

MV Nordstjernen – 70 Years

★ 1956-2026 ★

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HIGHLIGHTS OF THIS VOYAGE

★ **Portsmouth** – Hampshire
800 years of maritime and naval history

★ **Falmouth** – Cornwall
Romantic harbours and blooming gardens on the Cornish Riviera

★ **Scilly Islands** – Cornwall
Island idylls from a bygone era in England's South Seas

★ **Fishguard** – Wales
Historic fishing village against a magnificent natural backdrop

★ **Bristol/Avonmouth** – Southwest-England
Industrial history, historic old town, and cultural center

★ **Lundy Island** – Devon
Untouched nature, rugged cliffs, and historic buildings

★ **Penzance** – Cornwall
Lively harbour, classical architecture, and exotic plants

★ **Dartmouth** – Devon
Picturesque harbour town at the mouth of the River Dart

★ **Cowes** – Isles of Wight
Sailors' paradise, maritime heritage, and historic waterfront

70 YEARS MV NORDSTJERNEN 1956 - 2026



Nostalgic Mailboat Voyage 2026-NP-3

Aboard MV Nordstjernen 1956

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from / to Bremerhaven

Sept. 02 – Sept. 15, 2026; 13 nights





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For seven decades, the "Nordstjernen" has weathered calm seas and stormy nights, collected stories from generations, captured hearts worldwide, and won friends. In 2026, our "little star" will turn 70, and we want to embark on special voyages together with our wonderful passengers. Therefore, in September, we'll be heading west to new destinations. Even our departure port will be a premiere – for the first time, our nostalgic coastal voyage will begin in **Bremerhaven**. After a **day at sea** to relax and get acquainted with our "Stjernen," we'll reach the Solent in the morning and head for Portsea Island. Here lies the sheltered port city of **Portsmouth**, which has been the Royal Navy's most important naval base since 1194. Some of the world's most famous ships are moored in the historic shipyard, including HMS Victory, Admiral Nelson's flagship, and HMS Warrior, the first steam-powered ironclad battleship. We'll stay all day and continue our voyage in the evening. Sailing along England's stunning south coast, the "Jurassic Coast," we arrive the following day in **Falmouth**, a town eagerly awaiting our arrival. As we enter the harbour, said to be one of the finest natural harbours in the world, we see Pendennis Castle, built nearly 500 years ago, perched on a headland. We stay overnight here to fully enjoy this picturesque town and its surroundings on the southeast coast of Cornwall. Then it's on to a truly wonderful destination: the **Isles of Scilly**, an archipelago 25 nautical miles west of Land's End, a protected nature reserve renowned for its "outstanding natural beauty". Here we will anchor and be tendered ashore by small boats (weather permitting). Overnight, our Nordstjernen takes us to **Fishguard**, the only port in Wales on our voyage. The harbour master is delighted by our visit, and we can look forward to, among other things, a stroll past picturesque houses. Breathtaking coastal scenery and the warm hospitality of the approximately 3,000 inhabitants await us. In the evening, we leave Wales and set course for **Avonmouth**, the port of **Bristol**. Due to the large tidal ranges there, we have to be guided through the locks to reach our berth. Bristol embodies British flair and the English way of life, magnificent industrial buildings, maritime history, modern street art, and enchanting natural surroundings. In Bristol, we will encounter the works of the brilliant Victorian engineer Isambard Kingdom Brunel. The steam ship "Great Britain," which he designed, was the first modern transatlantic liner with screw propulsion and an iron hull. Our nostalgic coastal voyages are known for special destinations – so the next morning we'll head for the **island of Lundy** and anchor in the Bristol Channel (weather permitting). Let's be captivated by a breathtaking natural paradise with diverse wildlife and stunning beaches, as well as the charming Marisco Tavern, Lundy's only pub, which, much to the delight of the island's 28 or so inhabitants (and us!), is said to never close... Our next destination, **Penzance**, lies in Mount's Bay, a bay of the Atlantic Ocean. In England's southernmost and westernmost town, just 15 km from Land's End, beautiful gardens and Cornwall's only Victorian promenade, dating back to the 1840s, await us. Let's stroll the approximately 1.6 km between the famous seawater pool, the Jubilee Pool, and the neighboring village of Newlyn. Nearby is St. Michael's Mount, a small, tidal island reminiscent of an enchanted isle – a Cornish landmark. After a day full of experiences, we continue on to **Dartmouth**, where we will anchor spectacularly in the middle of the River Dart. This port city has played a vital role in Britain's maritime history. In 1620, the Pilgrims' ships, the Mayflower and the Speedwell, docked here for repairs before crossing the Atlantic to America. Perched on a hill overlooking the city is the Britannia Royal Naval College, where the Navy trains its cadets – past and present monarchs also received their basic training here. Let's enjoy Elizabethan streets, markets, beaches, galleries, and charming cafes. Sailing along the south coast of England, with its geological significance and over 200 million years of Earth's history, our Nordstjernen takes us overnight to the Isle of Wight. We visit **Cowes**, which has been home to international regattas since the founding of the Royal Yacht Squadron in 1815. Much of the town's architecture is still strongly influenced by the opulent style popularized by Prince Albert. Queen Victoria chose the island as her summer residence and stayed at Osborne House in East Cowes. In the evening, we leave the British Isles. Our first nostalgic coastal voyage to southern England is drawing to a close, and we set course for **Bremerhaven**, where we will arrive after another day at sea, filled with memories and experiences.



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Germany – United Kingdom – Germany

Your Itinerary

Date	Port	Arrival/Departure	Remarks – planned excursions
We 02/09/2026	Bremerhaven / D	Departure 18:00h	Bus transfer station - Cruise Center. Embarkation until 16:30 Uhr at the Cruise Center, shuttle to Nordstjernen
Th 03/09/2026	At sea		
Fr 04/09/2026	Portsmouth (Hampshire) / UK	08:00h – 18:00h	City sightseeing, old town, historic Navy Yard
Sa 05/09/2026	Falmouth (Cornwall) / UK	Arrival 09:00h	City walk with Pendennis Castle, Maritime Museum
Su 06/09/2026	Falmouth (Cornwall) / UK	Departure 21:00h	Bus tour Lizard peninsula and Trebah Garden
Mo 07/09/2026	Scilly Islands / UK ⚓	08:00h – 18:00h	Tresco Abbey Gardens walk, St. Mary's boat excursion
Tu 08/09/2026	Fishguard (Wales) / UK	09:00h – 17:00h	Bus tour Pembrokeshire National Park with hike
We 09/09/2026	Avonmouth (for Bristol) / UK	08:30h – 18:30h	City tour with cathedral and Clifton suspension bridge, SS Great Britain museum, Avon boat tour
Th 10/09/2026	Lundy Island / UK ⚓	08:00h – 18:00h	Walks, Marisco Tavern
Fr 11/09/2026	Penzance (Cornwall) / UK ⚓	08:00h – 18:00h	Bus tour Land's End and St. Ives, St. Michael's Mount
Sa 12/09/2026	Dartmouth (Devon) / UK ⚓	09:00h – 19:00h	City walk, Dartmoor National Park bus tour, steam train and paddle wheel steamer, Dartmouth Castle
Su 13/09/2026	Cowes (Isle of Wight) / UK ⚓	08:00h – 17:00h	Island tour with Needles, Newport and Mottistone Gardens, Osborne House
Mo 14/09/2026	At sea		
Tu 15/09/2026	Bremerhaven / D	Arrival 11:00h	Disembarkation and bus transfer to station

⚓= Nordstjernen at anchor. Passengers to be conveyed ashore by our Polar Circle boats.
 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.
 Shore excursions are still in the planning stage. A program with pre-registration options will be sent to you well in advance of your voyage..

This voyage is a tribute to a ship that, for decades, has been far more than just a means of transport – it has touched people and shaped history. On board, we want not only to preserve memories but also to write new stories for the future. In doing so, we will show beyond the borders of Norway what an extraordinary ship our Nordstjernen is. Great Britain, with its long and proud seafaring tradition, has been and remains home to many historically significant ships. Our "Stjerna" is also a classic of maritime history, and we are delighted to be honored by the ports of southern England during these maiden calls as a symbol of nostalgic sea voyages and maritime heritage. Thank you, Nordstjernen! 70 years at sea – and in our hearts!

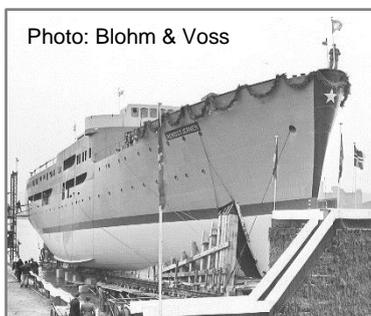


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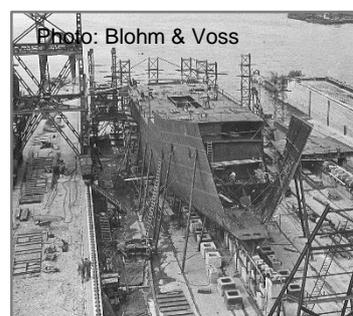


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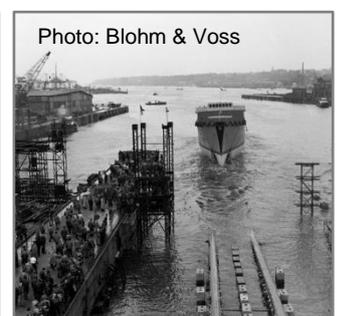


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MV Nordstjernen - 1956

Built: Blohm & Voss, Hamburg

Tonnage: 2,191 grt, length: 80.77m, beam: 12.60m, draught: 4.50m

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

Since 2012 protected by the Norwegian Riksantikvar (heritage board)

Built in 1956 at the Hamburg shipyard of Blohm & Voss, MV Nordstjernen was granted full historic preservation status by Norway's National Heritage Board in November 2012. She represents a unique example of 1950s ship design, which in many respects still draws on designs from the 1930s and the steamship era. With her charm, her cozy atmosphere, and her enduring resilience in defying modern times, she has forever secured a place in the hearts of her admirers.

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

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General Information and Prices

Voyage prices per person (in Euro) in booked cabin without travel arrangements to/from ports of embarkation/disembarkation

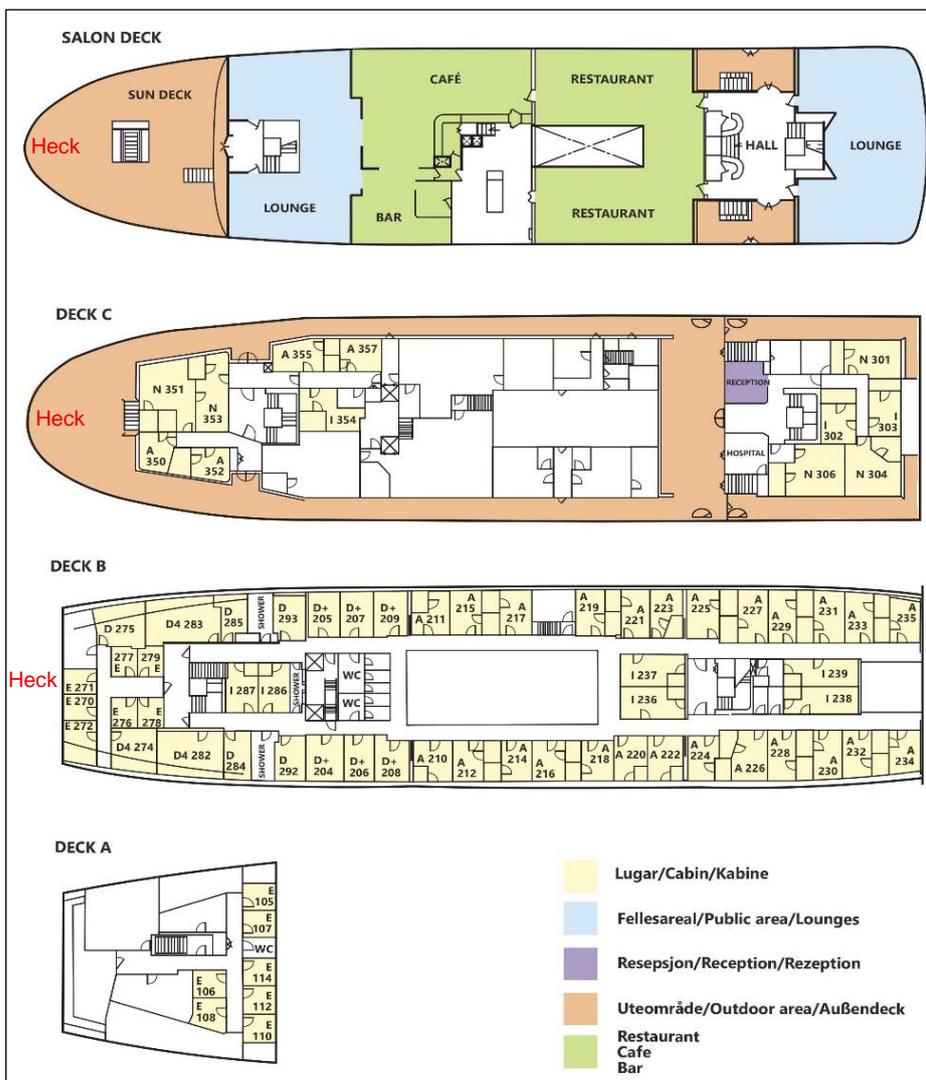
- ★ Voyage in booked cabin category
- ★ Full board (without drinks), incl. breakfast, lunch and dinner
- ★ Free coffee, tea and drinking water available all day long
- ★ All port and passenger dues
- ★ English and German speaking tour guide: Margit Distler

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Cabin category	Deck	Single occupancy	Double occupancy
Cat. E: Small inside cabin with bunk berths (communal shower/toilet)	A, B	€ 2.890,-	-
Cat. D und D+: Outside cabin with bunk berths (communal shower/toilet)	B	€ 4.090,-	€ 3.090,-
Kat. I: Inside cabin with bunk berths, ensuite shower/toilet	B, C	€ 4.490,-	€ 3.390,-
Kat. A: Outside cabin with bunk berths, ensuite shower/toilet	B, C	€ 4.990,-	€ 3.840,-
Kat. N: Large outside cabin with bunk berths (partly two lower berths), ensuite shower/toilet	C	-	€ 4.990,-

Prices for three- and four-bed cabins, as well as discounts for children, are available upon request.





About our cabins:

The cabins aboard MV Nordstjernen reflect in size, style and furnishings the standards of the year of her construction, and are now even listed as historical monuments. All cabins (except cabin 304) are equipped with bunk berths (lower and upper berths). Cabins 204 to 209 still have the original furnishings from 1956, including dark woods and a small sofa, as they have never been remodeled. At approximately 5.5 square meters, the cabins may be quite small by today's cruise ship standards; our Category E interior cabins are even only the size of sleeping car compartments. There is no air conditioning on board, but every cabin has a fresh air supply. The portholes can be opened in ports. However, experience has shown that the cabins are only used for sleeping, as during the day, guests on the Nordstjernen spend time in the cozy lounges or outside. Luggage storage space is limited depending on the cabin category. If you don't find enough space for your luggage, the crew will be happy to store your suitcases. In the cabins aft, you must expect vibrations and noise from the engine and propeller, which, however, each passenger experiences differently.

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General Information

Travel documents

Please inform yourself in good time about which identification documents are required for our destination countries. EU citizens need a valid passport and an electronic travel authorization (ETA), which each traveler must apply for personally.

Travel insurance

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

Payment of voyage

We offer several payment options. You will receive an invoice approximately two weeks before departure, which you can transfer (in Euro currency) to the Vestland Classic account in Norway. The price for the voyage is due on the day of embarkation. You can also pay for the voyage on board in cash (NOK or EUR), with your credit card (Visa or MasterCard), or with a debit card. Please note that paying by card may incur high fees, which vary from bank to bank. A deposit is not required.

Conditions of travel

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

Vaccinations/Prophylaxis

We recommend that you check your standard vaccinations according to the current recommendations before you travel and have them updated if necessary.

Important notes

Minimum number of participants for the voyage is 70. If the number of booked passengers is lower, the operator reserves the right to cancel the the voyage, but not later than 4 weeks before sailing.

We always travel in small groups – usually with 70 to 90 passengers.

Gratuities, shore excursions, travel arrangements to and from the ports of embarkation and disembarkations and private purchases are not included.

Payment for onboard expenses and shore excursions is due at the end of the voyage. You are welcome to pay in cash (NOK or EUR), by credit card (Visa or MasterCard) or by debit card.

The majority of guests on board this voyage will be German-speaking. The crew is international/English-speaking, and the onboard languages on MV Nordstjernen are English, Norwegian, and German.

There is no luggage service upon embarkation or disembarkation. Cabin service is available upon request during the voyage. Fresh towels are available at all times.

There are no elevators on board MV Nordstjernen.