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NORWAY: UNDER THE NORTHERN LIGHTS

A VOYAGE ALONG THE COAST OF
NORWAY IN SEARCH OF THE NORTHERN
LIGHTS ABOARD THE HANSEATIC NATURE

4TH TO 19TH FEBRUARY 2027

NOBLE CALEDONIA

Traditional village, Lofoten Islands



The coastline of Norway is one of extraordinary beauty and words cannot describe the awe-inspiring scenery of dramatic mountains, glaciers, waterfalls, valleys and truly magnificent fjords. Norway is also one of the best places in the world to see the Northern Lights and this expedition has been designed to maximise the chances of seeing the captivating aurora borealis as well as experiencing the raw beauty and awe-inspiring scenery as we take in views of dramatic mountains and truly magnificent fjords. There are few phenomena that capture the imagination like the aurora borealis and in February when the sun briefly rises above the horizon, we can expect magnificent displays with the flashing lights forming beautifully coloured arcs in the sky.

Sailing from Hamburg, you can enjoy a relaxing day at sea as we cruise north for our first glimpse of Norway. Here your days will be spent on optional excursions with local guides, on walks with the naturalists and on deck of the Hanseatic Nature as we cruise amongst the fjords. This itinerary uniquely combines the wonders of the natural world with the historical and cultural highlights of the area and our visits will include Alesund to marvel at the Art Nouveau architecture, the lively city of Tromso with its spectacular mountain scenery and a plethora of adventurous activities on offer as well as a full day in the enchanting Lofoten Islands. We will also cruise around the legendary Torghatten mountain, venture to mainland Europe's northernmost point, the Northern Cape, and spend time in Alta, 'city of the Northern Lights'.

For this expedition we are working with our associates at Hapag-Lloyd Cruises who have provided us with an allocation of cabins aboard Hanseatic Nature, a wonderful vessel on which you can be assured of excellent service, food and sumptuous surroundings. This is a perfect opportunity to visit one of Europe's most beautiful regions in search of the Northern Lights and to experience spectacular natural scenery in a world far away from the stresses of modern life. There will be a range of optional excursions on offer as well as ample time to relax on board while cruising when you can pass the time on deck looking for wildlife, attend the series of lectures by members of the expedition team or simply enjoy the onboard facilities.





The Itinerary

Please note that shore excursions are not included in the price and details of what excursions will be available along with prices will be sent to passengers three months before departure.

Day 1 London to Hamburg, Germany. Fly by scheduled flight. Upon arrival transfer to the Hanseatic Nature for embarkation. Sail this evening.

Day 2 At Sea. Enjoy a leisurely day at sea as we cruise towards the Norwegian coast.

Day 3 Bergen, Norway. Bergen welcomes you to a Scandinavian gem whose wealth over the years has been built on seafaring, trade and fishing. Today, the city's past is reflected in the Hanseatic quarter of Bryggen which with its narrow streets and colourful, historic merchants' houses lined up next to one another on the quayside has been designated a UNESCO World Heritage Site. The picturesque fish market is worth a visit and from Mount Floyen, one of the city's seven hills which rises up to 300 metres above the centre, you will see from the top why Bergen is known as the "gateway to the fjords".

Day 4 Alesund. Alesund nestles in a picturesque location on the Norwegian coastline, spread over several islands and surrounded by fjords. Witness the harmony between people and nature here from the top of Mount Aksla where, after the effort of climbing up around 400 steps, you will be rewarded with amazing panoramic views. You may wish to take a stroll through the charming streets and lanes of the city centre and discover its impressive architecture; the entire city was rebuilt in the Art Nouveau style after a devastating fire in 1904. More than 400 listed buildings invite you to take the time to discover the many interesting architects' quotes on the facades.

Day 5 Cruising off Torghatten. Norway is legendary in the truest sense of the word and many of its impressive landscapes are closely linked with legends and Norwegian mythology. A particularly fascinating story comes to life when we cruise off Torghatten, the striking mountain with a hole in the middle. According to legend, this hole was created when the King of the Somna's hat was pierced by an arrow fired by a wild troll prince. Witness this spectacle as we cruise off the island of Torget, offering a perfect view of the rock, and the team of experts on board will explain the actual story behind the special geological feature.

Day 6 Tromsø. Once described by seafarers and polar explorers as the "Paris of the North", Tromsø has not lost any of its charm to this day. A lively city in idyllic natural surroundings, it is the dance floor of the Northern Lights in winter. The city's landmark, the Arctic Cathedral, is a prime example of how strong an influence the Arctic has on the city's architecture. Aluminium-

coated concrete panels give the roof its striking design, making it look as if ice floes have been pressed up on both sides. The 23 metre high stained glass window is also impressive. Perhaps see the exhibitions at the Polaria centre where the Arctic fish and other species at the aquarium will enhance your knowledge of the polar habitat. There are also a number of museums that bring to life the legendary polar explorers for whom Tromsø was the "gateway to the Arctic". Back on board, when night falls you will perhaps be treated to a special light show of the Northern Lights if the sky is clear.

Day 7 Cruising off the North Cape, Honningsvåg. Honningsvåg is the maritime centre of the North Cape region. Its colourful houses are huddled together on the slopes of the local mountain, Storfjellet, which stands at a height of around 300 metres. Walk from the port to the little shops and restaurants offering Nordic specialities or visit the church built in 1885. When the town was destroyed by German occupying forces in 1944, only the whitewashed church remained undamaged. Take a hike in the surrounding hills to appreciate the idyllic sight of the town today. Honningsvåg is also a starting point for visiting the legendary North Cape. Here, black slate cliffs rise up about 300 metres out of the sea and are topped by a huge globe symbolically marking the end of the European mainland. The geographical location so far north makes it the perfect place for seeing the Northern Lights.

Days 8 & 9 Alta. Exceptional weather conditions and the remarkably clear sky have made the region around Alta an ideal place to observe and study the Northern Lights ever since the 18th century. The first Northern Lights observatory was built in the charming little town right at the end of the Altafjord in the 19th century. The Northern Lights Cathedral, with its bell tower spiralling up into the sky, is also worth a visit. The architecture of the building was inspired by the lights in the sky and has a similarly undulating appearance from all sides. Alta is also the perfect starting point for a large number of outdoor activities.

Day 10 Svolvær, Lofoten Islands. Skerry landscape, stockfish archipelago and expedition territory: the Lofoten Islands impress with dramatic landscapes and idyllic fishing villages. See what life is like here on the main island of Austvågøy and in its main town, Svolvær. Once the ship has docked, take a stroll around the little town. Everywhere you go, you will see frames for drying stockfish, which is exported all over the world from the archipelago. Rather than the town itself, it is the symbiosis with the surrounding mountains that makes this place so appealing. Its main landmark is the mountain of the same name, Svolvær, with two rocky peaks standing a good 1.5 metres tall at the top. The extraordinary light and colour here have attracted many artists to settle in the town. Experience the spectacle of this centre of art and light – as creative as the Northern Lights which will perhaps also put on a show in the night sky.



Day 11 Svartisen Glacier. Covering a surface area of 370 kilometres, Svartisen is Norway's second biggest glacier. No other mainland glacier comes this close to sea level. Its name is derived from the old Norwegian "svartis" meaning "black ice", although the glacier reveals amazingly bright blue tones rather than black. When less air is trapped in the ice, it will appear darker and bluer in colour; the experts will be at your side to tell you more about this and other background information. Depending on ice and snow conditions, take a hike to the the ice tongue to admire this work of nature or enjoy the breathtaking panoramic views of the glacier from the glacial lake.

Day 12 At Sea. Relax on board as we enjoy a day at sea. Maybe join a lecture or unwind with a good book.

Day 13 Cruising in the Geirangerfjord. Our small expedition ship will also take us to the famous Geirangerfjord as it hugs the coastline. The UNESCO World Heritage Site seems unreal and will draw you under its spell with its majestic mountains and cliffs rising up to 1,000 metres out of the water. Numerous waterfalls plunge into the fjord, including the "Seven Sisters" with a drop of 250 metres. Legend has it that the "Suitor" waterfall on the opposite bank had its eye on the beautiful sisters, but its desires remained unfulfilled because of the fjord that kept them apart. Out of frustration, it took to the bottle, which is now apparently reflected in its shape like a liquor bottle. Prepare to be awe-struck at the sight of this natural wonder which will stay in your memory forever.

Day 14 Stavanger. Stavanger is proof of how colourful and picturesque history and monuments can be. In the old town centre, Gamle Stavanger, you will find a collection of narrow cobbled streets and small, white-painted, lovingly decorated wooden houses from the 18th and 19th centuries, which give the historic centre a special kind of charm. Stavanger Cathedral, built in 1125, is Norway's only Medieval church to have kept its original architecture in the Anglo-Norman Gothic style. The city also has an interesting story to tell about the history of seafaring and oil extraction. On a walk through its narrow streets, soak up the casual, almost Mediterranean atmosphere in the boutiques, galleries and cafes. Stavanger is the starting point for exploring the impressive Lysefjord.

Day 15 At Sea. Enjoy a final day at sea as we cruise towards Hamburg.

Day 16 Hamburg to London. Disembark this morning and transfer to the airport for your scheduled flight to London.

SHIP TO SHORE

Please note that we will be at anchor at some ports and will use tender boats or Zodiacs to transfer ashore.

PRICES PER PERSON

Based on double occupancy

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Cat	Cabin Description	Deck	Brochure Price	Special Offer Price
1	Outside cabin	4,5&6	£9995	£9495
2	Panoramic cabin	4&5	£9995	£9495
3	French balcony cabin	6	£10995	£10495
4	Balcony cabin	5	£11995	£11495
5	French balcony cabin	7	£11495	£10995
6	Balcony cabin	6&7	On Request	On Request
7	Balcony cabin	6	£12995	£12495
8	Balcony cabin	7	£13995	£13495
9	Junior suite with balcony	6&7	On Request	On Request
10	Grand suite with veranda	6&7	On Request	On Request
4	Balcony Cabin for sole use	5	£16995	£16495

PRICE INCLUDES: Economy class scheduled air travel • 15 nights aboard the Hanseatic Nature on a full board basis • Mini-bar with soft drinks in your cabin restocked each day • Expedition team including onboard lectures • Gratuities • Transfers • Landing fees • Port taxes • Airport taxes.

Not Included: Travel insurance, shore excursions (details will be available to pre-book three months before departure and payment will be made on board).

NB. The Northern Lights are a natural phenomenon so sightings cannot be guaranteed and are weather dependent. Please note that the use of Zodiacs may not be permitted in some ports of call and in these instances, the ship's tender boats will be used when at anchor.

Please note that all bookings (including those made by Commodore Club members) are subject to a 20% deposit and that the balance payment will be due 150 days before the date of departure. Please also note that between 149 and 70 days before the date of departure, cancellation charges shall be 40% of the total holiday price payable.

HANSEATIC NATURE



Lido Restaurant



Balcony Cabin



Ocean Academy

Operated by our German associates, Hapag-Lloyd Cruises, the Hanseatic Nature is a five-star expedition ship launched in 2021. With a maximum of just 230 passengers (199 passengers in Antarctica and Spitsbergen), this unique vessel offers plenty of open deck space including a walkway to the bow of the ship for wildlife sightings and incredible views. There is a qualified expedition team of naturalists who will accompany you ashore and provide informative talks in the comfort of the well-designed HanseAtrium, and a crew of 175 offering the most exquisite and attentive service on board.

Your Cabin/Suite

There are a total of 120 cabins and suites, all of which feature a comfortable sleeping area with separable beds, a heated wall in the bathroom, a rain shower, TV, a coffee machine and a mini bar with soft drinks refilled daily. They are also equipped with binoculars and Nordic walking poles and 24-hour cabin service is available. The Outside Cabins, Panoramic Cabins and French Balcony Cabins all measure between 21 to 23 square metres and the Balcony Cabins measure 27 square metres including the balcony. The Junior Suites are approximately 42 square metres including the balcony and offer panoramic views, a comfortable living and sleeping area and a separate dining area. They also benefit from the addition of a bathroom with two sinks, a steam sauna and butler service. The Grand Suites are approximately 71 square metres including a private veranda with space heaters. They feature a sleeping area with panoramic views and a comfortable living area as well as a separate dining area. Additional facilities include a bathroom with two sinks, free standing bath, rain shower, steam sauna, balcony access and butler service.

Your Space

The vessel has three spacious restaurants, two bars, a library, Sun Deck with swimming pool and pool bar, fitness room, hair salon and a small boutique. There is also a hospital on the lower deck and it is in the HanseAtrium that the expedition team will hold lectures and briefings. The vessel has been designed taking inspiration from nature to reflect the expeditionary theme of the voyages and to provide interplay between the interiors and the world outside. Exciting vistas are guaranteed in the Observation Lounge thanks to the 180-degree panoramic view which can be enjoyed while relaxing with an aperitif at the bar and listening to the music. Another design highlight are the two extendable glass balconies on the Sun Deck from which passing wildlife can be viewed on the ocean surfaces. The Ocean Academy houses a study wall, reading chairs and even microscopes to study the smallest wonders of the world. Guests will have the opportunity to visit the bridge whenever the local regulations and conditions allow, by prior arrangement with the officer on duty.



Pool Deck



Outside Cabin



HanseAtrium Bar

Your Dining

Highly trained chefs will surprise you every day with their skill and attention to detail. Diverse and classic delicacies will be available at every meal, whether you are enjoying a quick breakfast or a relaxed evening meal. There is a choice of three spacious open-seating restaurants including the Hanseatic Restaurant with its relaxed atmosphere, the Lido Restaurant offering both indoor and outdoor seating, and the 44-seat Speciality Restaurant where you will be taken on a culinary voyage of French fine dining. The Hanseatic Restaurant and Speciality Restaurant are à la carte whereas the Lido Restaurant offers a buffet-style service. Spend your days and evenings however you wish thanks to flexible mealtimes, a free choice of seating and attentive 24-hour cabin service.

Life On Board

With your every need attended to, there is nothing to do but relax and enjoy the experience aboard the Hanseatic Nature. After a Zodiac excursion, you will be welcomed back on board with hot drinks and snacks, drinks will be handed to you as you stand on deck viewing magnificent icebergs and the crew will think of everything and enhance your cruise in every way possible. Highly qualified, knowledgeable experts will accompany you throughout the cruise; discovering unknown territory and seeing amazing wildlife will be a lot more rewarding with an expert by your side. Whether a naturalist or ornithologist, their passion and enthusiasm will be conveyed through talks on board and during excursions. The onboard fleet of 17 Zodiac landing craft enables guests to reach every spectacular sight, no matter how remote and, due to their manoeuvrability, these inflatable craft allow us to truly immerse ourselves in nature.

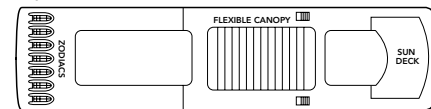
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During construction of the Hanseatic Nature, the focus was on making her suitable for all ice conditions and she has been fitted with cutting-edge equipment and environmental technology. The vessel holds the highest ice class for a passenger ship – PC 6, and with a shallow draught, powerful engine and robust propellers, this is a sturdy ship with excellent manoeuvrability. All of these features allow access to remote islands and coastlines and make for one of the finest expedition vessels.

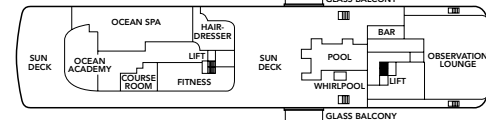


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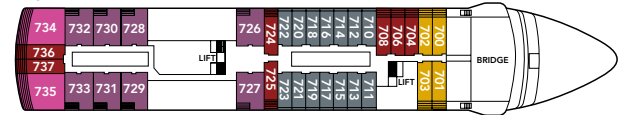
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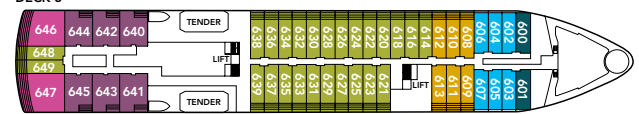
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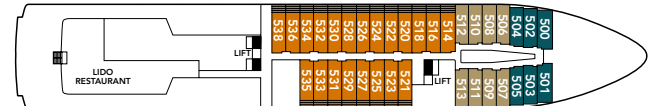
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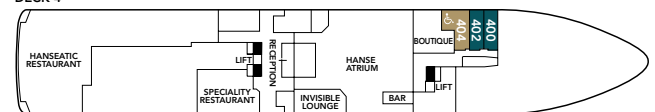
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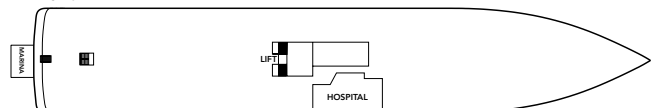
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