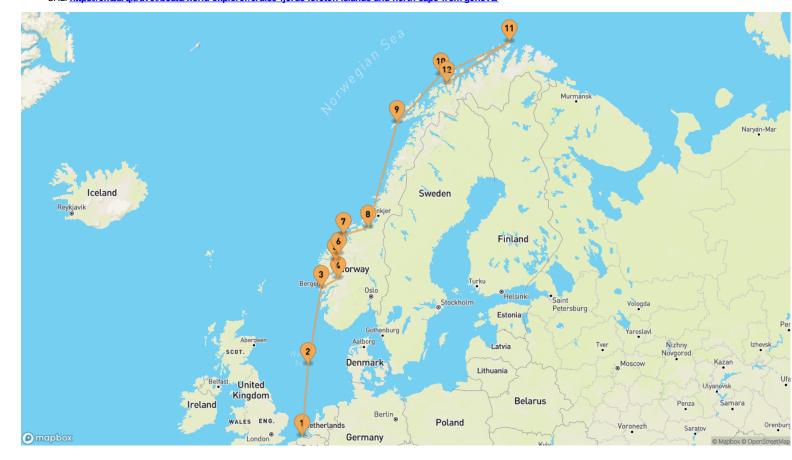
# Cruise Fjords, Lofoten Islands and North Cape from Geneva

Embark on a spectacular cruise in the heart of Norway's jagged peaks. Your itinerary begins in Bergen, the country's prettiest city. It is home to magnificent, tightly packed, colorful houses that were once warehouses and remain a unique testimony to this Hanseatic capital. In Olden, you will enter a wild nature made of glaciers cut by large crevasses and lakes with turquoise waters. Then begins the fjord road and its incomparable landscapes: steep cliffs, waterfalls cascading down from the mountains, deep lakes and eternal snow. Up to the mythical North Cape, a rock rising 307 m above sea level and the northernmost point in Europe, Norway offers grandiose panoramas where unspoiled nature reveals its most beautiful jewels. From the red houses of the Lofoten Islands, to the majestic Geirangerfjord and Trollfjord, from the glaciers to the mountains covered with flowering meadows in June: this cruise will leave you speechless from the first to the last day!

- Regions / Countries: Belgium Norway
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## Day 1

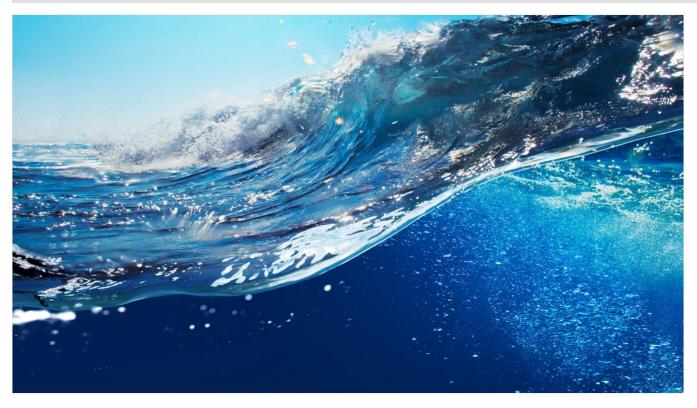


## Belgium / Zeebrugge

DAY 1: GENEVA - ZEEBRUGGES

Departure on a scheduled flight to Paris or Brussels. Coach transfer from Paris to the port of Zeebrugge. Embarkation and installation on board the World Explorer. Dinner on board.

# Day 2



## Navigation

DAY 2: NAVIGATION

Take advantage of this day of navigation to participate in the activities offered on board. Breakfast, lunch and dinner on board.

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## Day 3

#### Norway / Bergen

City, Mainland port, Mountain, Popular, Greenery, Nightlife, Music, Sports

#### DAY 3: BERGEN (Norway)

With its multi-coloured wooden houses huddled together, Bergen is one of the most beautiful cities in the kingdom. The old warehouses in its harbour bear witness to the wealth of this Hanseatic city, a UNESCO World Heritage Site. Free time or take part in optional excursions. Breakfast, lunch and dinner on board.

#### OPTIONAL EXCURSIONS:

#### DISCOVERY OF BERGEN

"Troll Hill" or Troldhaugen welcomes you for a visit to the house-museum of Grieg, the famous composer. The residence houses many memorabilia that belonged to him. To complete this evocation, a small concert will take place. Walk in the Hanseatic district of Bryggen, listed as a UNESCO World Heritage Site.

LIMITED PLACES • Price per person (from): €95

#### OR BERGEN AND MOUNT FLOYEN

Walk through the Hanseatic district of Bryggen known for its unique architecture. Its houses are now transformed into souvenir shops, restaurants and museums. The visit continues with the discovery of Mount Floyen (320 m above sea level), accessible by funicular, from where the view is superb.

Price per person (from): €75

#### OR TROLDHAUGEN AND THE CHURCH OF FANTOFT

Departure for Troldhaugen and the Grieg House Museum along the old Hanseatic district of Bryggen. Situated on the heights and overlooking Lake Nordas, Grieg lived there for 22 years and composed many masterpieces in this idyllic setting. Then, visit the Fantoft stave church. Originally built in 1150 in Fortun, it was then moved at the end of the 19th century. Victim of a fire in 1992, it was rebuilt identically.

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## Day 4

Norway / Flame

Discovery, Greenery, Mainland port, Mountain, Village, Secluded

#### DAY 4: FLAM

A small village located at the end of a very narrow fjord, Flam is set in an impressive landscape of very high cliffs dotted with waterfalls. A popular tourist destination since the end of the 19th century, Flam is known for its old century-old farms and for its train which travels through a grandiose setting on one of the steepest lines in the world. Free time or participation in optional excursions. Breakfast, lunch and dinner on board.

#### OPTIONAL EXCURSIONS:

#### THE LITTLE FLAM TRAIN (day with lunch)

Departure by coach along the Naeroyfjord for a ride through the splendid mountain plateaus and stop en route at the spectacular Tvinde waterfall. Arrival in Voss for lunch and departure by train towards Myrdal. Finally, return to Flam by the only railway and stop during the journey to enjoy a viewpoint on the Kjosfossen waterfall. Between steep valleys, snow-capped mountains and rivers, you will pass nearly 20 tunnels.

LIMITED PLACES • Price per person (from): €180

#### MINI-CRUISE IN THE NAEROYFJORD

Embark on a mini-cruise in this spectacular and narrow fjord, where cruise ships cannot go. Surrounded by rugged snow-capped mountains, it is considered one of the most beautiful fjord landscapes in the world and is a UNESCO World Heritage Site. Arriving in the most picturesque part, the boat switches to electric power for a virtually silent cruise in the midst of unspoiled nature. Disembark in Gudvangen and return to Flam by coach, stopping at the Stegastein platform with its exceptional view of the fjord.

Price per person (from): €125

#### THE VILLAGE OF AURLAND AND THE SOGNEFJORD

Departure by coach from Flam for a tour of approximately 2h30 along the majestic Sognefjord to Aurland, a traditional village established around a 13th century church. Stop at the Stegastein viewpoint. Located at an altitude of 650 m, this observation platform with its unique architecture offers an unforgettable experience and a breathtaking view of one of the most beautiful fjords in the world. Free time to discover the village.

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## Day 5



#### Norway / Olden

#### DAY 5: OLDEN

Located at the very end of the Nordfjord, Olden is a warm village with picturesque houses. Free time or participation in optional excursions. Breakfast, lunch and dinner on board.

#### OPTIONAL EXCURSIONS:

#### JOSTEDAL AND THE GLACIERS MUSEUM (day with lunch)

Departure by coach through the splendid landscapes of the Jostedal National Park, passing through picturesque villages, the last part of which is made up of a tunnel built under the glacier. Visit the Norwegian Glacier Museum which traces their history and explains how the glaciers have sculpted the landscape. Remarkably designed, it houses in particular the tusk of a Siberian mammoth trapped in the ice 30,000 years ago. Discovery of Boyabreen, one of the arms of the largest glacier in continental Europe, the Jostedalsbreen. Lunch at the restaurant in Skei and free time to explore the village. On the way back, stop at Mount Utvik to admire the view.

Price per person (from): €150

#### OR KJENNDAL GLACIER AND LAKE LOEN

Departure along the Nordfjord to reach the magnificent Kjenndalen valley and its glacier. Located in the Jostedalsbreen National Park, it comes from the largest ice cap in continental Europe. Through the magnificent landscapes of the valley, a short hike in the wilderness to meet the glacier. Stop for a snack. Then departure towards the turquoise waters of Lake Loen for a boat ride. Price per person (from): €105

#### OR HIKE TO THE BRIKSDAL GLACIER

Going up the Olden Valley, passing through the fabulous landscapes of the county of Sogn between small farms, multiple waterfalls and the superb mountain scenery. Ascent on foot to reach the majestic Briksdal glacier from where the view of this immense volume of ice, cut by large crevasses and overlooking a lake with turquoise waters is breathtaking. Stop for a snack before returning to the boat.

LIMITED PLACES • Price per person (from): €75

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## Day 6



## Norway / Geiranger

Village, Discovery

#### **DAY 6: GEIRANGER**

The village of Geiranger is nestled at the end of the fjord of the same name. The wildest, narrowest and most magnificent of Norway's fjords, 16 km long, is on the UNESCO World Heritage List. Free time or participation in optional excursions. Breakfast, lunch and dinner on board.

#### OPTIONAL EXCURSIONS:

#### THE FJORD ROUTE (day with lunch)

Departing from Geiranger, drive to Mount Dalsnibba, at 1,500 m above sea level, across the plateau dotted with farms, waterfalls and lakes, for a breathtaking view of the Geiranger Fjord, a UNESCO World Heritage Site. The walk continues to the village of Stryn, whose river is famous for salmon fishing. After lunch, discover the splendid landscapes and multiple waterfalls. This winding road leads to Lake Hornindal, the deepest in Northern Europe, a true mirror in a green setting. Arrival in Hellesylt and return by ferry to Geiranger.

Price per person (from): €185

#### OR THE ROUTE OF THE EAGLES AND THE HERDAL VALLEY

On the road to a magnificent nature where the stunning landscape of steep mountains is embellished with waterfalls, deep fjords and fertile valleys. The Eagle Road, with its 11 hairpin bends, is breathtaking and dizzying. Stop at the Eagle bend to enjoy the magnificent panorama of the Geirangerfjord, a UNESCO World Heritage Site. Continue through exceptional landscapes of snow-capped mountains and green valleys to the charming village of Eidsdal, located on the Storfjord. Finally, departure on foot to one of the famous summer farms and tasting of farm products.

LIMITED PLACES • Price per person (from): €110

#### OR ASCENSION OF MOUNT DALSNIBBA

Departure by the Nibbevegen road to reach the summit of Mount Dalsnibba which is located at an altitude of 1,495 m. During the journey, discover the magnificent viewpoints on the dark waters of the fjord dominated by the cliffs. On reaching the Djupvatnet lake located at an altitude of 1,000 m, the scenery changes to a world of rough rocks, ice and snow. On the way back, stop at the Djupvasshytta chalet, located on the edge of the Djupvatnet lake, to enjoy a delicious pastry.

LIMITED PLACES • Price per person (from): €90

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## Day 7



### Norway / Kristiansund

Island, Town

#### **DAY 7: KRISTIANSUND**

The town of Kristiansund, which is spread over four main islands, once lived off the cod trade. Today, its steep streets punctuated by street art are a veritable open-air gallery. Free time or take part in optional excursions. Breakfast, lunch and dinner on board.

#### OPTIONAL EXCURSIONS:

#### THE ATLANTIC ROUTE AND THE KVERNES CHURCH

Built on several small islands and reefs, the Atlantic Road crosses eight bridges over a length of 8.2 km and passes through a spectacular coastal landscape. A true architectural feat, it was voted Norwegian construction of the century. Departure for the island of Averoy along the coast of Hustadvika, whose offshore waters are renowned for adventure. Visit the Kvernes stave church dating from the early 14th century. It houses a baroque pulpit and various decorations, including a royal monogram.

Price per person (from): €80

#### OR DISCOVERY OF KRISTIANSUND

Kristiansund is a small municipality spread over four main islands and has one of the highest population densities in Norway. It owes its development and prosperity to the trade in dried cod, "Klippfisk". Visit the museum which traces the history of this local specialty and tasting. The discovery of the city continues with a visit to the modern church of Kirklandet. Inaugurated in 1964, it is renowned for its bold architecture.

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## Day 8



#### Norway / Trondheim

City, Mainland port, Mountain, Music, Nightlife, Popular

#### **DAY 8: TRONDHEIM**

With its old red wooden arched bridge, pretty quays and old warehouses on stilts, Trondheim is the city where the kings of Norway are crowned. Free time or participation in optional excursions. Breakfast, lunch and dinner on board.

#### OPTIONAL EXCURSIONS:

#### DISCOVERY OF TRONDHEIM

On the way to visit the splendid open-air museum of Sverresborg, whose buildings bear witness to the life of the Norwegians through the centuries. The journey continues to Trondheim for a visit to the Nidaros Cathedral, built in 1070 on the tomb of King Olaf. The oldest parts of the cathedral date from the 12th century. Richly decorated with wooden sculptures and magnificent stained glass windows, it is the largest medieval building in Scandinavia. A stop at a viewpoint is planned to enjoy the panoramas of the fjord and the landscapes.

Price per person (from): €70

#### NIDAROS CATHEDRAL AND RINGVE MUSEUM

Depart for a panoramic tour of the city centre. Visit Nidaros Cathedral, one of the finest examples of Gothic architecture in Northern Europe, built in 1070 on the tomb of King Olaf. Then drive through beautiful landscapes to the Ringve Museum dedicated to music, located on a hill outside Trondheim with a breathtaking view of the city and the fjords. This museum was built in 1860 and houses over 2000 musical instruments from all over the world as well as a collection of treasures from the history of European music. Many instruments will be demonstrated. Free time and a short walk in the beautiful botanical gardens.

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## Day 9



## Norway / Lofoten Islands

Island, Secluded

#### DAY 9: LEKNES, LOFOTEN ISLANDS

Head for the Lofoten Islands, this archipelago anchored in the fish-filled waters of the Norwegian Sea. A wild nature that offers you breathtaking landscapes: grandiose mountains, deep blue fjords or even colonies of rare birds. Free time or participation in optional excursions.

In the evening, sailing in the Trollfjord if weather conditions permit. With a length of only 2 km, its narrow mouth and the surrounding high mountains are impressive. Breakfast, lunch and dinner on board.

#### OPTIONAL EXCURSIONS:

#### VESTVAGOY ISLAND AND THE VIKING MUSEUM - Half day

Tour of the island of Vestvagoy to discover its striking contrast between the rich agricultural land and the beautiful white sand beach, a rugged landscape of rocks and mountains... Continue to Borg to visit the Viking Museum. It is here that important remains testifying to the Viking period were discovered, including the largest house ever discovered (83 m long and 9 m high). A replica was built right next to the excavations, to represent the habitat around the year 900. On the way back, stop at Unstad to enjoy the magnificent panorama facing the Atlantic Ocean.

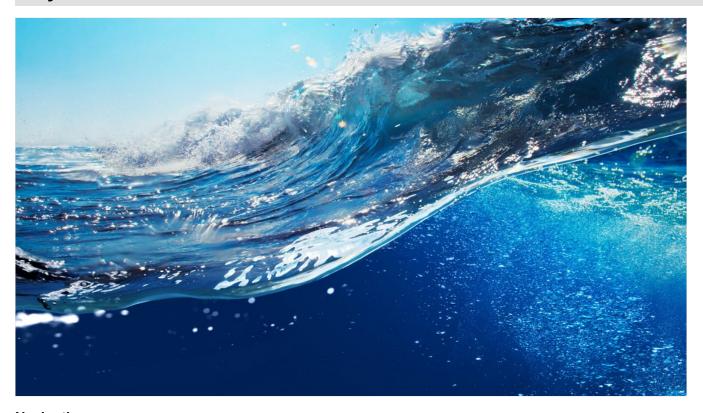
Price per person (from): €85

#### OR

#### FLAKSTAD, QUEEN AND A

Departure through the splendid landscapes of Lofoten via Flakstad and its church built in driftwood in 1780, typical of Norway. Discovery of the fishing village of Reine surrounded by splendid nature and located at the foot of steep cliffs, considered one of the most beautiful in Norway. Continuation to Å which was for a very long time a traditional fishing village specializing in dried fish. Today, most of the buildings are museums. You can admire the old bakery, the fishermen's huts and the house where cod liver oil was produced, which you can taste during the visit to the Fishing Museum!

# Day 10



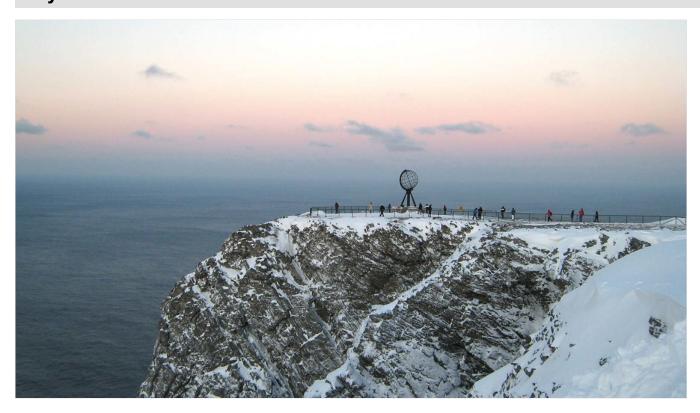
## Navigation

DAY 10: NAVIGATION

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## **Day 11**



#### Norway / North Cape

Island, Secluded

#### DAY 11: HONNINGSVAG - NORTH CAPE

Arrival in the morning at Honningsvag to reach the North Cape. This mythical rock is the northernmost point of Europe, symbolized by a metal sphere representing the terrestrial globe. Free time or participation in optional excursions. Breakfast, lunch and dinner on board.

#### OPTIONAL EXCURSIONS:

#### EXCURSION TO THE NORTH CAPE

The North Cape is a rock rising to 307 m above sea level. The northernmost point in Europe, it is symbolized by a metal sphere representing the terrestrial globe. Free time to visit the site and the center information point built partially into the cliff. If the weather is good, you can enjoy spectacular views of the sea and coastal landscapes.

Price per person (from): €80

#### OR DISCOVERY OF THE ISLAND OF MAGEROYA

Discovery of about 2h30 from Honningsvag along the Skipsfjord through the magnificent landscapes of the island to reach the village of Skarsvag. Visit of the "winter and Christmas house", borrowing a picturesque atmosphere and decorated all over year according to Norwegian tradition. If conditions permit, stop at a viewpoint en route to see the tip of the North Cape. Continue to discover the fishing hamlet of Kamoyvaer. Visit the charming art gallery of Eva Schmutterer , which exhibits many works inspired by nature and the seasonal colors of Mageroya.

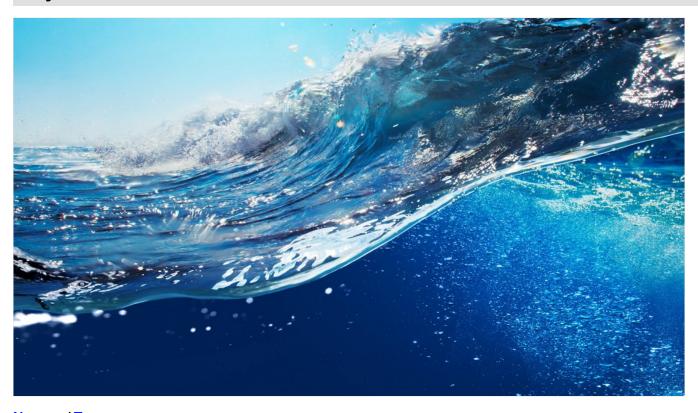
Price per person (from): €60

#### OR GJESVAERSTAPPAN NATURE RESERVE BY BOAT

Departure by coach to Gjesvaer and boarding a local boat for a navigation of approximately 1h30. Discovery of the Gjesvaerstappan nature reserve and its cliffs, a true ornithological paradise in Norway. This archipelago is home to the largest puffin colony in the Finnmark region and an impressive variety of bird species: guillemots, gannets, cormorants, great skua, penguins...

LIMITED PLACES • Price per person (from): €140

# Day 12



## Norway / Tromso

DAY 12: TROMSO - GENEVA

Breakfast on board. Disembarkation and transfer to the airport. Flight to Paris on a special flight then to Geneva on a regular flight.

