



2017 North Pole Adventure Group

## NORTH POLE ADVENTURE

Imagine yourself in a place, where no matter which way you turn, it is impossible to face east, it is impossible to face west, it is impossible to face north. Where are you? The North Pole! It is the only place on earth where you can experience the unique phenomenon of only being able to face south. The North Pole is a land of extremes. Every day is either constant daylight or constant darkness, depending on the season. It is unquestionably one of the most fascinating places on earth.

Ayres Adventures first offered our 36-day *Super Tour* to this incredible destination in 2017. Our *North Pole Adventure* was such an awesome experience that we decided to make it available again in 2019. This *Super Tour* combines a motorcycle odyssey from Finland through Russia and Norway, with a 12-day cruise aboard the most powerful icebreaker in the world. As we did in 2017, we expect to be able to take a motorcycle with us so our guests can claim to have ridden a motorcycle at the North Pole.

The Adventure begins in Helsinki, Finland, traverses the Russian border to Saint Petersburg and continues on to Mur- mansk, launch point for the North Pole cruise. The 50 Years of Victory icebreaker will crush through polar ice and deliver travelers to the North Pole, through the remote islands of Franz Joseph Land. A fleet of Zodiacs will allow closer wildlife exploration through the islands. Scientists and researchers who staff the ship will share their knowledge through a series of informal lectures. Guests may also opt to take a helicopter ride into the dazzling blue arctic sky to observe the stunning beauty of the landscape from above. At the completion of the 12-day

cruise, riding continues north of the Arctic Circle into Norway, the land of the midnight sun. The fjord-carved coast of Norway, the never-ending forests and vast plains of Sweden, combined with the pristine beauty of Finland, provides a stunning and surreal backdrop to this extreme adventure!

Key highlights include:

- The ultimate adventure cruise to the North Pole on board the world's most powerful icebreaker
- A helicopter sightseeing flight with beautiful aerial views of the Arctic Ocean
- Zodiac trips to view wildlife around the islands of Franz Joseph Land
- An exciting 300-mile ride beyond the Arctic Circle to the North Cape, Norway
- Two nights in a luxury hotel in central Saint Petersburg with the option to tour the Hermitage Museum or the stunning palaces at St. Peterhof
- An afternoon cruise on Lake Ladoga, one of the largest lakes in Europe
- A visit to one of the first open air museums in Russia
- A 4-hour ferry ride to the spectacular Lofoten Islands
- Beautiful riding through the land of the Sami – one of the northernmost indigenous peoples of Europe.

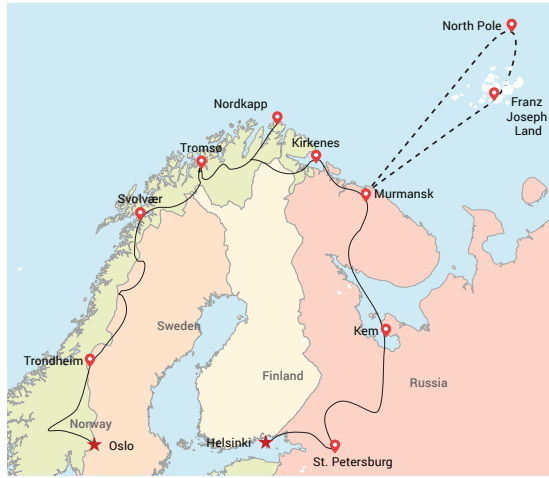
**36 days, Helsinki, Finland to Oslo, Norway**

**June 16 - July 21, 2019**

## ITINERARY

- Day 1** - Arrive Helsinki
- Day 2** - Helsinki to Vyborg, Russia, 157 miles
- Day 3** - Vyborg to St. Petersburg, 110 miles
- Day 4** - Free Day - St. Petersburg
- Day 5** - St. Petersburg to Sortavala, 170 miles
- Day 6** - Sortavala to Petrozavodsk, 175 miles
- Day 7** - Petrozavodsk to Kem, 257 miles
- Day 8** - Kem to Murmansk, 350 miles
- Day 9** - Murmansk (board ship)
- Days 10, 11, 12** - Sail to North Pole
- Day 13** - North Pole
- Day 14** - Sailing
- Days 15, 16** - Sailing, Franz Joseph Land
- Days 17, 18, 19** - Sailing
- Day 20** - Return to Murmansk
- Day 21** - Murmansk to Kirkenes, Norway, 141 miles
- Day 22** - Kirkenes to Lakselv, 219 miles
- Day 23** - Lakselv to North Cape to Alta, 269 miles
- Day 24** - Alta to Tromsø, 250 miles
- Day 25** - Free day - Tromsø
- Day 26** - Tromsø to Harstad, Lofoten Islands, 219 miles
- Day 27** - Harstad to Svolvær, 125 miles
- Day 28** - Free Day Svolvær (optional 74 miles)
- Day 29** - Svolvær to Bodø, 88 miles
- Day 30** - Bodø to Sandnessjøen, 219 miles
- Day 31** - Sandnessjøen to Trondheim, 282 miles
- Day 32** - Free day in Trondheim
- Day 33** - Trondheim to region of Geiranger, 240 miles
- Day 34** - Region of Geiranger to Gudvangen, 200 miles
- Day 35** - Gudvangen to Oslo, 230 miles
- Day 36** - Departure from Oslo

**Total** ~ 3,700 miles



*Lofoten Islands, Norway*



*Riding in Norway*



*Polar Bear Spotting*



*50 Years of Victory Ice Breaker*

## PRICING

- Rider:** \$52,030
- Co-rider:** \$48,610
- Single Room Supplement (land):** \$2,985
- Booking Deposit:** \$12,750 per person
- Includes **BMW F700GS**

Price includes all breakfasts, 32 dinners, all lunches on board the ship, 18 riding days plus 3 optional riding days, 4 free days excluding sailing days, 12-day sailing trip. Additional cabin options are available, refer to our website for more details.

## MOTORCYCLE UPGRADE CHARGES

- BMW F800GS:** \$900
- BMW F800GS Adv:** \$1,120
- BMW R1200GS LC:** \$2,000
- BMW R1200GS Adv LC:** \$2,440
- BMW R1200RT LC:** \$2,440



*Hot Air Balloon Ride*