

NOBLE CALEDONIA

SMALL SHIP CRUISING IN
**NORWAY &
THE BALTIC**

ABOARD THE MS SERENISSIMA
SUMMER 2019

MS SERENISSIMA



Harald Jarl Lounge



On Deck



The Restaurant

The charming MS Serenissima began her career as the Harald Jarl, cruising the Norwegian coastline and fjords. Since 2003, when she was extensively renovated, she has been operating as a classic cruise ship. Previously known as the MS Andrea, she was upgraded again in 2013 and started her new life as the MS Serenissima. With her small size she can navigate into small, remote ports inaccessible to the big cruise ships and appears an impressive sight when moored. With her fleet of Zodiacs, she is capable of both destination and expedition cruising. In December 2018, the vessel will once again undergo a significant refurbishment and, after a re-configuration of the deck plan will accommodate a maximum of just 95 guests.

Your Cabin/Suite

Accommodating no more than 95 passengers, the cabins are attractively designed for comfort and convenience. All cabins are fully air conditioned with an en-suite bathroom with shower, (please note cabins 601-605 and 507 have a bath with shower attachment) and a selection of toiletries in addition to a hairdryer, robes and slippers. All cabins come equipped with telephone, flat screen television, safety deposit box and other thoughtful appointments. Bottles of still and sparkling water are provided and replenished daily. From January 2019, there will be eight different grades of cabin arranged over five decks, and all feature either windows or portholes. Because of the very nature of the ship, the cabins do vary in shape and size, adding to the vessel's overall charm.



Your Dining

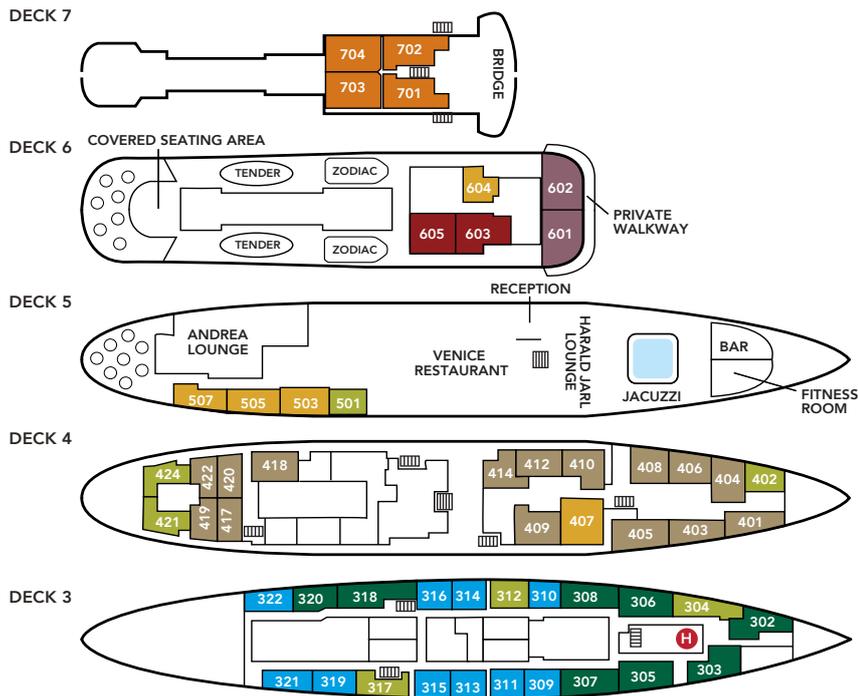
The free seating Venice Restaurant accommodates all guests in one sitting and, with its Deck 5 location, all of the tables benefit from great views. The picture windows also make the restaurant wonderfully light and airy. Breakfast is served buffet-style with cooked dishes available and eggs to order by the ship's accomplished chef. Lunch is also served buffet-style with hot and

cold dishes available. Dinner is served a la carte and is four courses, except at the Captain's Dinner, which is a six course affair. Where possible, local produce is sourced for an authentic dining experience. A choice of red or white wine, beer, soft drinks, and water is included at lunch and dinner. In good weather there are al fresco dining facilities available and tea and coffee are available around the clock in the Andrea Lounge.

Your Space

The facilities on board include two lounges – the larger Andrea Lounge is comfortable and spacious and the smaller Harald Jarl Lounge is more intimate. There is also a small library and Wi-Fi is available at an extra cost throughout the vessel. The outside areas really are something special. A spacious observation deck allows 360 degree views of the passing scenery. From here, step down to the lido area with Jacuzzi and outside bar. The covered seating area at the back of Deck 6 is ideal for relaxing with a drink in hand. Perhaps, one of the best known and loved features of this vessel is its unique style. During the major refit in Sweden the then owners commissioned Swedish interior designers to create a Gustavian style interior. This bright Swedish 18th century influenced, country house style works particularly well on a vessel of this vintage, providing intimacy and a classic nautical sensibility often lacking in larger vessels.

MS SERENISSIMA DECK PLAN & CABINS



- STANDARD STATEROOM
- DELUXE STATEROOM
- OWNER'S SUITE
- CLASSIC STATEROOM
- JUNIOR SUITE
- STANDARD SINGLE
- SUPERIOR STATEROOM
- SERENISSIMA SUITE

NB. Please note cabin sizes vary in each category and measurements shown are approximate.



JUNIOR SUITE
(21 square metres)



DELUXE STATEROOM
(15 to 25 square metres)



SUPERIOR STATEROOM
(11.5 to 18 square metres)



CLASSIC STATEROOM
(14 to 19 square metres)



STANDARD STATEROOM
(10 to 11.5 square metres)



STANDARD SINGLE
(7 to 12.5 square metres)



SERENISSIMA SUITE
(25 square metres)



OWNER'S SUITE
(22 square metres)

Midsummer in Norway & the Scottish Isles

A voyage from Aberdeen to Tromso aboard the MS Serenissima
3rd to 14th June 2019

Our voyage begins on the northeast coast of Scotland in the port of Aberdeen from where we call into the remote Shetland Islands to learn of the many legends that have shaped this mystical place. Cruising north, we will catch our first glimpse of Norway and begin our navigation of the fjords. Words cannot describe the awe-inspiring scenery as we take in views of mountains, glaciers, waterfalls, valleys and truly dramatic fjords. Amongst them, Naerofjorden has been included on UNESCO's World Heritage List.

This itinerary uniquely combines the wonders of the natural world with the historical and cultural highlights of the area. Our visits will include the archaeological site of Jarlshof in the Shetlands, Haugesund to learn of Norway's Viking heritage and Alesund to marvel at the Art Nouveau architecture. We will also spend time exploring the narrow and deep sided Trollfjorden and Runde, home to more than 240 species of birds. A highlight for many will be the journey on the Flam Railway, one of the most beautiful railway lines in the world.

Such a journey can only be undertaken by a special vessel with the self sufficient qualities of the MS Serenissima and joining you on board will be an expert team who have been selected for their enthusiasm, professionalism and specialist knowledge of the natural world. With our small ship we are able to access small harbours which are just not accessible to the larger cruise ships and ferries and we will be able to get up close to see nature at its rawest, cruise rugged coastlines, witness vibrant colours and admire the prolific birdlife of this wonderful region.



Puffin, Runde

The Itinerary

Day 1 Aberdeen, Scotland.

Embark the MS Serenissima this afternoon. Transfers will be provided from Aberdeen Airport and train station at a fixed time. Sail this evening for the Shetland Islands.

Day 2 Lerwick, Shetland Islands.

From the Shetland capital we will visit the remarkable archaeological site of Jarlshof. The site was uncovered by a violent storm in the winter of 1896/7, revealing an extraordinary settlement site embracing at least 5000 years of human history. The site contains a remarkable sequence of stone structures – late Neolithic houses, a Bronze-Age village, an Iron-Age brooch and wheelhouses, several Norse longhouses, a Medieval farmstead, and the 16th century laird's house. Alternatively enjoy a free morning to explore this historic port. Perhaps wander through its narrow stone lanes or maybe visit the excellent Shetland Museum, containing artefacts from shipwrecks and the whaling era. Return to the ship for lunch and enjoy the afternoon sailing.

Day 3 Haugesund, Norway.

It was in Haugesund where, a thousand years ago, King Harald Fairhair united Norway into a single kingdom, and it was from this area that the Viking Kings ruled Norway for more than 500 years. The region has laid claim to the title of Norway's Birthplace and Homeland of the Viking Kings. On a morning tour we will visit the 13th century St Olav's church before learning about the Viking Age at the Nordvegen Heritage Centre. We will return to the MS Serenissima via the national monument, Haraldshaugen which commemorates Norway's unification. After lunch on board the afternoon is free to explore this small town independently, maybe make your way to the top of Steinsfjellet Mountain with panoramic views over the town, fjord and surrounding islands. Alternatively join us as we visit the charming old town



of Skudeneshavn which consists of 130 white wooden houses originating from the 1800's, when herring fishing was at its peak. We will stroll through the streets and our guide will share stories about the locals that lived here before we visit the Maelandsgarden Museum which highlights the development of the town.

Day 4 Rosendal, Hardangerfjord.

Arrive this morning in Hardangerfjord, the third largest fjord in the world. We will dock in Rosendal and drive along the fjord towards the small part of the Hardangerfjord called Maurangerfjord, experiencing the idyllic scenery and farms along the way and viewing the magnificent Langfoss Waterfall. When we arrive at the small village of Sunndal we will walk to Bondhus Lake which is surrounded by a fascinating landscape of fjords and mountains. After lunch on board we have free time to explore the town.

Day 5 Bergen.

We arrive this morning in the lovely fjord capital of Bergen. On our guided excursion we will drive past the fish market, Nordnes peninsula and Bergen Theatre on our way to Troidhaugen, the home of Norway's most famous composer, Edvard Grieg. Here we explore the house and gardens before enjoying a private concert of his music. We return to the ship for lunch via the Hanseatic Quarters of 'Bryggen'. This afternoon is at leisure to explore at your own pace.

Day 6 Balestrand & Naerofjorden.

We spend the day enjoying spectacular fjord scenery from



Hardangerfjord



Svolvaer, Lofoten Islands



Flam railway



Bergen

aboard the MS Serenissima. Balestrand is known for its narrow fjord branches and scenic and lush mountain landscape. Here we will see waterfalls, glacier arms stretching down into green valleys and the typical Swiss style wooden villas. We will continue to the UNESCO World Heritage Site of Naerofjorden, one of the many fjord arms of Sognefjord and considered one of the most dramatic. If time and weather permits we will drop the Zodiacs to find a suitable landing to explore and enjoy a walk. This evening we will moor at the village of Flam.

Day 7 Flam. This morning we will embark on one of the most dramatic train rides in Europe. The Flam Railway is only 20 kilometres long but a masterpiece of engineering. The train climbs up from sea level to 867 metres during these 20 kilometres, crossing back and forth across rivers and through 20 tunnels. To allow you to view the magnificent scenery the train will proceed slowly and stop at the Kjosfossen Waterfall where you may leave the train to take a closer look or take some pictures. We will leave the train at Vatnahalsen and walk from the station to the Mountain Hotel where there will be time to relax before re-boarding the train back to Flam.

Day 8 Nordfjord & Loen. At dawn we will enter the spectacular scenery of Nordfjord and cruise towards the small village of Loen. From here we travel past Lovatn Lake to the beautiful Kjenndalen Valley where we will walk to the Kjenndalen Glacier, an arm of

the Jostedal Glacier, the largest glacier in continental Europe. After lunch on board you can choose to enjoy some free time in Loen, or to take a trip on the cable car which rises 1100 metres and offers wonderful views over the fjord below. Alternatively join us on a visit to Jostedalsbreen National Park, home to one of the last great ice sheets in Europe with some sections over 1200 feet deep. Our scenic drive will also take us through the mountains, past rivers and lakes before ending at Videster with wonderful views towards Lodalskapa Peak and the Buldfossen Waterfall.

Day 9 Runde & Alesund. Be on deck early this morning as we cruise by the bird cliffs at Runde, one of the largest nesting cliffs in Norway and home to half a million birds. More than 240 different species have been observed here including puffins, gannets, razorbills and northern fulmar. We continue to Alesund, one of the most beautiful towns in Norway. It is a great place to spend a morning exploring the streets with their Art Nouveau buildings and the more active may like to enjoy a walk up Mount Aksla taking the 418 steps for magnificent views of the town. Return to the ship for lunch as we continue our journey north.

Day 10 Torghatten & Bronnoysund. This morning Mount Torghatten will come into view, one of the most famous landmarks on the Norwegian coast. A fairly strenuous walk will take you to the 'hole' in the mountain which has been eroded by the sea and, for those wishing to have a more

relaxing morning, our naturalists will lead some gentler walks along the water's edge. During lunch we will sail through Bronnoysund and later this afternoon we cross the Arctic Circle by the island of Vikingen where we will see the monument and raise a glass on deck to celebrate.

Day 11 Lofoten Islands & Trollfjorden. Our final morning sees us in the Lofoten Archipelago, an enchanting area of picturesque villages with jagged granite mountain peaks forming a dramatic backdrop. We will have a full day tour to explore the villages and see the life of these islands. We will disembark in the small fishing village of Reine revered as one of the most beautiful in Norway before driving through the dramatic Lofoten scenery to Nusfjord. Enjoy a guided walk around this UNESCO World

Heritage Site seeing the restored fishing cabins and local stores. After lunch we will continue to the picturesque seaside village of Vikten and the Viking Museum at Borg. Our day ends in Svolvaer where the ship will have sailed to meet us. This evening we enjoy time on deck as we sail through the beautiful, narrow and steep sided Trollfjorden witnessing the birdlife, waterfalls and dramatic scenery.

Day 12 Tromso to London. Disembark this morning and transfer to the airport for your scheduled indirect flight to London.

SHIP TO SHORE

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PRICES PER PERSON

Based on double occupancy

Cat	Cabin Description	Brochure Price
2	Standard Stateroom	£4795
3	Classic Stateroom	£4995
4	Superior Stateroom	£5295
5	Deluxe Stateroom	£5695
6	Junior Suite	£5995
7	Owner's Suite	£6595
8	Serenissima Suite	£6595
10	Standard Single	£4795

PRICE INCLUDES: Economy class scheduled air travel from Tromso to London • 11 nights aboard the MS Serenissima on a full board basis • House wine, beer and soft drinks with lunch and dinner on board • Noble Caledonia onboard team • Shore excursions • Gratuities • Transfers • Port taxes.
Not Included: Travel insurance.

Norwegian Coastal Odyssey

An exploration of Norway's Islands & Fjords aboard the MS Serenissima
14th to 26th June & 9th to 21st August* 2019

Norway is, by anyone's standards, one of Europe's most beautiful and awe-inspiring countries. The beautiful panoramas and pristine wilderness promises to delight those with a love for the natural world and time spent discovering some of the country's most impressive fjords from the deck of the MS Serenissima promises to astound even the most jaded of travellers.

During our summer voyages along the western coast of this remarkable country we will discover a landscape punctuated by picturesque villages, bustling coastal towns, fjords of cinematic grandeur, majestic waterfalls, charming summer resorts and thriving fishing communities.

Our days will be spent on excursions with local guides, on walks with our naturalists and on deck of the MS Serenissima as we cruise amongst the fjords. There will also be ample time to relax and enjoy the summer days independently when in some of the delightful towns such as Lillesand and Kragero, ports which the larger cruise vessels in the region are unable to access. With less than 100 travelling companions, the atmosphere aboard the MS Serenissima is akin to a private yacht trip and, ashore with our local experts we will divide into small groups thereby enjoying a more comprehensive and peaceful experience.





Loen Lakes



Oystercatcher



Alesund



Bergen



Runde Lighthouse

The Itinerary

Day 1 London to Tromsø, Norway.

Fly by scheduled indirect flight. Arrive this afternoon and transfer to the MS Serenissima. Embark and enjoy a Welcome Drink and Dinner as we sail this evening.

Day 2 Lofoten Islands.

Our first morning of exploration sees us in the Lofoten Archipelago, an enchanting area of picturesque villages with jagged granite mountain peaks forming a dramatic backdrop. We will have a full day tour to explore the villages and see the life of these islands. We will disembark in Svolvær and drive to the Viking Museum at Borg. The Viking Museum has an exhibition of items found by archaeologists, as well as recreations of Viking homes. After lunch we continue the day with a scenic drive to Vikten, home to a local glassblower's studio and then to Nusfjord, where we discover why this charming fishing hamlet is a UNESCO World Heritage Site, with its restored fishing cabins and quaint atmosphere. Our day ends in Reine where the MS Serenissima will have sailed to meet us.

Day 3 Torghatten & Bronnoysund.

Over breakfast we will cross the Arctic Circle as we pass by the island of Vikingen where we will see the Arctic Circle Monument marking the location. We will continue to cruise through Bronnoysund and in the early

afternoon Mount Torghatten will come into view, one of the most famous landmarks on the Norwegian coast. A fairly strenuous walk will take you to the 'hole' in the mountain which has been eroded by the sea. For those wishing to have a more relaxing afternoon our naturalists will lead some gentler walks along the water's edge.

Day 4 Trondheim.

Founded in AD 997 by Viking King Olav Trygvason, Trondheim was Norway's first capital city and we will discover its historical treasures today. We will drive past the old wooden buildings and visit the 11th century Nidaros Cathedral built over the grave of St Olav and richly ornamented in stone with stunning stained-glass windows. We continue to Ringve Manor, a typical manor house of the Trondelag district and home to Norway's only musical instrument museum, before enjoying a panoramic view of the city from the Sverresli Viewpoint.

Day 5 Alesund & Runde.

We spend the morning in Alesund, one of the most beautiful towns in Norway. It is a great place to explore the streets with their Art Nouveau buildings. The more active can take a walk-up Mount Aksla taking the 418 steps for magnificent views of the town, islands and Sunnmore Alps. Be on deck this afternoon as we cruise by the bird cliffs at Runde,

one of the largest nesting cliffs in Norway and home to half a million birds. More than 240 different species have been observed here including puffins, gannets, razorbills and northern fulmar.

Day 6 Loen.

Today we leave from the charming village of Loen and take a drive to the Kjenndal valley where we board a small boat to experience the lovely Loen Lake, passing through tall mountains covered by protruding glacier arms. We finally end up at the Kjenndalsbre Fjellstove where we enjoy a short break with homemade Norwegian waffles. We continue our visit to the Kjenndalsbre glacier view point, an arm of the mighty Jostedal Glacier, the largest in mainland Europe. After lunch on board you can choose to enjoy some free time in Loen, or to take a trip on the cable car which rises 1100 metres and offers wonderful views over the fjord below.

Day 7 Bergen.

We arrive this morning in the lovely fjord capital of Bergen. A guided excursion will include King Hakon's Hall, the Rosenkrantz Tower, the Bergen Theatre and St. Mary's Church which was built around 1170 and is one of the finest examples of Romanesque architecture in Norway. A funicular will take us approximately 300 metres above sea level, from where we can enjoy a panoramic view over

the town centre. There will be some free time to enjoy a stroll before returning back to the MS Serenissima. After lunch on board enjoy an afternoon at leisure to explore at your own pace. We sail late this evening for anyone who wishes to enjoy dinner ashore or an evening stroll.

Day 8 Rosendal.

Sail this morning into Hardangerfjord, the third largest fjord in the world. We will dock in Rosendal and drive along the fjord towards the small part of the Hardangerfjord called Maurangerfjord, experiencing the idyllic scenery and farms on the way and viewing the magnificent Langfoss waterfall. When we arrive at the small village of Sunndal we will walk to Bondhus Lake which is surrounded by a fascinating landscape of fjords and mountains. After lunch on board we have free time to explore the town, maybe visit the 12th century Kvinnherad church or see the gardens at Barony Rosendal.

Day 9 Lysefjord & Stavanger.

This morning we will cruise Lysefjord, measuring 23 miles end to end. We will pass by Preikestolen (Priest Rock) and Kjerag Mountain, both towering above the fjord. This afternoon we arrive in Stavanger and have the chance to stroll in the small harbour with its multi-coloured traditional wood buildings. Old Stavanger is a cluster of 173 small

white wooden houses built in the 19th century which house craft shops, galleries and museums.

Day 10 Lillesand. Enjoy a relaxing morning cruising before we arrive at one of Norway's best kept secrets, the charming summer resort of Lillesand. Using our small ship, we navigate the small islands and skerries which dot the coastline making the approach to the town from the sea a truly memorable sight. We will enjoy a few hours ashore in Lillesand exploring the old town with its old white clapboard houses, beautiful gardens and the local shipping museum whilst enjoying the unique atmosphere of a Norwegian summer resort.

Day 11 Kragero. Surrounded by nearly 500 islands and skerries, Kragero is a charming town in the region of Telemark and a popular summer retreat. This morning we head inland to the Telemark Canal. When completed in 1892, after five years of construction, it was described as the 'eighth wonder of the world'. We will join one of the local nostalgic boats as they transit the 18 locks, lifting the ship 72 metres above sea level and enjoy the changing scenery as we travel from the sea to the mountains. The afternoon is free to explore the town at your own pace. Take a walk through the narrow streets and alleyways amongst the old wooden houses.

Day 12 Aalborg, Denmark. Aalborg was founded by the Vikings in the late 10th century across the Limfjord and prospered from the fishing and sea trade on the fjord. On

a morning excursion we will explore the ancient Viking site of Lindholm Hoje, one of the most important ancient monuments in Scandinavia which was dug out from a thick layer of sand. We will visit the burial site of 700 graves, scattered on a hilltop with a beautiful view of the fjord. Continue to the onsite museum that contains a fascinating exhibition on the Viking settlements found close to the burial ground. Our tour will end with the chance to enjoy authentic Viking cuisine with some small dishes prepared using traditional recipes. After lunch on board choose to enjoy the afternoon at leisure or alternatively, for anyone interested in sampling the local beers there will be the opportunity to join a guided walk of the old town including a tasting of the local specialities.

Day 13 Copenhagen to London. Disembark this morning and transfer to the airport for your scheduled flight to London.

**Please note that the 9th August departure operates in the reverse direction from Copenhagen to Tromso. Full itinerary can be viewed online at www.noble-caledonia.co.uk*

SHIP TO SHORE

This cruise is not classified as an expedition cruise; however, Zodiac landing crafts are integral to the operation of the voyage due to the small ports we will be visiting where we will be at anchor and will utilise the Zodiacs to transport guests ashore.



Lillesand



Lindholm Hoje

Copenhagen Extension

26th to 28th June & 7th to 9th August 2019



Copenhagen

If you would like to spend some time in Copenhagen, we are offering a two night extension. Our stay will include a city tour of the Danish capital, exploring its 850 years of recorded history. Our guided excursion includes passing by the City Hall, Glyptotek Art Museum and Christiansborg Palace, home of the Danish Parliament and the Queen's Reception Rooms. We also visit the colourful canal area of Nyhavn and pass by the royal winter residence of Amalienborg. The remainder of the time will be at leisure for you to explore independently.

PRICES PER PERSON

Based on double occupancy

Twin: **£795** Single: **£1095**

Price Includes: Two nights hotel accommodation on a bed and breakfast basis, city tour, Tour Manager, gratuities, transfers.

Not Included: Travel insurance.

PRICES PER PERSON

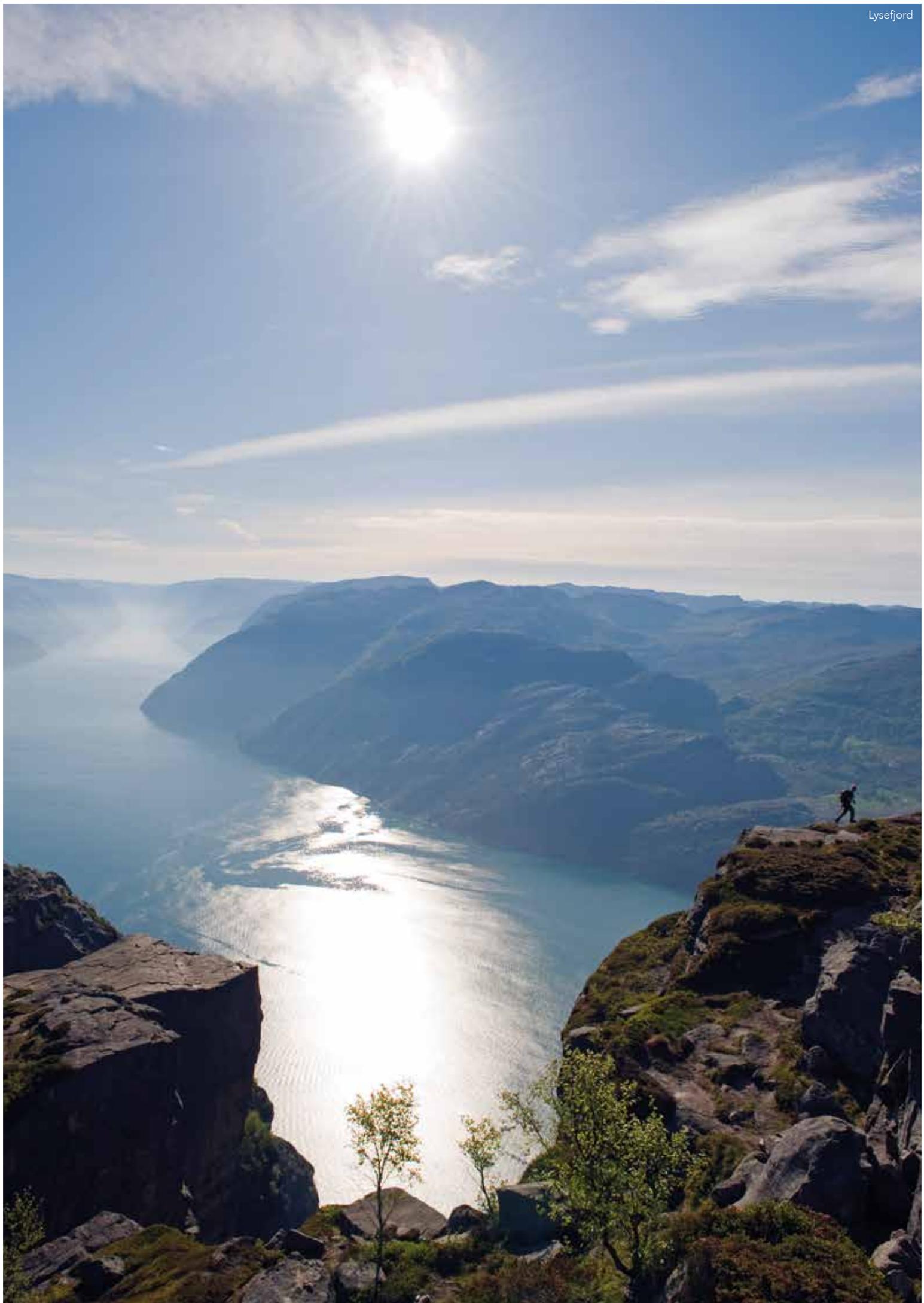
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2	Standard Stateroom	£5195	£4995
3	Classic Stateroom	£5395	£5195
4	Superior Stateroom	£5495	£5295
5	Deluxe Stateroom	£5895	£5695
6	Junior Suite	£6295	£6095
7	Owner's Suite	£6995	£6795
8	Serenissima Suite	£7495	£7295
10	Standard Single	£6295	£6095

PRICE INCLUDES: Economy class scheduled air travel • 12 nights aboard the MS Serenissima on a full board basis • House wine, beer & soft drinks with lunch and dinner on board • Noble Caledonia onboard team including Guest Speaker • Shore excursions • Gratuities • Transfers • Port taxes.

Not Included: Travel insurance.



Baltic Odyssey

Discover the Islands & Cities of the Baltic aboard the MS Serenissima
26th June to 6th July & 30th July to 9th August* 2019

Saint Isaac Cathedral, Moyka River, St Petersburg



If ever there was a sea perfect for exploring by ship, it is the Baltic. Join us on this summer voyage of discovery as we explore the many delights of the region. From the grandeur of St Petersburg and its surrounding estates to the newly independent Baltic states and their capitals with marvellously untouched Medieval quarters, or the sheer delight of Scandinavian ports with their colourful architecture, it is a truly fascinating region.

One of the many extraordinary experiences of the Baltic is the summer light that gives the sea and landscape a very special quality. After a long winter, the region responds to the sun unlike anywhere else and there is a calm and order even in the cities, which makes exploration so enjoyable especially when travelling aboard the MS Serenissima with less than 100 fellow, like-minded guests.

The history of the region is intriguing, with countries vying for commercial and political influence for over a thousand years. Each day will see us in a new port of call with a range of included, guided excursions and the complex past will be brought to life by our excellent local guides and onboard Guest Speakers, helping us to gain a greater understanding of both old and new Baltic nations.



The Itinerary

Day 1 London to Copenhagen, Denmark. Fly by scheduled flight. Arrive in Copenhagen and transfer to the MS Serenissima. Enjoy Welcome Drinks and Dinner as we sail this evening.

Day 2 Bornholm Island. We arrive into Ronne this morning which will be our base for the day. During our morning excursion we explore the highlights of northern Bornholm. Bornholm Island is a mixture

of wheat fields, forests and an attractive coast dotted with fishing villages. On an island drive we will see the famous 12th century Osterlars Round Church and visit the town of Gudjem where we can sample the smoked herring. Also see Hammerhaus Castle offering fantastic views of the island's rugged coastline. The afternoon is free to explore independently.

Day 3 Gdansk, Poland. We have a full day in this charming city. This old Hanseatic port's



Tallinn



Bornholm Island



Riga



Saaremaa



Gdansk

1000 years of history have left a collection of buildings and monuments designed in Gothic, Renaissance and Baroque styles. On a morning tour we will walk along the cobbled streets of the Royal Way in the old quarter and view the elaborate architecture before ending at the 15th century merchant's palace of Artus Court. Also see the pride of Gdansk, Gothic St. Mary's, which is the world's largest brick church, accommodating some 25,000 worshippers. Situated in the centre of the Old Town, this Medieval church took 159 years to build, and its deceptively plain exterior belies a bright, spacious interior with large windows and more than 30 beautifully decorated chapels. The afternoon is free for further independent exploration.

Day 4 Klaipeda, Lithuania.

Founded in 1252 by the Teutonic Knights of East Prussia, Klaipeda was annexed by Hitler in 1939 and almost destroyed towards the end of World War II. We have

a choice of touring options this morning. You may wish to head into the countryside where we will experience village life and visit the Memorial Museum, dedicated to the Lithuanians sent to Siberia to fight against the Soviets during the Cold War years. Alternatively, take the scenic drive to the Zemaitija National Park, home to Lake Plateliali and surrounded by dense forest. It was in these forests that, during the Cold War, the Soviets hid their first nuclear missile base directed at all the major European cities. Our tour will visit the Cold War Museum located in the former Soviet Missile Base. We will visit the bunkers, see the control centre and learn more about the weapons held at the site and their evolution. After lunch on board there will be some free time before we sail later this afternoon.

Day 5 Riga, Latvia. After a morning at sea we arrive in Latvia this afternoon. We will explore Latvia's capital by foot. Founded

in the 13th century it became one of the most successful trading cities of the Baltic. Explore the Old Town with its Medieval streets lined with Hanseatic warehouses and punctuated with Gothic and Baroque churches including St Peter Cathedral, the largest Medieval church in the Baltic. Spend the evening at leisure to explore independently.

Day 6 Saaremaa, Estonia. After a relaxing morning at sea we arrive at Estonia's largest island which offers a glimpse of a bygone age. Untouched by industry it is a green and very pleasant land dotted with attractive villages in a rolling forested landscape. During an afternoon drive we will visit the lovely capital Kuressaare with its magnificent Medieval castle and stroll through the streets of the enchanting old town. Continue inland on a journey that will take you back in time through a countryside of stone walls, thatched roofs, traditional villages and windmills.

Day 7 Tallinn. Arrive this morning in the historic maritime city of Tallinn with its awe inspiring city walls and fortifications, narrow Medieval streets and the gateways which remain remarkably well preserved. In the Upper Town we will enjoy the views from Dome Hill with the extraordinary vista of domes, spires and gables and see Toompea Castle, once a fortress, and now the seat of the Estonian Parliament. Walking to the Lower Old Town we will visit the main square where we will find the oldest pharmacy in Europe, the Gothic Cathedral and the 15th century Town Hall. After lunch on board there will be some free time before we sail later this afternoon.

Days 8 & 9 St Petersburg, Russia.

We have two days to explore this most endlessly captivating of Russian cities. Founded in 1703 by Peter the Great, St Petersburg is a fascinating mix of classic and Baroque architecture on a network of canals. We will be offering a number of tours for you to choose

from during our time here including visits to the Peter and Paul Fortress, the wonderful Peterhof Palace and Gardens and Catherine's Palace.

Day 10 Helsinki, Finland. This morning a guided city tour will take us to the colourful Market Square and the impressive architecture of Senate Square including the Lutheran Cathedral of Finland. We continue to the Sibelius Monument dedicated to the Finnish composer Jean Sibelius. Before returning to the vessel we also visit the shipyards. Ship construction is one of the main industries in Finland and many cruise ships and icebreakers have been built at this shipyard.



Senate Square, Helsinki

Day 11 Stockholm, Sweden to London. Disembark after breakfast and transfer to the airport for our scheduled flight to London.

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Pre & Post Cruise Extensions

Copenhagen Extension

24th to 26th June & 9th to 11th August 2019



Little Mermaid Statue, Copenhagen

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PRICES PER PERSON

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Twin: **£785** Single: **£1065**

Price Includes: Two nights hotel accommodation on a bed & breakfast basis, city tour, Tour Manager, gratuities, transfers.

Not Included: Travel insurance.

Stockholm Extension

6th to 8th July & 28th to 30th July 2019



Stockholm

If you would like to spend some time in Stockholm we are offering a two night hotel extension. Our stay will include a city tour with a visit to the Vasa Museum. The museum was built around the 17th century warship which sank in Stockholm's inner harbour on her maiden voyage in 1628; its discovery in 1956 and subsequent salvage in 1961 is one of the most important events in marine archaeology. In addition to the well-preserved, elaborately decorated hull, thousands of items from the ship, including hundreds of sculptures, have been recovered. We return to the city and take a drive through old Stockholm and past the Parliament Building and Royal Palace which overlooks the inner Harbour. The remainder of the time will be at leisure for you to explore independently.

PRICES PER PERSON

Based on double occupancy

Twin: **£855** Single: **£1195**

Price Includes: Two nights hotel accommodation on a bed & breakfast basis, city tour, Tour Manager, gratuities transfers.

Not Included: Travel insurance.

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SPECIAL OFFER – SAVE £200 PER PERSON FOR A LIMITED TIME ONLY

Cat	Cabin Description	Brochure Price	Special Offer Price
2	Standard Stateroom	£4895	£4695
3	Classic Stateroom	£4995	£4795
4	Superior Stateroom	£5495	£5295
5	Deluxe Stateroom	£6295	£5895
6	Junior Suite	£6795	£6395
7	Owner's Suite	£7195	£6995
8	Serenissima Suite	£7995	£7795
10	Standard Single	£6295	£6095

PRICE INCLUDES: Economy class scheduled air travel • 10 nights aboard the MS Serenissima on a full board basis • House wine, beer & soft drinks with lunch and dinner on board • Noble Caledonia onboard team including Guest Speaker • Shore excursions • Gratuities • Transfers • Russian Group Visa • Port taxes.

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Late Summer in the Cities, Islands & Fjords of Norway

A voyage from Tromso to Oban aboard the MS Serenissima
21st August to 2nd September 2019

A voyage along Norway's beautiful coastline offers the traveller scenery on an epic scale. The immense size of the magnificent fjords, the cascading waterfalls, the picturesque fishing villages and dramatic snow-capped mountains with farms clinging to their slopes are a sight to behold. The region is certainly one of our most popular destinations and simply perfect for exploration by small ship.

We begin our voyage in the Arctic Circle at Tromso from where we sail south to the enchanting Lofoten Islands for a full day to explore the villages and experience life on the islands. An exploration of the western coast of Norway down to Bergen follows from where we head to Scotland's east coast. Our days will be spent on guided excursions with local guides, on walks with our naturalists and on deck of the MS Serenissima as we cruise amongst the fjords. There will also be ample time to relax and enjoy the summer days independently when in some of the delightful towns.

With 25 years of experience in operating cruises in Norway, we believe we have the perfectly balanced itinerary featuring as it does a combination of dramatic fjords, small towns, cultural history and wildlife. A highlight for many will be the journey on the Flam Railway, one of the most beautiful railway lines in the world. The train journey provides us with views of some of Norway's wildest and most magnificent scenery with rivers cutting through deep ravines, cascading waterfalls, snowcapped mountains and mountain farms clinging to sheer slopes.

The Itinerary

Day 1 London to Tromso, Norway. Fly by scheduled flight via Oslo. On arrival transfer to the MS Serenissima and enjoy Welcome Dinner and Drinks as we sail this evening.

Day 2 Lofoten Islands. Our first morning of exploration sees us in the Lofoten Archipelago, an enchanting area of picturesque villages with jagged granite mountain peaks forming a dramatic backdrop. We will have a full day tour to explore the villages and see the life of these islands. We will disembark in Svolvaer and drive to the picturesque seaside village of Vikten and the Viking Museum at Borg before driving through the dramatic Lofoten

scenery to Nusfjord. Here we will enjoy a guided walk around this UNESCO World Heritage Site, seeing the restored fishing cabins and local stores, followed by lunch. Our day ends in the small fishing village of Reine revered as one of the most beautiful in Norway, where the ship will have sailed to meet us.

Day 3 Torghatten & Bronnoysund. Over breakfast we will cross the Arctic Circle as we pass by the island of Vikingen where we will see the Arctic Circle Monument marking the location. We will continue to cruise through scenic Bronnoysund and in the early afternoon Mount Torghatten will come into view, one of the

most famous landmarks on the Norwegian coast. A fairly strenuous walk will take you to the 'hole' in the mountain which has been eroded by the sea. For those wishing to have a more relaxing afternoon our naturalists will lead some gentler walks along the water's edge.

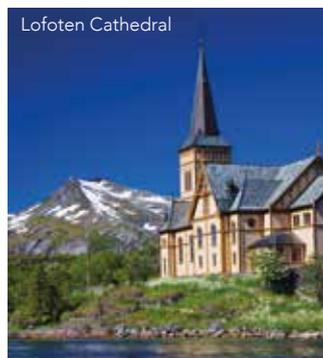
Day 4 Trondheim. Arrive this morning into Trondheim. Founded in 997 AD by Viking King Olav Tryggvason, Trondheim was Norway's first capital city and we will discover its historical treasures today. We will drive past the old wooden buildings and visit the 11th century Nidaros Cathedral, built over the grave of St Olav and richly ornamented in stone with stunning stained-glass windows. We continue to Ringve Manor, a typical manor house of the Trondelag district and home to Norway's only musical instrument museum, before enjoying a panoramic view of the city from the Sverresli Viewpoint. Return to the ship for lunch and enjoy an afternoon cruising.

Day 5 Alesund. We have a whole day in Alesund, one of the most beautiful towns in Norway which has a wonderful setting being built on several islands stretching out into the ocean. A large part of Alesund was destroyed by fire in 1904 and rebuilt in the Art Nouveau style, typical for the first decade of the 20th century. Today, it is a bustling town which we will discover on a morning walking tour. We will visit the Art Nouveau Centre which documents the town's unique architectural history and we can stroll through the many rooms in the listed building known as "The Swan Pharmacy", with its beautiful and authentic decor. We will also wander through the Jugend (Art Nouveau) quarters of the town centre and inner harbour and the attractive park at the foot of Mount Aksla. After lunch on board the afternoon is free to explore further at your own pace and the active may wish to climb and see the views from the top of Mount Aksla.



Day 6 Nordfjord & Loen. At dawn we will enter the spectacular scenery of Nordfjord and cruise towards the small village of Loen. From here we travel past Lovatn Lake to the beautiful Kjenndalen Valley where we will walk to the Kjenndalen Glacier, an arm of the Jostedal Glacier, the largest glacier in continental Europe. After lunch on board choose to enjoy some free time in Loen or maybe take a trip on the cable car which rises 1100 metres and offers wonderful views over the fjord below. Alternatively join us on a visit to Jostedalsbreen National Park, home to one of the last great ice sheets in Europe with some sections over 1200 feet deep. Our scenic drive will take us through the mountains, past rivers and lakes before ending at Videster with wonderful views towards Lodalskapa Peak and the Buldrefossen Waterfall.

Day 7 Dalsfjord & Bygstad. Dalsfjord lies at the heart of Western Norway with its starkly contrasting fjord scenery, half way between Bergen and Alesund. Its little-known fjord arms and gentler landscape in harmony with powerful and diverse watercourses have left their impression on the landscape and settlement. Today's tour will take us through this beautiful environment with its magnificent waterfalls and mountains. We will visit Sunnfjord Museum, which provides an insight into how life was in Sunnfjord settlements in the mid-1800s, before taking a scenic drive to the region known as 'the



Lofoten Cathedral



Alesund



Naeroyfjord



Lofoten Islands



Trondheim

waterfall country' making various stops at waterfalls and small settlements.

Day 8 Sognefjorden & Naerofjorden. We spend the day enjoying spectacular fjord scenery from aboard the MS Serenissima. Sognefjorden, Norway's longest and deepest fjord extends more than 200 kilometres inland and is surrounded by three national parks. Here we will see thundering waterfalls, glacier arms stretching down into green valleys and many small farms clinging to the mountainside. We will continue to the UNESCO World Heritage Site of Naerofjorden, one of the many fjord arms of Sognefjord and considered one of the most dramatic. If time and weather permits we will drop the Zodiacs to find a suitable landing to explore and enjoy a walk. This evening we will moor at the village of Flam.

Day 9 Flam. This morning we will embark on one of the most dramatic train rides in Europe. The Flam Railway is only 20 kilometres long but a masterpiece of engineering. The train climbs up from sea level to 867 metres during these 20 kilometres, crossing back and forth across rivers and through 20 tunnels. To allow you to view the magnificent scenery the train will proceed slowly and stop at the Kjosfossen Waterfall where you may leave the train to take a closer look or take some pictures. We will leave the train at Vatnahalsen and walk from the station to the Mountain Hotel

where there will be time to relax before re-boarding the train back to Flam. Enjoy lunch as we sail back along the scenic fjords this afternoon.

Day 10 Bergen. We arrive this morning in the lovely fjord capital of Bergen. A guided excursion will drive past the fish market, Nordnes peninsula and Bergen Theatre on our way to Troidhaugen, the home of Norway's most famous composer, Edvard Grieg. Here we explore the house and gardens before enjoying a private concert of his music. Before returning to the ship we will explore the Hanseatic Quarters of 'Bryggen'. After lunch on board enjoy an afternoon at leisure to explore at your own pace. In the early evening we will leave Norway and begin our journey towards Scotland.

Day 11 Lerwick, Shetland Islands. After a morning at sea we arrive in the Shetland capital at lunchtime. This afternoon visit the remarkable archaeological site of Jarlshof. The site was uncovered by a violent storm in the winter of 1896/7, revealing an extraordinary settlement site embracing at least 5000 years of human history. The site contains a remarkable sequence of stone structures – late Neolithic houses, a Bronze-Age village, an Iron-Age broch and wheelhouses, several Norse longhouse, a Medieval farmstead, and the 16th century laird's house. Alternatively enjoy a free afternoon to explore this

historic port. Perhaps wander through its narrow stone lanes or maybe visit the excellent Shetland Museum, containing artefacts from shipwrecks and the whaling era.

Day 12 Scrabster, Scotland. Our final morning sees us in Scrabster, the most northerly port on the Scottish mainland. This morning choose to either visit the Castle and Gardens of Mey which was built between 1566 and 1572 by George Sinclair, 4th Earl of Caithness. The castle was purchased by Queen Elizabeth, the Queen Mother in 1952 who restored the castle for use as a holiday home and created the beautiful gardens we will see today. Alternatively drive along the coast to Dunnet Bay, a glorious crescent of sand and dunes

and Dunnet Head to see the lighthouse built in 1831 by Robert Stevenson and enjoy the views over to Orkney. We continue to John O'Groats the most northerly town on mainland Britain. Back on board for lunch we sail this afternoon towards Oban.

Day 13 Oban. Disembark this morning. Transfers will be provided to Glasgow Central Station and Glasgow International Airport at a fixed time.

SHIP TO SHORE

This cruise is not classified as an expedition cruise, however Zodiac landing craft may be integral to the operation of the voyage due to the small ports we will be visiting where we may be at anchor.

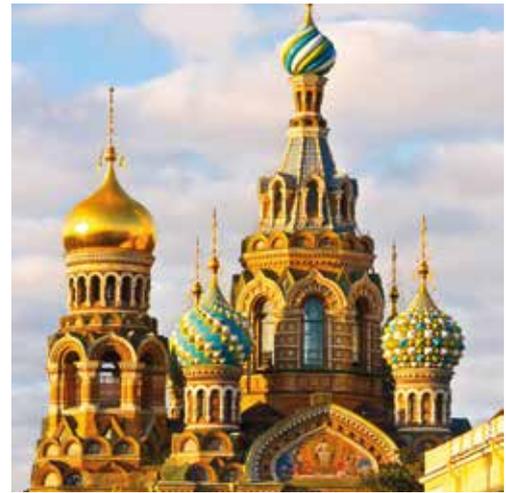
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