

## London to the Arctic Circle

From £1,149 per person // 10 days



Head north on this epic rail adventure, taking you overland from London, through Germany, Denmark and Sweden to the Norwegian town of Bodø, across the Arctic Circle.

### The Essentials

- London to Cologne by high-speed Eurostar and ICE
- Western Germany to Norway via Odense and Gothenburg
- Free days in the Norwegian cities of Oslo and Trondheim
- Across the arctic circle to Bodø on the Norwegian Sea

### Tailor make your holiday

- Decide when you would like to travel
- Adapt the route to suit your plans
- Upgrade hotels and rail journeys
- Add extra nights, destinations and/or tours

### What's included

- Standard Class rail travel with seat reservations
- 9 nights' handpicked hotel accommodation with breakfast
- City maps and comprehensive directions to your hotels
- Clearly-presented wallets for your rail tickets, hotel vouchers and other documentation
- All credit card surcharges and complimentary delivery of your travel documents

## - Suggested Itinerary -



### Day 1 - London To Cologne

Spend your first day travelling to the German city of Cologne by taking a late-morning Eurostar from St Pancras arriving into Brussels where you make an easy platform-change onto a German ICE train that whisks you east into Germany in time for dinner. Your accommodation will be the Hotel Mondial am Dom MGallery (or similar). Cologne's main station is right in the heart of the city, next to the famous twin-spired cathedral, so it's easy to get around and explore. Why not enjoy dinner in the Old Town area or aboard a cruise along the Rhine?



### Day 2 - Cologne To Odense

Take an InterCity train this morning as you start to head due north for the first time. Change at the large and impressive Hamburg Hbf and continue through the region of Schleswig-Holstein into Denmark. On arrival at the city of Odense, check in at the First Grand Hotel (or similar) for an overnight stay.



### Day 3 - Odense To Gothenburg

Make your way back to Odense station this morning and board a Danish domestic service to the capital, Copenhagen. Here, you change onto a train that takes you over the mighty Oresund Bridge into Sweden. Travel up the west coast of Sweden before arriving at the bustling port-city of Gothenburg, where the Clarion Collection Odin (or similar) will be awaiting your arrival for an overnight stay. TMR RECOMMENDS: Why not break your journey with a night in Copenhagen to see the Little Mermaid, Nyhavn and the famous Tivoli Gardens.



### Day 4 - Gothenburg To Oslo

Take one of the twice-daily services out of Gothenburg into Norway this morning. Travel through the rolling hills and greenery of this lush part of western Sweden and south eastern Norway and by evening-time you reach the Norwegian capital Oslo, where you stay in the Thon Opera Hotel (or similar) for 2 nights.



### Day 5 - Oslo

Capital of Norway since the 14th century, Oslo is a thriving city made up of diverse architectural styles and distinct districts. Spend a full day here exploring the city's museums, galleries and green spaces. Highlights of any visit here include the elegant Royal Palace and the Viking Ship Museum, boasting amongst other exhibits, two Viking ships that are over 1,000 years old. During the summer, you can also relax on one of the lovely beaches in the Oslofjord or sit and people watch at a café, with some of the world's best coffee.



### Day 6 - Oslo To Trondheim

Set off this morning on your first domestic Norwegian train service taking you north past Lillehammer, host of the 1994 Winter Olympics, and into the strategically important port-city of Trondheim. Here, you make your way to the Radisson Blu Royal Garden (or similar) for a 2-night stay.



### Day 7 - Trondheim

The Viking capital of Norway, Trondheim offers a wealth of history and culture to discover. The Nidelva River flows through the city centre, with colourful storehouses flanking both sides. The Trondheim Museum of Arts offers the third largest collection of public art in the country, whilst the imposing medieval Sverresborg Fort is now part of an open-air folk museum featuring more than 60 buildings. The intimate city centre of Trondheim has plenty of independent boutiques, restaurants and cafés. Micro-breweries offer a menu of food tailored to accompany their own beers.



### Day 8 - Trondheim To Bodø

Today's journey is one of Scandinavia's most scenic, as you wind your way through forests, alongside dramatic fjords and watch as the scenery develops into an altogether more Arctic environment. The journey crosses the Arctic Circle mid-afternoon, and you arrive into the city of Bodø in the evening, where you check in at the Scandic Bodø (or similar).



### Day 9 - Bodø

With its magnificent backdrop of mountains, Bodø is a unique destination where you can go kayaking or golfing under the midnight sun in the summer or experience the wondrous spectacle of the northern lights from the pier in the harbour during the winter. Why not take a boat tour through the stunning archipelago or visit pretty Moskenes in Lofoten and Norway's best-preserved seaside trading post at Kjerringøy.



### Day 10 - Bodø To London

After a final morning exploring this picturesque Norwegian town, you make your way to the airport for your flight home (not included).



### Possible Extension From Bodø - Hurtigruten

Bodø is a stop on the famous Hurtigruten (which translates from Norwegian as "rapid route") ferry line that runs from Bergen in the south all the way to Kirkenes in the far north close to the Russian border. You can travel south as far as Bergen and return back by air or rail from there or north to Kirkenes, stopping at the famous Lofoten Islands, Tromsø and Hammerfest, the world's most northerly city.



### **Extension To Abisko And Return By Air Or Rail**

There are two options to extend into Swedish Lapland. Both journeys involve travelling north from Bodø by coach to the town of Narvik, the terminus on the Stockholm overnight line. From here, you can reach the towns of Abisko and Kiruna, both of which offer an array of outdoor activities all year round. You can then travel back either by air or train, with connections back through Scandinavia and Germany. During the summer months, the beautiful Inlandsbanan twists and turns its way through the centre of Sweden taking in some beautiful countryside. We can arrange this journey for you with the necessary stopovers and enough time to head back to the UK over land, or fly back from Stockholm if you prefer.

### **Pricing**

From £1,149 per person

Low season (November-March) from £1,149pp

High season (April-October) from £1,349pp

These prices are based on two people sharing a twin or double room. Single supplements will apply for sole occupancy. It is based on Standard Class rail travel and includes seat reservations as necessary. It is based on the best fares on the trains. If you travel during a peak period, particularly at short notice, then supplements may apply.