



Heritage voyage on the historic mail boat MS Nordstjernen

Jubilee season



September
23rd to 25th 2026

3 days / 2 nights

Voyage-No.
2026 – NOR – 21



Short Voyage through the Kiel Canal – eastbound

This short voyage from Bremerhaven to Warnemünde offers a perfect opportunity to get to know the MS Nordstjernen. While sailing through the Kiel Canal, you will experience the special character of this historic ship.

Enjoy the relaxed atmosphere on board and observe the fascinating passage through the canal with its locks, bridges, passing areas, and canal pilots.



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.
- ★ Very cozy 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*

Day 1: Embarkation in Bremerhaven

Your adventure begins in the vibrant port city of Bremerhaven. The MS Nordstjernen awaits you at the quay, surrounded by maritime landmarks such as the Klimahaus, the German Maritime Museum, and the striking Atlantic Hotel Sail City. As you step aboard in the afternoon, you'll immediately feel the welcoming, nostalgic charm of this classic vessel. When the ship sets sail and glides past the impressive harbour installations towards the open North Sea, enjoy a peaceful evening on deck and get ready for a voyage rich in seafaring atmosphere and coastal impressions.

Day 2: Kiel-Canal

The highlight of this short voyage is the peaceful and fascinating transit through the Kiel Canal, 99 kilometers long and more than 130 years old – an impressive feat of engineering linking the Baltic and North Sea. Early in the morning, the MS Nordstjernen approaches the Brunsbüttel lock, where it is lifted to enter the canal. Watching this silent operation from deck is an experience in itself, offering insight into the canal's remarkable history.

Throughout the day, the ship glides slowly eastward, passing green banks, small villages, and open farmland. Bridges, passing areas, and other vessels provide a glimpse into the everyday rhythm of one of the world's busiest man-made waterways. On deck or in the lounge, you can relax, breathe in the fresh air, and enjoy the gentle motion of the ship.

In the evening, the MS Nordstjernen reaches the Kiel-Holtenau lock, marking the transition from the canal to the Kieler Förde and the Baltic Sea. As the sun sets over the water and lights begin to shimmer along the shore, the ship sets course for Warnemünde.

Day 3: Warnemünde

Early in the morning, the MS Nordstjernen arrives in the charming seaside town of Warnemünde, where your short voyage comes to an end. Enjoy your final hours on board – perhaps with a cup of coffee on deck as the city awakens. This short but memorable journey offers a perfect opportunity to discover the ship's unique character and the timeless rhythm of classic seafaring – a living piece of maritime heritage preserved to this day.





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Itinerary*

Date	Port	Time in port
23.09.2026	Bremerhaven	Departure in the evening
24.09.2026	Kiel Canal	Full day
25.09.2026	Warnemünde	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.**



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.

How to locate the port

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

Bremerhaven

The berth of MS Nordstjernen is **easy to leave**:

Train: Bremerhaven is easily accessible by train, for example from Hamburg, Düsseldorf or Munich. From Bremerhaven railway station, there will be a **bus service** free of charge for this voyage, coordinated with the arrival times of the trains and the afternoon check-in time.

Car: Distance from Hamburg: approx. 150 km, driving time about 2–2.5 hours. There are several parking garages near the port.

Airplane: The nearest airport is Bremen Airport Hans Koschnick, then continue by train to Bremerhaven.

Warnemünde

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

Train: About a 10-minute walk from Warnemünde station. Convenient rail connections from Hamburg and Berlin. It is also possible to travel back to Bremerhaven by train.

Car: Hamburg – Warnemünde approx. 200 km, about 2.5 hours' drive. Parking available near the harbor for a fee.

Flight: The nearest airports are Hamburg and Berlin-Brandenburg, with onward travel by train to Warnemünde.

Ferry: Direct connections from Gedser (Denmark) and Trelleborg (Sweden) to Rostock-Warnemünde.



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Prices Voyage-No. 2026 – NOR – 21

What is included: voyage from embarkation port to disembarkation port in 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), bus service at Bremerhaven

Onboard language: English

Minimum number of passengers for this voyage: 50

Cabin category	Deck	Price per person, single occupancy of cabin in €	Price per person, double occupancy of cabin in €
Cat. E: Very small inside cabin with bunk beds (shared facilities)	A, B	510	359
Cat. D: Outside cabin with bunk beds (shared facilities)	B	735	535
Cat. I: Inside cabin with bunk beds, ensuite shower/toilet	B, C	799	610
Cat. A: Outside cabin with bunk beds, ensuite shower/toilet	B, C	910	660
Cat. N: Larger outside cabin with bunk beds and sofa (cabin 304: two lower beds), ensuite shower/toilet	C	-	849

Prices for three or four bed – cabins as well as discounts for children on 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

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