

Voyage description MS „Cape Race“ Norway 2020

Itinerary 1: Hamburg – Bodø: May 12th, 4 p.m. – May 21st, 9 a.m. (9 nights)

Itinerary 2: Bodø – Tromsø: May 21st, 4 p.m. – May 29th, 9 a.m. (8 nights)

Itinerary 3: Tromsø – Longyearbyen: May 29th, 4 p.m. – June 8th, 9 a.m. (10 nights)

Itinerary 1:

- Route: Hamburg – North Sea – Norwegian Coast (Alesund, Fjordland, coastal waters & islands)
- As crossing the North Sea can be somewhat rough most days will be spent cruising the Norwegian coastline in sheltered waters
- approx. 1100 nautical miles (9 nights)
- Price includes: cabin, meals, non-alcoholic beverages, ship-related costs
- Price excludes: activities on land, alcoholic beverages, gratuities, flights, hotels
- Guiding: none
- Description: We depart from the city of Hamburg down the river Elbe towards the North Sea, and depending on weather conditions we will either take the German Bight or pass via the Kieler Canal through Danish waters into the Skagerrak. Having sighted the Norwegian coast near Stavanger or Bergen (depending on weather conditions) we will take the coastal route that passes through waterways around Statlandet towards the city of Alesund and into a breathtaking landscape of fjords, mountains, forests, colorful houses in the south and more barren, rocky islands further north. At this time of the year the sun hardly sets at night and we will be able to see birds like puffins, gannets and guillemots.
Although weather conditions and arrival times may affect the itinerary, we will make stops at several places along the way; small harbour villages like Rørvik, Lovund, Fugløy and Torghatten - potentially including Geirangerfjord, a glacier (Svartisen) and Europe's largest maelstrom, Saltstraumen.
We will arrive in the city of Bodø either to continue on to Tromsø (Itinerary 2) or for travel home.
- Connecting travel: Hamburg can be reached by train and plane, Bodø has an airport and bus connections within Norway and to Sweden.
- **Price: € 2.250 per person for 9 nights**

Itinerary 2:

- Route: Bodø -Tromsø via Lofoten, Trollfjord, Vesteralen
- Coastal waters with occasional stretches on the open sea
- 500 nautical miles (8 nights)
- Price includes: cabin, meals, non-alcoholic beverages, ship-related costs
- Price excludes: activities on land (e.g museum visits), alcoholic beverages, gratuities
- Guiding: A guide will be available (German / English) for excursions on land.

- Description: From Bodø we will cross the fjord to the Lofoten archipelago where steep mountains, small fishing villages, beautiful skies and interesting hikes await us. Wildlife: puffins, sea eagles, orcas, larger whales, otters.
- We will make a few stops in picturesque fishing villages (for example Reine, Nusfjord, Skrova, Svolvær, Harstad) for guided walks, and maybe catch some fish for our supper back on board! Depending on weather conditions we can sail the coastal route or through more open waters around the island of Andøya where a visit to the remote trading post of Tinden on Tindsoya, which is maintained as an open-air museum, is a highlight. The distances on this itinerary are shorter than those in Itinerary 1, allowing us to stay overnight in several harbors or piers. The voyage ends in Tromsø, "the Paris of the North", to either continue with us towards Longyearbyen (Itinerary 3) or travel home.
- Travelling: Bodø has an airport and bus connections within Norway and to Sweden. Tromsø has an airport and an excellent infrastructure for tourism in the region.
- **Price: € 2.400 for 8 nights including guiding**

Itinerary 3:

- Route: Tromsø – Longyearbyen via Bear Island
- Open sea & coastal waters
- 600 nautical miles
- Price includes: cabin, meals, non-alcoholic beverages, ship-related costs
- Price excludes: activities on land, alcoholic beverages, gratuities, transfers.
- Guiding: There will be a guide with a knowledge of wildlife, history, geology etc.
- Description: From Tromsø we will go north to pass Fuglefjord and leave the mainland behind. From there it is an average 36 hours without land in sight to Bear Island where we hope to make a landing. Bear Island has a lot to offer: cliffs with thousands of birds, history, and it is our first taste of the Arctic with the chance of polar bear sightings. Other possible wildlife: whales, guillemots, skuas, polar fox and dolphins. From Bjørnøya to Spitsbergen South Cape is another 24 hours at sea, after which we hope to enter the Hornsund and Bellsund fjord systems in southern Spitsbergen (Svalbard). Here conditions and available time and wildlife will determine the programme. The voyage will end in Longyearbyen where the airport is. Staying a couple of nights in Longyearbyen is recommended (not included).
- Travelling: both Tromsø and Longyearbyen have regular flights to Oslo from their airports. Both cities have an excellent tourism infrastructure.
- **Price: € 3.000 for 10 nights including guiding**

Combined voyages:

These itineraries can be combined. A 15% discount is available for the second itinerary and another 20% for the third itinerary:

- **1 + 2: € 4.290 (17 nights, € 252 per night)**
 - **2 + 3: € 4.950 (18 nights, € 275 per night)**
 - **1 + 2 + 3: € 6.690 (27 nights, € 247 per night)**
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Flights and hotels can be booked through our partner travel agent in Germany, Leguan Reisen.

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Ship, cabins & service

The small motorship Cape Race is a converted fishing vessel refitted to sail with passengers. The atmosphere on board is both luxurious and intimate. There is an open-bridge policy and even a sauna on board. You will be housed in either double or single cabins, each equipped with their own bathroom and a small desk for writing or reading. Three meals per day will be served, European style food, adapted to where we are and what is happening around us. Chef & Steward will make sure you are taken care of. On guided voyages there will be guiding on land, informative lectures and films.

