



Heritage voyage on the historic mail boat MS Nordstjernen

Jubilee season



August 09th to 15th 2026
And
August 15th to 21st 2026

13 days / 12 nights
With option to start/end in the middle

Voyage-No.
2026 – NOR – 19 a + b



Where the Westerly Wind Blows – Discover the Shetland and Faroe Islands

Discover the Shetland and Faroe Islands with a sense of adventure. Navigate a series of small, picturesque harbors, explore dramatic cliffs and quiet villages, and enjoy active excursions on shore. Between stops, unwind on deck, breathe in the crisp northern air, and take in the striking scenery of these remote Atlantic islands – every day brings a new discovery. Join the full roundtrip or select just the first or second part.



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 – a good opportunity to remember that life was simpler 40 – 50 years ago
- ★ Very cosy saloon deck and Teak planked outside 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* 1. Part Trip number 2026 – NOR – 19a

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 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, Shetland

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: Papa Stour, Shetland

This small island impresses with its wild coastal landscape: mighty cliffs, deep caves, and striking rock formations shaped by the sea over millennia. The birdlife is rich and lively – puffins, gulls, and guillemots all nest here. Papa Stour is considered one of the most spectacular parts of Shetland.

Day 4: Vágur, Faroe Islands

MS Nordstjernen sails into Vágur, a charming village on Suðuroy Island, the southernmost of the Faroe Islands. Wander through the village's quaint streets and discover its well-preserved wooden houses and local shops. The surrounding cliffs and open sea offer breathtaking panoramic views, perfect for photography and nature walks. Walk along the harbor to watch local fishing boats at work and feel the serene pace of life here. The MS Nordstjernen remains overnight docked in port.

Day 5: Klaksvík, Faroe Islands

Arrive in Klaksvík, the second-largest town in the Faroe Islands, nestled between steep mountains and fjords. Explore the town center, where small cafés and shops give a taste of daily Faroese life. Visit the local fish market to see the day's catch and experience the town's maritime culture. Walk along the picturesque harbor, enjoy views of the surrounding mountains. As the MS Nordstjernen stays overnight in the port, you have the chance to discover the Faroese nightlife.

Day 6: Elduvík, Faroe Islands

After scenic sailing along the northernmost Faroese islands, the MS Nordstjernen anchors close to Elduvík, a small and peaceful village on the northeastern coast of Eysturoy Island. The village is framed by dramatic mountains and offers traditional Faroese architecture, making it a perfect spot for photography and quiet reflection. The area is ideal for observing local wildlife and enjoying the harmony of nature and village life. Enjoy another scenic sailing at dinner time, as the MS Nordstjernen turns southwards to Tórshavn.



Day 7a: Tórshavn, Faroe Islands

Spend the day in Tórshavn, the vibrant capital of the Faroe Islands. Explore the old town, Tinganes, with its iconic turf-roofed houses and narrow cobblestone streets. Visit the National Museum to learn about Faroese history and culture, and stop by local galleries to see traditional crafts. This is the day when some guests end their voyage with a suitcase full of nostalgic and adventurous memories and new passengers come aboard for the second part of the tour.

Please note: We use tender boats to reach the smaller islands of Papa Stour and Elduvik.



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MS Nordstjernen Travel Itinerary* 2. Part Trip number 2026 – NOR – 19b

Day 7b: Tórshavn, Faroe Islands

Begin or continue your voyage in Tórshavn, the charming capital of the Faroe Islands. Explore the historic old town with its turf-roofed houses, stroll along the picturesque harbor, and soak in the vibrant local culture before embarking the MS Nordstjernen for your adventure through the Faroese and Shetland islands. Enjoy the first scenic sailing in the late afternoon, when the ship sails northwards and anchors in the bay of Oyndarfjørður.

Day 8: Oyndarfjørður, Faroe Islands

Use the day to explore Oyndarfjørður, a picturesque village on the northern coast of Eysturoy. The area is known for its dramatic cliffs, green valleys, and historical sites. Visit the local church, one of the oldest in the Faroe Islands, whose wooden architecture and ancient gravestones offer a glimpse into local history. Oyndarfjørður is famous for its two rínkusteinar, or rocking stones. At first glance, there is nothing unusual about them, but look closer and you will see that they are in constant motion, rocking back and forth (to the rhythm of the waves) with the ebbing of the sea. Enjoy the scenery in the late afternoon, when the MS Nordstjernen sails along the stunning cliffs of the Faroese westside.

Day 9: Sørvágur & Bøur, Faroe Islands

Depending on the weather, the MS Nordstjernen will anchor close to the small village of Bøur on Vágar Island or closer to Sørvágur at the inner end of the fjord. Both places offering stunning views of the island's dramatic landscapes when passing the Drangarnir and Tindhólmur cliffs. Spend the day immersed in local craftsmanship or walk along cliffside trails for spectacular panoramic views of the rugged coastline and the Skarðsáfoosur waterfall.



Day 10: Tvøroyri, Faroe Islands

In the night MS Nordstjernen arrives in Tvøroyri, a historic harbor town on the east coast of Suðuroy Island. The village has a rich maritime heritage reflected in its well-preserved warehouses, the local maritime museum, and historic trading houses. Explore the narrow streets lined with traditional houses and cozy cafés.

Day 11: Scalloway, Shetland

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 12: Fetlar, Shetland

Known as "the friendly island," Fetlar is a green island with gentle hills, wide meadows, and quiet bays, visited by MS Nordstjernen in the morning. It is especially renowned for its rich birdlife, including the rare red-necked phalarope. Historical traces, such as ancient settlements, also give the island a special character. In the afternoon, we continue to Baltasound, Shetland's northernmost harbor. Here, you will find remnants of the herring fishing industry that once made the place significant. The surrounding landscape is open and rugged, shaped by moor, heath, and a rough coastline. In the evening, we set course eastward again.

Day 13: 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.

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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 before the start of the trip.**



Dining on Bord

The meals on board 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, a selected three-course menu is served at the table.



Upon request, vegetarian, vegan, gluten-free, or individually tailored meals are available.

Itinerary*

Date	Port	Time in port
09.08.2026	Bergen**	Departure in the afternoon
10.08.2026	Lerwick	Noon – over night
11.08.2026	Papa Stour	Afternoon
12.08.2026	Vágur	Noon – over night
13.08.2026	Klaksvik	Noon – over night
14.08.2026	Elduvik	Morning - afternoon
15.08.2026	Tórshavn	Over night - Afternoon
16.08.2026	Oyndarfjørður	Over night - Afternoon
17.08.2026	Bøur	Over night - Evening
18.08.2026	Tvøroyri	Night - Afternoon
19.08.2026	Scalloway	Morning - Afternoon
20.08.2026	Fetlar	Night - Noon
21.08.2026	Bergen**	Arrival in the morning

*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.**

**Depending on the port's availability, bus transport to an alternative quay may be provided.

How to find the port

Travelling to the embarkation port and from the disembarkation port has to 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 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. 2025 – NOR – 19 a + b

including voyage from embarkation port to disembarkation port in booked cabin category, fullboard (without drinks) incl. breakfast, lunch and dinner, coffee, tea and water free at daytime, passage- and passenger taxes, onboard tour leader (English speaking, possibly additional languages).

Onboard language: English

Minimum number of passengers for this voyage: 50

Cabin category	Deck	Price per person, single occupancy of cabin in NOK		Price per person, double occupancy of cabin in NOK	
		Full trip, NOR-19 a and NOR-19b	Half trip NOR-19 a or NOR-19b	Full trip, NOR-19 a and NOR-19b	Half trip NOR-19 a or NOR-19b
Cat. E: Very small inside cabin with bunk beds (shared facilities)	A, B	35.000	20.000	24.500	14.000
Cat. D: Outside cabin with bunk beds (shared facilities)	B	49.000	28.000	36.250	20.725
Cat. I: Inside cabin with bunk beds, ensuite shower/toilet	B, C	54.500	31.150	40.350	23.050
Cat. A: Outside cabin with bunk beds, ensuite shower/toilet	B, C	61.500	35.150	45.500	26.000
Cat. N: Larger outside cabin with bunk beds and sofa (cabin 304: two lower beds), ensuite shower/toilet	C	-		61.000	34.850

20% discount on your second voyage in 2026 when booking 2 voyages at the same time.

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

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