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2027 | Northern Lights & Fjords: Tromsø to Oslo

16 - 27 March 2027



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A glimpse into my journey

Gerrie Pretorius

*Music was my first love
but travel is my passion.*

To understand the meaning behind “Leef Jou Reis,” one must discover, take detours, and embrace the alternative routes or the roads less travelled. To eat and mingle with the local people and truly comprehend their culture, we have this special opportunity to become authentic travellers, rather than mere tourists visiting a country.

Growing up in the small town of Mossel Bay, I have had the privilege of setting foot on 7 continents and explored over 85 countries. With all this experience and passion for travel, we would like to extend a warm invitation to you to join our global travel family.

We are the “cool kids” of travel and we do it in style...

Welcome to Leef Jou Reis





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Experience Norway with Leef Jou Reis and Hurtigruten

Sail with us through Arctic Norway and discover the beauty of the northern coast, with a guaranteed chance to witness the dancing Northern Lights. From snow-covered mountains to tranquil fjords, each day brings new discoveries, unforgettable moments and exclusive access to hidden gems. This once-in-a-lifetime journey with Leef Jou Reis promises memories you will cherish forever.





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DAY 1: 16 March 2027

Johannesburg - Tromsø

Our adventure begins today at the airport, buzzing with excitement and anticipation. The journey north takes us far above the Arctic Circle, where you can already imagine the first light of the Arctic day falling over mountains and fjords.

(All meals onboard)

DAY 2: 17 March 2027

Tromsø

Tromsø, lively and full of culture high above the Arctic Circle, welcomes us with its mountains, fjords, and rich Arctic history. One of the northernmost urban areas in the world, Tromsø awaits to be discovered - a city where bright Arctic light and the unique mix of history and modern culture create a warm, inviting atmosphere. Stroll along the harbour with its cozy coffee shops and galleries, explore the Polar Museum and other exhibits showcasing Arctic landscapes and exploration history, or ride the Fjellheisen cable car for stunning views of fjords, mountains, and sea - the perfect first glimpse of this unique city and its natural beauty.

Tonight, we will gather with our fellow travellers for a relaxed dinner - the perfect start to your Arctic adventure.

(Welcome Dinner)





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DAY 3: 18 March 2027

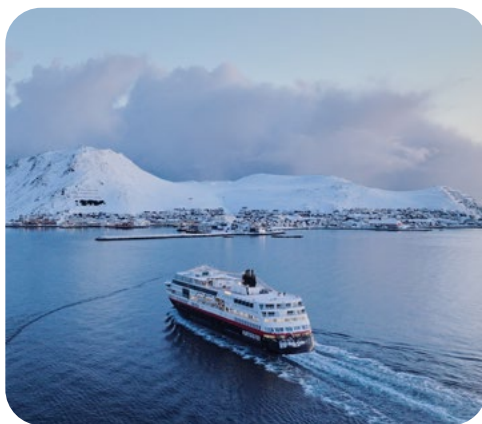
Your Gateway to the Arctic

Sleep in and savour a leisurely breakfast at your own pace. Today your all-inclusive experience begins fully - enjoy refined dining in unique restaurants, unlimited selected drinks and the unforgettable thrill of your first chance to witness the magical Northern Lights.

We board the majestic MS Trollfjord late afternoon (the port opens at 12:00) - your home for the next few days. Your cabin will be ready by 15:00, giving you time to settle in and enjoy a delightful lunch onboard (available between 12:00 and 14:00). Unpack and make yourself comfortable in your cabin - a peaceful private space with a window and breathtaking views over

the Arctic waters. Every moment is experienced, photographed and cherished intensely.

(Breakfast, Lunch and Dinner)



DAY 4: 19 March 2027

Honningsvåg - The North Cape

We arrive in Honningsvåg early in the morning, deep within the Arctic Circle. This small but historically significant fishing village is one of Europe's northernmost settlements and serves as the gateway to the world-famous North Cape. The village lies on the island of Magerøya and is surrounded by a rugged yet breathtaking Arctic landscape of mountains, sea and open plains, where snow blankets the earth like a white quilt and the air is exceptionally clean and fresh.

The North Cape itself is often described as the end of the European mainland, located about 2,000 km south of the geographic North Pole. This remote location gives a unique sense of silence and grandeur to the place. Once again, you have the opportunity to participate in various optional excursions - from snowmobile rides and guided Arctic landscape walks to tasting local specialties such as fresh king crab.

Honningsvåg will not disappoint - at the North Cape awaits a magical, silent, almost surreal moment that will stay with you forever.

(Breakfast, Lunch and Dinner)



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DAY 5: 20 March 2027

Alta - City of the Northern Lights

Alta, at 70° North, is world-famous for its clear Arctic skies and the chance to see the dancing Northern Lights. We stroll through the village, admire the impressive Northern Lights Cathedral and learn about the 'Rock Art of Alta,' a UNESCO World Heritage Site. These ancient rock carvings, some over 6,000 years old, tell the story of the earliest inhabitants of the Arctic region and give visitors a unique insight into their daily life, hunting scenes and spiritual world (optional).

For the adventurous, there are several optional extras to choose from, including a visit to the world's northernmost Ice Hotel or unique cultural experiences of the Sami tradition. Tonight, keep your eyes on the sky again: the ship's crew will announce when the aurora flickers over the horizon - step outside to witness the light show.

A visit to Alta is a highlight of the journey and an experience you will never forget.

(Breakfast, Lunch and Dinner)



DAY 6: 21 March 2027

Narvik - Between Mountains and Fjords

Narvik lies at the intersection of three fjords, surrounded by majestic mountains that will leave even the most experienced traveller in awe. Originally developed as an annual ice-free port for nearby iron ore mines, today the city is known for its role during World War II. Explore the Narvik War Museum and experience how the Battle of Narvik in 1940 shaped the region and its people. For a breathtaking perspective, take the cable car to the top of Narvikfjellet (optionally), one of the most scenic viewpoints in the region, with panoramic views over fjords and mountains that will enchant you. This day combines adventure, history and natural beauty in one unforgettable experience.



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If the sky is clear, it is also a good night to see the Northern Lights in the dark Arctic sky - the crew will let you know when the show begins so you can experience it firsthand.

(Breakfast, Lunch and Dinner)

DAY 7: 22 March 2027

Along Norway's Inner Coast

Since Hurtigruten began sailing to the northern Trøndelag region in 1893, much of Norway's coastline remained largely unknown. Decades of experience have given Hurtigruten a deep understanding of these waters and today it is regarded as one of the few operators capable of confidently navigating the complex network of skerries, rocky islets and hidden fjords. Today we sail along the picturesque Norwegian inner coast, where rugged peninsulas, sheltered bays, and remote fishing villages create a breathtaking scene. The Hurtigruten Expedition team enriches our journey with fascinating stories, photography tips and cultural insights, allowing you to fully experience every unique corner of the landscape and local traditions. Every quiet bay and remote village becomes part of an unforgettable travel story.

As night falls and the sky is clear, you may see the Northern Lights dancing over the Arctic waters - an unexpected moment that makes your journey truly special.

(Breakfast, Lunch and Dinner)



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DAY 8: 23 March 2027

Åndalsnes - The Alps of Norway

After arriving in the heart of the village in the morning, you can explore Åndalsnes, a picturesque coastal village at the end of the Romsdalsfjord, often called the Alpine heart of Norway. The village is surrounded by impressive towering mountains and serves as a gateway to the iconic natural landscapes of Romsdalen, including the Troll Wall, the highest vertical cliff in Europe.

You have the option to take the Romsdal Gondola to the top of Nesaksla Mountain, 707 meters above sea level and be enchanted by panoramas of the majestic Romsdalshorn, the village below and the Rauma River winding through the valley.



As you take in this natural beauty, the Expedition team shares fascinating stories about the geology, history and local legends of the region. Åndalsnes is also a paradise for nature lovers and photographers – the perfect place to capture stunning nature photos.

As night falls and the Arctic sky is dark and pristine, the Northern Lights may appear over the mountains, creating a dramatic contrast between the dancing lights and massive rock formations.

(Breakfast, Lunch and Dinner)

DAY 9: 24 March 2027

Bergen - Norway's Coastal Jewel

Surrounded by seven mountains and the sea, Bergen, Norway's second-largest city and former capital, is one of the country's most picturesque and historic locations. The Bryggen area, a UNESCO World Heritage Site, with its colorful wooden houses from the 14th century, tells the story of a city shaped by seafaring and trade. A walk through the historic harbor and a visit to the famous fish market brings the city to life, delighting your senses with the smell, sound, and color of fresh seafood.

For those interested, there is the optional Fløibanen funicular to the top of Mount Fløyen, where you will enjoy impressive views of the city, surrounding islands and the distinctive landscapes of Western Norway. This experience reminds you exactly why Bergen must be on every Norway itinerary.



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Bergen is too far south to regularly see the Northern Lights, but if the sky is clear and magnetic activity is high, they may occasionally be visible from the deck – a surprising bonus for photography enthusiasts.

(Breakfast, Lunch and Dinner)

DAY 10: 25 March 2027

Kristiansand - City of Lighthouses

We spend the last afternoon of our journey in Kristiansand, Norway's fifth-largest city, at the southern tip of the country. Kristiansand is on a mission to become the most sustainable port in Europe – a commendable effort you can explore on an optional excursion to Odderøya Island, where you can explore historic fortifications and experience the island's character.

For history enthusiasts, there is another optional excursion to Batterie Vara. Originally built as a German fort during World War II, it houses the world's second-largest cannon ever mounted on land.

Back onboard, we conclude the journey on a high note with a farewell dinner, the perfect opportunity to share photo highlights and memories with new friends one last time.

(Breakfast, Lunch and Farewell Dinner)





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DAY 11: 26 March 2027

Oslo - Norway's Vibrant Capital

After breakfast, we arrive in Oslo, Norway's bustling capital. On this expedition, you have experienced the country's beauty up close - towering mountains, secret fjords, remote villages and the magical Northern Lights. Later today, we return to Johannesburg with memories of an unforgettable Arctic adventure to cherish for a lifetime.

(Breakfast and all meals onboard)

DAY 12: 27 March 2027

Johannesburg

Welcome back to South Africa!

You are now part of an exclusive group belonging to the Leef Jou Reis family. May the beauty of Norway stay with you forever.

Please note that this Leef Jou Reis tour is guided by a highly skilled and knowledgeable team. A Leef Jou Reis team member is always available to provide assistance. Due to Leef Jou Reis' busy annual program, it is unfortunately not possible for Gerrie to be personally present on all tours. While their presence is therefore not guaranteed, your comfort and enjoyment are ensured by our enthusiastic tour leaders!

Package Includes

- 1 Night Hotel accommodation in Tromsø (Bed and Breakfast)
- Airport transfers (if group flights are used)
- Welcome Dinner
- 9 nights onboard Hurtigruten's MS Trollfjord in a Category O2 Polar Outside Cabin
- All-inclusive breakfast, lunch and dinner options at Flora and Árran
- Unlimited selected wine, beer and spirits at Flora, Árran and Bar 1893 during restaurant and bar hours (excluded at breakfast)
- Afternoon snacks at Bar 1893
- Free coffee and tea 24 hours available
- Daily water replenished
- Free Wi-Fi onboard
- Cooking demonstrations and tasting experiences
- Dedicated onboard photographer
- Daily themed lectures, cultural presentations, photography guidance, arts and crafts activities
- Access to a library with a selection of books and magazines
- Multilingual Expedition team and expert onboard staff
- Sauna and fitness facilities
- Access to equipment such as binoculars and photography equipment for hire
- Port taxes and fees



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Package Excludes

- Return flights from Johannesburg to Tromsø and Oslo to Johannesburg
- Domestic flights within South Africa
- Baggage handling
- Optional shore excursions
- Additional menu options not included in the package
- Additional drinks not included in the package
- Personal purchases and souvenirs
- Costs for national parks, entrance fees or other local charges
- Travel insurance
- Visa application
- All tips

Things to Remember

- A visa is mandatory and at your own cost. We will assist you during the application process and provide all necessary documentation.
- You need a passport with two blank pages valid for 6 months after return (27 September 2027).
- A Leef Jou Reis team member will always be available to assist with any questions and information.

- Optional extras are offered with the help of the Leef Jou Reis team, but tour members are free to come and go as they wish.
- You are in good hands and can simply sit back and enjoy the trip, but also set your own pace.
- To fully enjoy the sights on this tour, you should be reasonably fit and able to comfortably walk around 5 km during the day.
- Come with an open mind and make new friends.
- About a week before departure, we create a WhatsApp group to share information. This is your communication channel with Leef Jou Reis. Please ensure you provide the correct phone numbers on your booking form to be included. Photos and videos will also be shared here during and after the tour.
- Please also note that this itinerary is a guide only and may be adjusted operationally. The sailing route may differ from the original plan.





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What Next...?

Steps to follow to secure your seat on the Northern Lights & Fjords: Tromsø to Oslo tour....

STEP 1

If you want to join us on this exciting tour, send your e-mail address and mobile number to leefjoureis@twf.co.za. We will then send the booking form that you must complete and return, together with a copy of your ID/passport and proof of payment of the deposit.

STEP 2

This itinerary is fairly complete and should contain all the information you might need. We will set up a WhatsApp group closer to the time for further communication; therefore, please make sure that the mobile number you have provided is correct. If you have any questions, feel free to send an e-mail or WhatsApp 082 923 3626.

STEP 3

Get excited and look forward to the most idyllic holiday of your life!!

Deposit

- The deposit of R15,000 guarantees your place and is non-refundable, as your deposit and administration fees are paid to our suppliers to secure our group booking. Please refer to our website for full terms and conditions.
- The next deposit of R20,000 is due on 25 May 2026.
- The third payment of R20,000 is due on 31 August 2026.
- The balance is due by 15 December 2026.
- These prices are based on EFT payments.

Banking Details & Pricing

Account Name : LeefJouReis TWF
Bank : Standard Bank
Branch Code : 051001
Account Number : 012324523

Deposit reference number: Hurti27 + NAME & SURNAME

Please make sure you use the right reference number and that you send proof of payment to us on email: leefjoureis@twf.co.za

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