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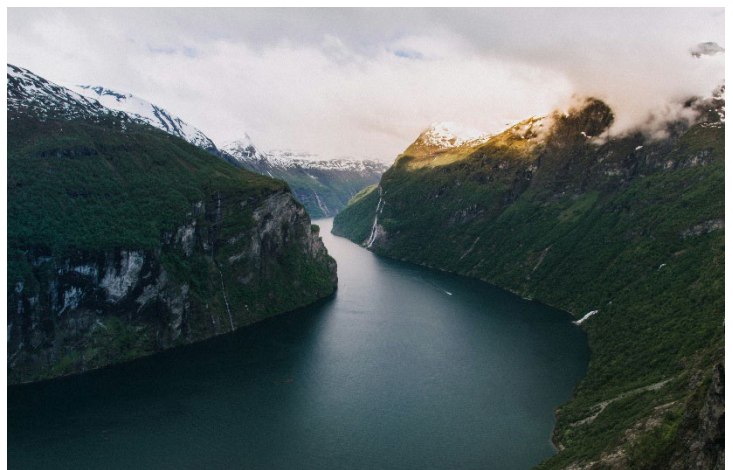
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# Spectacular Scandinavia & Iceland

Denmark – Sweden – Norway – Fjord Cruise – Iceland

**30 April – 30 May 2027**

Personally Escorted by Jacquey Turner



With its spectacular scenery and historic traditions, Scandinavia is also known for the friendliness of its people. As well as visiting enchanting Scandinavian cities, we will include a cruise through the majestic fjords. While we are in Iceland we will discover dramatic volcanic landscapes, thundering waterfalls, and otherworldly natural wonders.

**Friday 30 April**

**Melbourne - Copenhagen**

**(Inflight meal)**

Today we will be transferred from Warragul to Melbourne Airport for our flight to Copenhagen, Denmark. Departures are also available from other Australian cities.

**Saturday 1 May**

**Copenhagen, Denmark**

**(D)**

On arrival into Copenhagen, we will be met & transferred to the **Villa Copenhagen, or similar**, for a three-night stay. Villa Copenhagen carries on the history of the Central Post & Telegraph Head Office dating back to 1912, striving for an attentive and homely atmosphere in luxurious and beautiful surroundings. Located in a historical part of Copenhagen, several attractions and hubs are within walking distance with the Central Railway Station located just across the road.

Dinner will be included tonight.

**Sunday 2 - Monday 3 May**

**Copenhagen, Denmark**

**(Bx2 Dx1)**

We will enjoy a stroll through the charming streets, squares, and courtyards of Copenhagen's Old Town on a private walking tour. Whilst visiting the island of Slotsholmen, we will explore the grounds of Christiansborg, the King's working palace and the home of the Danish Parliament, and the hidden gardens of the Royal Library. Along the way we will take in the sites of the colourful and iconic Nyhavn harbour, enjoying the nautical atmosphere and passing by the former home of writer Hans Christian Andersen.

When we arrive at the Royal residence of Amalienborg, we will see the uniformed guards and admire the dome of the impressive Marble Church. We will hear about King Frederik and the Royal family, one of the oldest monarchies in the world.

This walking tour will also seek out some of Copenhagen's hidden gems that most tourists might miss. Along the way, we will hear fascinating tales of the city's vibrant history and colourful characters, and gain insight into Danish food, language, and culture from our friendly guide. A perfect introduction to the incredible Danish capital!



During our time in Copenhagen, we will visit The Captain's Favorite. We will explore the harbor's amazing transformation cruising past artificial islands built over decades, whilst making a brief stop at Trekrøner Island where history meets the future as we visit the fortress and see the first signs of Lynetteholmen, Copenhagen's future island. Next we will visit Nordhavn to see firsthand how urban life is reshaping the old industrial harbor into the vibrant green oasis that Copenhagen is known for. Finally, the tour will conclude by winding through the colorful canals of the old city center.

One evening for dinner we shall experience the real Copenhagen through a curated walking tour. We begin with artisanal tastings at the famous Torvehallerne food market before sitting down for a multi-course Nordic dinner at a hand-picked restaurant. This tour is all about the "Copenhagen vibe"—intimate settings, exquisite wine or craft beer, and premium desserts to finish the night.

**Tuesday 4 May**

**Copenhagen - Stockholm**

**(B D)**

This morning we will depart Copenhagen via rail and arrive in beautiful Stockholm.

On arrival into Stockholm, we will be transferred to our accommodation the **Nobis Hotel**, *or similar*, for 2 nights. Nobis Hotel is an independent, 201-room first class, luxury hotel in Stockholm, Sweden occupying a prime spot on Norrmalmstorg square, the single most central and attractive location in the downtown area.

This evening we will enjoy an evening wildlife safari including a traditional Swedish midsummer meal. Experience an enchanting evening in Stockholm's picturesque forests, where we'll encounter the fascinating local wildlife! Just within the city limits, we will discover verdant woodlands teeming with moose, deer, foxes, hares, and wild boar. We will embark on a wildlife safari during dusk, the perfect time to witness the majestic "kings of the forest" as they emerge to graze and quench their thirst. Additionally, there will be excellent opportunities for birdwatching up close. Our journey begins as the guide welcomes us aboard our cozy minivan or bus, transporting us to one of Stockholm's most wildlife-rich areas. Traverse through rural landscapes adorned with traditional red cottages, stately manor houses, and ancient forests, with historical landmarks such as Viking-age rune stones dotting the scenery.

**Wednesday 5 May**

**Stockholm**

**(B)**

This morning, after breakfast, we'll enjoy a beautiful stroll through the city on a guided walking tour.

We will discover the highlights of Stockholm's historic Old Town, including the Royal Palace and Cathedral, as we explore its charming, cobbled streets on a private tour.

Gamla Stan, Stockholm's Old Town, is one of the city's 14 islands and the medieval heart where it all began around 1200AD. Far from being just a museum, it remains a vibrant neighbourhood where locals live, work, and study. Wander narrow alleys and stone streets as our guide shares stories of Stockholm's founding and life today.



We will see the Royal Palace and visit Riddarholmen, passing by the historic Riddarholmen Church, built in the 1200s by Franciscan monks. Enjoy a traditional Swedish cinnamon bun at a local bakery and watch old-fashioned candy being made at Polkagris Kokeri, with the chance to sample and take some home.

Later today, we will visit the world-famous Vasa Museum, home to the remarkably preserved 17th-century warship "Vasa." We will learn about life at sea, naval warfare, and shipbuilding in the 1600s, as well as the incredible story of the ship's sinking in 1628 and its recovery over 300 years later. The museum showcases over 40,000 artefacts recovered from the ship and surrounding waters.

**Thursday 6 May**

**Stockholm - Oslo**

**(B D)**

This morning we will be transferred to the train station and will enjoy a train ride from Stockholm to Oslo.

On arrival into Oslo, we will be staying at the **Clarion Hotel Oslo**, *or similar*, for three nights.

The Clarion Hotel Oslo is located in one of Oslo's newest and most exciting districts, Bjørvika. Art is reflected in the hotels' design and decor. The hotel has many lively meeting places where good food blends with art and music.

This evening for dinner we will enjoy a lovely dinner cruise. This unique experience includes a three-course dinner crafted by the renowned chefs of Einer, a restaurant celebrated for its commitment to quality and sustainability. As we sail through the beautiful Oslo Fjord, we will enjoy a menu that combines traditional Norwegian flavours with modern culinary techniques. It's more than just a dinner; it's a journey through the tastes of Norway.

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Admire iconic landmarks such as the Opera House, Akershus Fortress, and the new Munch Museum, all of which unveil their true splendour when seen from the water.

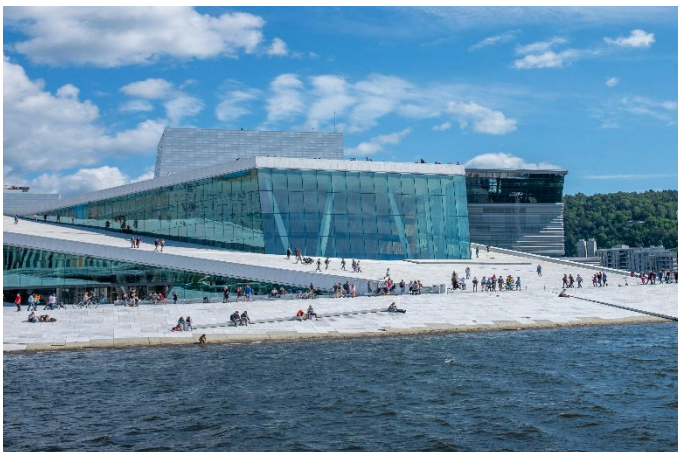
Whether it's the colourful summer sun or the beautiful winter ambiance, the outdoor decks and panoramic indoor saloons provide the perfect vantage points to appreciate the uninterrupted views of the fjord and the cityscape.



**Friday 7 May**

**Oslo**

**(B)**



This morning, we'll enjoy the must-see sights of Oslo in comfort, travelling by private coach with our driver and guide. Discover the city's rich history and culture, from the medieval fortress of Akershus, to the striking modern design of the Oslo Opera House in the waterfront Bjørvika district. We will stop for photos at Oslo City Hall, stroll along the lively Karl Johan pedestrian street, and pass through the elegant Frogner neighbourhood en route to the Royal Palace.

Today we will also explore the impressive sculpture grounds of Vigeland Park and learn about Norway's Viking heritage at the Historical Museum.

This afternoon, we will visit the fascinating Kon-Tiki Museum, home to Thor Heyerdahl's original Kon-Tiki raft from his legendary 1947 expedition. Discover the story of his groundbreaking journey, which challenged conventional thinking and promoted environmental awareness, peace, and cultural respect. Since opening in 1957, the museum has welcomed millions of visitors inspired by Heyerdahl's adventurous spirit.

**Saturday 8 May**

**Oslo**

**(B D)**

Today we will enjoy a Private Island-Hopping tour.

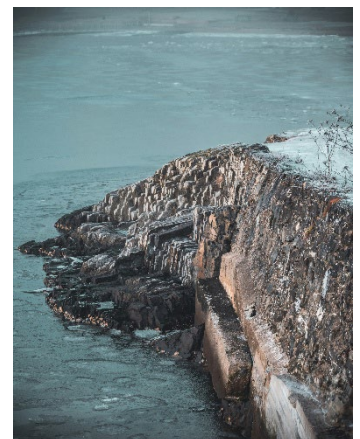
We will explore Oslo's natural summer paradise on this four-hour island adventure. Discovering Norway's island culture as we hop between fjord islands, with each stop offering its own unique charm.

Our first stop is Bleikøya, a peaceful island with very few tourists. It offers sweeping views back over the city—perfect for an authentic glimpse of island life.

Next, we visit Lindøya, known for its colourful wooden cabins and flower-lined paths, where summer days are often spent in true Norwegian style.

Our final stop is Hovedøya. We will explore the atmospheric ruins of a nearly 1,000-year-old abbey and historic ramparts while learning about Norwegian culture.

Remember your swimsuit— as there may be a chance to take a refreshing dip in the Oslofjord before we return to the city centre. This evening dinner will be included.





This morning we will need to have our main luggage out nice and early for it to be transferred through to Bergen. We will travel with an overnight bag for the next couple of days.

Today we will enjoy the dramatic change in scenery as we travel from Oslo through the mountains past Finse, the highest train station in Norway. This station was built 1,222 metres above sea level. From Finse we continue to Myrdal. As passengers, we will get up close to the landscape and culture along the tracks in a way that's not possible on a plane. Changing trains in Myrdal is easy with only one platform.

We will be travelling on the Flåm Railway from Myrdal to Flåm. The Flåm Railway has been described as one of the most beautiful train journeys in the world and is one of the leading tourist attractions in Norway. The journey features the finest aspects of the stunning scenery of Western Norway.

From the comfort of a vintage train compartment, we will enjoy the changing scenery of the Flåm Valley. The train runs through agricultural landscapes, spectacular scenery alongside the Rallar Road, vertiginous mountainsides and foaming waterfalls. The sparkling blue river follows the railway for large parts of the trip, and we will pass small farms in locations you'd think no one could live. National Geographic Traveler Magazine calls the Flåm Railway one of the top 10 train journeys in Europe.

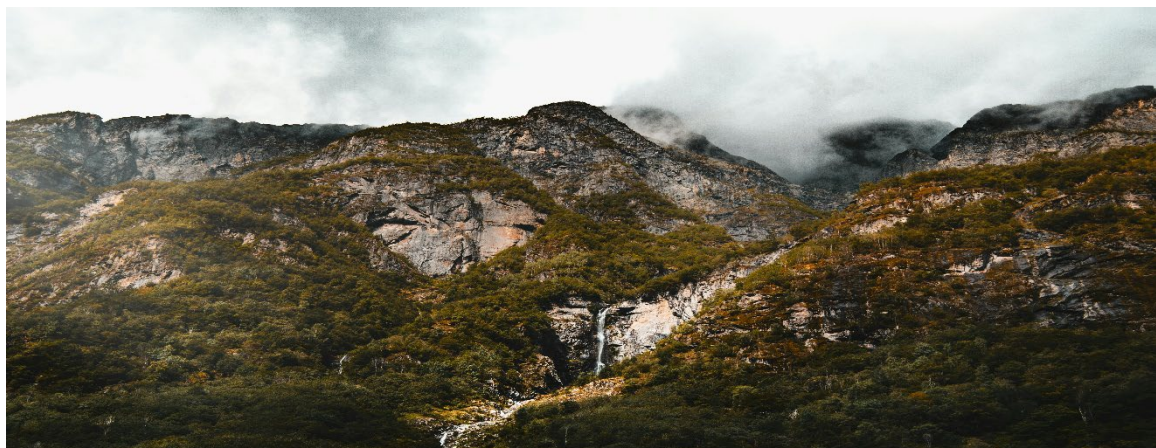


On arrival we will be staying at the **Fretheim Hotel**, *or similar* for one night.

Fretheim Hotel is the largest hotel in Flåm with 122 rooms, most of which face Aurlandsfjord. With the UNESCO World Heritage Site Nærøyfjord nearby, the hotel has been attracting guests from all over the world since the end of the 19th century.

This evening we will enjoy dinner at Ægir Bryggeri Pub, a major attraction in Flam with its Norse-inspired architecture, stave church-like exterior, and an interior with a 9-metre fireplace, dragon carvings, and driftwood décor. Ægir is Hotel Flåmsbrygga's own brewery and one of Norway's top craft breweries, winning multiple awards.

The Viking Plank dinner consists of five small courses served together with five different tastes of Ægir beer that compliment each course. The courses are based on local ingredients that would have been familiar during the Viking Era, but with flavours to suit the modern palate. The locally crafted beer is used in marinades and sauces, with hops, malt, and herbs bringing a distinctive extra dimension to the food. The flavoursome light and dark beers compliment everything from fish and game to chocolate. Sure to be an amazing evening.



**Monday 10 May**

**Flåm - Gudvangen – Bergen**

**(B D)**

Today we experience one of Norway’s most spectacular natural highlights with a fjord cruise from Flåm to Gudvangen.

Beginning our cruise from Flåm, we will first travel through the beautiful Aurlandsfjord before continuing into the narrow and spectacular Nærøyfjord. Nærøyfjord has been listed as a UNESCO World Heritage Site since 2005 and is regarded as one of the most pristine and dramatic fjord landscapes in the world. With no road connections, the only way to explore it properly is by boat, offering an unspoilt journey through breathtaking scenery.

Along the way, we will enjoy sweeping views of towering mountains, waterfalls, traditional farms, and idyllic fjord villages that have remained largely unchanged for centuries.

On board our modern sustainable electric vessel we will enjoy panoramic windows and open-air decks that allow uninterrupted views of the landscape in complete silence and without emissions.

On arrival in Gudvangen, we continue by private transfer to Bergen and will arrive at our next hotel the **Opus XVI, or similar**, for a two-night stay. Located in the heart of the city, this historic hotel dates to 1876 and combines elegant heritage architecture with modern luxury.

This evening, we will enjoy a local dinner in Bergen.



**Tuesday 11 May**

**Bergen**

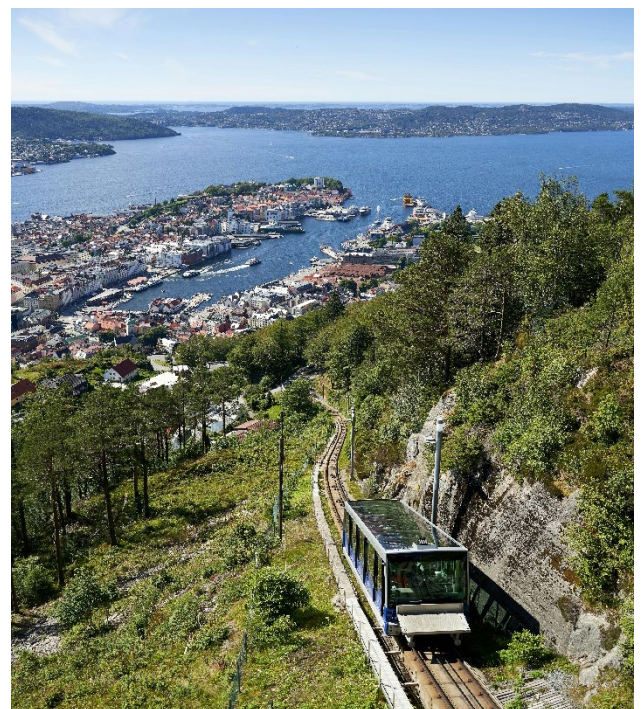
**(B)**

This morning we will enjoy a private tour discovering the historic sights of Bergen, followed by a ride on the Fløibanen funicular to Mt. Fløyen, where panoramic views await from 1050 feet above sea level.

We will take a stroll through Bryggen, a UNESCO World Heritage Site. We will learn about centuries of history dating back to Bergen’s founding in 1070AD. Throughout the tours we will hear stories of Hanseatic merchants, dried cod trade, fires, wartime resistance, and modern-day life along the historic wharf.

We will continue past the lively Fish Market and explore the Bergen Fortress area, home to landmarks such as Håkon’s Hall (1261) and the Rosenkrantz Tower (1560s). There will also be time to wander the charming cobblestone streets and admire the traditional wooden houses that define Bergen’s old town atmosphere.

Later today, we will take the funicular railway up Mount Fløyen. At the summit, we will enjoy sweeping views over the city and surrounding fjords, with a café and walking trails available at the summit.



**Wednesday 12 May**

**Northbound Havila Cruise  
Bergen**

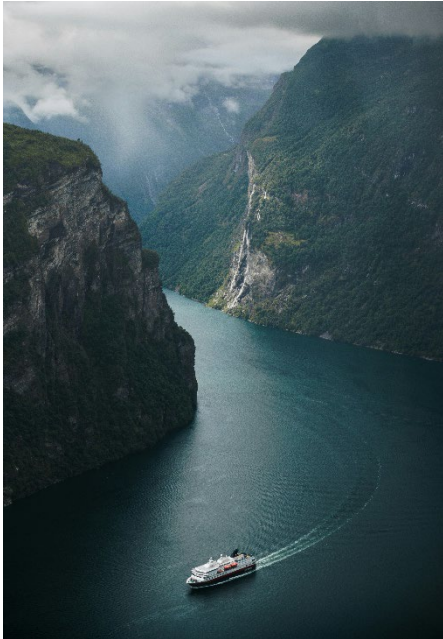
**(B D)**

Today we will board our ship, **The Havila Polaris** for our coastal voyage from Bergen to Kirkenes for six nights. Our voyage starts in Bergen, the colorful capital of western Norway. Bergen is the gateway to the Norwegian fjords and the start of our coastal adventure.

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We shall enjoy the Norwegian coast, with all its fantastic mountains and fjords, in fact acclaimed as the world's most beautiful and most spectacular. We will go to places where mountains stretch sky-high towards the clouds and small islands, where communities cling to the shoreline in sight of the open sea.

We may have four seasons served to us in the same day and a local traditional dinner at a table laid with the finest view imaginable. Along our journey there will be opportunities to explore historical towns and wonderful nature. Or we can simply relax on these beautiful ships.



<b>Thursday 13 May</b>	<b>Northbound Havila Cruise</b>	<b>(B L D)</b>
<b>Bergen-Florø-Måløy-Torvik-Ålesund-Geiranger/Hjørundfjorden - Ålesund – Molde</b>		

Day two of our coastal cruise, we will have a chance to greet the Havila Voyages headquarters near Torvik before we arrive in Ålesund, known for its art nouveau architecture. We will continue to the stunning Geiranger Fjord, designated as a UNESCO World Heritage Site, and witness its dramatic waterfalls and steep mountain landscapes.

There will also be a wonderful tour included today to Geiranger and Trollstigen.

We will discover the beauty of the Geirangerfjord (UNESCO World Heritage) on a scenic bus tour from Geiranger to the impressive Trolls ladder, before ascending to new heights with the Romsdalsgondola and the elevated Eggen Restaurant.

<b>Friday 14 May</b>	<b>Northbound Havila Cruise</b>	<b>(B L D)</b>
<b>Kristiansund - Trondheim – Rørvik</b>		

This morning when we wake onboard our ship we will be docked in the historic city of Trondheim, which was founded over a thousand years ago.

The Nidaros Cathedral is the city's major landmark; it is also Norway's national shrine and one of the largest cathedrals in northern Europe. After our visit here, the voyage continues towards northern Norway.

<b>Saturday 15 May</b>	<b>Northbound Havila Cruise</b>	<b>(B L D)</b>
<b>Brønnøysund - Sandnessjøen - Nesna - Ørnes - Bodø - Stamsund - Svolvær</b>		

As we journey further north today, we'll celebrate crossing the Arctic Circle with a ceremony before exploring the Arctic regions.

Encounter the awe-inspiring power of nature with a visit to northern Scandinavia's largest glacier, we will see the world's strongest tidal current and spot the majestic sea eagles.

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In the evening we will also enjoy an excursion that will take us through Lofoten's beautiful scenery. Here we will have an opportunity to meet the locals in the fishing villages and settlements.



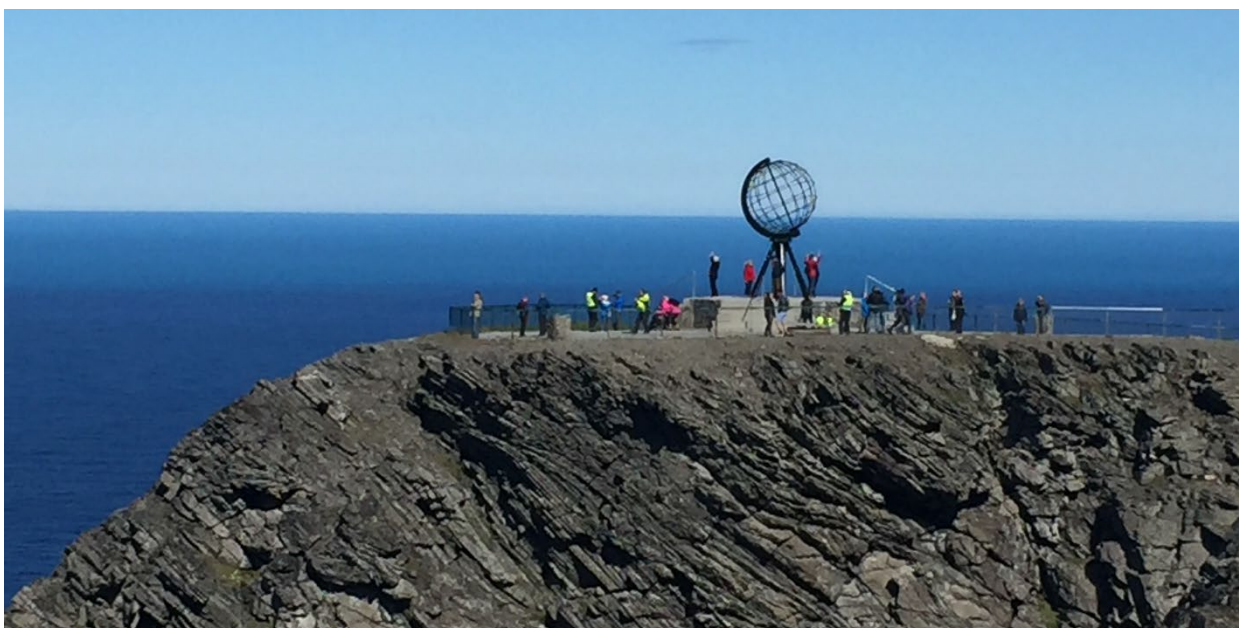
**Sunday 16 May** **Northbound Havila Cruise** **(B L D)**  
**Stokmarknes – Sortland – Risøyhamn – Harstad – Finnsnes - Tromsø - Skjervøy**

Today we will continue through the narrow fjords and wild mountains and arrive in Tromsø. Tromsø is a city with a rich history associated with hunting, fishing, and polar expeditions. It is also a gateway to the land of the Sami, Norway's indigenous people. If you choose to do the optional excursion there will be an opportunity to meet with the Sami, and learning about their culture, including their unique connection with reindeer. This is truly an unforgettable experience.

**Monday 17 May** **Northbound Havila Cruise** **(B D)**  
**Hammerfest - Havøysund - Honningsvåg - Kjøllefjord - Mehamn - Berlevåg**

This is as far north as we can get — by land and sea. For many, the visit to the North Cape is a high point and a goal for voyages along the Norwegian coast. We will journey to the edge of the world at the North Cape plateau, rising dramatically 307 meters from the Arctic Ocean. Here, standing at the northernmost point of the European continent, we will witness a horizon so vast it reveals the Earth's subtle curve.

Up here, in the polar landscape, nature is at its harshest and most desolate, but between bare plains and rugged cliffs, people cling on and reap nature's bounty — and we can have a taste of the catch like some king prawns.



Tuesday 18 May

Northbound Havila Cruise

(B D)

Båtsfjord - Vardø – Vadsø – Kirkenes - Reykjavik

We will disembark our ship today and be transferred to the airport for our flight to Iceland.

Once we arrive in magnificent Iceland we will be transferred to the Sand Hotel, or similar for a two- night stay.

This lovely hotel is in the heart of Reykjavík right on the vibrant main shopping street. Sand Hotel is a stylish boutique property known for its contemporary Icelandic design, relaxed atmosphere, and carefully curated artwork throughout the hotel. With cafés, galleries, restaurants, and many of the city’s major attractions just steps away, it provides an excellent base for exploring Iceland’s capital.

This evening, we will enjoy dinner at a local restaurant.



Wednesday 19 May

Reykjavik

(B L)



After breakfast will enjoy a private guided walking tour of Reykjavík. Led by an English-speaking Icelandic guide, this experience will introduce the history of Iceland, the development of Reykjavík from a small settlement into a modern Nordic capital. We will be educated in the traditions and culture that continue to shape Icelandic life today.

Reykjavík was founded in the late 9th century by the Norse explorer Ingólfr Arnarson and grew from a small Viking settlement into Iceland’s political and cultural centre. Shaped by volcanic landscapes, harsh northern weather, and centuries of change, Reykjavík continues to evolve as a modern city while preserving its strong Nordic heritage.

Thursday 20 May

Reykjavik - Stykkisholmur, Iceland

(B D)

Today we will travel from Reykjavik to Stykkishólmur, where we will be staying at **Fosshotel Stykkishólmur**, or similar, for two nights.

Fosshotel Stykkishólmur is a charming hotel situated in the picturesque fishing village of Stykkishólmur on the northern coast of the Snæfellsnes Peninsula. Outdoor enthusiasts will appreciate the hotel’s proximity to the diverse landscapes of the Snæfellsnes Peninsula, including lava fields, basalt cliffs, and the iconic Snæfellsjökull glacier.

Stykkishólmur is a small coastal town in western Iceland known for its scenic harbor, colorful historic houses, and role as a gateway to the islands and landscapes of the Breiðafjörður bay region.



**Friday 21 May** **Stykkisholmur, Iceland** **(B D)**

We will visit the Vatnshellir Cave today, an 8,000-year-old lava tube formed during a volcanic eruption in the Purkhólar crater family.

Located just 500 meters from the crater, the cave reveals a fascinating lava river formation where molten lava cooled and formed a crust. Once the eruption ended, the lava drained out, leaving this captivating natural space ready for exploration. The Vatnshellir Cave offers a 45-minute guided tour, this tour is relatively easy, though we should be able to walk unsupported on uneven surfaces and navigate two spiral staircases within the cave.

The cave temperature stays just a few degrees above freezing year-round so be sure to dress warmly for the tour. Hiking shoes or boots are recommended, though sneakers are acceptable and gloves are advised for added safety and comfort.

The remainder of the day will be at leisure and dinner will be included this evening.

**Saturday 22 May** **Stykkisholmur, Iceland – Selfoss, Iceland** **(B L)**

We will travel from Stykkisholmur through to Selfoss today with a visit to a local family-run farm for a guided greenhouse tour including lunch.

Our visit to Friðheimar begins with a 30-minute private tour of the greenhouse. We will explore how this family-run farm, led by Knútur Rafn Ármann and Helena Hermundardóttir, produces tomatoes all year using eco-friendly technology, including green energy, pure water, and organic pest control, while also sampling fresh tomatoes along the way.



Following the tour, lunch is served inside the greenhouse, featuring Friðheimar's signature tomato soup accompanied by homemade bread, sour cream, cucumber salsa, butter, and fresh basil.

On arrival into Selfoss will be staying at **Hotel Gullfoss**, *or similar*, for two nights.

Situated midway between Gullfoss and Geysir, Hotel Gullfoss offers an ideal location if exploring the Golden Circle.

**Sunday 23 May** **Selfoss, Iceland** **(B L)**

We have devoted today to rest and rejuvenation at Laugarás Lagoon, the Golden Circle's newest geothermal attraction. Set overlooking the Hvítá River and framed by mountains, the lagoon provides a peaceful escape where guests can soak in warm mineral-rich waters, take a refreshing cold plunge, or simply enjoy the surrounding scenery.

The lagoon spans two levels, with an upper tier of 460 m<sup>2</sup> and a lower tier of 520 m<sup>2</sup>, both maintained at a comfortable 37°C. Amenities include a swim-up bar, a cascading waterfall, and direct indoor access from the changing rooms. Guests can also relax in two forested saunas with river views, choosing between a dry sauna or a steam sauna,

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before cooling off in the nearby cold pool for a revitalizing contrast. The Ösp Pass includes added comforts such as a towel, full access to wellness facilities, one drink at the swim-up bar, and a two-course meal at Ylja Restaurant.



**Monday 24 May**

**Selfoss, Iceland – Vik, Iceland**

**(B D)**

We will travel from Selfoss through to the charming Vik today.

Vik í Mýrdal, commonly known as Vik, is a small coastal village in southern Iceland famous for its striking black sand beaches, dramatic basalt sea stacks, and views of the powerful North Atlantic Ocean. Surrounded by volcanic landscapes and glaciers, it is one of Iceland's most scenic stops along the southern coast.

We will be staying at the **Hotel Kira**, *or similar*, for a three-night stay.

This evening we will enjoy a Lava show in Vik.

The Lava Show offers an unparalleled volcanic eruption experience, featuring molten lava at 1100°C (2000°F) in a filled showroom, allowing guests to witness, sense, and feel its intense heat. The lava, originating from the 1918 Katla eruption, rapidly cools over strategically placed ice blocks, forming beautiful volcanic glass that can be purchased as unique souvenirs. This exclusive live lava exhibition is celebrated for its educational and cultural significance and is regarded as one of Iceland's top-rated and most distinctive immersive experiences.

**Tuesday 25 – Wednesday 26 May**

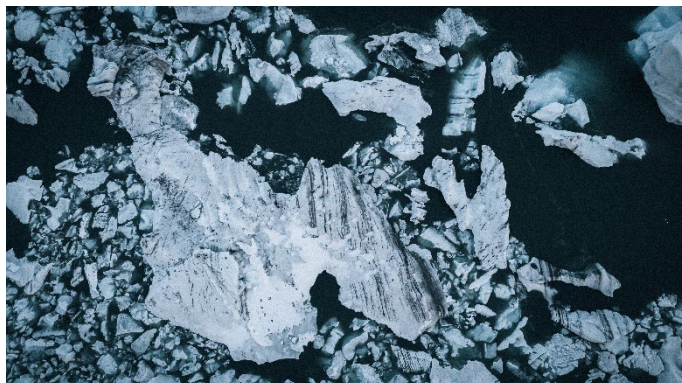
**Vik, Iceland**

**(Bx2 Dx1)**

During our time in Vik, we will experience an Iceberg tour. We will also have a guide lead us through a mossy otherworldly like landscape to the lagoon and our boat. After take-off we will circle icebergs of all shapes and sizes that every so often turn or flip over. We can take this opportunity to taste the ancient ice. The tour continues towards Vatnajokull Glacier, the largest glacier in Europe.

Occasionally huge icebergs can be seen breaking off the glacier edge falling dramatically into the lagoon before drifting away. Throughout this tour the guides will make sure that we receive a good insight into the history of the area, nature, the glaciers and icebergs.

Whilst we are in Vik, there will also be time for some scenic drives to beautiful waterfalls such as Dimond Beach waterfalls.



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**Thursday 27 May** **Vik, Iceland – Keflavik, Iceland** **(B D)**

We will depart Vik and travel through to Keflavik where we will be accommodated at the Hotel Berg, or similar, for a one-night stay.

Situated above a quaint marina in Keflavik, Hotel Berg is positioned conveniently close to the international airport. Despite its proximity to the airport, Hotel Berg offers tranquil surroundings, shielded from the hustle and bustle typically associated with airport locales.

This will be our last stop before we depart magical Iceland and start our journey home. Tonight we will enjoy our farewell dinner.

**Friday 28 May** **Keflavik, Iceland – Melbourne** **(B & Inflight meals)**

We will depart Iceland today for our journey back to Melbourne.

**Sunday 30 May** **Melbourne** **(Inflight meals)**

We shall arrive back in Melbourne and will be met and transferred by coach back to Warragul.





**YOUR TOUR ESCORT: Jacquie Turner** has more than 40 years' experience as a highly successful travel agent and tour escort.

*"Scandinavia & Iceland are truly unique destinations and offer varied history, architecture and natural wonders. I look forward to travelling with you throughout this beautiful part of the world."*

— Jacquie Turner

#### INCLUSIONS

- Melbourne to Copenhagen and Keflavik, Iceland to Melbourne economy airfares and taxes
- All internal flights - economy airfares and taxes
- All transfers including travel between Warragul and Melbourne Airport
- Fully escorted throughout the entire tour by Jacquie Turner  
*In the unlikely event that Jacquie is not available to escort all or part of the tour, she will be replaced with a well-trained tour escort.*
- Hotel accommodation in twin-bedded/double rooms with private facilities – ranging from 4 to 5-star hotels
- 6 nights on the **Havila Polaris Cruise ship** in a Seaview superior cabin, including three additional tours.
- Experienced drivers, and local guides
- Private, air-conditioned coach or minibus travel.
- Complimentary bottled water is provided in all vehicles throughout the tour
- 51 meals as per itinerary - 26 Breakfasts (B), 7 Lunches (L), 18 Dinners (D)
- Extensive sightseeing and entry fees as per itinerary
- Gippsland Travel hat, cap or beanie; luggage strap, luggage tags; hand gel
- End of tour Journal and USB with photos showcasing your time on the tour
- All local taxes, hotel service charges and portorage of one suitcase per person
- All Tipping of local guides, drivers, hotel and restaurant staff at included meals
- Minimum 15 tour participants, maximum of 20 tour participants

#### EXCLUSIONS

- Travel insurance
- Expenses of a personal nature like laundry, telephone calls, medical expenses
- Any meals & beverages not included.
- Any additional optional excursions on board the Havila cruise.
- Any visa costs. At the time of printing a visa was not required for Australian Passport holders, however this may change.





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### LATE BOOKINGS

Higher deposit payments are required for late bookings. A guarantee of full payment is required at the time of booking for all bookings received within 12 weeks of departure.

### PASSPORT and VISA

A valid passport is required for all international travel.

If you do not hold an Australian passport, you may require a resident return visa. Some countries require a visa to be issued before you depart Australia. Gippsland Travel will advise you of all passport and visa requirements for this tour.

The Australian Government through the Department of Foreign Affairs and Trade regularly updates travel advice on various destinations. We recommend that you refer to [www.smarttraveller.gov.au](http://www.smarttraveller.gov.au) for the latest updates before choosing to travel and prior to departure.

### HEALTH & FITNESS

A minimum level of fitness is required to be able to participate on a Gippsland Travel Tour, you are required to be able to:

- Walk at least 1 hour on uneven surfaces without the use of any walking aid (walking stick for stability is acceptable)
- Walk up flights of stairs and short, steep hills
- Stand for 20 minutes without needing to sit down, often in hot/humid climates
- Carry your own hand luggage / handle your own suitcase when portorage is not supplied eg. at airports.
- Get on and off various modes of transport without assistance, including small boats. Assistance will be offered where possible.

Passengers must inform us of any medical conditions which may affect their ability to participate in the tour.

At our discretion we can exclude you from a tour or any activity if we consider that you are unable to safely participate in that tour or activity or we consider your participation may place the safety of other guests at risk.

You will be requested to supply a letter from your doctor indicating your prescription medication and your reason for taking it, which shall be carried in the event of an emergency. This information will remain confidential and can be supplied in a sealed envelope.

### BOOKINGS SOLD ON A SHARE BASIS

At their request, solo travellers may be matched to share a twin room with another traveller of the same gender. While every effort is made, we cannot guarantee a share will be possible. In the event that a share is not available at the time of final payment the single supplement will apply. If a share is not available and you choose to cancel, cancellation fees will apply.

### UNUSED COMPONENTS OF THIS TOUR

We regret refunds will not be given for any unused component of this tour, such as meals, entry fees, accommodation or transfers.

### GOVERNING LAW

These booking conditions are governed by the law in force in Victoria, Australia.

### ITINERARY CHANGES and ITINERARY VARIATIONS

Gippsland Travel reserves the right to amend the hotels, itinerary and excursions if deemed advisable or necessary due to adverse weather conditions, road conditions or other unforeseen circumstances. Any necessary alternative arrangements will be made to a similar standard. Occasionally circumstances beyond the control of Gippsland Travel make it necessary to change airlines, hotels or amendments to daily activities. We will inform you of any changes as soon as they occur.

### **FLIGHT SCHEDULES**

Airline schedules are subject to change without notice. Voluntary date changes will incur fees. Gippsland Travel is not liable for delays or disruption of air travel.

### **FORCE MAJEURE:**

Force Majeure means the occurrence of an event that is beyond Gippsland Travel's reasonable control and which could not have been reasonably prevented by Gippsland Travel. Force majeure includes, but is not limited to: acts of God, accident, riots, war, terrorist act, epidemic, pandemic, quarantine, outbreaks of infectious disease or any other public health crisis, civil commotion, breakdown of communication facilities, natural catastrophes and natural disasters (including but not limited to flooding, fire, earthquake, landslide), adverse weather conditions, high or low water levels; government directed travel restrictions or omissions, changes in laws or regulations, national strikes, explosion, generalised lack of availability of raw materials or energy, nuclear or other industrial accident causing environmental pollution or contamination; change in law, meaning, enactment, amendment (including repeal) in the law or administration of any law in Australia or any jurisdiction or territory relevant to the booking contract, which includes changes in statute, regulation, determination, by-law, declaration, licence and the common law as applicable from time to time. For the avoidance of doubt, Force Majeure shall not include (a) financial distress nor inability of either party to make a profit or avoid a financial loss, (b) changes in market prices or conditions, or (c) a party's financial inability to perform its obligations hereunder. In the event that a Force Majeure is declared, the customer will be bound by the third-party supplier/s Terms and Conditions, if applicable.

### **TERMINATION OF BOOKING CONTRACT OR CHANGE OF TRAVEL ARRANGEMENTS DUE TO FORCE MAJEURE**

If Gippsland Travel, in its reasonable opinion, considers that any Force Majeure event prevents Gippsland Travel (whether directly or through its employees, contractors, subcontractors and agents) from lawfully or safely providing any products or services subject of the booking contract with you, Gippsland Travel may immediately by written notice; (a) terminate the booking contract (in whole or part of); or (b) change your travel arrangements as reasonably practicable to ensure your safety and invoice for any additional costs.

If you are eligible for a refund once a booking has been cancelled, the balance less any non-refundable amounts will be forwarded to you once received by Gippsland Travel from the third-party supplier/s.

Gippsland Travel is not responsible for any delays of refunds from the third-party supplier/s. Refunds from third party supplier/s can take in excess of 6 weeks. Refunds will be processed as per original form of payment.

Travel insurance policies may provide cover for cancellation fees subject to their terms and conditions.

### **LIMITATION OF LIABILITY:**

Subject to Australian Consumer Law, Gippsland Travel does not accept any liability in contract, tort or otherwise for any injury, damage, loss, delay, additional expense or inconvenience caused by a third-party supplier/s over who we have no direct control. Gippsland Travel is not liable for Force Majeure or any other event which is beyond our control or which is not preventable by us.

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