Nordic Marvels and Mysteries Above the Arctic Circle!

Featuring Ten Rare and Stunning Ports in Greenland, Iceland & Norway

With a Wee Bit o’ Scotland’s Shetland Islands Too

August 2 - 16, 2023
15 Day - 13 Night Cruise/Tour

From the the spectacular fjords of Norway to the bubbling geysers of Iceland to the towering icebergs of Greenland, don’t miss this opportunity to discover many of the world’s most jaw-dropping landscapes! Following a pre-cruise night above the Arctic Circle in Tromso, you’ll cruise amongst the deep blue fjords, flowing waterfalls and sharp, snow-capped mountains of Norway - quite simply one of the most stunningly gorgeous places on earth - as you visit remote villages where Vikings once lived. After relishing the rugged beauty and charm of Scotland’s Shetland Islands, it’s on to the world’s largest fjord dotted with stately icebergs in Greenland, and Iceland where there’s no end to the breathtaking countryside. For a truly grand finale, you’ll enjoy a post-cruise night in delightful Reykjavik, so don’t miss out on touring the legendary Golden Circle of Iceland or the Blue Lagoon with its azure-colored water and otherworldly steam rising from the surface. What a perfect way to end your amazing cruise/tour to Norway, Greenland and Iceland!

Itinerary

August 2, 2023 - Your Journey Begins!
Depart today on your overnight flight bound for Norway!

August 3, 2023 - Welcome to the Arctic Circle
After ‘crossing the pond’, you’ll be met by your TRIPS escort in Tromso, the largest city above the Arctic Circle! Transfer to your hotel today to unpack, with time to explore and dinner on your own.
Overnight: Tromso, Norway

August 4, 2023 - Norwegian Star Sail-Away
After a leisurely morning, you’ll board your floating hotel and home for the next 11 days, the Norwegian Star. Enjoy a late lunch onboard and be sure to be on deck for your 6pm sailing from Tromso! (L/D)

August 5, 2023 - Svolvær, Norway
Your cruise’s first port from 10am to 8pm, Svolvær is the artistic hub of Northern Norway and gateway to the fairytale landscape of the Lofoten archipelago. From fishing and rock climbing to hiking, horse back riding, surfing and more, these volcanic-rock islands create a fine outdoor playground to indulge. You can also go into Svolvær and its surrounding towns for a rare glimpse into local culture, traditions and the region’s dramatic Viking past! (B/L/D)

August 6, 2023 - Sandnessjøen, Norway
Perched on the northwestern tip of Alsta Island, Sandnessjøen is situated between the 12-mile long Leirfjorden and a dramatic mountain range known as The Seven Sisters. You might explore this storied landscape by water on a sea kayaking tour, or take to the mountains and soak up panoramic island vistas. With everything in easy walking distance in Sandnessjøen, you can also enjoy a relaxing stroll through town, browse local shops, or savor traditional Norwegian cuisine at a café or restaurant. The Star is docked here from 7am to 3:30pm. (B/L/D)

August 7, 2023 - Olden, Norway
The beautiful natural wonderland views from the ship as you cruise into Olden, where you'll dock from 12:30pm to 7:30pm, are not to be missed! Located on the southern shore of Nordfjord, Olden is an ideal base to explore the surrounding landscape. From the picturesque village, you might journey into Jostedalsbreen National Park to hike among rushing waterfalls as mountains rise around Briksdal Glacier. Dramatic vistas here are an outdoor enthusiast’s paradise, with a wide range of attractions and tours to suit all activity levels. (B/L/D)

August 8, 2023 - Lerwick, Shetland Islands, Scotland
The capital of Scotland’s Shetland Islands is a vibrant and energetic city colored by grand Victorian houses and the region’s adorable namesake Shetland ponies! It’s also your primary entry to the Shetlands, a mosaic of over a hundred islands inhabited by about 22,000 people and an abundance of wildlife. This land is entirely shaped by the bracing sea, featuring views of dramatic sculptured cliffs and tranquil sandy bays. You’re docked here from 11am to 7pm. (B/L/D)

August 9, 2023 - Tórshavn, Faroe Islands
This colorful capital city of the Faroe Islands on the island of Styrmoy features a variety of Nordic landscapes, with fjords, straits, deep green valleys, and a wonderful harbor dotted with colorful boats. Tórshavn began as a Viking settlement, and later became a thriving town, replete with quaint, multi-hued neighborhoods, and historic cathedrals and fortresses from the Middle Ages. You’ll visit from 9am to 4pm. (B/L/D)

August 10, 2023 - Djúpivogur, Iceland
Sitting at the mouth of Berufjörður fjord on Iceland’s south coast, many of the oldest houses in the quaint little coastal village of Djúpivogur have been restored to their original 16th and 17th century glory. Djúpivogur also boasts one of Iceland’s more offbeat attractions: the Eggs of Merry Bay, 34 oversized granite eggs created by local artist Sigurður Guðmundsson, each sitting atop its own pedestal in a lengthy row in the town’s harbor! Boat trips to the nearby island of Papey are another of this port’s highlights, where you’ll be from 8am to 5pm. (B/L/D)

August 11, 2023 - Akureyri, Iceland
Today finds you in Akureyri, the Capital of North Iceland. Nestled at the head of Iceland’s longest fjord, Akureyri sits at the base of

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snowcapped peaks, with gorgeous wooden houses and cozy little bars - and hearts! The stoplights in this surprisingly hip and artsy town are shaped like hearts - a reminder to the residents of Akureyri of what's really important. **Whale watching** is popular here, or discover the stunning landscape of Akureyri on a gentle Icelantic horse ride, a truly unique experience! You'll visit here from 9am to 5pm. (B/L/D)

**August 13, 2023 - Cruising Greenland's Scoresby Sound**

Scoresby Sound (or Sund), located in East Greenland near Scoresby Sund, where you’ll be from 7am to 2pm. This small, colorful village of just over 400 residents is one of the world's most remote settlements. To say that the wild, untouched landscape surrounding the village is incredible doesn't do it justice! From dog sledding and hiking to kayaking, fishing and boat tours, there are numerous ways to discover the diverse wildlife, rugged cliffs and large icebergs dotting this unique corner of the world. (B/L/D)

**August 13, 2023 - Itoqqortoormit, Greenland**

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- 4-night specialty dining package (excludes extra charged items)
- Gratuities included for both packages

**Check with TRIPS for details of these very special exclusive inclusions, valued at upwards of $1,000 per person!**

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Final payment is due in the TRIPS office on or before March 24, 2023. Therefore, please make sure that payment is submitted at least 10 days prior to this date.

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