

MV Nordstjernen - 70 Years

★ 1956-2026 ★

*Great moments on Norway's legendary coastal express route
Sail north aboard MV Nordstjernen in the traditional way*



Photo: Vitor Francisco

The highlights of our trip down memory lane

- ★ Gothenburg – urban life on Sweden's western archipelago
 - ★ Skudeneshavn – Norway's charming coastal gem
 - ★ Måløy – the gateway to the West Cape
- ★ Træna Island – an island paradise on the Arctic Circle
- ★ Lødingen – lively fishing village on the Tjeldsund Sound
 - ★ North Cape Passage – rugged cliffs, endless expanse
 - ★ Honningsvåg – barren landscape, Nordic joie de vivre
 - ★ Vardø – Norway's outpost at the end of the world
 - ★ Alta – where nature tells stories
- ★ Tromsø – we celebrate National Day together on May 17th
 - ★ Stokmarknes – the birthplace of Hurtigruten
 - ★ Melbu – historic port of the Coastal Express
 - ★ Trollfjord experience – where rocks touch the sky
- ★ Svolvær – Lofoten's capital between sea and mountains
- ★ Reine – an idyllic fishing village in the south of the Lofoten
 - ★ Bessaker – meet the locals
- ★ Åndalsnes – breathtaking mountain scenery on the Romsdalsfjord
- ★ Kristiansand – maritime flair in Southern Norway
- ★ Malmö – colourful port city on the Øresund

Nostalgic Mailboat Voyage celebrating the
70th anniversary of MV Nordstjernen 1956

Voyage 2026-NP-1

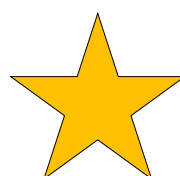
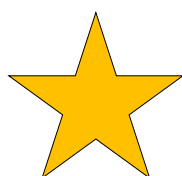
Traveling in the footsteps of the mailboats –
the perfect travel experience for "Stjerna's" 70th anniversary
from / to Warnemünde

May 7th – May 25th, 2026; 18 Nights
(from Gothenburg May 8th to Malmö May 24th possible)

Voyage 2026-NP-2

North wind at your back, south wind in sight –
with highlights of Lofoten, Vesterålen, and Fjord country
from Tromsø / to Warnemünde

May 16th – May 25th, 2026; 9 Nights
(disembarkation at Malmö on May 24th possible)





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For seven decades, the venerable Nordstjernen has experienced calm seas and stormy nights, collected stories from generations, captured hearts and made friends around the world. In 2026, our "Stjerna" will turn 70, and we, along with our wonderful passengers, would like to accompany and celebrate her on this special journey to Northern Norway. It will be a nostalgic voyage retracing her past and taking us to places that were part of her long history. We start our journey into the Nordic spring in the German resort of **Warnemünde** and arrive the next day, after a beautiful cruise through the **Gothenburg** archipelago, in Sweden's second-largest city. Skerries, forests, parks, a charming old town – it has it all. This well-connected city will also be an alternative port of embarkation for our guests. In the evening, we leave the harbour and cross the Skagerrak at night, sailing along the southern coast of Norway until we reach the sleepy fishing village of **Skudeneshavn** on the island of Karmøy. Once we arrive, a leisurely stroll through narrow streets, passing white wooden houses and picturesque boats, is tempting. Our Nordstjernen now sets course for the island of Vågsøy. The next day at noon, we reach **Måløy**, a well-known port of call for the Coastal Express. It's one of Norway's busiest fishing ports, with impressive street art waiting to be discovered. After setting sail, we sail around the "Vestkapp" (West Cape), the tip of the Stadlandet peninsula, which appears majestic and powerful from the sea. Heading north, we enjoy a day at sea with our Nordstjernen, always close to the coast and with views of the magnificent natural surroundings. We pass narrow straits, pretty fishing villages, and steep cliffs. The next morning, we wake up at the Arctic Circle. On **Træna**, we are greeted by an island world that couldn't be more enchanting. The municipality, with 463 inhabitants, is one of Norway's smallest and is located 40 miles from the mainland. After our call, we continue north, where the nights are now becoming increasingly bright. We look forward to **Lødingen**, a port of call for the Coastal Express many years ago, with its rich cultural history and spectacular mountain scenery. We continue between the islands and sounds of Northern Norway to Magerøya. We plan to circumnavigate the North Cape and then enjoy the afternoon and evening in **Honningsvåg** under the midnight sun. At the end of the day, we leave the region and sail eastward along the pristine coast of Finnmark to **Vardø**, the easternmost point of the Norwegian mainland. Located in the Arctic climate zone, this extraordinary town is incredibly exciting and interesting. We are delighted to be returning there aboard Nordstjernen after a 14-year absence. Heading south again, we first call at **Alta**, also a former Coastal Express port. In the local museum, rock carvings dating back up to 7,000 years indicate early settlement in the region. Our anniversary cruise now takes us under nighttime sunshine, past the Lyngs Alps, to the largest city in Northern Norway. We arrive in **Tromsø** late on May 16th, the eve of National Day. For all passengers starting their voyage in Tromsø, embarkation will be possible after the ship's arrival, approximately at 11:30 PM. There, on May 17th, we will celebrate together with the Norwegians the adoption of their constitution from 1814 and become part of a festival involving happy children, infectious joie de vivre, and festive parades – a unique experience. We leave the city late in the evening of May 17th and reach **Stokmarknes**, the birthplace of the Hurtigruten, the next morning, and **Melbu**, another former port of the Coastal Express, in the afternoon. After continuing our journey, a detour into the narrow Trollfjord is a must, before we reach the Lofoten Islands and **Svolvær** late in the evening. Here, where we spend the night at the berth. The following day is dedicated to the Lofoten Islands with their rugged mountains rising directly from the sea. In the afternoon we sail along this mountain range to **Reine**, one of the most beautiful fishing villages in the Lofoten Islands. Then it's time for us to say goodbye to the far North. Overnight, we reach the charming town of **Bessaker**, which our Nordstjernen regularly called at for around 11 years during her active coastal career, and we are delighted to be visiting again. After a magnificent fjord passage, we arrive the following morning at **Åndalsnes**, Norway's "mountaineering capital." The journey continues south – past „Vestkapp“, the Hornelen sea cliff, and via Karmsund to **Kristiansand**, located in the picturesque Sørlandet region of Norway. On the way home, we visit the Swedish metropolis of **Malmö**, which, as a former industrial city, has much to offer – a charming old town, modern architecture, and Scandinavian lifestyle. Some of our guests will leave us here, before we set course back to **Warnemünde**, where this legendary anniversary voyage will come to an end.



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Germany - Sweden – Norway Your Itinerary

Date	Port	Arrival - Departure	Remarks – planned excursions
Th 07/05/2026	Warnemünde / D	Departure ca. 17:00h	Embarkation during afternoon
Fr 08/05/2026	Göteborg (Gothenburg) / S	13:00h – 18:00h	City sightseeing incl. guided walk and canals, archipelago tour. Embarkation during afternoon
Sa 09/05/2026	Skudeneshavn / N	16:00h – 19:00h	Free time at your own disposal
Su 10/05/2026	Måløy / N	12:00h – 19:00h	West Cape excursion
Mo 11/05/2026	auf See – küstennahe Innenpassagen		
Tu 12/05/2026	Island of Træna / N	09:00h – 18:00h	Island walk
We 13/05/2026	Lødingen / N	08:00h – 12:00h	Visit of Fish farm (weather permitting)
Th 14/05/2026	Passing North Cape (weather permitting)		
	Honningsvåg – Island of Magerøya / N	14:00h – 21:00h	Island tour incl. North Cape
Fr 15/05/2026	Vardø / N	08:00h – 13:00h	Visit of Hornøya bird sanctuary
Sa 16/05/2026	Alta / N	09:00h – 13:00h	Alta bus tour with the Northern Lights Cathedral
	Tromsø / N	Arrival ca. 23:30	Visit to the Rorbua Pub
Su 17/05/2026	Tromsø – National Day celebration	Departure ca. 21:00h	We participate in the festival parade with the locals
Mo 18/05/2026	Stokmarknes / N	10:00h – 14:00h	Visit to the Hurtigruten Museum
	Melbu / N	15:00h – 18:00h	Guided walking tour
	Sailing into Trollfjord (weather permitting)		
	Svolvær / N	23:00h	
Tu 19/05/2026	Svolvær / N	11:00h	Extensive Lofoten island tour from Svolvær to Reine
	Reine / N	15:00h – 17:00h	Free time at your own leisure
We 20/05/2026	Bessaker / N	14:00h – 19:00h	
Th 21/05/2026	Åndalsnes / N	10:00h – 17:00h	Bus ride to Trollveggen and Trollstigen (weather permitting)
Fr 22/05/2026	At sea – inside passage		
Sa 23/05/2026	Kristiansand / N	08:00h – 16:00h	City walk
Su 24/05/2026	Malmö / S	11:00h – 19:00h	City tour with guided walk and boat tour
Mo 25/05/2026	Warnemünde / D	Arrival ca. 08:00h	Disembarkation until 09:00h

Shore excursions are still in the planning stage. Most excursions will be guided in German language. A program with pre-registration options will be sent to you well in advance of your voyage. All calls and landings are generally wind and weather dependent. Layover times are provided for guidance only and are non-binding. Subject to change and errors.

This tour is a tribute to a ship that has not only served as a means of transport over the decades, but has also touched people. We want to celebrate memories on board – and create new ones. For a large part of the voyage, we will follow the classic route on which our "Stjerna" delivered mail, cargo, and stories from around the world to the people of the coast for 56 years. We will visit ports she has seen thousands of times and follow the traces of her past – proud, reverent, and full of deep gratitude for the magic she still radiates. We are delighted to be able to embark on this nostalgic mailboat voyage with the "best passengers in the world."

Thank you for your loyalty! Thank you, Nordstjernen. At sea for 70 years – and in our hearts!

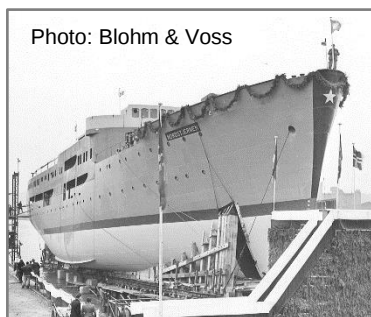


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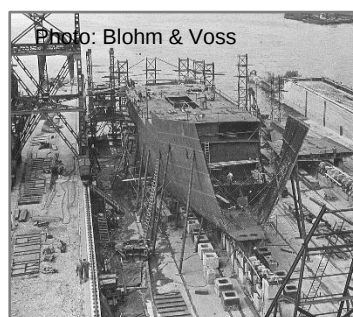


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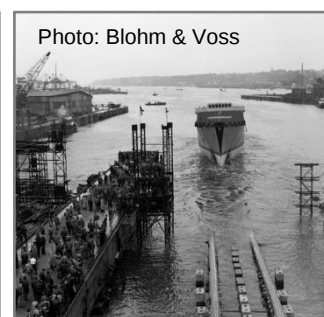


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MV Nordstjernen - 1956

Shipyard: Blohm & Voss, Hamburg

Tonnage: 2,191 grt, length: 80.77m, breadth: 12.6m, draught: 4.5m

Passengers: max. 150, cabins: 72, berths: 150

Built in 1956 by Blohm & Voss in Hamburg, MV Nordstjernen served the Norwegian coast in regular Hurtigruten service until being sold to her current owners in 2012. At the same time, she was placed under full protection by the Norwegian Directorate of Cultural Heritage. She represents a special and by now unique example of 1950s ship design, which in many respects still harks back to designs from the 1930s and the steamship era. With her charm, her comfort, and her determination to defy modern times, she has forever earned a place deep in the hearts of her fans.

We look forward to welcoming you aboard our "Stjerna"!