

15 Follow the Midnight Sun Southbound

DAYS

Sweden - Finland - Norway

For semi-escorted small-group enthusiasts

Stockholm - Bergen

Bask in long, summer days as you explore Finnish Lapland and take in Norwegian coastal towns on this semi-escorted small-group tour.

From Stockholm, an overnight ferry brings us to Helsinki. We spend the next few days exploring Rovaniemi, the home of Santa Claus, and Saariselka, cultural centre of the indigenous Sámi.

Crossing over to northern Norway, you'll join the ship in Kirkenes for a southbound voyage along the Norwegian coast. Visit places like Hammerfest and Tromsø and experience the beauty of the Lofoten islands and the Helgeland coast on our way to Bergen.



Follow the Midnight Sun | Southbound Highlights

Semi-escorted small-group journey

Bask under the Midnight Sun

Traverse Sweden, Finland and Norway

Range of excursions including: Hike with huskies, Midnight Sun photography, Entry to the SIIDA museum of Sámi history, Santa Claus Village visit, Overnight stay in glass-roofed Midnight Sun cabin

15-day tour	Departures June - July	From \$6,339
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Itinerary

DAY 1: Arrive in Stockholm

Make your own way to the hotel to meet your Tour Manager along with the rest of your group and be treated to a welcome dinner at the hotel, which will be a three-course set menu or a buffet.

DAY 2: Stockholm - Helsinki

See more of Stockholm on a private four-hour guided tour of the city, including the old town and City Hall, where the Nobel Peace Prize ball is held each year. This evening, board a ferry bound for Helsinki.

DAY 3: Helsinki

After disembarking the overnight ferry, board a private coach for a three-hour tour of Helsinki including the 'Church of Rock' and Sibelius Park.

DAY 4: Rovaniemi

After breakfast board a train to Rovaniemi, the home of Santa Claus. Our journey will take us across the Arctic Circle, to the far north of Finland.

DAY 5: Saariselkä

Explore Santa Claus Village before we continue our journey north to the Midnight Sun Village in Saariselkä, where for the next two nights you'll be staying in your very own Midnight Sun cabin.

DAY 6: Saariselkä

Today you'll get to meet friendly Siberian huskies as they accompany you on a hike through the wilderness. Learn about Arctic wildlife, pick fresh berries and take a drink straight from a mountain stream along the way. Enjoy dinner at the hotel followed by a Midnight Sun Photography Expedition.



DAY 7: Kirkenes

Today we'll board a private coach to continue our journey through Finnish Lapland. Our first stop is the small township of Inari where we'll explore the newly renovated SIIDA museum. Continuing north, we'll cross the border into Norway and arrive at Kirkenes.

DAY 8: Kirkenes

Today we visit the Snowhotel Kirkenes 365. This is the first hotel completely made of snow and ice. Enter a real-life winter wonderland, even in the middle of summer. Visit the resident huskies and reindeer before we board our ship headed south. The Tour Manager leaves the group after embarkation, on board the Coastal Experience Team will be ready to assist guests.

DAY 9: Mehamn - Tromsø

On your Hurtigruten voyage south, we stop at 34 ports along the coast. Today we make early morning stops at Honningsvåg and Havøysund, before continuing to Hammerfest and then eventually Tromsø where we arrive just before midnight. Take a stroll around the city under the Midnight Sun - you might be surprised at how busy it is.

DAY 10: Tromsø - Stamsund

Today, you'll be exploring the archipelagos of Lofoten and Vesterålen, real highlights of our Norway scenic route, before we continue to Stokmarknes. This is where the Hurtigruten Coastal Express began almost 130 years ago.

DAY 11: Bodø - Rørvik

Crossing the Arctic Circle is an important 'rite of passage', we'll celebrate the occasion with a taste of Arctic tradition - a spoonful of cod liver oil. Leaving the Polar region means saying goodbye to the Midnight Sun, but you'll still see incredibly long days throughout the rest of the summer voyage.

DAY 12: Trondheim - Ålesund

This morning, you'll have the opportunity to explore the historic royal city of Trondheim for a few hours. Be sure to visit the majestic Nidaros Cathedral, built over the burial site of King Olav II who reigned from 1015 to 1028.

DAY 13: Ålesund - Bergen

On our last day onboard we'll dock at Florø, Norway's westernmost community, in the morning. As we leave the port, get ready to snap some shots of Stabben Lighthouse. After disembarking, meet your local guide for a private coach tour of Bergen including the UNESCO World Heritage-listed Bryggen, St Mary's Church, Håkon's Hall and the home of Norway's most famous composer, Edvard Grieg.

DAY 14: Bergen

You have the day at leisure to explore the city, then join the group for tonight's farewell dinner at a local restaurant, hosted by a local guide.

DAY 15: Bergen

Our journey ends after breakfast.





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What’s included?

- 4-star accommodation standard
- 9 nights’ accommodation (including 1 overnight ferry (STO-HEL), and 2 nights in Midnight Sun cabin) & 5 nights’ cruise accommodation
- Daily breakfast, 8 lunches (including 6 on Hurtigruten)
- 10 dinners (including 5 on Hurtigruten) & 1 farewell dinner in local restaurant in Bergen
- City tours of Stockholm, Helsinki & Bergen
- Second-class rail journey from Helsinki - Rovaniemi
- First-class coach for transfers and sightseeing as per program
- English-speaking tour manager from Day 1 – Day 8 (Stockholm – Kirkenes)
- Hiking with Huskies Safari
- Midnight Sun Photography Expedition

- Entrances to Stockholm City Hall, Tempeliaukio Rock Church in Helsinki, and Siida museum in Inari.

What’s not included?

- Beverages during the included meals (except where listed above)
- All other meals not mentioned in the itinerary
- Gratuities
- Optional excursions
- International flights
- Travel insurance

Extend Your Stay

Pre and post accommodation, flights and transfers are available to book, please contact us for more information.

Excursions

Take part in Hurtigruten Norwegian Coastal Express southbound excursions during the voyage for additional cost (pre-bookable). Land-based excursions in Finland will be offered on the spot by the tour manager, also at additional cost.

Northern Lights Promise
 If the Aurora Borealis doesn’t appear on your Northern Lights Season cruise, we’ll give you a FREE 6- or 7-day voyage next season to try again.*

*T&Cs apply

