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GREENHILLS
TRAVEL CENTRE
2027 SWITZERLAND
by RAIL & NORWAY's
NORTHERN LIGHTS CRUISE
SMALL GROUP TOUR

**Fully Escorted from Maitland by Warwick (Curly) Gladman 30
Days - 17 September 2027 Oct – 16 October 2027**



Day 1 SEP 17 Transfer from Greenhills Travel Centre to Sydney Airport (Dinner Inflight)

Day 2 SEP 18 ARRIVE IN ZURICH, SWITZERLAND

On arrival transfer to your hotel & check in. The rest of the afternoon is free for you to explore Zurich. (Breakfast, Lunch in flight) Ibis Zurich City West or Similar

Day 3 SEP 19 Zurich Free Day to explore Zurich with the help of the Cosmos GO app. Tonight, meet your Tour Director and travel companions. (Breakfast, Dinner) Ibis Zurich City West

Day 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. *Included Excursion 8.00 am **Cruise across Lake Lucerne** - Experience the hypnotic beauty of sparkling Lake Lucerne—the picturesque Lake of the Four Cantons—on this enjoyable 1-hour sightseeing cruise. Board a comfortable private covered boat for a leisurely narrated voyage around the 44-square-mile (114-square-kilometer) lake. Cruise past forested hillsides, lush meadows and towering peaks as you enjoy a completely different perspective of Lucerne and learn its enchanting history—including its ties to legendary Swiss folk hero William Tell!*

This excursion will commence at approximately 8am and the duration is 1.5 hours.

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. *Included tonight **Swiss Folklore Evening**: Not all Swiss can yodel or blow the alp horn, but those who can will amaze you at this fun evening of authentic Swiss folk entertainment. Relax at a rustic table in a typical Old Town restaurant where colorful banners, wooden walls and quaint balconies add to the atmosphere. Here you will enjoy merry accordion tunes and traditional dances as you savor a hearty feast of Swiss specialties such as classic cheese fondue. This excursion will commence at approximately 6 pm and the duration is 3 hours including traveling time. 6.00 pm*

Today's Distance: 37 mi/ 60 km (Breakfast, Dinner)

Day 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.

***LUNCH WITH A VIEW OVER INTERLAKEN** Take in a view fit for a king on this remarkable excursion to the top of Interlaken. Take a seat on the funicular and travel just 10 minutes upward to the breathtaking Harder Kulm*

scenic overlook. At 1,322 meters (4,334 feet) in elevation, it affords unequalled views over the towns of Interlaken and Unterseen as well as the Bernese Oberland (Highlands); the soaring Eiger, Mönch and Jungfrau mountains; and the sparkling, turquoise Brienz and Thun Alpine lakes. Enjoy a pleasant lunch at the castle-like Harder Kulm Panorama Restaurant before your descent back to Interlaken.

This excursion duration is approximately 2 hours.

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 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. *Included excursion **Chillon Castle Discovery and Swiss Wine Tasting** - Experience the beauty and magic of Lake Geneva, one of Western Europe's largest lakes, on this remarkable guided visit to Chillon Castle! Begin with a short water crossing by boat to the fabled island castle, a strategic site that has been occupied since the Bronze Age. Led by an expert guide, learn how this former Roman outpost, medieval fortress and prison prompted writings by Lord Byron and Henry James and served as inspiration for the castle in Disney's "The Little Mermaid". Afterward, join a tasting of the locally produced wines. You'll even receive a souvenir glass to take home with you!*

This excursion will commence at approximately 1.30pm and the duration is 2 hours

Today's Distance: 109 mi/ 175 km (Breakfast, Dinner)

Day 7 ZERMATT. GORNERGRAT EXCURSION

This 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 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 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 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 11 SEP 27 ZURICH - OSLO

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 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 13 Oslo Explore Oslo with your Hop on Hop off Bus ticket. Breakfast

Day 14 Oslo Explore Oslo with your Hop on Hop off Bus ticket. Oslo by night! A curated 3-course dinner with a live pianist whilst you sail past the iconic landmarks on the Oslo fjord. Breakfast, Dinner

Day 15 OCT 1 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 ice bar, 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.

Thon Hotel Kirkenes or similar. .Breakfast, Dinner

Day 16 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 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 17 Kirkenes

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 Kirkenes 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, where 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' lives were 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, Lunch Hotel Thon

Day 18-23 October 4-9 Oct 2027 Norwegian Coastal Express Cruise - MS Nordlys Both the name and the interior design of this modern hybrid ship are inspired by the spectacular Northern Lights. The art, décor and colours employed aboard this ship are all inspired by the Northern Lights. The delicate aesthetic creates a distinct and unique on-board ambience. Relax after a long day experiencing various excursions and activities in comfy reclining chairs in the one of the ship's lounges. On board are three different restaurants, a Multe bakery and ice cream bar, a sauna and fitness room. The ship additionally has a large compass area with reception, a tour guide, conference room and shop. Note: The capacity of 590 Guests

For being active & enjoying food:

A range of thought-provoking lectures with the Coastal Experience Team

Main restaurant Torget for all three daily meals

A la carte fine-dining restaurant Kysten

All-day dining bistro Brygga

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

Day 19: 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

Included Excursion: 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 20: 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 Gullesfjord. 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 Gullesfjord. 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 21: Bodø – Rørvik

Day 22: 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 23: Ålesund – Bergen Disembark and transfer to hotel for 2 nights in Bergen

Day 23 October 9 2027 Arrive Bergen & transfer to your hotel for a 2-night stay. Afternoon free. Scandic Neptun Hotel or similar.. Breakfast, Dinner

Day 24 Bergen. Morning Walking Tour. Afternoon free.

Day 25 Bergen – Flam. Norway in a Nutshell. Bergen –Flam. 8.00 am this morning 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. Arrive Flam 1.40 pm. Our next two nights in Flam. Fretheim Hotel. Tonight, we'll savour the local fare with a Viking Plank Dinner. 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 THE 27th.

Day 26 Norway in a Nutshell, Flam

Free day to explore Flam

Flamsbrygga Hotel. Breakfast and Dinner included.

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

Overnight Oslo. Breakfast, Comfort Grand Hotel

Day 28 Flytoget train to the airport 10.30 am Depart Oslo 2.00 pm for Sydney. Dinner & Breakfast & Lunch inflight.

Day 29 Arrive Sydney 10.30 pm Overnight Rydges Sydney Airport Hotel

Day 30 16 October 2027 Transfer back to Maitland.



Switzerland: To make your train journey more comfortable, one piece of luggage will be transferred from one hotel to the next. This rail tour requires guests to walk between hotels and train stations. Uneven terrain and stairs in some train stations and included experiences may pose challenges for guests with physical limitations or reliant on mobility devices such as wheelchairs. High altitudes may be challenging for some guests. Maximum elevation is 10,100 ft. (3086 m) at Gornergrat and 5,978 ft (1,822 m) at St. Moritz.

INCLUSIONS

- Return transfers to Sydney Airport from Greenhills Travel Centre.
- Flights (Upgrades to Premium Economy and Business Class subject to availability extra cost.
- 9 Day tour of Switzerland by Train
- Excursions included
- 20 nights Hotel accommodation. 5 nights onboard ship. Excursions included
- 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.
- Non Alcoholic Beverages are included with all meals. Breakfast includes coffee, tea, water, juices and milk.
- Lunch and dinner include water, coffee and tea. Alcoholic beverages extra. City Sightseeing and day tours as per the itinerary. Want to know more about the ship? <https://www.hurtigruten.com/en-au/ships/ms-nordlys>
- 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. 7 lunches.
- No tipping is required in Norway
- Fully escorted by Warwick (Curly) Gladman

Extras

17 Lunches, 8 Dinners and alcoholic beverages.

Budget and extra \$700 for extra lunches and dinners. Alcohol, I have no idea.

Gratuities cannot be prepaid anymore in Europe. Allow \$100 for the tour guide on the Swiss Rail Tour.

Price \$24,920 Cost per person Twin/Double Share. **Single \$28,042** Single Traveller.

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