### "The Svalbard Express route"

Season: June – September (8 full voyages)

Main source markets: UK, DE & US





Departure: 14.30

## Day O - Bergen

Daily theme: Welcome - Start of the voyage\*

- Established turn-around port
- Pre & post opportunities
- Bergen Terminal & guest lounge offer a great start

#### \*Welcome and get to know:

The ship, venues, activities, inspiration for the rest of the sailing: Port to port: Norway and the landscape, geology: get to know Norway and Svalbard

Restaurant menus

Equipment, own produced how to use – prep for next day hiking/ "friluftsliv"





# Day 1 - Åndalsnes

Daily theme: Outdoor life, fjord and mountains

- Located in the end of the Romsdalfjord
- Quite developed on activities
  - Gondola
  - Hike to Rampestreken view point
  - Troll Wall & Trollstigen by bus
- Onboard activities (sea from 14 to 14)
  - Photography intro, inspirational
  - F&B tastings out on deck leaving Åndalsnes
  - Lectures on outdoor life, fjords and mountaineering, equipment how to use
  - Music entertainment





Time in port: 15.00 – 19.00

## Day 2 - Træna

Daily theme: Culture and Norwegian history

- "Norway's oldest fishing community", dating back 9000 years. Set directly on the Arctic Circle
- Crossing the Arctic Circle when leaving Træna
- Weather dependent
- Small local community (456 inhabitants in total)
- Activities:
  - Hikes
  - Kayaking
  - Bird watching/bird bingo
  - Cave concerts?
  - Biking
  - Fishing
- Experience small local community
- Fishing and Norwegian fishery history



Time in port: 15.30 – 20.00

## Day 3 - Stokmarknes

Daily theme: Historic birthplace | Birdlife | F&B

- Vesterålen
- Kvitnes gård (F&B)
- Activities
  - The Hurtigruten museum
  - RIB tours / Sea eagle safari
  - Hikes



Time in port: 08.00 – 18.00

## Day 4 - Tromsø

Gateway to the Arctic / the Arctic capital

Polar history

#### Activities:

- Cultural & history walks
- Polaria
- Bus tour to nearby regions
- Hikes
- The northernmost brewery: beer tastings onboard
- Electric cruising



Time in port: 10.00 – 18.00

## Day 5 - Honningsvåg

Daily theme: The Northernmost | The life above 71 degrees North

- Additional excursion options (combination or stand-alone)
  - King crab
  - Sami
  - Ice dipping
  - Walks/hikes
  - Birdwatching
- Scenic sail-away





Time in port: 14.00 – 15.00

## Day 6 - Bjørnøya

Daily theme: Remoteness | Scenic cruising | Birdlife | Photo

- Storytelling
- Inaccessible
- Onboard activities
  - Photography
  - Polar History lectures
- Wildlife





Time in port: 13.00 – 19.00

### Day 7 - Longyearbyen

The Arctic dessert | Polar bear land | Once in a lifetime | Photo

- Photo tips and tricks
  - Wildlife photography
  - Nature and Landscape
  - Midnight sun
- Shore Activities
  - Spitsbergen exprience
  - Dogsledding
- Wildlife
- Pre & Post shore programs





# Day 8 – Ny-Ålesund

Daily theme: 79 degrees north – The northernmost point during the voyage | Polar History

- One of the northernmost populated areas
- Activities & Sights:
  - Amundsen momentum (guided)
  - Historic museum
  - Local bar and souvenir shop
  - Post office
- Wildlife
  - The unique Svalbard reindeer, arctic fox and grouse
  - Arctic fox
  - Chance to see the white beluga whale in the area around N-Å
  - Bearded seal and ringed seal





## Day 9 – Sea day

Daily theme: Scenic cruising | Photo | Wildlife

- Scenic cruising wildlife
  - Good chance to spot dolphins and porpoise
  - Chance to see whales in the right conditions
- Onboard activities
  - Photography; half voyage summary
  - Music
  - F&B activities





Time in port Tromsø: 12 – 13 Time in port Senja: 18 - 21

#### Day 10 – Tromsø & Senja

Seaweed | Working ship (cargo)

- Cargo stop
- Overland excursions Tromsø Senja
- Senja main port
  - Kayaking Bergsfjorden
  - Wildlife safari Bergsfjorden
  - Hikes (Segla/Husfjellet)
- F&B
- Seaweed, Blue food" tastings and storytelling
- Cooking classes
- Meet supplier fish and seafood
- Hurtigruten Cargo story



Time in port: 11.00 – 19.00

### Day II – Svolvær

Daily theme: Lofoten | Sustainability From sea to summit (hiking), fish from sea to table

- Full day of excursions
  - Hike & swim
  - Best of Lofoten
- Own Exploration
- Beach clean-up
- Lofotpils extended visit / microbrewery, beer tastings



Time in port: 09.00 – 13.00

## Day 12 – Brønnøysund

Daily theme: Helgelandskysten | Nature

- Full day of excursions
  - Vega Islands (UNESCO)
  - Island hopping with RIB
  - Torghatten hike
  - Cycle opportunities



Time in port Ålesund: 10-12.30 Time in port Urke: 15 - 16

### Day 13 – Ålesund & Urke

Daily theme: Remote beauty

Hjørundfjorden – Leaving on a high note

#### **Excursions**

- Overland excursion Ålesund Urke
- Culture walk Ålesund
- Hiking

#### **Onboard activities**

- Farewell dinner
- Voyage summary



# Day 14 – Bergen

Farewell

