



**NEW TOUR**

# Fjords and Arctic Horizons

## *Journey to the Solstice Sun*

— JUNE 7-25, 2027 —

Journey to Norway and beyond on an Arctic Circle cruise timed for the magic of the Summer Solstice, when daylight extends late into the evening. Explore dramatic landscapes where mountains, fjords, and forests have remained untouched over the centuries, while immersing yourself in the region's rich cultures and history. From fjords to Arctic skies, this voyage is filled with experiences found nowhere else on earth.

### DAYS 1-2: WELCOME TO ENGLAND!

Following your included overnight flight, arrive in London and enjoy a relaxed city tour. Pass some of London's most celebrated sites: the stately Houses of Parliament and Big Ben, historic Westminster Abbey, and majestic St. Paul's Cathedral. Settle into our hotel for the next three nights and enjoy a warm welcome dinner. **D**

### DAY 3: GREENWICH/ROCHESTER, ENGLAND

Travel a short distance to the historic riverside district of Greenwich, long associated with Britain's maritime history. Stroll among the graceful buildings of the Old Royal Naval College and stand astride the Prime Meridian. Continue southeast through the Kent countryside to the historic town of Rochester, which was beloved by novelist Charles Dickens. Admire towering Rochester Castle, a powerful reminder of the years following the Norman Conquest of 1066, and Rochester Cathedral, one of England's oldest churches founded over 1,400 years ago. Enjoy time strolling Rochester's wonderfully preserved High Street, lined with historic buildings, shops, and cafes. **B, D**



#### DAY 4: FREE DAY IN LONDON

Today is yours to enjoy London at your own pace. Book a public day trip to Stonehenge, visit the Tower of London to see the Crown Jewels, explore the galleries of the British Museum, or wander through lively Covent Garden with its cafes, performers, and shops. For those interested, your Tour Director will lead an optional excursion using London's famous Underground to Westminster for a scenic cruise along the River Thames, gliding past many of London's greatest landmarks before arriving at Tower Bridge. **B, D**

#### DAY 5: CANTERBURY/MS NIEUW STATENDAM

Depart London and travel to the medieval city of Canterbury, one of the most important pilgrimage sites in Europe. Visit the magnificent Canterbury Cathedral, seat of the Archbishop of Canterbury and the inspiration for Geoffrey Chaucer's famous *Canterbury Tales*. This afternoon, travel to Dover to board the *MS Nieuw Statendam* and begin your Arctic adventure. Enjoy time to settle into your cabin and become familiar with the ship. Optional shore excursions are available in each port, or you may simply enjoy the ship's amenities. During the voyage, our group will gather for two private cocktail receptions. **B, D**

#### DAY 6: ROTTERDAM, NETHERLANDS

Arrive in lively Rotterdam, Europe's busiest port and a modern architectural marvel. Choose to admire buildings designed by famed architects Rem Koolhaas and Norman Foster, or travel back in time to historic Delfshaven, the point from which the Pilgrims set sail for the New World aboard the *Speedwell* in 1620. You will have ample opportunities to explore Rotterdam's world-class museums, abundant shopping, and Dutch heritage. **B, L, D**

#### DAY 7: DAY AT SEA

Slow down, unwind, and enjoy your day at sea. Take advantage of the ship's amenities, from leisurely meals and spa treatments to entertainment and enrichment programs. **B, L, D**



Visit the medieval city of Canterbury

#### DAY 8: ÅLESUND, NORWAY

Visit the charming fishing town of Ålesund, often called Norway's most beautiful city. Rebuilt in striking Art Nouveau style after a devastating 1904 fire, its colorful buildings feature turrets, spires, and intricate Viking-inspired details that celebrate Norway's independence. Bordering the Norwegian Sea, this area is also famous for its stunning mountain ranges and fjords. Available excursions allow you explore Ålesund's history and architecture, visit one of Europe's largest aquariums, or witness the natural beauty of nearby landscapes. **B, L, D**

#### DAY 9: TRONDHEIM, NORWAY/CRUISING TRONDHEIMSFJORD

This morning, connect with history in Trondheim, Norway's Viking capital. The town's easily walkable city center offers many options to discover. Appreciate the quaint, colorful architecture, visit the 11<sup>th</sup> century Gothic Nidaros Cathedral, or immerse yourself in history at the Trondelag Open-Air Folk Museum. This afternoon, sail the Trondheimsfjord along the route of the Vikings. Because it is ice-free year-round, this fjord is home to a vast array of marine life and deepwater corals. **B, L, D**

#### DAY 10: DAY AT SEA **B, L, D**

#### DAY 11: HONNINGSVAG, NORWAY/CRUISING NORTH CAPE

As one of the northernmost cities in mainland Norway, Honningsvåg is famous for its fishing industry, colorful houses, and prime location to experience the midnight sun. This town also serves as the gateway to the North Cape, a 1,000-foot cliff overlooking the Arctic Ocean, which is accessible via excursions from the port. If you choose to wander through Honningsvåg's quaint streets, you may visit the North Cape Museum, sample some King Crab, or stop by the statue of Bamse, the Saint Bernard dog that became the mascot of the Free Norwegian Forces during World

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War II. Later, journey to “the top of Europe” as you cruise the North Cape, where towering cliffs rise dramatically above the icy waters of the Barents Sea. From the ship, enjoy panoramic views of rugged Arctic landscapes, seabird colonies, and cliffs bathed in the light of the midnight sun. **B, L, D**

**DAY 12: TROMSO, NORWAY**

Tromsø, the “Gateway to the Arctic,” is a vibrant city known for its natural beauty and cultural heritage. Nestled between fjords and mountains, its colorful streets feature historic houses, lively cafes, and museums, while the striking Arctic Cathedral and panoramic views from the Fjellheisen cable car showcase the region’s natural beauty. You may also choose to spot wildlife, interact with sled dogs, or visit the Northern Lights Planetarium. **B, L, D**

**DAY 13: DAY AT SEA *B, L, D***

**DAY 14: ÅNDALSNES, NORWAY**

Åndalsnes lies at the mouth of the Rauma River by the Romsdalsfjord, surrounded by stunning mountain scenery and cascading waterfalls. Visitors can stroll along the quiet streets of this charming village and take in views of the Rauma River winding through the fjord. A short walk brings you to scenic viewpoints where mountains rise dramatically above waterfalls and the surrounding valleys. Shore excursions offer a chance to venture deep into Norway’s rugged natural beauty. **B, L, D**

**DAY 15: HAUGESUND, NORWAY**

Haugesund was once a center of Viking power and home to Norway’s first king, Harald Fairhair, who is buried nearby along the Karmsundet Strait. A monument honors his victory at the Battle of Hafrsfjord, which united the country in the late 9<sup>th</sup> century. Today, Haugesund blends history with culture, featuring lively waterfront restaurants, museums, and easy access to the glaciers of Folgefonna National Park and the dramatic Langfoss waterfall. **B, L, D**

**DAY 16: SHETLAND ISLANDS, UK**

Experience a unique blend of Norse and Scottish heritage in Lerwick, the capital of the Shetland Islands. Shetland is also home to diverse animal life including the iconic Shetland ponies, recognizable for their distinctive short stature and thick coats. Choose to explore independent shops, local eateries, or the Mareel arts center, celebrating Shetland’s thriving music, film, and arts community in this town dating back to the 1600s. **B, L, D**

**DAY 17: INVERNESS, SCOTLAND**

Welcome to the Scottish Highlands, a wild and storied region of the United Kingdom. The city of Inverness, considered the Highland capital, offers a storied history, excellent dining, and quaint shops. Excursions also offer easy access to dramatic landscapes and castles, Loch Ness, and the Culloden Battlefield. **B, L, D**

**DAY 18: DAY AT SEA *B, L, D***

**DAY 19: RETURN HOME**

Return from your incredible adventure as our journey comes to an end. Bring back the unforgettable memories of breathtaking landscapes, rich history, vibrant cultures, and the special moments shared along the way. **B** 🌱

*Pricing Table*

| Stateroom | Double  | Single   |
|-----------|---------|----------|
| Outside   | \$7,547 | \$10,617 |
| Verandah  | \$7,897 | \$11,267 |

**ADDITIONAL EXPENSES:**

- \$305 in port taxes and fees (per person)
- Daily onboard gratuity while cruising
- Optional excursions at each port city
- Specialty dining experiences
- Packages: Wi-Fi, beverage, etc.

**TOUR DETAILS**

**19 Days • 47 Meals**

**Jun 7-25, 2027**

**Price Per Person:**

See Table

Pre/Post Hotel: Call for pricing

**Depart/Return:**

Chicago, IL

**HIGHLIGHTS**

- Sail through the Arctic during the summer solstice
- Visit Trondheim, Norway’s Viking capital
- Explore iconic UK cities such as London, Canterbury, and Rochester
- Cruise through stunning fjords in the Trondheimsfjord and North Cape
- Visit the Shetland Islands and Scottish Highlands

**ACCOMMODATIONS**

**Nights 2-4:** Hyatt Place London

City East Hotel, London, UK

**Nights 5-18:** MS Nieuw Statendam

