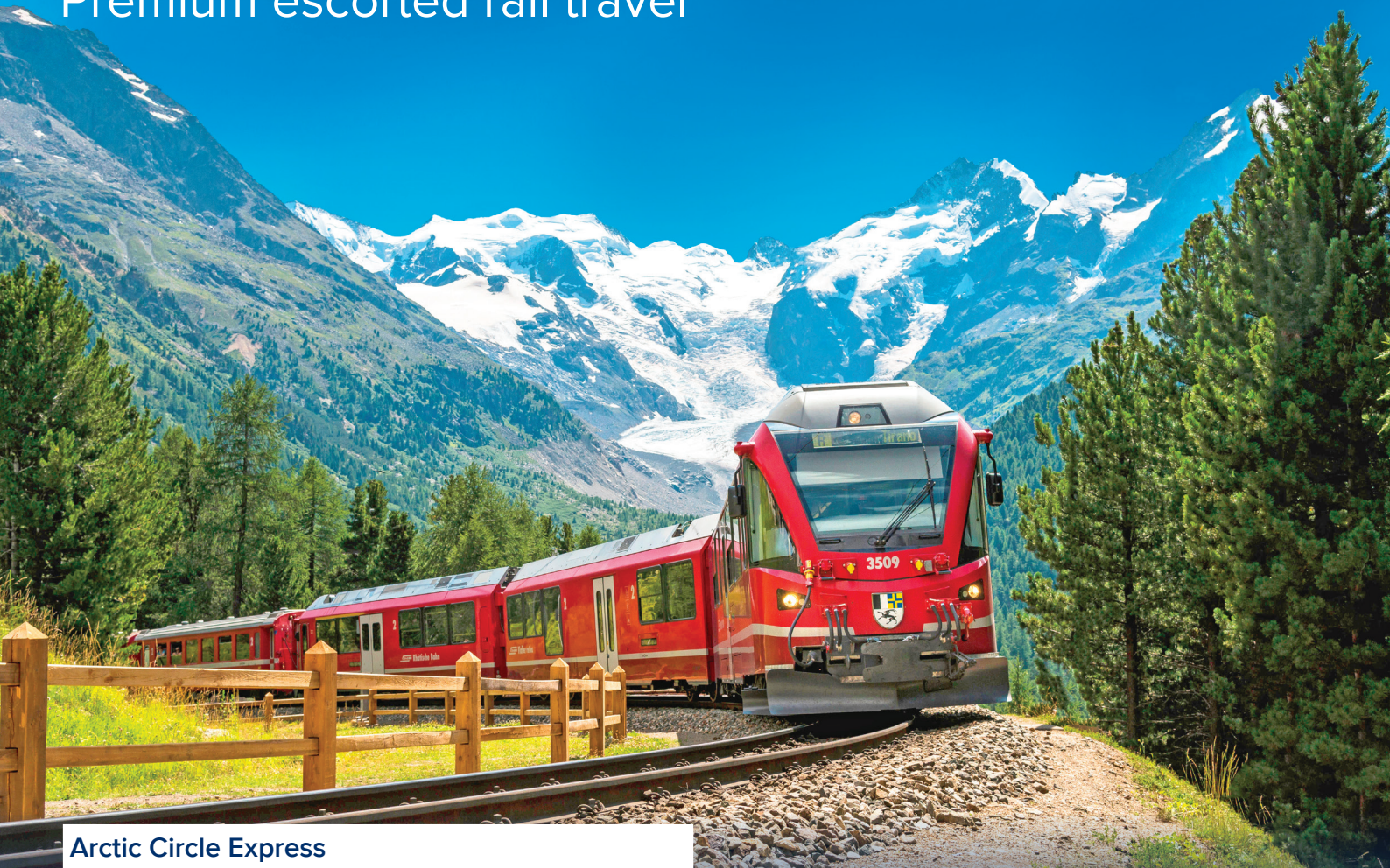


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ARCTIC CIRCLE EXPRESS

Stockholm to Oslo

Stockholm ■ Östersund ■ Jokkmokk
Narvik ■ Trondheim ■ Geiranger
Flåm ■ Bergen ■ Oslo



Day 1. Arrive Stockholm ☆

On arrival in Stockholm, you'll be met and transferred to your hotel. Today, [tour this modern city and the narrow streets of Gamla Stan](#). **Two Nights:** Stockholm, Radisson Blu Waterfront Hotel. D

Day 2. Stockholm

Built on 14 islands, and dotted with grand yachts and red wooden cottages, Stockholm is yours to explore at leisure. If Swedish cuisine is on your mind, then be sure to visit a local restaurant to enjoy a smörgåsbord — a world-famous Swedish tradition. B

Day 3. Östersund

Bid farewell to Stockholm and head inland by InterCity train to Östersund, which is nestled on the shore of beautiful Lake Storsjön, Sweden's fifth largest lake.

Stay: Östersund, Best Western Gamla Teatern. BD

Day 4. Inlandsbanan, Arctic Circle, Lapland, Jokkmokk ☆

Leaving Östersund, you'll travel north through some of Sweden's most glorious scenery and venture into the wilderness of Lapland. [Your journey on the Inlandsbanan train takes you across the Arctic Circle into the Land of the Midnight Sun](#). Lapland is home to the Sami, the only indigenous people of Scandinavia who are renowned for their reindeer herding skills. You'll get a real taste of their unique culture with a light dinner of local Sami specialties before transferring to your hotel this evening.

Stay: Hotel Jokkmokk. BD

Day 5. Ofoten Railway, Narvik ☆

[Today, enjoy a journey on one of the world's most northerly railway lines, the Ofoten Railway](#). Travel through Sweden's breathtaking mountains into Norway, traversing steep

mountainsides, with sheer drops to the fjords below. Arrive later in Narvik, your base for the next two nights. Surrounded by powdered peaks and icy waters, Narvik is a popular destination for people hoping to spot the Northern Lights during winter.

Two Nights: Narvik, Scandic Hotel. BD

Day 6. Narvik

Today you are free to explore Narvik at leisure. You may want to discover the city's cultural history at the Ofoten Museum, enjoy a cable car ride (seasonal) to experience stunning views, or visit the Red Cross War Memorial Museum. B

Day 7. Trondheim

Admire the rugged shores of Norway as you follow the coastline south to Trondheim today. The first part of your journey is by coach to Fauske, including a scenic ferry crossing. In Fauske you will board the train for a journey that delivers almost continuous panoramic views of beautiful, untouched wilderness, crossing back over the Arctic Circle along the way. Late this evening you'll arrive in the town of Trondheim, considered the religious hub of Norway.

Two Nights: Trondheim, Radisson Blu Royal Garden. BD

Day 8. Trondheim

One of the oldest cities in Norway, Trondheim is an atmospheric metropolis that is a delight to explore. Discover the city's broad avenues and pretty timber dwellings, and perhaps pay a visit to the Ringve Museum, with its collection of musical instruments from around the world. B

Day 9. Rauma Railway, Geiranger ☆

[Stunning scenery awaits today as you join the 114-kilometre-long](#)

[Rauma Railway for a journey through magnificent, contrasting landscapes](#). Navigate the same course as the emerald waters of the River Rauma as it winds around the hillsides below jagged peaks for much of the journey. As your train climbs over mountain plateaus, you are treated to awesome views across the expansive and unspoiled national parks that stretch into the distance. Later, arrive in Geiranger. **Two Nights:** Geiranger, Union Hotel. BD

Day 10. Geirangerfjord ☆

[Take in the exquisite scenery of the spectacular Geirangerfjord by boat today](#). Cruising along the serene, deep water, the steep sides of the fjord seem to tower over the boat. This World Heritage-listed site is alive with colours and contrasts — the lush greens of the trees clinging to the rock set against the deep blue water and the brilliant white of the snow-capped peaks in the distance. When it rains, waterfalls appear from nowhere, flowing majestically over exposed rocky outcrops and crashing into the fjord below. B

Day 11. Flåm

Leave Geiranger by coach this morning, and travel through Norway's incredible fjord country, created by a succession of Ice Ages. Your next overnight destination is Flåm, a tiny, quaint village at the head of the Aurlandsfjord which is home to one of the most remarkable railways in the world — the Flåm Railway. **Stay:** Flåm, Fretheim Hotel. BD

Day 12. Flåm Railway, Sognefjord, Bergen ☆
[Today, enjoy a superb excursion aboard the Flåm Railway](#). The journey takes you up into the

mountains along one of the steepest railways in the world, twisting and turning as the line accommodates the extreme terrain. Reach the end at Myrdal and return to Flåm. Here you'll board an express boat for an afternoon [cruise along Norway's longest and deepest fjord, the Sognefjord](#). After navigating coastal islets and skerries, the day ends in the magnificent city of Bergen, where vibrantly-coloured houses line Norway's most atmospheric seaside wharf.

Two Nights: Bergen, Clarion Hotel Admiral. BD

Day 13. Bergen

There's plenty of opportunities to explore Bergen with a full day at leisure. The town is nestled beneath seven hills and is surrounded by fjords. Bryggen, the old city, is a World Heritage site, and the Fløibanen funicular railway affords great views of the city and its harbours from the top of Mount Fløyen. The Bergen fish market is also a local institution, offering sumptuous seafood delicacies, including king crab and monkfish, from the depths of Norway's icy waters. B

Day 14. Bergen Railway, Oslo ☆

[Depart Bergen by train for a magnificent journey on Northern Europe's highest railway line, the Bergen Railway](#). The train climbs remote areas of Western Norway, before descending into Oslo. Perhaps take a stroll around Norway's grand capital before enjoying a Farewell Dinner. **Stay:** Oslo, Thon Hotel Opera. BD

Day 15. Depart Oslo

Enjoy a free morning in Oslo before transferring to the airport for your onward flight. B