

beCuriou presents:

Hurtigruten: Amsterdam - Bergen

— Itinerary —

OVERVIEW



8 days



6 ports



Max 960 guests

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Departure: 23 April 2019

NORWAY - PEARLS OF SOUTHERN NORWAY

This map describes our planned journey. Weather conditions will determine our final itinerary.



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Preikestolen, Lysefjord

— **EXPLORE** the treasures of the unmatched Norwegian coast - like spectacular Lysefjorden and world-renowned Hardangerfjorden - with the people who know it best.

DAY 1: LAIDBACK AMSTERDAM

Amsterdam grew from a small fishing village to become one of the most charming and culturally important cities of the world. Signs of Amsterdam's "Golden Age" can still be seen in the patrician houses in the city's famed Canal District, a UNESCO World Heritage Site. Amsterdam is well-known for its outstanding museums like the Rijksmuseum, the Rembrandt House or the Van Gogh Museum.

DAY 2: SMALL ISLANDS WITH BIG HISTORY

Germany's only high sea archipelago consists of two small islands called Heligoland and the Dune. Germany's smallest nature reserve, Lummenfelsen - essentially a single rock - is densely occupied by thousands of nesting sea birds. Founded by Friesians, Heligoland has changed hands several times; first, by the Danes and then by the British, who gave Heligoland to the Germans in return for Zanzibar in 1890.

In 1947, the island was used by Britain as a giant bomb disposal site in Operation Big Bang, the largest non-nuclear explosion of the era. Come ashore to explore this fascinating island, with its colourful past and see the bomb craters for yourself.

DAY 3: UNWIND WITH A VIEW

A day at sea means you can join lectures given by the Expedition Team, spend time on deck or in the Panorama Lounge with fellow travellers. Work out in our well-equipped fitness room with a panoramic ocean view or take a soak in the outdoor Jacuzzi.

DAY 4: ISLANDS, LANES AND ART

Kragere boasts a long history of art and culture and has inspired famous artists, drawn to the fine light which is unique to this area. Amble through the charming narrow streets and alleyways to discover an assortment of galleries and cafes, or venture further afield for a longer walk or more adventurous hike. The area is ideal for kayaking, as there are over 490 islands to explore in this large archipelago.



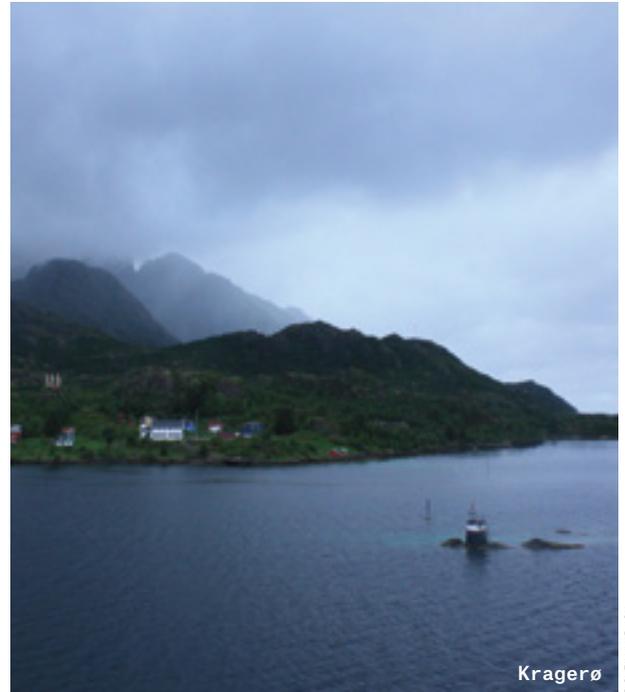
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ACTIVITY OPTIONS

-  KAYAKING
-  HIKING
-  SMALL BOAT CRUISING
-  BIRDWATCHING
-  LECTURES



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DAY 5: PIRATE DAYS

Fascinating Farsund has played host to pirates as far back as the 1800s. Not surprising as the area has some of the best beaches in southern Norway, which also makes it ideal for bird watching and shoreside walks. Or stroll along the old railway line with spectacular views of the fjord, cross the 100-year old swing bridge and pass a protected oak forest. Every summer, Farsund celebrates its buccaneer heritage with the “Kaperdagene” (Pirate Days) Festival. The event remembers

the Napoleonic War of 1804 when the area was ravaged by conflict, forcing locals to plunder passing ships to survive.

DAY 6: TOWERING PREIKESTOLEN

Preikestolen, also known as the “Pulpit Rock” is, a flat mountain plateau of about 600 square metres, and the most famous tourist attraction in Ryfylke, towers an impressive 604 metres over the Lysefjord. On a clear day, expect fine views of Preikestolen and the Kjerag peak as we pass by.

DAY 7-8: MOUTH OF THE FJORD

Located at the mouth of the Hardangerfjord, Rosendal is known for its manor, the only one of its kind in Norway. The castle is now an important museum. Rosendal is also where Roald Amundsen’s Northwest Passage expedition ship “Gjøa” was built. After a tasty breakfast, it’s time to say goodbye to MS Midnatsol and head home. If you’re still up for more adventures, join a post-voyage experience in Bergen and see the UNESCO-listed Bryggen district.



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