# Classic Spring Voyages

In spring the sun returns to rejuvenate the Norwegian shores and temperatures begin rising as life returns to the land. Days become longer and springtime colours infuse the landscape as the Arctic grip recedes. At this time, interesting presentations will be held and activities arranged both on board and on land. You can choose between a 6, 7, 11 and 12-day spring cruise. The ports that are visited by night on the Voyage North are visited by day on the Voyage South. In the larger towns and cities you will have plenty of time to go ashore or join our varied excursions. Below you will find spring highlights, the day to day itinerary, and prices.

#### Voyage Highlights

* Experience three seasons in one journey, and the contrasts between northern and southern Norway.
* In spring you can also take part in several of our winter activities north of the Arctic Circle. For example, a snowmobile trip in Lapland, a stay at the Snow Hotel and dog sledging.
* The unique migratory bird-life at this time of the year.
* As part of our spring programme, you can participate in several on board activities and shore excursions focusing on Norway’s seaand birdlife.
* See the beautiful Trollfjord.
* Cross the Arctic Circle and enjoy the return of the Midnight Sun from the 14th of May.
* Norway’s National Day, the 17th of May, is celebrated with children’s parades and festivities throughout the country.

#### The Round Trip Bergen - Kirkenes - Bergen (12 days)

This spring journey is the ultimate voyage with Hurtigruten. You will get the opportunity to see and experience the fantastic spring nature that Norway has to offer. You will visit 34 ports and cover over 2,500 nautical miles.  
  
**This cruise covers the complete itinerary**

#### Norwegian Discovery Bergen - Kirkenes - Trondheim (11 days)

This spring journey combines many highlights of the Classic Round Voyage. Starting in Bergen, you will cross the Arctic Circle twice, pass the North Cape,visit the turning point at Kirkenes and disembark in the medieval city of Trondheim.  
  
**This cruise will be days 1 - 11 of the itinerary**

#### The Voyage North Bergen - Kirkenes (7 days)

This voyage sails the iconic Norwegian coastline’s sheltered waters from Bergen towards the Russianborder town of Kirkenes. En route you will stop at 34 ports and experience the wonders of the polar north and experience the Arctic Awakening.  
  
**This cruise will be days 1 - 7 of the itinerary**

#### The Voyage South Kirkenes - Bergen (6 days)

The spring highlights include the daylight sailing through the beautiful Vesterålen and Lofoten Islands, the Seven Sisters mountain range and the legendary ‘mountain with the hole’, Torghatten.  
  
**This cruise will be days 7 - 12 of the itinerary**

#### Days 1-7 Northbound voyage

#### Day 1 Embarkation in Bergen

Take time to explore Bergen before we depart. In the evening, your Hurtigruten voyage sets sail through the Hjeltefjord, following in the wake of the Vikings who ventured from here to the Shetland Islands and beyond.

#### Day 2 Ålesund

Enjoy the nature of the coastline as you sail towards Ålesund, a city renowned for its Art Nouveau architecture.

#### Day 3 The Royal City of Trondheim

In Trondheim, be sure to enjoy the views from the Gamle Bybrua (“Old Town Bridge”), which dates back to 1861. Nidaros Cathedral, built between 1070 and 1300, is Norway’s largest Gothic edifice. In the afternoon you set a northwest course, passing the beautiful Kjeungskjær lighthouse and numerous charming islets and rocky outcrops.

#### Day 4 Arctic Circle and Lofoten Islands

This morning you cross the Arctic Circle and by evening you reach the Lofoten Islands. This archipelago is renowned for its many quaint, picturesque fishing villages surrounded by majestic mountains.

#### Day 5 Tromsø, the gateway to the Arctic

After a stop in Harstad you continue via Finnsnes to Tromsø for a longer stay. Many of the epic Arctic expeditions used Tromsø as a starting point. Why not join us on an optional miniature kayak expedition!

#### Day 6 Honningsvåg and the North Cape

Our day starts by sailing through Magerøysund before an early stop in Hammerfest. After a brief stop in Havøysund you arrive in Honningsvåg, the gateway the spectacular North Cape. Visiting the North Cape Plateau on an optional excursion, you get an eerie sense of being at the end of the world. As well as being continental Europe’s northernmost point this area is also known for its birdlife, and springtime is when the birds return. Before Kjøllefjord a local fisherman will demonstrate traditional fishing techniques out on deck.

#### Day 7 Kirkenes, the voyage turning point

The last port of the northbound voyage is Kirkenes. At longitude 30°E, you are actually further east than Istanbul and St. Petersburg. In spring you may still be  
able to participate in our winter activities and excursions.

#### Days 7-12 Southbound Voyage

#### Day 7 Kirkenes, the voyage south begins

As we turn south, the northbound ports previously visited at night can now be seen by day. In the afternoon the ship docks in Vardø, Norway’s easternmost port. Weather permitting, we may invite you to experience ice bathing in the Arctic Ocean! Local divers will display and lecture about the life in the ocean out on deck.

#### Day 8 Hammerfest and Tromsø

Discover a hidden part of Finnmark on our optional excursion to the North Cape for breakfast. Our next stop, Hammerfest, was founded in 1789, and in its time was Norway’s polar capital, acting as a base for hunting expeditions to the high Arctic. In the majestic Lyngen Alps area we sometimes rendezvous with a local shrimp trawler. Our next stop will be Tromsø, where you can enjoy The Arctic Cathedral whilst attending an optional midnight concert.

#### Day 9 Vesterålen and Lofoten Islands

The Vesterålen and Lofoten Islands are amongst today’s highlights. In the morning we transit Risøyrenna, a channel that was specially made for Hurtigruten. You continue through the narrow Raftsund, the picturesque channel between the Vesterålen and Lofoten Islands, where you’ll take a detour into the spectacular Trollfjord where steep cliffs hug the ship’s sides (time and weather permitting). Here you can also join our optional spectacular Sea Eagle Safari.

#### Day 10 Arctic Circle, Seven sisters

The Helgeland coast with its hundreds of islets, fertile farmland and steep granite walls is rich in local lore. Legends include that of the Seven Sisters - a row of  
mountain peaks, and of how an arrow fired by the troll Hestmannen formed the hole in Torghatten mountain.

#### Day 11 Trondheim and Kristiansund

Leaving Trondheim in the morning, passing the islands of Munkholmen and Hitra, we stop at Kristiansund, then cross the open sea to Molde, known as the ‘city of roses’ with its unusually rich, lush plant life courtesy of its Gulf Stream location.

#### Day 12 Bergen, disembarkation

This morning, you still have a few nautical miles of fascinating scenery ahead. We sail through the Bergen archipelago before arriving in Bergen itself, which has  
given its visitors a warm welcome for more than 900 years.

\*Note: Some excursions are not available for the entire season.