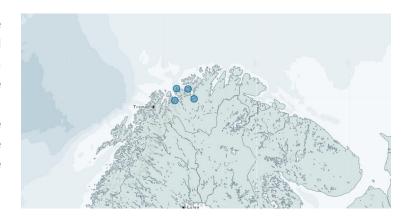


WHALES & NORTHERN LIGHTS IN NORTHERN NORWAY

Join us on an exciting voyage in true expedition style aboard the 12-passenger ship M/S Stockholm, a ship rich in history and character! We'll venture into the fjords outside Alta to explore a magnificent natural wonderland, with the hope of witnessing the majestic Northern Lights (Aurora Borealis). In recent years, family groups of orca and humpback whales have gathered here in search of the large herring shoals that overwinter in the region. If we're lucky, this expedition will offer truly immersive and unforgettable encounters with these remarkable animals!



ITINERARY

Day 1: Alta, Norway

Arrive independently in the Norwegian city of Alta, located about 380 km north of the Arctic Circle. Check into a centrally located hotel, close to famous sights such as the Northern Lights Cathedral.

Day 2: Alta

Explore Alta on your own. In the afternoon, meet your guides, board the small expedition ship M/S Stockholm, and settle in. The expedition cruise has begun!

Day 3-6: Expedition

You are now on an expedition cruise and the itinerary for the following days is flexible due to wildlife and weather conditions. In late October and early November, the polar night hasn't yet settled over Alta, and there are still some hours of daylight. The polar night lasts from the end of November to the middle of January. During this period, the sun doesn't rise above the horizon, but there





isn't constant darkness. Even when the sun is below the horizon, we can enjoy enchanting twilight periods in the middle of the day, resembling colourful dusks and dawns. For those interested in capturing the beauty of nature, the light at this time of year can be captivating. Imagine photographing a group of orcas against pink-colored skies and dramatic, snow-covered mountains!

In clear weather, we have a good chance of seeing the spectacular Northern Lights (Aurora Borealis) dance in the sky. Alta is known to be one of the best destinations to visit if you dream of watching this fascinating phenomenon.

Since 2010, huge shoals of herring have overwintered in the fjords in Northern Norway, which has attracted many orcas and humpbacks. As with any wild animals, it is hard to predict if and where they will appear, but with some luck, we will experience unforgettable encounters with these incredible mammals. The area is also a popular haunt for white-tailed eagles, often seen soaring above us with their impressive wingspans.

During the trip, we hope to be fortunate enough to see both the Northern Lights and whales, and when the opportunity arises, we'll head out on exciting Zodiac cruises and refreshing hikes to explore the dramatic landscapes. Øksfjorden, Stjernøya and Loppa are examples of places we hope to explore. Perhaps the first snow will have fallen, settling over the high mountain peaks, offering marvellous scenery together with the small, picturesque houses and the beautiful fjords.

On board, we'll listen to inspiring lectures, enjoy delicious meals, and keep a lookout for wildlife and the Northern Lights from the deck. For those interested in fishing, there will be opportunities to try your luck from the ship.

Day 7: Alta

In the morning, we disembark from our ship and begin the journey home.

Please note:

The exact route will depend on weather conditions and potential wildlife encounters. The Captain and Expedition Leader will do everything possible to maximise our experience. Please remember that flexibility is key to a successful expedition!





YOUR SHIP: STOCKHOLM

YOUR SHIP: Stockholm

VESSEL TYPE: Small Ship

LENGTH: 195 m

PASSENGER CAPACITY: 12

BUILT/REFURBISHED: 1953 / 1999

The M/S Stockholm is a classic ship built in 1953 for the Swedish National Maritime Administration. In 1999 she was totally refitted and started her career as a comfortable polar passenger ship. The M/S Stockholm carries a maximum of 12 passengers in twin cabins with bunk beds. All cabins have private facilities and small windows (portholes).

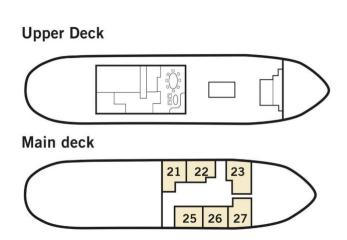
M/S Stockholm is a marvellous piece of maritime history with beautiful brass details and wooden decks. It is no wonder she is loved by so many! On board the ship you will enjoy delicious meals in the company of likeminded travellers, who are all fascinated by the Arctic nature, wildlife and history.

The food on board is of high standard and all beverages are included in the price. With such a small party on board, this is like travelling on a private yacht. The crew on board M/S Stockholm are also great enthusiasts of the unique wildlife and unspoiled nature. Their genuine curiosity is a prerequisite for expedition cruises of this kind. A trip on board M/S Stockholm in these northern waters, with its unique wildlife and pristine nature, is an experience of a lifetime!





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