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Cruise Details

Name:	To The Fjords And Volcanoes Of The North
Reference:	HAPAGEUR2711
Operator:	Hapag-Lloyd Cruises
Cruise Type:	Ocean
Cruise Rating:	Luxury
Ship:	MS EUROPA
Regions:	Northern Europe
Departs On:	16 Jun 27
Departs From:	Hamburg
Arrives On:	02 Jul 27
Arrives At:	Hamburg
Cruise Nights:	16
Total Vacation Days:	17

Itinerary

Day 1: Hamburg (Germany)

Arrives On: 16 Jun 27

Day 3: Newhaven/Edinburgh (Scotland)

Between the medieval Old Town and the Georgian New Town, Edinburgh offers a fascinating mix of history and modernity. The impressive Scottish capital looks back over a long history and is famous for Edinburgh Castle, which sits proudly on top of Castle Rock where you can enjoy the wonderful views. Princes Street Gardens are a great place to wander around in the city centre, while the many pubs in the narrow, winding streets will tempt you to make a detour – Edinburgh has more pubs than almost anywhere else in Europe. However, the city is also a literary centre and home to some famous authors: Joanne K. Rowling and Robert Louis Stevenson found inspiration in the uniquely special atmosphere of the city.

Arrives On: 18 Jun 27

Day 4: Kirkwall, Orkney Islands (Scotland)

Kirkwall, the main town on the Orkney Islands, boasts historical charm and a rich history dating back to the eleventh century. Back then, it was still called Kirkjuvagr – “church in the bay” – and today the cityscape is still characterised by the impressive St Magnus Cathedral. The Orkney Islands, which stretch along the northern tip of Scotland, have a magical atmosphere that can be felt as you approach the harbour, when dozens of little green islands emerge out of the fog. Archaeological wonders such as the Neolithic settlement of Skara Brae, the mystical Ring of Brodgar or the Maeshowe chambered cairn provide deep insights into the historical heart of Scotland and draw history lovers under their spell.

Arrives On: 19 Jun 27

Day 6: Heimaey Island (Iceland)

There is an aura of mysticism and adventure about the Westman Islands – Heimaey, the largest of them, is a real gem in this rugged region. The volcanic eruption of Eldfell in 1973 had a lasting impact on life here and transformed the island into an impressive volcanic landscape. Visitors can explore the solidified lava fields and at the Edlheimar Museum immerse themselves in the dramatic story of the brave evacuation of the inhabitants. But Heimaey offers even more: breathtaking views and a fascinating bird world, which is particularly impressive with colourful puffins and rare northern fulmars, invite nature lovers to experience the beauty of the island with all their senses.

Arrives On: 21 Jun 27

Day 7: Reykjavík (Iceland)

Reykjavik enchants visitors with its unique mix of nature and urban energy. Surrounded by the vapours of hot thermal springs, the capital of Iceland is a place full of contrasts: traditional wooden houses with corrugated iron facades are juxtaposed with futuristic glass buildings that reflect the rugged volcanic landscapes. Hallgrimskirkja, with its 74 m (243 ft) high tower, is the city’s landmark and offers unsurpassed views over Reykjavik. For those interested in history, there are exciting museums that shed light on the history and culture of the island from the Vikings to the present day. Icelandic cuisine is an experience in itself: numerous cafes and restaurants experiment with local ingredients and offer dishes that can only be found here.

Arrives On: 22 Jun 27

Day 8: Westfjords (Iceland)

Arrives On: 23 Jun 27

Day 9: Akureyri (Iceland)

Akureyri, the gateway to the north of Iceland, is situated on the shores of the impressive Eyjafjordur fjord. The Danes used it as a trading post as early as 1602, but it was only after trade restrictions were lifted in the late 19th century that the town flourished into a centre of industry and science. Today, the picturesque mountains surrounding the fjord attract visitors, as does the imposing Godafoss, the “Waterfall of the Gods”: according to legend, it was here that the priest Porgeir threw the pagan idols into the water around the year AD 1,000 – an event immortalised in a stained-glass window in the church of Akureyri. Akureyri combines fascinating history with the rugged beauty of Icelandic nature, inviting you to discover it in depth.

Arrives On: 24 Jun 27

Day 12: Ålesund (Norway)

The roots of the Norwegian coastal town of Alesund date back to the 15th century – an impressive combination of history and new beginnings. After the devastating fire of 1904, the town was rebuilt in the splendid art nouveau style and still enchants visitors today with its ornately decorated facades. A scenic bridge connects the two main islands and characterises the idyllic townscape. The modern church stands in the centre, its colourful stained glass shimmering in the sunlight, while the nearby aquarium provides insights into the underwater world of the North Sea. The town museum in a historic patrician house invites visitors to further discover the splendid art nouveau architecture and traditions of old craftsmanship.

Arrives On: 27 Jun 27

Day 13: Loen (Norway)

With its stunning scenery of towering mountains, glacial lakes and deep valleys, Loen enchants and delights nature lovers and adventurers alike. The picturesque village lies at the foot of the mighty Jostedalsbreen, the largest mainland glacier in Europe, and is the gateway to further beautiful natural locations. One highlight is a ride on the Loen Skylift, one of the steepest cable cars in the world, which takes visitors up Mount Hoven in just a few minutes and rewards them with a breathtaking panoramic view. Whether you’re hiking, taking a fjord tour, or simply relaxing in the peaceful surroundings – Loen offers unforgettable experiences.

Arrives On: 28 Jun 27

Day 14: Rosendal (Norway)

Rosendal – a hidden paradise on the banks of the Hardangerfjord, where rugged mountains and sparkling fjord waters provide the perfect backdrop for an unforgettable day. The small village exudes a special calm and is surrounded by a landscape that resembles a postcard motif. A highlight is the barony of Rosendal, the only one of its kind in Norway: visiting the manor house is like taking a journey through the different styles and eras since the mid-17th century. The

beautifully landscaped historical gardens invite you to take a stroll – and complement the impressive glaciers of this region.

Arrives On: 29 Jun 27

Day 15: Sandnes (Norway)

From impressive fjords, such as the Lysefjord with its steep cliffs, to idyllic sandy beaches along the coast – there is plenty for nature lovers to explore here. Hike to the famous Preikestolen or Pulpit Rock, an impressive rock formation with spectacular views, or explore the Lysefjord by excursion boat or speedy RIB. You can explore the charming old town of Stavanger on foot, by Nordic Walking or by Segway – Stavanger is a real treasure trove of possibilities.

Arrives On: 30 Jun 27

Day 17: Hamburg (Germany)

Arrives On: 02 Jul 27

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