfjord before reaching Berlevåg in the evening. (B, D)

DAY 4: HAMMERFEST AND TROMSØ

Ports visited today: Mehamn, Kjøllefjord, Honningsvåg, Havøysund, Hammerfest, Øksfjord, Skjervøy, Tromsø
Your first major stop of the day is Hammerfest. Founded in 1789 to develop trade with Russia, Hammerfest reconfirmed its position as Norway's polar capital of its time, acting as a base for hunting expeditions to the high Arctic. In Hammerfest the Meridian Column, erected in 1854, commemorates the first precise measurement of the globe, an achievement so important that it became a UNESCO World Heritage Site. As early as 1891, wave energy provided power to the first electric street lighting in Northern Europe, and energy innovation is still a signature for Hammerfest with its large Liquid Gas Plant just outside town. From here, your next major stop will be Tromsø where your voyage comes to an end. Transfer to your hotel for your overnight stay. (B, D)

DAY 5: Return to the UK

After breakfast in your hotel, spend the morning in Tromsø where a choice of winter excursions are available before you are transferred back to the airport for your flight back to Gatwick. (B)

EXTEND YOUR ITINERARY AND TAKE IN MORE OF TROMSØ!

Extend your stay in this lively and colourful city, surrounded by the dramatic Lyngen Alps. Tromsø has many things to offer, including Arctic history, architecture, culture and exciting excursions. Try our Aurora Safari with Dinner excursion by cable car, visit a coastal farm and enjoy reindeer sledging or perhaps visit the Polaria centre. An extra day in Tromsø will give you time to enjoy this beautiful city and more time to watch out for the Northern Lights

DAY 5: A full day in Tromsø with excursions available. (B)

DAY 6: Further excursions are available before your flight back to the UK. (B)

B = Breakfast, D = Dinner

ITINERARY – 5 DAY

Departure dates	Ship	Twin Inside	Twin Outside
30 January 2012	Richard With	£875	£975
6 February 2012	Nordkapp	£895	£995
13 February 2012	Kong Harald	£895	£995
23 February 2012	Trollfjord	£895	£995
1 March 2012	Polarlys	£875	£975
Single Supplement		£125	£150

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 London Gatwick or Manchester to Tromsø including current taxes and charges, voyage in an unspecified twin cabin including half board, 1 or 2 nights at a centrally located hotel in Tromsø including breakfast (depending on your itinerary), transfers as applicable.

Not included: Travel insurance, luggage handling, optional excursions.

EXTENDED ITINERARY – 6 DAY

Departure dates	Ship	Twin Inside	Twin Outside
25 January 2012*	Nordkapp	£975	£1075
1 February 2012*	Kong Harald	£975	£1075
3 February 2012*	Midnatsol	£995	£1095
8 February 2012	Polarlys	£995	£1095
15 February 2012	Midnatsol	£995	£1095
17 February 2012	Nordkapp	£995	£1095
20 February 2012*	Richard With	£995	£1095
25 February 2012**	Midnatsol	£985	£1085
3 March 2012	Richard With	£975	£1075
Single Supplement		£165	£190

* These departures have one night pre and one night post voyage in Tromsø
 † Departing from Manchester

A winter voyage along Norway's breathtaking coastline would not be complete without enjoying one or more of the many cultural, enlightening and exhilarating excursions that we have on offer. We recommend that you pre-book excursions to avoid disappointment.

H-HVG6A THE NORTH CAPE, HONNINGSVÅG

Enjoy the magnificent sub-Arctic landscape as you cross the 71st parallel on your journey towards the North Cape, the northernmost point of the continent. Visit the North Cape Hall where you can see an impressive 180° panoramic film about Finnmark and the North Cape.
From £82pp, 3½ hours, pre-bookable



CENTOS1 DOG SLEDGING AT THE WILDERNESS CENTRE – TROMSØ

Complete your holiday with a thrilling ride by Husky dog sledge. Eager Huskies are waiting to transport you across the frozen landscape. At the end of the trip a warm Saami meal followed by coffee and homemade cake will be served in the lavvo (Saami tent). An exhilarating trip!
From £179pp, 4 hours approximately. Must be pre-booked.



H-KJD6D SNOWMOBILE TRIP IN LAPLAND, KJØLLEFJORD – MEHAMN

Join us on an unforgettable snowmobile trip to one of Europe's most extreme and exciting natural areas. Experience the snow-clad valleys, the fresh winter air and perhaps the mesmerising Northern Lights in the clear, starry sky.
From £216pp, 2¼ hours, pre-bookable, Driving licence required.



CENTOS2 REINDEER SLEDGING AT THE COASTAL FARM – TROMSØ

Join this excursion to Risvika, outside Tromsø, for a visit to a coastal farm. Once everyone is fully dressed in warm clothing your guide will take you to the Sami lavvo where you hear more about the farm and the Sami people, whilst enjoying coffee made on the fire. Afterwards, experience the traditional Sami way of transport through the Arctic landscape and bidos (a traditional Sami meal) will be served to warm you after your ride in the sleigh.
From £179pp, 4 hour. Must be pre-booked.



H-KKN7A THE RUSSIAN BORDER, KIRKENES

The only town in Norway where east meets west, Kirkenes is the turning point of your Hurtigruten voyage. You start with a short tour of the town, before the bus takes you further into the Arctic landscape. You make a stop at Storskog – the border station between Norway and Russia.
From £36pp, 2 hours, pre-bookable



CENTOS3 AURORA SAFARI WITH DINNER BY CABLE CAR – TROMSØ

Ride up the famous cable car and take in the breathtaking view of Tromsø. Away from any light pollution this is the perfect spot for seeing the Northern Lights. Enjoy a delicious 3 course dinner in the mountain lodge and learn more about the Northern Lights, Tromsø and the surrounding area.
From £154pp, 3½ – 4 hours. Must be pre-booked.



H-KKN7C SNOWMOBILE SAFARI, KIRKENES

Enjoy an invigorating ride by snowmobile across ice-covered fjords and the serene landscapes of Arctic winter. Guides will explain the fascinating history of the indigenous Sami people and refreshments will be served in the warmth of the lavvo.
From £124pp, 2½ hours, pre-bookable, Driving licence required.



CENTOS4 TROMSØ ARCTIC PANORAMA – TROMSØ

The cable car will take you up the mountain to the mountain lodge where your guide will show you the spectacular view over Tromsø, the mountains and islands. Coffee, tea and delicious cakes will be served by the fire in the mountain lodge whilst your guide tells you more about Tromsø and the vast Arctic landscape.
From £68pp, 2–3 hours. Must be pre-booked.



H-KKN7D KIRKENES SNOW HOTEL

A short drive through Kirkenes brings you to the Gabba Reindeer Park where the Snow Hotel is situated. A guided tour of the beautifully decorated snow suites is followed by a drink in Norway's largest ice bar and a visit to the reindeer.
From £50pp, 2½ hours, pre-bookable



CENTOS5 SNOWMOBILE SAFARI, LYNGEN – TROMSØ

Join this snowmobiling adventure of a lifetime into the wild Arctic landscape around camp Tamok, just under 90kms from Tromsø. After a thorough introduction you will set off on a 2–3 hour trip on the snowmobile through valleys and frozen lakes. On your return warm up with hot coffee, a traditional local hot meal and Lefse (traditional Norwegian pastry) in the Saami lavvo.
From £196pp, 7 hours approximately. Must be pre-booked. Driving licence required.



H-KKN7F HUSKY ADVENTURE, KIRKENES

Experience the real feeling of wilderness during this adrenalin-fuelled ride! You can have a go at driving the sledge yourself, or simply sit back and enjoy the trip. You also have the option to visit the Snow Hotel or the reindeer enclosure.
From £108pp, 2½ hours, pre-bookable



H-MEH8F SNOWMOBILE TRIP IN THE POLAR NIGHT, MEHAMN – KJØLLEFJORD

Drive through the beautiful Arctic landscape during the polar night. You might see the Northern Lights in a clear, starlit sky. Welcome to the polar night and the wilderness!
From £265pp, 2½ hours, pre-bookable, Driving licence required.



CENTOS6 IN THE FOOTSTEPS OF AMUNDSEN – TROMSØ

2011 marked the 100th anniversary of Roald Amundsen's successful race to become the first to reach the South Pole. Your guide will take you for a fascinating walk around Tromsø's busy streets, the starting point for many polar expeditions. You will stop at the statue of Roald Amundsen before visiting the Polar Museum, and the Arctic Cathedral. You will also visit the Mack Brewery, the Northernmost brewery in the world which houses Tromsø's oldest pub.
From £39pp, 2½ hours approximately. Must be pre-booked.



H-HFT8B ARCTIC ENERGY, HAMMERFEST

Hammerfest was the first town in Northern Europe to get electric street lighting produced purely from water power in 1891. You visit the Meridian Column, which is on the UNESCO list of World Heritage Sites, and the Energy House, an interactive centre for different energy sources.
From £34pp, 1 hour, pre-bookable



Please note:

Excursions in Kirkenes are not combinable. In Tromsø due to excursion timings you will be unable to combine all options. Please ask for details. CENTOS5 and CENTOS3 excursions are not available with the 5 day itinerary.



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