

## 9D8N : Polar Lights: From North Cape to the Lofoten Islands



### Trip Overview

#### WORLD'S ONLY LUXURY POLAR ICEBREAKER

##### Deep Polar **Exploration**

Winter is silently approaching, and near the Arctic Circle daylight is slowly fading, giving way to the long twilight that precedes the darkness. From the welcoming comfort of Le Commandant Charcot, take time to discover the shores of Norway, including the breathtaking Lofoten archipelago. See the North Cape, the tip of mainland Europe, and explore the rugged coastline at the edge of the Arctic and the natural sanctuaries of Norway: dolomite cliffs, an archaeological site dating from the Bronze Age, pine forests, and Lapland, home to the Sami, one of Europe's last indigenous communities.

### Trip Highlights

- ? Sail to the North Cape, an emblematic site and the northernmost point of continental Europe
- ? Enjoy one included excursion\* per person per stop during your cruise, from a selection curated by our destination experts.
- ? Discover the Lofoten archipelago, a jewel offering wild nature and a Viking heritage.
- ? Immerse yourself in the coastline, the fishing villages, and the magnificent landscapes of Norwegian Lapland.

# Trip Itinerary

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|---------------------|---------------------------|
| Destination:        | Norway                    |
| Departure Location: | Tromsø                    |
| Return Location:    | Narvik                    |
| Tour Validity:      | 24 Oct 2026 - 01 Nov 2026 |

## Day 01: TROMSØ (EMBARKATION)

In the north of the Arctic circle you'll discover **Tromsø**, a secluded town located in the county of Troms. Norwegians call it the "Paris of the north". You'll soon see why when you discover its extensive neoclassical architectural heritage. A stunning example is the **Arctic cathedral**, a major monument whose stylistic purity echoes the outline of the mountains surrounding the town.

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## Day 02: HONNINGSVÅG

If you feel like you have arrived at the end of the world in **Honningsvåg**, it is because this is the case. Halfway between Oslo and the North Pole, it competes with **Hammerfest** for the status of "the northernmost town in Continental Europe". Colourful houses light up this charming and typically Norwegian fishing port nestled in the hollows of the region's mountainous terrain. Travellers come to stay in the village to go to the **North Cape**. At the end of the road, you will see the globe that indicates that you are at the very end of Europe. At this point, only the Svalbard archipelago separates you from the North Pole. There is sea as far as the eye can see. The Northern Lights, the view of the immense cliff plunging into the sea, the thousands of puffins, gannets and cormorants that spin around you: everything here is grandiose.

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## Day 03: SAILING ALONG BJORNØYA (BEAR ISLAND)

Halfway between Norway and Spitsbergen, you will sail not far from the coastlines of **Bjørnøya**, the southernmost island of Svalbard. From your ship, observe this isolated piece of land discovered in 1596 by the Dutch navigator Willem Barents, then looking for the Northwest Passage. Following a tough fight between a polar bear and the members of the expedition, he dubbed the place **Bear Island**. Regularly covered by a thick layer of fog, Bjørnøya shelters a meteorological station built in 1923, which is still in operation. Declared a **nature reserve** in 2002, the island is above all home to an **enormous colony of sea birds**: skuas, guillemots, puffins, Tridactyl gulls, petrels, gulls and little auks all coexist here.

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## Day 04: ALTA

Beyond the Arctic Circle, **Alta**, in the far north of Norway, is the biggest city in Finnmark county. Alta will reveal itself to you at the end of the eponymous fjord, Altafjorden. The region offers a mix of forest, mountainous and coastal landscapes. It is on the verge of obtaining the "sustainable destination" label, a national label awarded to destinations that are committed to a sustainable approach to tourism for the long term. Alta invites you to experience unique moments, whether meeting the **Sami people** ? reindeer herders who have ancestral traditions and yet embrace modernity ? or during walks, snowshoe hikes or dog sledding, depending on the season.

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## Day 06: HARSTAD

Beyond the Arctic Circle, north of the Norwegian Sea and at the gateway to the Vesterålen archipelago and the sumptuous Lofoten islands, **surprising Harstad** enjoys an extraordinary natural setting. A favoured destination for its gentle way of life, the small town and surrounding area are a concentrate of the northern Norway's finest features: **majestic coniferous forests, rugged mountains, bewitching fjords and preserved archipelagos**. As inhospitable as they are magnificent, these lands still bear traces of **the Bronze Age**. For example, work tools, jewels and cairns sheltering many tombs that date back several millennia have been discovered during archaeological excavations.

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## Day 07: LEKNES, LOFOTEN

Way beyond the Arctic Circle, **Lofoten Islands** are truly considered to be in "another world". A jewel of nature in its most pristine state, this archipelago with its jagged coastline offers you majestic settings of high alpine summits, sandy beaches, green prairies and fjords of a deep blue, where countless bird colonies make their nests. Whether you visit Å, or Nusfjord, listed by UNESCO, enjoy authentic and memorable moments.

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## Day 08: NARVIK

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## What's included

### PACKAGE INCLUDES

- 24 hour room service (special selection)
- Butler service (special selection)
- Free unlimited WIFI onboard
- Evening entertainment and events
- Included activities: dog sledding
- kayaking
- hiking or snowshoeing
- ice fishing
- polar diving.
- All meals and beverages included wines
- 08 nights accommodation

### PACKAGE EXCLUDE

- International air tickets
- Airport transfer
- Gratuities

## Price & Cost

| Date                           | Price        | Ship                  |
|--------------------------------|--------------|-----------------------|
| 24 Oct 2026 - 01 Nov 2026      | FULLY BOOKED | Le Commandant Charcot |
| Prestige Stateroom (pppperson) | FULLY BOOKED | Available             |
| Deluxe Suite (pppperson)       | RM 58,701    | Available             |
| Prestige Suite (pppperson)     | FULLY BOOKED | Available             |
| Grand Prestige (pppperson)     | RM 83,130    | Available             |