



# Heritage voyage on the historic mail boat MS Nordstjernen

*Jubilee season*



June 22<sup>nd</sup> to 28<sup>th</sup>  
2026

7 days / 6 nights

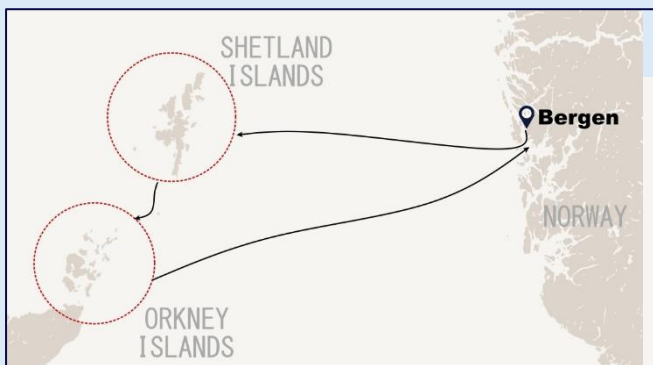
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## Round trip Bergen - Shetland - Orkney Islands: Cliffs, puffins and historical settlements

Discover the charm of the Shetland and Orkney Islands on a relaxed voyage through small harbors and wild coastlines.

Visit a variety of small, charming harbors, with ample time to unwind on board, explore scenic coastal villages, and immerse yourself in the unique landscapes, wildlife, and traditions of these remote northern isles. This voyage can be extended with a transfer to and from Warnemünde, Germany.



### The Ship

- ★ Built in 1956 at the Blohm & Voss shipyard in Hamburg
- ★ Served on the iconic Norwegian Hurtigruten coastal route for 56 years
- ★ Small ship with 80 – 110 passengers
- ★ Simple and small cabins. Great chance to reminisce about simpler times from 40-50 years ago.
- ★ Cozy saloon deck and teak-planked outdoor decks
- ★ 2012 listed as a cultural heritage monument by the Norwegian Directorate for Cultural Heritage

1956 – 2026  
70 Years Nordstjernen

On February 24, 1956, the Blohm & Voss shipyard in Hamburg handed over the MS Nordstjernen to BDS (Det Bergenske Dampskibsselskap). The Nordstjernen was transferred to Bergen and began service on the coastal express route along the Norwegian coast on March 1, 1956.



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## MS Nordstjernen Travel Itinerary\*

### Day 1: Embarkation in Bergen

The journey begins in Bergen, known for the famous Bryggen district, which is listed as a UNESCO World Heritage Site. The colorful wooden façades reflect the city's long Hanseatic tradition. When you board the MS Nordstjernen in the afternoon, you will immediately sense the unique atmosphere of a bygone era. Enjoy the departure through the fjords and prepare for exciting days ahead.

### Day 2: Lerwick

In Lerwick, the capital of the Shetland Islands, narrow streets, old stone houses, and a lively harbor life await you. Visit the impressive Fort Charlotte and stroll along the bustling waterfront. Lerwick is a vibrant center of Scottish culture and history. After the long crossing last night, the ship will remain in port overnight today – a great opportunity to explore Lerwick's nightlife.

### Day 3: Scalloway

Spend the day in Scalloway, Shetland's former capital. The village is dominated by the castle (currently under reconstruction), a 17th-century fortress with a dramatic history linked to the Stewart earls. Scalloway was also an important base for the Shetland Bus operation during World War II, serving as a starting point for secret missions between Shetland and occupied Norway.

### Day 4: Foula

We now arrive at the island of Foula, one of the most remote inhabited islands in Britain. Foula is famous for its dramatic cliffs and rich birdlife, making it a paradise for nature lovers. Walk along the cliffs and get close to seals and puffins. The locals provide fascinating insights into life, work, and community on the island.

### Day 5: Kirkwall

Kirkwall, the capital of the Orkney Islands, is dominated by the majestic St. Magnus Cathedral, which dates back to the 12th century. Explore the charming old town or enjoy views of the deep blue sea from the harbor. MS Nordstjernen will remain docked overnight – a chance to experience the town's unique atmosphere.

### Day 6: Papa Westray

Papa Westray impresses with spectacular coastal landscapes and archaeological highlights. The island is home to the Knap of Howar, the oldest known stone settlement in Northern Europe, older than Stonehenge. A place where history and nature meet. In the afternoon, we set course eastward again.

### Day 7: Bergen

Your unforgettable journey ends back in Bergen. Enjoy the last hours on board MS Nordstjernen and take home memories of a sea voyage filled with cultural experiences and unforgettable moments in nature.

**Please note: We use tender boats to reach the small islands of Foula and Papa Westray.**





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## Itinerary\*

Date	Port	Time in port
22.06.2026	Bergen	Departure in the afternoon
23.06.2026	Lerwick	Afternoon – overnight
24.06.2026	Scalloway	Afternoon – overnight
25.06.2026	Foula	Morning - evening
26.06.2026	Kirkwall	Morning – overnight
27.06.2026	Papa Westray	Morning - afternoon
28.06.2026	Bergen	Arrival in the afternoon

\*carefully planned. Changes in ports and route are possible, e.g. due to weather conditions, technical challenges or unforeseeable events. **There is no claim to the itinerary described.**

## Dining experience

The meals aboard are always freshly prepared using high-quality ingredients.

A varied breakfast buffet is served in the morning.



At lunchtime, guests can enjoy a hot and cold buffet with a wide variety of delicious dishes, or a lunch package if desired.



In the evening, curated three-course dinner is served at the tables.



Vegetarian, vegan, gluten-free, or individually tailored meals are available upon request.

## Shore excursions

In the ports, we offer exciting shore excursions in cooperation with local partners. Normally the excursions are not included in the price of the trip.

Our shore excursions are varied and provide insights into the unique features of the region and the lives of the local people.

**The program for the shore excursions is available about four weeks prior to the start of the cruise.**

We will also visit very small communities, with only a handful of residents, during this journey. To ensure the authentic experience, our visits are organized by the locals.

**These excursions are already included in your travel price** and offer a unique glimpse into these special places.



## How to locate the port

Travelling to the embarkation port and from the disembarkation port must be arranged individually.

### **Bergen**

The berth of MS Nordstjernen is **very easy to reach**:

**Train:** About a 15-minute walk from Bergen station. Direct trains from Oslo several times a day.

Tickets from Oslo to Bergen can be purchased via [www.vy.no](http://www.vy.no)

**Car:** Oslo – Bergen is approx. 470 km and about 7 hours' drive. Several parking garages are located near the harbor.

**Flight:** The nearest airport is Bergen Flesland Airport. From there it takes 30–45 minutes by airport bus or light rail (Bybanen) to Bergen city center.

**Ferry:** Daily ferry service from Hirtshals to Bergen. Daily coastal route from Kirkenes along the Norwegian coast to Bergen.



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## Prices Voyage-No. 2026 – NOR – 13 6 nights from/to Bergen

What is included: voyage from embarkation port to disembarkation port in your booked cabin category, full board (without drinks) incl. breakfast, lunch and dinner, free filter coffee, tea and tap water, passage and passenger taxes, onboard tour leader (English speaking, possibly additional languages), **excursions at Foula and Papa-Westray**

**Onboard language:** English

**Minimum number of passengers for this voyage:** 50

Cabin category	Deck	Price per person, single occupancy of cabin in Norwegian Krone (NOK)	Price per person, double occupancy of cabin in Norwegian Krone (NOK)
Cat. E: Very small inside cabin with bunk beds (shared facilities)	A, B	17.725	12.750
Cat. D: Outside cabin with bunk beds (shared facilities)	B	24.800	18.750
Cat. I: Inside cabin with bunk beds, ensuite shower/toilet	B, C	27.600	20.825
Cat. A: Outside cabin with bunk beds, ensuite shower/toilet	B, C	30.750	23.150
Cat. N: Larger outside cabin with bunk beds and sofa (cabin 304: two lower beds), ensuite shower/toilet	C	-	29.600

**Prices for three- or four-bed cabins, along with child discounts, are available upon request.**

### Cabin Categories and Cabin standard

Please read the information about [cabin standard and cabin categories](#) carefully before booking.

### General information about the ship

As there are some specifics due to the age and heritage stand of the ship, we ask you to read the [general information](#) about the ship carefully before booking.

### General terms and conditions

You find the [General Terms and Conditions](#) published on [www.vestlandclassic.com](http://www.vestlandclassic.com)

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