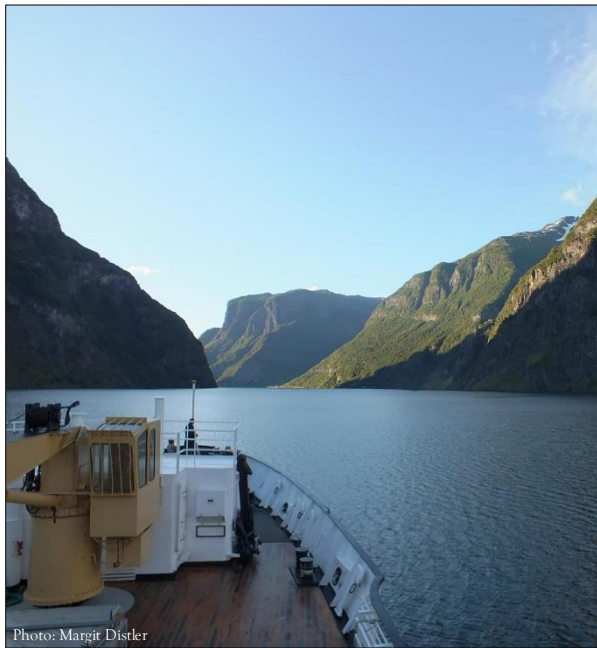


The highlights of this voyage

- ★ Mo i Rana - old industrial town on the Arctic Circle
- ★ Ranfjord - surrounded by islands and rugged mountains
 - ★ Namsenfjord - along Trøndelag's forests
 - ★ Namsos - Central Norway's trading center
 - ★ Romsdalsfjord - from the coast to the glaciers
- ★ Åndalsnes - Norway's center for mountain sports
 - ★ Nordfjord - Glacier meets fjord
- ★ Olden - 100 kilometers of pure fjord experience
 - ★ Sognefjord - Norway's superlative waterway
- ★ Fjærland und Vik - colorful villages with history
 - ★ Hagesund - home of the Viking kings
 - ★ Grimstad - in the footsteps of Henrik Ibsen
 - ★ Hundested - Zealand's port and cultural city

On a nostalgic voyage with M/V Nordstjernen



M/V Nordstjernen

Nostalgic voyage aboard M/V Nordstjernen 1956
Voyage number 2024-1

From the Arctic Circle to the Baltic Sea
„Wanderlust, fascination and fjord experiences“

Norway - Denmark - Germany
from Bodø / to Warnemünde
9 nights from Sept 19th until Sept 28th, 2024



Welcome aboard!

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Photo: Margit Distler



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On our voyages with MV Nordstjernen we would like to take you on a journey through time to the most beautiful places in Northern Europe and show you this part of the world in a personal way. It is our aim to make your trip a special experience. We selected the destinations lovingly and carefully and put emphasis on individuality and the special opportunities that our little Nordstjernen has to offer. The journey on board our historic mail ship begins in the north of Norway, in **Bodø**, the European Capital of Culture 2024 and the first north of the Arctic Circle. After embarking, we set a southerly course, crossing the Arctic Circle at night and looking forward to getting to know **Ranfjord**, a less visited fjord, the next morning. At its end, around 70 km from the sea, today's destination, **Mo i Rana**, awaits us. For over 100 years, Northern Norway's fourth largest city has been dominated by industry, but it has retained an enchanting old town district. We then continue south along the Helgeland coast. Another rather unknown destination awaits us today. The town of **Namsos**, nestled in a magnificent natural setting between the fjord and the Namsen River, is one of the most important trading centers in Central Norway. The timber industry played an important role in the city's history from early on. Afterwards, the western Norwegian fjords are waiting for us, because our next port is **Åndalsnes** at the end of the Romsdalsfjord. The nature in this region is simply spectacular - the majestic mountains of the Romsdal Alps are uniquely beautiful. During the night we circle the Vestkapp with Nordstjernen and wake up in the morning in the **Nordfjord**, where a wonderful fjord passage awaits us. We proceed deep into the glacier region of Norway to the town of **Olden**. We also spend the next day in the heart of the fjord country - we visit the "book town" of **Fjærland**, located deep inland on a branch of the **Sognefjord**, the Fjærland fjord. It was not until 1986 that this village of only around 300 residents was connected to the road network. Over lunch we continue on the "King of the Fjords", the Sognefjord, to **Vik**, a settlement with an incredibly rich cultural life. Within walking distance of the harbor is Hopperstad's stave church, which is around 900 years old. We now leave the classic fjord country and reach **Haugesund**, the city between hills and the sea, via the archipelago of western Norway. This was once the home of the Viking kings and Harald Fairhair's center of power. Our last stop in Norway on this voyage is **Grimstad**, the "City of Poets". Cobblestone streets and narrow alleys, where Henrik Ibsen once went to work, invite you to linger. After crossing the Skagerrak at night, we reach the Danish port of **Hundested**, where the locals are already looking forward to the visit of Nordstjernen. The city is an exciting mix of modern cultural center and active trading port, where boats bring in the daily catch of fresh fish. Our nostalgic mailboat trip "from the Arctic Circle to the Baltic Sea" terminates with the call in **Warnemünde**, close to the Hanseatic city of Rostock in north-eastern Germany, the next morning, where the passengers will disembark. There is also the option of extending your vacation on board by continuing "With MV Nordstjernen around Jutland" (Voyage 2024-2) from Sept 28th until Oct 03rd.





Norway - Denmark – Germany – Your itinerary

Date	Port	Schedule	Information – planned shore excursions
Thu, Sep 19	Bodø / NO	Departure ca. 9:00 pm	Embarkation in the afternoon
Fri, Sep 20	Mo i Rana / NO	full day	City walk, visit to the Grønli grotto, Bus ride to the Arctic Circle Center
Sat, Sep 21	Namsos / NO	full day	City tour with a visit to the sawmill museum
Sun, Sep 22	Åndalsnes / NO	full day	Bus ride to Trollstigen, challenging hike to the Rampestreken viewpoint
Mon, Sep 23	Olden / NO	full day	Bus trip to the Briksdal glacier with a hike to the glacier lake, Loen Skyllift gondola to the Hoven mountain
Tue, Sep 24	Fjærland / NO – at anchor Vik i Sogn / NO – at anchor	morning afternoon	Panoramic bus trip over the Gaularfjell from Fjærland to Vik Guided walking tour in Vik to historical sites
Wed, Sep 25	Haugesund / NO	full day	Island tour of Karmøy with Skudeneshavn, city tour of Haugesund
Thu, Sep 26	Grimstad / NO	full day	Guided city tour in Henrik Ibsen's footsteps
Fri, Sep 27	Hundested / DK	full day	Bus trip to Roskilde, guided tour to the house of polar explorer Knud Rasmussen and to Kikhavn
Sat, Sep 28	Warnemünde / D	Arrival ca. 10:00 am	Disembarkation after customs/immigration clearance

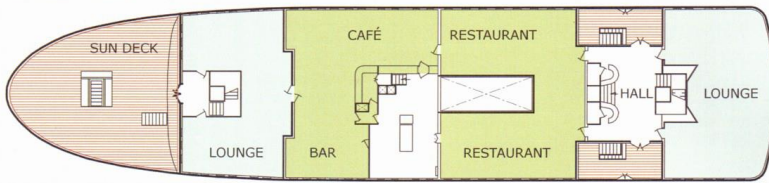
*The shore excursions are still being planned. A program with the option of pre-registration will be sent to you in good time before your trip.
All calls and landings generally depend on wind and weather conditions. Changes and errors are therefore expressly reserved.*



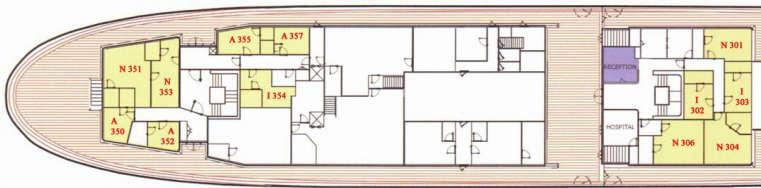
Built in 1956 at Hamburg's Blohm & Voss shipyard, MV Nordstjernen gained the status of a protected vessel by the Norwegian Directorate of Cultural Heritage in 2012. She is a fine example of 1950's ship design, based in many aspects on even earlier designs of the steamship era. She has become a popular vessel on account of her charm, her cosiness and her old-fashioned, but timeless style. We would be very happy to welcome you aboard our "Stjerna" on one of our nostalgic voyages!



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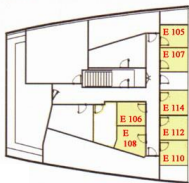
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DECK B



DECK A



What is included?

- ★ Voyage as described, in booked cabin category (without travel to/from ports of embarkation/disembarkation)
- ★ Full board including breakfast, lunch and dinner, excluding drinks (tea and coffee free)
- ★ All harbour and passenger duties and taxes
- ★ Onboard tour leader: Margit Distler (German and English speaking)

Vaccination/Prophylaxis

Neither a corona vaccination nor a negative test for embarkation are currently required for the voyage (as of March 2024).

Travel documents

EU citizens require a passport or ID Card valid until at least 3 months after the end of the voyage. Travellers from non-Schengen countries need a valid passport that has to be stamped when first entering the Schengen area.

Travel insurance

We recommend to take up insurance against the risk of trip cancellation or interruption, as well as a travel health insurance.

Payment

The bill will be settled on board during the voyage in cash (NOK or EUR), or upon special request with a credit card (Visa or Master Card) or a debit card. We would like to point out that paying with a card may incur high fees, which vary from bank to bank. You will receive an invoice approximately two weeks before the start of your trip, which you can transfer to Vestland Classic's account in Norway in Euro. The travel price is due on the day of embarkation, but no later than the last day of your trip. No advance deposit is required.

Conditions of travel

Terms and conditions of the tour operator Vestland Classic AS, Vea Sjoarveg 57, N-4276 Veavågen/Norway apply.

Important notes

Minimum number of participants: 70.
 The tour operator reserves the right to cancel the trip at least 4 weeks before the start if the minimum number of participants is not reached.
 We always travel in a small group – usually with 70 to 90 passengers.
 Tips, shore excursions, travel to/from the embarkation/disembarkation ports as well as private expenses are not included in the travel price. Payments for expenses on board and shore excursions can be made cashless using Master Card, Visa or debit cards. We also welcome cash in Euro and Norwegian Kroner.
 There will be predominantly German-speaking guests on board on this voyage. The crew is international/English speaking, the onboard languages aboard MV Nordstjernen are English, Norwegian and German.
 There is no luggage service during embarkation and disembarkation. Cabin service can be provided on request during the voyage. Fresh towels are available at any time.

Voyage prices

Cabin type	Deck	Price per person, single occupancy of cabin	Price per person, double occupancy of cabin
Cat. E: Very small inside cabin with bunk berths (communal shower/toilet)	A, B	€ 1.940	-
Cat. D: Outside cabin with bunk berths (communal shower/toilet)	B	€ 2.890	€ 2.240
Cat. I: Inside cabin with bunk berths, ensuite shower/toilet	B, C	€ 3.090	€ 2.390
Cat. A: Outside cabin with bunk berths, ensuite shower/toilet	B, C	€ 3.590	€ 2.790
Cat. N: Larger outside cabin with bunk berths and sofa (cabin 304: two lower berths), ensuite shower/toilet	C	-	€ 3.590

Combination offer:

When booking trips 2024-1 and 2024-2 you will receive a 20% discount on the price of the second tour.

Prices for three- and four-bed cabins as well as discounts for children on request.

An open word about our cabins:

The cabins aboard MV Nordstjernen reflect in size, style and outfit the standards of the year of her construction. All cabins (except cabin 304) are equipped with bunk berths (lower and upper berths). Cabins 204 to 209 still have the original 1956 furnishings with dark woods and a small sofa, as they were never remodeled.

Compared with modern cruise ship cabins, our cabins are small. The „very small inside cabins“ (Cat. E) are comparable to sleeping car compartments. Thus, there is only limited room for luggage. If you can't find enough room for your luggage, our crew will be pleased to help.

Engine noise or vibration may affect cabins especially in the aft part of the ship.

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MV Nordstjernen - 1956

Yard: Blohm&Voss, Hamburg
 Tonnage: 2,191 grt
 Length: 80.77m
 Beam: 12.60m
 Draught: 4.50m
 Passengers: max. 150
 Cabins: 71
 Berths: 150
 Since 2012: protected by the Norwegian Directorate of Cultural Heritage