



## **Switzerland by Train and Norway's Northern Lights Cruise and Tour 2026**

28 Day Small Group Tour.

Only 19 seats.

**Fully Escorted from Maitland by Warwick (Curly)  
Gladman**

**2 Oct – 29 October 2026**



## **Day 1 Friday October 2, 2026**

### **Day 2, Saturday October 3** Arrive in Zurich, Switzerland

On arrival transfer to your hotel & check in. The rest of the day is free for you to explore Zurich with the help of the Cosmos GO app. Tonight, meet your Tour Director and travel companions. (Dinner).

### **Day 3, Sunday October 4** Zurich–Lucerne

Board the train for your journey from Zurich to Lucerne. Lucerne is one of Switzerland's most idyllic medieval cities, surrounded by a beautiful lake and nestled amidst snow-capped Alps. The rest of the day is at leisure to discover the delights of this charming city such as the famous wooden bridge or the picturesque town centre. Today's Distance: 37 mi/ 60 km (Breakfast).

### **Day 4, Monday October 5** Lucerne–Interlaken–Goldenpass Mob Panoramic Train to Montreux–Lausanne

Depart Lucerne on the Lucerne-Interlaken Express. Cross Brunig Pass en route to Interlaken and spend some time strolling through the quaint streets or aim a little higher with an optional excursion by funicular to the Harder Kulm for lunch and magnificent views of the legendary Eiger, Mönch, and Jungfrau peaks. From Interlaken, take the Golden Pass panoramic train for your unforgettable journey to Montreux, then continue to Lausanne.

Today's Distance: 155 mi/ 250 km (Breakfast).

### **Day 5, Tuesday October 6** Lausanne–

#### Montreux–Täsch–Zermatt Area

Discover the delightful Swiss mountain region of Zermatt. En route, stop to visit the town of Montreux, situated on the shores of Lake Geneva, surrounded by vineyards against the breathtaking backdrop of snow-covered Alps. Enjoy some free time or consider an optional guided excursion to Chillon Castle, standing as solid as its rocky island on which it has endured on the water's edge for nearly four centuries.

Enjoy a wine tasting of local wine before continuing by train to Zermatt. Today's Distance: 109 mi/ 175 km (Breakfast, Dinner).



### **Day 6, Wednesday October 7** Zermatt. Gornergrat Excursion

An included excursion takes you to the famous Gornergrat, traveling on board Europe's highest rack railway. The views of the Matterhorn from its summit are nothing short of spectacular. The rest of the day is at leisure in Zermatt—with a variety of interesting shops, cafés, bars, and picturesque streets to explore. (Breakfast).

### **Day 7, Thursday October 8** Zermatt Area–Glacier Express–St. Moritz

The train journey today aboard the spectacular Glacier Express is without a doubt one of the main highlights of the tour. Enjoy unforgettable views as you make your way through the unspoiled natural beauty of the Alps on the direct route to the world-famous mountain resort of St. Moritz. This picture-perfect town is more than just a holiday resort. It was also the birthplace of Alpine winter tourism (in 1864) and has twice hosted the Winter Olympics. Stretch your legs this evening, and admire the beautiful chalets decorated with gorgeous geraniums. Today's Distance: 174 mi/ 280 km (Breakfast, Dinner).

**Day 8, Friday October 9 St. Moritz. Bernina Express Excursion to Tirano, Italy**

Take the Bernina Express train (a UNESCO World Heritage Site) to Tirano and back for one of Europe's most spectacular and breathtaking train rides. Travel across the lofty Bernina Pass via the Swiss Poschiavo area to Tirano in the Italian Valtellina, witnessing an array of beautiful mountain streams, glaciers, and alpine scenery along the way. Today's Distance: 75 mi/ 120 km (Breakfast).

**Day 9, Saturday October 10 St. Moritz–Zurich**

Leave St. Moritz for the journey back to Zurich. Enjoy some time at leisure and take a stroll around the city centre. Perhaps indulge in some chocolate tasting or follow the course of the river Limmat until it reaches the banks of Lake Zurich. Today's Distance: 137 mi/ 220 km (Breakfast).

**Day 10, Sunday October 11 Zurich**

Your rail holiday ends with breakfast this morning. Transfer to the airport for your 2.35 pm flight to Oslo. (Breakfast)

Afternoon arrival in Oslo. A 5-minute walk to our hotel from the train. Comfort Hotel Grand Central 3.5\* is Oslo's most central hotel. Right in the newly opened Ostbanehallen, packed with restaurants, cafes and shops. Combine this with modern design in New York style, and you get a hotel experience beyond the ordinary. Breakfast & Dinner included.

**Day 11 Monday October 12 Oslo City Tour 10.00 am - 3.30 pm.**

This tour includes all major and "must-see" attractions in Oslo. The bus will take you through the city centre of Oslo, to the Vigeland Sculpture Park and to the Ski Jump at Holmenkollen. Then the unique polar ship Fram in the Fram Museum and the Folk Park.

Transportation by Coach, services of local guides and entrance fees to attractions. Breakfast. Comfort Hotel Grand Central.

**Day 12 Tuesday October 13 Oslo**

Free Day. Breakfast. Comfort Hotel Grand Central.

**Day 13 Wednesday October 14 Oslo – Kirkenes 0840/1055**

Early morning train to the airport for an 8.40 am flight to Kirkenes.

Upon your arrival in Kirkenes transfer to the Thon Hotel 4\*.

Afternoon Free. Breakfast, Dinner.

5.00 pm Snow Hotel Tour and Dinner.

On this tour you will get a guided tour of the Snowhotel 365, as well as a three-course dinner in our unique Laven Restaurant.

Your driver will pick you up in Kirkenes, and after a 15-minute drive we will arrive at the Snowhotel Kirkenes. Your guide will escort you to the cozy Gabba cafe, where you will receive a warm welcome by the fire.

The tour continues through the Snowhotel, where you can admire the ice art and enjoy a welcome drink in the ice bar.

Afterwards, it's time to go back up to the warm restaurant to enjoy a 3-course dinner made from local, arctic ingredients. After dinner, the ice bar is open for a drink and some cool photos before the evening is over. At 20:45 our driver will take you back to Kirkenes. If you want to stay longer in the icebar, or upstairs in the restaurant, you can of course order a taxi later (at your own expense) Keep your eye out for the Northern lights, they can appear at any time. Breakfast, Dinner.



**Day 14 Thursday October 15 Kirkenes**

Thon Hotel Kirkenes. Morning Free

Join Sami artist John Henrik Mienna for an exclusive journey. We will pick you up at your hotel in Kirkenes and drive you to Snowhotel Kirkenes. First, we start by meeting our 4 majestic reindeer. You

will learn about reindeer and feed them from your hand with their favourite tundra food, lichen. The journey will continue into our reindeer pen, where we will walk up to our Lavvu - Sami tent. Here by the campfire, you will hear stories about the Sami, both from folklore and from John Henriks own experiences, culminating with a performance of "Joik" - the unique Sami art of singing.

However, the evening doesn't end there, but goes on as you enter the unique Snowhotel, and get the full scope of the icy majesty, on your way up to the Laven Restaurant. You enter straight into the restaurant from the Snowhotel, and one flight of stairs up, the cosiness of "Laven" ("the barn") meets you. Here you will enjoy an exclusive arctic 3 course dinner.

The dinner is Sami inspired, and what other ingredients than reindeer, the cornerstone of Sami diet and lifestyle. After dinner you can visit our ice bar, before your transfer takes you back to Kirkenes. Enjoy the Sami culture in full, both in mind and palate this winter evening.

At 9.15 pm it is time to meet at the reception for the Hunting the Northern lights trip. On this bus tour our driver will take you far from the light pollution, and drive east towards the Russian border, west toward Finland, or south into the Pasvik valley, depending on the aurora forecast. You will be back at the Thon Hotel by midnight. Breakfast, Dinner.

### **Day 15 Friday October 16 Kirkenes**

Morning Free

At 2.30 pm we will visit Andersgrotta WW2 Bomb Shelter.

On this tour you will be met by our experienced guide outside in the centre of Kirkenes, and you will be taken inside the cave, which is the biggest WW2 bomb shelter in the area. You will see and learn about how the civilians lived during the world war, as well as crucial and interesting details of the role Kirkenes played in the war. Included in the tour is a 10-minute documentary film (English, German and Norwegian language), based on archives and new recordings.

Afternoon Free. Breakfast.



### **Day 16 Saturday October 17 Kirkenes Hotel Thon**



9.30 am Original King Crab Safari.

Our fisherman/guide will pick you up at your hotel and take you to the Snowhotel. Here your guide will help you dress and give security instructions, before going out in RIB-boats to reach the fishing location. The trip will stop by fishing boats in Kirkenes, and you will learn about King crab fishing, and other fishing and maritime facts. After that we go to pull up the cages, and then to "the other side" to slaughter the crabs. "The Other side" is

our little, rustic boathouse restaurant across the fjord from Kirkenes. After getting some mandatory pictures with your big catch, coffee/tea is served while the Crabs are being steamed. The crab legs are served northern Norwegian style with bread, butter, mayonnaise and lemon, and our expert will also teach how to open the legs like a king or queen. Drinks, wine, beer or mineral water can be ordered by the table. After the meal we head back over the fjord to Kirkenes, and you will be driven back to your hotel. Afternoon free. Breakfast, Lunch.



### **Day 17-22 October 18 - 23 Norwegian Coastal Express Cruise - MS Nordkapp**

Sailing the Norwegian coast since 1996, MS Nordkapp was christened by Norway's Queen Sonja in 1996 and her maiden voyage was to the Shetland Islands.

Since 2007, the vessel has been part of Hurtigruten's fleet of ships dedicated to sailing the Norwegian coastline.

MS Nordkapp was refurbished in 2016 and now features a modern, Arctic-inspired interior. On board are three different restaurants, a Multe bakery and ice cream bar, a sauna and fitness room. Out on deck you can enjoy the view from one of our two hot tubs. We also have a cosy bar at the front of the ship where you can enjoy a nice traditional drink.

The ship additionally has a large compass area with reception, a tour guide, conference room, and shop. Note: The capacity of 473 Guests.



#### **For being active & enjoying food:**

- A range of thought-provoking lectures with the Coastal Experience Team
- Snowshoes and walking poles available for rent
- Main restaurant Torget for all three daily meals
- A la carte fine-dining restaurant Kysten
- All-day dining bistro Brygga
- Sauna and fitness rooms
- Ice cream and bakery Multe.

#### **The Coastal Experience**

During your voyage, our onboard Coastal Experience Team will enhance your experience by offering engaging insights on the nature, wildlife, and culture you encounter along the way. Join one of their expert lectures, listen to them talk about wildlife on deck, or head ashore with them on a 'friluftsliv' hike.

### **Cruise Itinerary**

**Day 1:** After breakfast transfers to the Hurtigruten Cruise Terminal. Board ship and depart at 12.30 pm.

**Day 2:** Mehamn – Tromsø

#### **Included Excursions: Hammerfest 11.00 am**

The Northernmost Town In The World. Join us on a coach tour that explores and explains the events that have shaped Hammerfest, a town at the top of Europe. Enjoy a scenic bus tour of one of the world's northernmost towns. Learn about Norway's WWII history at the Museum of Reconstruction

See the UNESCO-listed Meridian Column. Enjoy breathtaking views from Mount Salen  
Tromsø Midnight Concert in Tromsø Cathedral 11.45 pm

Join us for a unique musical experience at a memorable midnight concert in one of the region's most beautiful churches. Explore Tromsø's magnificent cathedral, which stands as a landmark in the heart of the city and faces the seaward approach to welcome visitors. In this majestic setting, experience an unforgettable concert performed by the region's leading professional musicians. Lean back on a wooden pew, admire the cathedral's remarkable interior, and embark on a journey through the region's musical heritage.

### **Day 3: Tromsø – Stamsund**

#### **Included Excursions: Harstad - 8.00 – 12.30 A Taste of Vesterålen**

*This popular, classic excursion takes you on a sightseeing tour of Harstad and historic Trondenes. Enjoy the beautiful fjord landscape along Kvæfjord before boarding a ferry across the Gullfjord. We'll begin our excursion with a short sightseeing tour of the streets of Harstad.*

*This is the third largest community in Northern Norway with a history connected to herring fishing, the military, and in more recent times, offshore oil. On a clear day, you should be able to spot Trondenes peninsula to the north of the town. Here, you'll visit a white 13th century mediaeval stone church, the northernmost of its kind in the world. We'll drop in at the Trondenes Historical Centre which displays objects discovered in the region throughout history, from the early Stone Age through to Viking times, the Middle Ages, and the present day. The museum also has a reconstructed farmstead dating from around 1200 with a granary, forge and stave church.*

*From Trondenes, the bus will take us for a scenic drive across Hinnøya Island to meet our ferry at Gullfjord. On board, savour a hot drink and freshly made waffles and lefse along with the views. The tour then continues by bus along Sigerfjord to Sortland where you'll rejoin your ship.*

**Included Excursion Stokmarknes - Hurtigruten Museum.** *Enjoy the scenery as we make our way by bus from Sortland to Stokmarknes, the birthplace of Hurtigruten. On the waterfront, you'll find a full-sized ship encased within a large glass building. Here, our very own MS Finnmarken from 1956 has been lovingly restored and transformed into a museum in honour of The Coastal Express. Hurtigrutemuseet preserves archives, photographs and artefacts that chronicle the birth and evolution of The Coastal Express, our pivotal contribution to coastal communities, and the transformation that had on the Norwegian coast. On a guided tour, you'll get to explore 1956 MS Finnmarken's bridge, galley, engine room, classic dining room, and cabins. Then, you can relax in the lounge from the first ever Coastal Express ship, DS Finnmarken from 1912. With knowledgeable guides and a range of interactive exhibitions, Hurtigrutemusset promises a memorable visit, encapsulating and celebrating the legacy of the original Norwegian coastal voyage.*

### **Day 4: Bodø – Rørvik**

### **Day 5: Trondheim – Ålesund**

#### **Included Excursions: Trondheim With Nidaros Cathedral**

*Take a bus tour of Trondheim, an ancient city rich in history and culture that also serves as one of Norway's major academic and research centre.*

*Founded as early as 997, this age-old Viking capital is full of culture and history, but it has also established itself as a leader of innovation and Norway's centre of knowledge. A bus tour of Trondheim brings us past the former capital's beautiful red city bridge and old wooden wharf buildings of the Baklandet neighbourhood that have stood along the Nid River since the 18th century.*

*We'll then enjoy the magnificent panorama of the bustling city from the Utsikten viewpoint which overlooks nearby Kristiansten Fortress and gives a view of Munkholmen island in the fjord. Next stop is Nidaros Cathedral, Norway's national shrine. Built over the tomb of St. Olav in 1070, it boasts stunning architecture and ornate Gothic-style decoration carved masterfully into the stone. After a fascinating guided tour of the cathedral, you'll pick up a complimentary book about Norway's Notre Dame to take home as a souvenir.*

#### **Included Excursion Bergtatt – Magnificent Marble Mine**

*Travelling from Kristiansund, we're met by our guides at Bergtatt who kit us out with all the*

*necessary gear and give a safety demonstration. We're now ready for an unforgettable journey into the enchanting marble caves. Mining operations have been taking place here since 1938 and are still ongoing in other parts of the mountain. We'll head into the heart of the mountain and board rafts on the illuminated crystal-clear lake. As we glide along the calm water, we stop to get a taste of the pure water that springs from the rock wall.*

*We'll then be led to the Grand Hall for a unique subterranean dining experience. Seated at candlelit tables, you'll feast on a meat and vegetable stew, made from local ingredients. Amid this magical atmosphere, we'll watch a fascinating film about the marble mine.*

*After emerging from our underground adventure, we'll board the bus and enjoy a short tour of Molde. And then re board our ship.*

#### **Day 6: Alesund – Bergen Disembark and transfer to hotel for 2 nights in Bergen**

Cruise Optional Excursion – Snowmobile Trip in the Polar Night \$600 (2025 price)

Day 2 18 October Mehamn - Kjollefjord Snow Mobile at night drive yourself 2h15m 1.20am – 3.25 am Subject to weather conditions.

**Day 22 Thursday October 23** Arrive Bergen & transfer to your hotel for a 2-night stay. Afternoon free. Zander K Hotel 3.5\* Across the street from the railway station. Breakfast, Dinner.

**Day 23 Friday October 24** Bergen. Morning Walking Tour. Afternoon free time to use your Bus Pass. Breakfast.



**Day 24 Saturday October 25** Bergen – Flam.

Norway in a Nutshell. Bergen –Flam.

This morning, we depart by ferry to Flam. The Sognefjord area is said to be one of the most beautiful travel destinations in the world. It is the longest fjord in Norway and is described by many as "The King of Fjords". Explore the magnificent Sognefjord by boat this summer. Travel like the locals and take a boat ride with Norleds comfortable express boats. The Sognefjord is located in the middle of Fjord Norway and stretches right into the foot of Jotunheimen and Jostedal national park. Nature is both dramatic and hospitable, and you can take part in exhilarating activities. The trips start through the magical streams along the coast, passing Vardetangen, Norway's westernmost mainland point, Mongstad and the historical Skjerjehamn, once an important trade post along the coast.

You enter the Sognefjord after about 2 hours of travel, and you will also get a view of Jostedal Glacier. Enjoy the fantastic landscape from comfortable chairs in the saloons, or stay outside on deck and enjoy the view and feel the wind in your hair. There's a small cafeteria on the ferry.

Our next two nights in Flam. Tonight, we'll savour the local fare with a Viking Plank Dinner.

Flamsbrygga Hotel. Breakfast and Dinner included.

**PLEASE NOTE: YOU ARE ONLY ALLOWED AN OVERNIGHT/CARRY ON BAG FOR THE NEXT TWO NIGHTS. LUGGAGE WILL BE TRANSPORTED TO OSLO AND WILL BE AT YOUR HOTEL WHEN YOU ARRIVE ON.**

**Day 25 Sunday 26 October** Norway in a Nutshell, Flam

Free day to explore Flam.

Flamsbrygga Hotel. Breakfast and Dinner included.

**Day 26 Monday 27 October** Norway in a Nutshell Flam – Oslo by Train on the famous Flam Railway. to Myrdal where we change trains for Oslo.

Overnight Oslo.

**Day 27 Tuesday October 28** Depart Oslo 9.55 am via CPH & SIN for Sydney Dinner & Breakfast & Dinner inflight.

**Day 28 Wednesday October 29** Arrive Sydney 9.15 pm and transfer back to Maitland.



**Inclusions:**

- Return transfers to Sydney Airport from Greenhills Travel Centre.
- Flights 9 Day tour of Switzerland by Train
- 26 nights Hotel accommodation
- 6-day Cruise Kirkenes to Bergen – Double/Twin Cabins with window on Middle or Upper Deck. Single Cabins Middle Deck with Porthole. All cabins have showers and toilets.
- Beverages are included in all meals. Breakfast includes coffee, tea, water, juices and milk. Lunch and dinner include water, coffee and tea. Alcoholic beverages are not included. City Sightseeing and day tours as per the itinerary. Want to know more about the ship.  
<https://www.hurtigruten.com/en-au/ships/ms-nordkapp>  
Remember this is a working ship. The average cabin size is 8-11 sq/m.
- All day tours and excursions include entrance fees if applicable.  
26 Breakfasts, 16 dinners, 6 lunches.
- Fully escorted by Warwick (Curly) Gladman

***\$19,675 per person***

*Price as at 14 July 2025 subject to change.*

Cost per person Twin/Double Share. Single Traveller Supplement applies. \$5,900

Upgrades to Premium Economy or Business Class may be available.

***Call to book, only 19 spaces available on this tour.***





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