

**Norway in a Nutshell,
Iceland's Northern Lights,
British Isles & Cities
Discovery Cruise
28 Day Small Group Tour**



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Fully escorted from Australia

Day 1 20 September 2019 Sydney - Oslo Private transfer from Greenhills Travel Centre to Sydney and board our flight to Oslo.

Day 2 Arrive Oslo and Transfer to Hotel. Norway In A Nutshell (Dinner)

Day 3 Norway In A Nutshell- 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 center of Oslo, to the Vigeland Sculpture Park and to the Ski Jump at Holmenkollen. You will see the Viking Ships in the Viking Ship Museum. Then the unique polar ship Fram in the Fram Museum or spectacular expeditions of Thor Heyerdahl in the Kon-Tiki Museum. Transportation by Coach services of local guide and entrance fees to attractions. (Breakfast)

Day 4 Oslo Norway In A Nutshell Free Day (Breakfast, Dinner)

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Day 6 Norway In A Nutshell Oslo to Flam. After Breakfast we take the train to Myrdal and the the famous Flam Train (a marvel of railway engineering). 0825/1258/1327/1425. A 3 minute walk to our hotel. This afternoon free. Free entry to the Flam Railway Museum. Tonight will savour the local fare with a Viking Plank for Dinner. Breakfast, Dinner **PLEASE NOTE: YOU ARE ONLY ALLOWED A OVERNIGHT/CARRY ON BAG FOR THE NEXT TWO NIGHTS. LUGGAGE WILL BE TRANSFERRED TO BERGEN SEPARATELY.**

Day 7 Norway In A Nutshell Flam to Voss. Morning Free to explore Flam. Fjord Cruise to Gudvangen and bus to Voss 1400/1600/1620/1800 (Breakfast, Dinner)

Day 8 Norway In A Nutshell Voss to Bergen by Train. Free morning to explore Voss, take a walk up to the waterfall. 1539/1657 (Breakfast, Dinner)

Day 9 Norway In A Nutshell Bergen. Morning Walking tour of the City. Afternoon Free to use your Bergen City Card. Breakfast

Day 10 Norway In A Nutshell. Bergen Free Day to use your Bergen City Card. Breakfast

Day 11 30 September Bergen to Reykjavik Iceland - Transfer to the airport and board our flight to Reykjavik. Tour Begins Welcome to Iceland, a land and culture forged by fire and ice. Where steaming lava fields and massive glaciers sculpt mountains and valleys, leaving thundering waterfalls and plunging fjords. In this land of many natural wonders, enjoy the rare opportunity to see the aurora borealis — one of nature's most dazzling light displays, also known as the northern lights.*

Day 12 Reykjavik

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Day 13 Reykjavik - Golden Circle -Seljalandsfoss Waterfall - Vik 3 night stay.

Travel the incredible Golden Circle, a route that encompasses many of Iceland's most renowned natural wonders. Journey to Thingvellir National Park, the nation's most historic area. Icelanders gathered here in A.D. 930 and established what is considered one of the world's first parliaments. Find yourself standing upon one of the globe's most geologically significant landscapes, Thingvellir's rugged rift valley, a UNESCO World Heritage site that marks the point where the North American and Eurasian tectonic plates meet. Experience the energy of Icelandic culture with a stop at the geothermal fields of Geysir and Strokkur that erupt every few minutes. Then, marvel at the beauty of the Gullfoss (Golden Falls) waterfall, a stunning 100-foot double cascade. Next, see the beautiful Seljalandsfoss, one of Iceland's most famous and picturesque waterfalls with a walkway behind it. Continue southeast to Vik, the southernmost village in Iceland, surrounded by beautiful valleys, beaches, cliffs and mountains. After dinner, amidst the peace and stillness of rural Iceland, search for the aurora borealis – the elusive northern lights. Overnight Vik. Breakfast & Dinner

Day 14 Eyjafjallajökull Volcano Visitor Centre - Skogar Museum - Vik

Drive along the scenic south shore to the Eyjafjallajökull Volcano Visitor Centre. Learn about a family's struggle to live with the lava during and following the dramatic 2010 explosion of the infamous Eyjafjallajökull volcano that brought European flights to a halt. Visit Skogar Folk Museum, which contains an outstanding collection covering all aspects of Icelandic life including farm and domestic artifacts, as well as turf-built houses. Nearby is the impressive Skógafoss waterfall, one of the largest in Iceland. Later, view Reynisfjara, a black volcanic sand beach surrounded by basalt columns and cliffs scattered with caves and rich bird life including the Fulmar, Black Guillemot, Razorbill, Gannet and various types of seagulls. See the unique natural rock formations at Dyrhólaey. After dinner, gaze at the sky in search of the northern lights, a truly spectacular sight. Overnight Vik. Breakfast & Dinner

Day 15 Jökulsárlón Glacial Lagoon - Skaftafell National Park - Vik

Travel to Jökulsárlón glacial lagoon, filled with floating icebergs. Explore this extraordinary landscape and perhaps see some seals swimming in Arctic waters. Travel to Skaftafell, gateway to Vatnajökull National Park. The largest national park in Europe, Vatnajökull is known for having Iceland's highest mountains; an Alpine environment; and the Vatnajökull glacier, Europe's largest glacier. After dinner, continue searching for the shimmering northern lights dancing across the night sky. Overnight Vik Breakfast & Dinner

Day 16 Vik - Blue Lagoon - Reykjavik

Drive to the Reykjanes Peninsula, known for its rugged landscape, lava fields, numerous hot springs, and home of the Blue Lagoon. Take a dip in the pleasantly warm, mineral-rich waters of the geothermal pool, located in the middle of a dramatic lava field. Return to Reykjavik for your farewell dinner and overnight stay. Breakfast & Dinner Centerhotel Plaza Reykjavik

Day 17 6 October 2019 Reykjavik - London - Tilbury. Early morning transfer to the airport for our flight to London. 0745/1145 FI Transfer to Tilbury Docks to board our ship for our British Isles & City Discover Cruise. Cruise departs at 4.00 pm Oceanview Cabins. Dinner.

Day 18 Arrive Amsterdam 9.00 am - 8.00 pm

With more bicycles than permanent residents, the Dutch capital is both charming and quirky. Aesthetically little has changed in the centre since its 17th century Golden Age. Beautiful gabled houses and merchants' mansions line serene, tree-lined canals, which are laid out in five concentric circles and crossed by numerous bridges. The Royal Palace, originally built as a Town Hall in the 17th century, stands on a large square in the centre of the city. Considered one of Europe's major art capitals, Amsterdam is home to a number of superb galleries and museums including the famous Rijksmuseum, the Anne Frank House and the Van Gogh Museum. Breakfast, Lunch, Dinner

Day 19 At Sea. Breakfast, Lunch, Dinner

Day 20 Kirkwell, Orkney Islands United Kingdom 7.00 am - 6.00 pm

The capital of the amazing Orkney archipelago, the Royal Burgh of Kirkwall sits almost exactly in the centre of Mainland, dividing the island into East and West. The magnificent St. Magnus Cathedral, a legacy of the town's rich Viking heritage, dominates Kirkwall's skyline. In its shadow, the town is a cluster of grey stone buildings lining narrow, flagstone streets. Excursions explore these beautiful islands whose history can be traced back some 6,000 years through Neolithic standing stones and the magnificent archaeological site of Skara Brae. Modern day Orkney is a hive of creative activity and its craft workshops are perfect for a special souvenir. Breakfast, Lunch, Dinner

Day 21 Tobermory, Isle of Mull (United Kingdom) 7.00 - 8.00 pm

Established in the late 18th century as a fishing port, Tobermory is one of the prettiest ports in Scotland. The picture-postcard village has a large natural harbour where colourful boats bob on the waves watched over by a rainbow of brightly, painted buildings backed by woodland-fringed hills. Tobermory is the capital of the Isle of Mull. Mull is the second largest island of the Inner Hebrides and its diverse landscape ranges from high mountain and wild moorland, to wave-lashed sea cliffs and sandy beaches. Neighbouring Iona is the tiny island where St Columba first brought Christianity to Scotland in 563 AD. Breakfast, Lunch, Dinner

Day 22 Belfast, Northern Ireland (United Kingdom) 8.00 am - 8.00 pm

Samson and Goliath are much-loved landmarks soaring above Belfast's skyline. The two great, yellow-painted, gantry cranes are a reminder of the shipbuilding industry that put Northern Ireland's capital firmly on the map. Housed in an iconic, state-of-the-art, 6-storey building, Titanic Belfast relives the city's golden era and traces the story of the ill-fated liner built in the shipyards of Harland & Wolff. At the heart of today's cosmopolitan city is Belfast's elegant City Hall, which stands in Donegal Square. The extraordinary Giant's Causeway is a popular excursion from this city with omnipresent Irish charm. Breakfast, Lunch, Dinner

Day 23 Dublin (Republic of Ireland) 8.15 am - 7.00 pm The capital of the Emerald Isle is, with its friendly locals, fascinating history, legendary literary tradition and charming mix of medieval, Georgian and modern architecture, a city of unforgettable character. It lies on the east coast of Ireland along the banks of the River

Liffey. Dublin Castle, Christchurch Cathedral, Trinity College and the beautiful square St Stephen's Green lie south of the Liffey, whilst the glorious Custom House, majestic Four Courts and famous General Post Office add grace to Dublin's Northside. Crossing the river the high-arched Ha'penny Bridge is one of Dublin's most famous landmarks. Breakfast, Lunch, Dinner

Day 24 St. Mary's, Isles of Scilly (United Kingdom) 10.00am - 8.00 pm

Britain's only island archipelago, the magical Isles of Scilly lie just 28 miles off the coast of Cornwall. St Mary's, the largest of the five inhabited islands, is a delight with white sand beaches, tranquil waters and stunning seascapes. The attractive village of Hugh Town, considered the 'capital', is the hub of the islands' activity. The second largest and the only privately-owned island is Treco, where, in the glorious Abbey Gardens, some 20,000 exotic species thrive in the sub-tropical climate. Optional excursions explore both St. Mary's and Treco, two of the beautiful cluster of islands that are worlds apart from everyday life.

Day 25 Plymouth (United Kingdom) 7.00 am - 3.00 pm

Day 26 Honfleur (France). 5.30 am - 2.30 pm

Over the years many renowned painters and writers have been attracted to pretty Honfleur, which with its narrow, half-timbered houses, cobblestone streets and charming old harbour set in a sheltered cove off the Seine's tidal estuary, is simply enchanting. Unlike many of its Normandy neighbours, Honfleur was spared during the bombing of World War Two and nestled in its tidy, picturesque streets historic buildings house art galleries, artists' studios, boutiques, restaurants, cafes and fine souvenir shops.

Day 27 16 October London Tilbury (United Kingdom) Arrive 7.00 am Transfer to airport for flight home.

Day 28 Sydney and transfer back to Maitland

\$15999 per person twin share. Single Supplement \$2700

Includes:

Return economy airfares from Sydney including all taxes and fuel surcharges

Private tour escort throughout from Australia

Meals as per itinerary

Accommodation.

Fully Escorted Coach Tour in Iceland

Fully Inclusive 11 Day British Isles & Cities Discovery Cruise

Oceanview Cabins

Entrance fees to all attractions as per itinerary.

Sightseeing as per itinerary

Airport Transfers.

Norway in a Nutshell Train/Ferry Oslo-Flam-Voss-Bergen

Bergen City Card

*The northern lights are in the Northern Hemisphere from September through April and are only visible when the sky is clear and free of clouds. As this tour is weather dependent, sightings of the Northern Lights are not guaranteed.

**The northern lights cruise is weather dependent and may be cancelled in the event of serious weather.

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