

ARCTIC - CRUISE THE NORWEGIAN FJORDS



INTRODUCTION

Discover the world of fjords and glaciers as you set sail from Tromsø, the capital of northern Norway, and "Gateway to the Arctic", destination Edinburgh in Scotland. Visit Nordkapp, Land of the midnight sun and sail into the short but dramatic Trollfjord before exploring the beautiful Lofoten archipelago. Explore Nusfjord, a well-preserved fishing village and the glaciers of Svartisen and Lovund. Continue south along the rugged coast to UNESCO Vega Island, hike through the Bymarka Nature Reserve and take the Rauma Railway to the dramatic Romsdalen Mountains. Visit Geirangerfjord, one of Norway's most beautiful fjords, and sail to the remote Shetland and Orkney Islands before this spectacular and scenic cruise comes to an end.

ITINERARY

DAY 1: Tromsø

Welcome to Tromsø, the capital of northern Norway, known as the 'Gateway to the Arctic'. Embark in the afternoon. Consider arriving early to explore Tromsø.



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DEPARTURE

17/05/2020

DURATION

13 Days

LOCATIONS

Arctic



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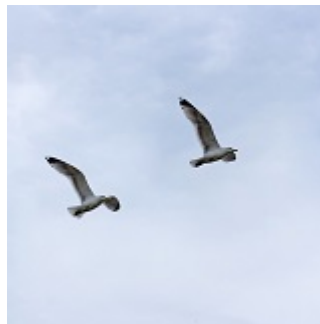
DAY 2: Nordkapp

Explore one of the most northern points in Europe. A popular spot to watch the midnight sun during the summer months, as the sun never sets between the middle of May to late August, this cape is the location where the Atlantic and Arctic oceans meet. Explore the barren landscape, quaint fishing villages, and stop by the Northern Cape Plateau standing 307 m above the sea.



DAY 3: At Sea

Enjoy a day at sea, taking in the stunning scenery of the Arctic. Keep a sharp eye while on deck to try and spot marine wildlife.



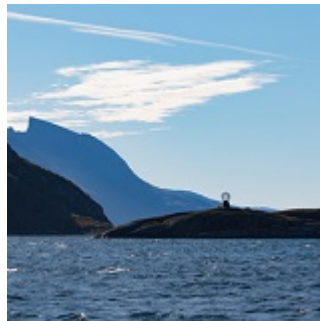
DAY 4: Trollfjord/Lofoten Islands

Spend the early morning at the short, yet dramatic Trollfjord. Try to spot the mythical creatures along the cliffs. Head ashore in Svolvær to explore the Lofoten Islands by coach. Stop in Henningsvær for time to see local art or explore the quaint fishing village. After, visit Nusfjord, one of Norway's oldest and best-preserved fishing villages for lunch at a local restaurant, before visiting the Tørrfiskmuseum to learn about traditional work of the islands. End the day in the town of Å.



DAY 5: Svartisen/Vikingen/Lovund

Visit Svartisen, Lovund and Vikingen, for beautiful glaciers and a globe sculpture which marks Vikingen as a point directly on the Arctic Circle.



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DAY 6: Vega/Torghatten

The rugged coastline of central Norway features some of the world's most beautiful scenery. Head to the quaint and picturesque Vega Island, a UNESCO site. Wander the fishing villages, go on a guided nature hike, and appreciate the slow pace of life. In the afternoon, hike up to the famous hole in the mountain, with fantastic views of the region. Keep an eye out for Norway's mythical trolls.



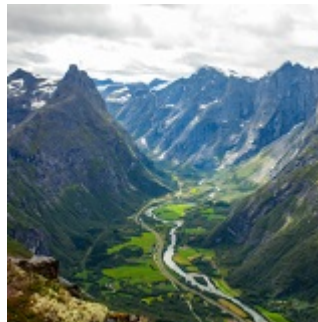
DAY 7: Trondheim

Continue on to Trondheim. Choose between hiking in Bymarka Nature Reserve before visiting the Sverresborg Folk Museum, or enjoying a city tour including the Folk Museum and the elaborate Nidaros Cathedral, built between 1070 and 1300. Enjoy a free afternoon to explore the area on your own.



DAY 8: Eresfjord/Åndalsnes

Spend the morning exploring the town of Eresfjord or join an optional hike for amazing views. In the afternoon, board the Rauma Railway taking you into the dramatic scenes of the Romsdalen mountains.



DAY 9: Geirangerfjord

Sail deep into one of Norway's most beautiful, and most visited fjords, Geirangerfjord. Enjoy a coach tour to Dalsnibba, soaking in the views at this UNESCO World Heritage site. For the more adventurous, opt for a 10km mountain hike exploring the area and taking in amazing views of the fjord from above. If possible, the Expedition ship will cruise around this scenic area.



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DAY 10: Ålesund

Spend the morning exploring the beautiful Art Nouveau district of Ålesund, or take the 418 steps up to Fjellstua for the views of the city, islands and bay. Opt to visit the Ålesund Museum and learn about the culture and history of the town, including the fire which destroyed the city in 1904. If you are feeling more active, try one of the local hikes for unbeatable views.



DAY 11: Shetland Islands

Continue southwards to the remote Shetland Islands. Opt to visit Jarlshof or join the Puffin Bus to focus on puffins and seabird photography at Sumbrugh Head (weather dependent). Enjoy additional time to explore Lerwick.



DAY 12: Orkney Islands

Visit historic and mystical sites by coach on this remote island. Explore the Standing Stones of Stenness, the intriguing Ring of Brodgar, and the village of Skara Brae.



DAY 13: Edinburgh

Cruise overnight to Edinburgh's Port of Leith, then disembark the G Expedition in the morning. It's highly recommended to book extra time to visit Edinburgh.



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INCLUSIONS & DETAILS

Accommodation

Standard

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Inclusions	Shipboard accommodation All meals whilst on voyage Meeting point to ship transfer Zodiac and land excursions with expert expedition team Lectures and educational programs Insulated, waterproof boots Expedition parka
Difficulty Rating	2 (light adventure)
Single Surcharge	Available upon request
Notes	Contact us for more details
Price Dependent upon	Season and availability

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SUSTAINABILITY

Chimu Adventures undertakes a number of sustainability measures within its operations including:

- 1) Only using local guides and office staff to both maximise local employment opportunities and minimise carbon footprints. Local guides also ensure you benefit from the intimate knowledge, passion and culture of the country you're visiting.
- 2) Where possible, using locally owned and operated boutique hotels to maximise the return to the local community.
- 3) Chimu's "Pass it on" programme has provided funding to hundreds of local community projects in Latin America. Our aim is to empower local communities, helping them to develop their own infrastructure for the future. Since 2006, we have been working with Kiva (a well-known Non-Governmental Organisation), providing hundreds of loans to local businesses all over South America.
- 4) In our pre tour information we provide a range of tips and advice on how to minimise your impact on both local environments and communities.
- 5) Chimu Adventures' offices also take a number of sustainability measures including carbon offsets for company vehicles and most staff travel. Chimu Adventure's internal processes are also structured to create a paperless office and to reduce waste. There are also internal programmes to help staff minimise their carbon footprint such as our staff bike purchase assistance plan which encourages office staff to commute to work via bicycle. Currently almost half of our office based staff commute to work via bicycle.